

May/June 2024

I have to admit that I'm kindof a nerd. I've liked computers since I got my first Atari 130XE when I was in 3rd grade. Later, when I was in 5th grade, I had a Commodore 128. The Commodore had a graphics program called Sketch. Me and my sister used to like playing around with it. Jane once drew a quite impressive caricature of Cyndi Lauper, considering she was working with just 16 colors and 240 x 180 resolution. I wish I still had a copy of it.

Later, my dad bought a 386 computer, and we had drawing software called Deluxe Paint. It was neat because you could use the airbrush feature to make trees and it did something called color cycling, which allowed you to make simple animations, such as waterfalls. The way it worked was you could tell the program to swap colors in certain parts of the drawing...so if your background was dark blue...and you had a red ball in front, if you swapped the red with blue in part of the ball, you could make it disappear and appear in another place. Kindof cool. An early way to do animation.

Now, graphics programs have gotten much more powerful. One of the things modern day programs use is called layers. Layers make it much easier to draw. Here's how it works...let's say you were drawing a picture of a house in a field. You could draw the background with the sky and some trees first, and you can save that as a layer. Then you can import another layer onto the picture...and this is where you start drawing the house. If you mess up...you can simply erase the work you did on the house layer...the field and trees will be unaffected. Digital pictures can have layer upon layer...so that many different individual elements can be changed and modified without affecting the rest of the photo. It saves a lot of work.

You can also do animation this way. You can have a picture of a river, and you can create multiple layers in front of that original picture. Then you can add

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some white horizontal lines to 3 or 4 layers in different places, and using a free program like krita, you can animate those layers by making them appear and disappear in front of the base layer...in other words, the water looks like it is moving. If you want to see an example of this, you can scan the QR code at the bottom of the page to see a picture of a river that Jim animated using layers through a couple of programs called GIMP and KRITA.

Spiritually, people often make the mistake thinking that life is like layers. They think they can have one layer for when they are in church, one layer for when they are at home, one layer for work, one layer for when they are out with friends.

But life doesn't really work that way. We can't really completely compartmentalize ourselves. In addition, when we sin, the sin eventually spreads to ALL of the layers. Our sin can affect how we relate to our family, it can affect our work, and it can even affect our friends. We can't compartmentalize our sin to just one layer. In 1st Corinthians 5, the Apostle Paul said that sin is like Yeast that spreads throughout the whole batch of dough.

The truth is, Christ can forgive us. For this we need to be thankful. The prophet Isaiah put it this way, he said, "though our sins be as scarlet, the LORD can make them whiter than snow".

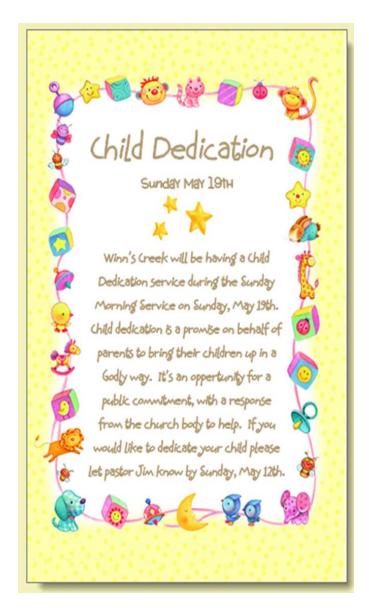
When we've messed it all up...Jesus already paid the price...He can still hit the reset button and get us back to a blank white canvas.

Pastor Jim.





Mother's Day On Sunday, May 12th After the Morning Worship Service Each Mother in attendance will receive a free Bath Bomb. In appreciation of all that they do. (While supplies last)







GREETERS May 5th – Joan Boatwell May 12th – Stover Owen May 19th – Phyllis Dawson May 26th – Ricky Loftis June 2nd – Crystal Blanks June 9th – Joan Boutwell June 16th – Stover Owen June 23rd – Ricky Loftis June 30th – Phyllis Dawson



NEW SIMULCASTING SYSTEM AT THE LAST BUSINESS MEETING, WINN'S CREEK VOTED TO HAVE A CAMERA SYSTEM INSTALLED IN THE SANCTUARY THAT WILL SHOW VIDEO IN THE SOUND BOOTH AREA, THE NURSERY, AND THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. A NEW SCREEN IS ALSO BEING INSTALLED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THIS WILL HELP GREATLY WHEN WE HAVE EVENTS WITH OVERFLOW. IT WILL ALSO BE USEFUL FOR SUNDAY NIGHTS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE ABOVE & BEYOND YOUR NORMAL DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THIS NEW EQUIPMENT, THERE WILL BE SPECIAL ENVELOPES MARKED, "NEW AUDIO/VISUAL DONATION" AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE. THANKS SO MUCH!





FATHERS' DAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, WINN'S CREEK WILL HAVE A FREE BBQ SAUCE FOR EACH OF THE FATHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR MORNING WORSHIP AS OUR WAY OF SAYING THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. (While supplies last)



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 untile 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.



JIM ON VACATION Pastor Jim will be away May 27- 31st For vacation. If you need a visit in the hospital please call the switchboard and ask for a chaplain. If you need Jim, please call his cell,

434-222-9688.



<u>The Deacon/Wives' meeting scheduled for</u> <u>Mon. June 3rd will be moved to Mon. June 10th</u> because Pastor Jim needs to take his mother to chemo on June 4th. Thanks so much!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Wally &	Cindy Cole -	- A
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- 3rd Devin Hall B
- 4th Ricky Loftis B
- Beth Logan B
- 5th Leatha Dalton B
- 6th Nicholas Grove B
- 8th Tom & Vivian Sweeting A Mary Owen - B
- 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
- 22nd Tommy & Pam Paynter A
- 23rd Amos Jones B
- 24th Larry Layman B
- Garnett & Tammy Hall A
- 28th Barbara Satterfield B
- 29th Vickie Loftis



Honoring Cecilie Rudder Sunday, June 2nd from 2-4PM At the Skyview Inn 7005 Huell Matthews Hwy Alton VA 24520 Cecilie is registered at Amazon & Target



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

- 30th Raven Epps B
 - Amber Dawn B



IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY ADDED TO OUR NEWSLETTER LIST, PLEASE LET PASTOR JIM KNOW! THANK YOU!