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In his seventeenth Screwtape letter, C.S. Lewis has the fictional Demon Screwtape talking to his nephew demon about gluttony. He uses another demon's work named Glucose as an example. But it's not gluttony in the usual sense...i.e. eating way too much. Instead, it's what Screwtape calls an , "ALL I WANT" state of mind. Below is a little excerpt from letter 17,

The real value of the quiet, unobtrusive work which Glucose has been doing for years on the old woman can be gauged by the way in which her belly now dominates her whole life. The woman is in what may be called the "All-I-want" state of mind. All she wants is a cup of tea properly made, or an egg properly boiled, or a slice of bread properly toasted. But she never finds any servant or any friend who can do these simple things "properly" - because her "properly" conceals an insatiable demand for the exact, and almost impossible, palatal pleasures which she imagines she remembers from the past; a past described by her as "the days when you could get good servants" but known to us as the days when her sense were more easily pleased and she had pleasures of other kinds which made her less dependent on those of the table. Meanwhile, the daily disappointment produces daily ill temper: cooks give notice and friendships are cooled. If ever the Enemy introduces into her mind a faint suspicion that she is too interested in food, Glucose counters it by suggesting to her that she doesn't in what she eats herself but "does like to have things nice for her boy". In fact, of course, her greed has been one of the chief sources of his domestic discomfort for many years.

Mr. Lewis hits on an important point. I think all of us, we often glamorize the past. We do it subconsciously without even realizing it.

In Jack's example, the older lady is not satisfied...she THINKS that her problem is that no one knows how to properly boil and egg, or how long to toast a piece of bread. She concludes that you can't get good help like you used to.

That's how she feels. But the truth is, if you would take her back to those "good old days"...it wasn't that the eggs were made better, or the toast crispier...it's that she was younger and healthier, and less likely to notice small problems.

This being the case, we often remember the PAST as BETTER than it really WAS. Our age and our senses fool our brain into glamourizing the past.

The church seems to be doing the same thing. We've had some rough times with covid. As a whole in the United States, Church attendance was down 33 percent two years ago, and then last year it was down another 30 percent. It's easy to look back at "The Good Ol' Days" before COVID and become jealous.

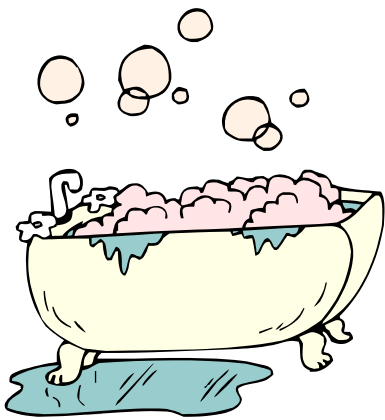
But the truth is God is still on the throne. In the past, God's people have been through some very tough times. But God has brought them through. And the prophet Jeremiah's words still ring true today, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, 'They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'" Our best days are yet to come! - Pastor Jim.

Winn's Creek
Baptist Church



Spring Revival
Sunday May 7th 11AM
(Followed by a fellowship meal)
Monday May 8th at 7PM
(Special Music by Cecil Hazelwood & Cameron Crews)
Tuesday May 9th at 7PM
(Special Music by Ben & Linda Hughes)

Guest Speaker:
Kermit Evans

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's day is Sunday, May 14th. Winn's Creek will provide all the mother's that attend a free BATH BOMB as a way of saying THANKS for all you do.



VACATION

Pastor Jim & Julie will be on vacation during part of the fourth week of May. If you need a visit in the hospital, please call the switchboard and ask for a chaplain. If you need to reach pastor Jim right away, please call Jim on his cell phone (222-9688).



FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is June 18th. Winn's Creek will be providing a free bottle of BBQ sauce to all of the fathers present in thanks for all they do!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2023
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 AT 6:30P.M.
HCHS Auditorium
FREE ADMISSION AND REFRESHMENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Bring your family and friends!

GUEST SPEAKER
CHARLES
BILLINGSLEY



It's no secret Charles Billingsley is one of Christian music's most captivating Inspirational voices, but for this singer, worship leader, husband, father and teacher—40 name but a few of his leading roles—it's what's behind the music that has truly made the man. Launching his career more than two decades ago fronting GRAMMY®-nominated genre giants NewSong, Charles has since headlined more than 3,000 concerts and released 24 recordings as a solo artist. He is currently serving as teaching pastor and worship leader at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg Virginia and is adjunct professor at Liberty University.

Let's pack the auditorium...Come and make sure YOUR church is listed on the "Wall of Churches"!
Donations will be accepted.



HOMEcoming

Did you know that our church is older than Homecoming itself? Winn's Creek was founded in 1773. The first known homecoming celebration in the United States took place in 1911 at the University of Missouri. So our church was around for over a century before the word homecoming was even a thing!

That's kindof amazing.

Winn's Creek will be celebrating 250 years at our homecoming service on Sunday, September 24th.

Please mark your calendars for this exciting event.

There will be No Sunday School on the 24th...and our regular church service will begin at 10:30AM.

After the 10:30AM service, we will have a big fellowship meal.

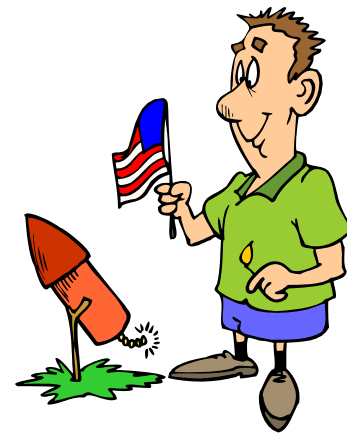
After the fellowship meal, we will rejoice in the sanctuary at 2PM for an afternoon service. More details will follow, so be on the lookout!



PEW CUSHIONS

The homecoming committee has decided that this year's homecoming offering will go towards new pew cushions for the church sanctuary.

There will be specially marked envelopes available for the pew cushions.



CELEBRATE AMERICA FIREWORKS

Winn's Creek is planning on having fireworks in the church parking lot on WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th at 9PM. More details to follow.



THE SIX DAY WAR OF 1967

When the Jews of Jerusalem were forced to surrender in the early phases of the 1948 Israeli War of Independence – they relinquished perhaps one of their greatest treasures - the sacred wall that encircled the Temple Mount, site of the two ancient, destroyed Jewish temples. Helmeted soldiers streamed into the city, some only 18/19 years old. All their lives they had dreamed that one day they would be able to touch the Western Wall, part of the structure of the first and second temples.

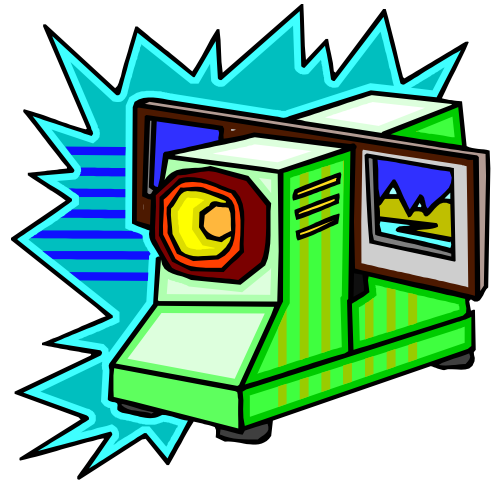
This day is extremely important in prophecy, for it is the day of which St. Luke spoke, saying "And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled...then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:24,27). It was during the six day war and the recapturing of the Western Wall that this prophecy came true.

-from Jerusalem Countdown by John Hagee
-submitted by Betty Burton.



SUNDAY NIGHT STUDY

Winn's Creek is currently doing a Sunday Night Study by Andy Stanley called, "Why Easter Matters". This Study takes place on Sunday Nights at 6PM in the church fellowship hall. It is a great study. Please make plans to attend!



PICTURES

In Honor of Homecoming, Winn's Creek will be decorating the bulletin board and also creating a slide show.

If you have pictures that you would like us to consider using for either the bulletin board or slide show, please send them to Julie Kopco. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE HER ORIGINALS. You can either text them to her at 579-2265.

OR, you can give her a COPY of the photo, that she will consider using in the slideshow or on the bulletin board.

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY ORIGINALS, SO PLEASE ONLY BRING COPIES. Also, we can't guarantee to use every photo that we receive. We thank you in advance for your understanding.



WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

Pastor Jim is currently preaching through the book of James on Wednesday Nights at 7:30PM. Please make plans to come on Wed. Nights. We have a short message followed by Prayer requests during this 30 minute service.



SAVE THE DATE POSTCARDS

Winn's Creek is working on Save the Date postcards for our 250th anniversary/homecoming celebration. Once printed, extra copies of these postcards will be available in the vestibule. If you know of someone interested in attending homecoming, please send them a card. Thanks!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Wally & Cindy Cole – A
- 3rd Devin Hall – B
- 4th Ricky Loftis – B
Beth Gassen – B
- 5th Leatha Dalton – B
- 6th Nicholas Grove – B
- 8th Tom & Vivian Sweeting – A
- 10th Stephanie Talley – B
- 12th Amy & Kyle Ledyard – A
- 13th Luther Conner – B
Savannah Dawson – B
- 17th Madisyn Paige Henderson – B
David & Samantha Clark – A
- 18th Matt & Mitzi Gunn – A
Monica Conner – B
- 21st Wayne & Kitty Holt – A
- 22nd Tommy & Pam Paynter – A
- 24th Larry Layman – B
Garnett & Tammy Hall – A
- 28th Barbara Satterfield – B
- 29th Vickie Loftis – B



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- 1st Carolyn Cook Landrum – B
Darrell & Stephanie Elliott – A
- 3rd Kaitlyn Claiborne – B
Rob & Brandi Abbott - A
- 4th Dwight Dawson – B
- 6th C.J. Claiborne – B
P.J. Saunders – B
- 7th Joey Ambrose – B
- 10th Larry & Joani Layman – A
- 13th Stover Owen – B
- 16th Dakota Pyle – B
- 19th Seth Elliott – B
- 20th Larry Wayne Fears – B
- 22nd Betty Burton – B
Billie Jean Baylous – B
Joshua Gunn – B
- 23rd Taft Dixon – B
- 24th Monroe Duffey – B
Alex Fears – B
- 26th Linda Fears – B
Gabriel Clay – B
- 30th Raven Epps – B
Amber Dodson – B

- If you have any birthdays/anniversaries that you would like added to this list, please let Pastor Jim know. Thanks!