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Julie and I have been sick this week. We're getting better, and we hope to be all good by Sunday (Pastor Jim hopes he can be all good by Sat. evening for the LU football game). Anyway, even when we have the occasional sick day, this can be an opportunity to think about God.

On Wednesday nights we're doing a series from Douglas Meckelvy's Book, "Every Moment Holy". The idea is to be thinking about God all the time, even during the mundane times, the little times, the stressed times, or even the sick times.

The following is his "Liturgy for a Sick Day".

"For this brief pause, for this reminder of my own weakness and of my dependence on You, I thank You, O Lord.

A day such as this, in which I endure a measure of sickness or unease, is a reminder that the redemption of all things is not yet complete. It is a reminder that this body will decline and one day fail, and so it is also a reminder that the ways I spend my days matter – for my hours, revealed like veins of gold beneath a rushing stream, are a limited resource to be purposefully mined or forever lost.

A day such as this is a reminder that good health and vigor are gifts to be consciously and gratefully enjoyed, and to be invested while they might, in eternal things. So let me finish this day, O Lord, wiser than I began it.

Let me live now, in light of the knowledge that a time might come in this life when I feel such sickness and discomfort for a long season, when I

must adjust to a "new normal", when my abilities are limited, either by the slow decline of age, or from some accident, injury, or disease. Therefore let me use the good health that I have while I have it, presuming nothing.

Let me use it to serve well, to love well, to care for Your people, Your creation, to spend my allotted days: cherishing hearts, creating beauty, bringing order, offering healing, delighting in Your goodness manifest to me in a million ways, and so to one day come to the end of my days having stewarded them well.

Heal my body from this sickness, O Christ my Health, Be gracious, Give rest.

Raise me again to health with a heightened sense of thankfulness for the unmerited gift of well-being, and also with a greater sense of compassion for those who suffer lingering ailment, disease, or discomfort. Teach me by these small sufferings to be a better minister and friend to those who suffer greatly.

So let even this unease I feel today work as Your servant, accomplishing Your better purposes in me. Amen.

"O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days. Let me know how fleeting I am. Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath. Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil, man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather; and Now O Lord, for what do I want, my hope is in You"
Psalm 39:4-7



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due back Sunday, November 5th. Please place your filled shoeboxes in the first row in the sanctuary.



The DEACONS and WIVES' Christmas meal will be on Friday, November 10th at 6:30PM at Four Oaks Restaurant in South Boston, VA.



Winn's Creek Baptist Church is happy to be holding an ordination service for Daniel Evan Owen. Evan has been called to be the youth pastor at Baptist Home Church in Wilkesboro, NC.

Evan has met with the D.R.B.A. Ordination Council, and has been recommended for ordination with a unanimous vote.

We will be holding a commissioning service for Evan on Sunday, November 5th at 7PM in the sanctuary.

After the ordination, family and friends are invited to the fellowship hall for light refreshments.



WIZARD OF OZ

If you signed up to go to the Wizard of Oz, we will meet at the Highschool on Sun. Nov. 5th before the play starts. (The play starts at 3PM).



Quarterly Business Meeting
Winn's Creek's next Quarterly Business Meeting will be Sunday, November 12th at 6PM.

BGAV Annual Meeting
The B.G.A.V. annual meeting will be in Richmond this year from Nov. 13-15. Pastor Jim will be out of the office these days to attend the meeting.



PICTURES

The homecoming pictures have been taken down from the bulletin boards. If you have a picture you wish to get back, it is in a container in the historical room.



HOLIDAY MEAL

Our church's holiday meal is going to be Sunday, December 10th, right after the morning service.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 17th at 11AM.
Our choir will be presenting the cantata, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Please make plans to come.



**HANGING OF THE GREENS
& CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY
"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 6:30PM
Light Refreshments will Follow**



CASUAL CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
Our Christmas Day service will be Monday, December 25th at 10:30AM. Come as you are!



DECORATE FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS
We will decorate for the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 2nd starting at 830AM. Please come help us!



HANUKKAH – THE FEAST OF DEDICATION
Jesus went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Hanukkah, also known as the festival of lights. It was there that He announced to all that He was the light of the world, and that in Him there was no darkness (John 10:1)
Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem
-submitted by Betty Burton



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Tammy Hall – B
- 2nd Chad Lloyd – B
- 3rd Lisa Davis – B
- 9th Duane Murphy – B
Tara Holzclaw – B
- 13th Kristie Claiborne – B
- 14th Bruce Riley – B
- 18th Meghan Talley – B
- 19th Brittany Cole – B
Jim Kopco – B
- 21st Patricia Smith – B
- 23rd Inez Baylous – B
- 24th James Stewart – B
Jackie Ingram – B
Anna Kate Clark - B
- 25th Curtis & Mitzi Grove – A
Ronald Dean & Judy Loftis – A
- 26th Brandi Abbott
- 29th David & Karen Shiner – A

If you would like your birthday or the birthday of a loved one to be included on our birthday list, or if you have any corrections to our list, please let Pastor Jim know. If you've told him and he forgot, please let him know again.
Thanks!



December

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- 1st Christie Clayton – B
- 2nd Kim & Joe Martin – A
Jay Henderson – B
- 6th Audrey Dawson – B
- 7th George Baylous – B
- 9th Evan Owen – B
- 10th John Ambrose, Jr. – B
- 12th Hollis Owen – B
Mike Plainte – B
- 15th Danny & Cecelia Owen – A
- 16th Jim & Julie Kopco – A
- 20th John & Kathy Ambrose – A
- 21st Amy Layman Ledyard – B
- 22nd Cindy Nichols Nelson – B
- 23rd Richard & Trudy Epps – A
- 30th Kelly Ingram – B
Jimmy & Carolyn Landrum - A

"A Soldier's Lament" – by Betty Burton

I am a colonial soldier, fighting for my home.
Dying for rights & freedom, for liberty to come.
Barefoot in the snows, starving at Valley Forge,
all for God & Country, following General George.

I am a lonely soldier, a long way from home,
fighting against my brother, dying for a cause.
I'm sailing off to France, now to breathe the
poison gas, for a war to end all wars, clutching a
heavy mask.

I am an American Soldier, shouldering a heavy
pack, storming the beach at Normandy, never to
come back. I fought the tribal leaders in the
desert of Iraq – I left the steaming jungle, and
was never welcomed back.

I am a mighty soldier, in the Army of my Lord,
declaring truth & justice, at home here & abroad
I raise a mighty standard against the evil hoard
I am a mighty soldier, in the army of the Lord.