



### New Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins January 13th Follow ... by Andy Stanley

Lots of people think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says. But what if doing what Jesus says isn't what Jesus says to do at all? Jesus' invitation is an invitation to relationship, and it begins with a simple request: follow me.

Religion says "Change and you can join us". Jesus says, "Join us and you will change." There's a huge difference. Jesus doesn't expect you to be perfect. He just wants you to follow him. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify you from following him. Being an unbeliever doesn't disqualify you from following him. In fact, following almost always begins with a sinner and unbeliever taking one small step. In this eight-session DVD Bible study, Andy Stanley takes us on a Bible study journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow.

Come join us as we seek to follow Him...on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. in the Small Dining Room located in the Fellowship Hall. We will **NOT** meet on the following dates: February 3rd and March 3rd. Facilitator: Joann Smith

### New Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study Begins January 15th

#### "Broken & Blessed" (Genesis) by Jessica LaGrone

Please join us for this 7 week study on Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. in the Small Dining Room located in the Fellowship Hall.

### Grief Recovery Group Begins January 21st

This group is a wonderful outlet for those who have suffered a loss in their life. Grief is an emotion that can be caused by many situations...the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, the loss of your health, etc.

If you or someone you know is experiencing the hurt that comes from grief, please join us on Wednesday evenings beginning January 21st at 6:30 P.M. in the Parlor. Led by: Jannie Jennings

### Interested In Learning More About Your Strengths?

Through our Living Your Strengths workshop, individuals will explore their strengths to become happier and more successful by building on these strengths, rather than focusing on overcoming their weaknesses. Through discovering your strengths, you will become more confident in your daily life and in serving in your church and community. We would like to offer this workshop in February if we have 12 or more people to register. If you are interested, please use the form below and we will contact you with dates and more info.

To register for any of the above classes, please complete the form below and place in the offering plate or email this information to the church office:  
[dbrock@winderfirstumc.com](mailto:dbrock@winderfirstumc.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to register for: \_\_\_\_\_

### Corrections for 12/7, 12/14 & 12/21/14:

The figures that were published in the January 1st, 2015 edition of THE GOOD NEWS were not correct. We regret the errors.  
Please see the correct figures below:

<u>A Look at our Faithfulness—12/7/14</u>	
Budget Received:	25,713.00
Needed Weekly (Offering Only)	20,858.00
Received Year to Date (Offering Only)	936,765.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly-Offering Only)	1,022,042.00
Current Status	-85,277.00

<u>A Look at our Faithfulness—12/14/14</u>	
Budget Received:	47,987.00
Needed Weekly (Offering Only)	20,858.00
Received Year to Date (Offering Only)	984,752.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly-Offering Only)	1,042,900.00
Current Status	-58,148.00

<u>A Look at our Faithfulness—12/21/14</u>	
Budget Received:	25,627.00
Needed Weekly (Offering Only)	20,858.00
Received Year to Date (Offering Only)	1,010,379.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly-Offering Only)	1,063,758.00
Current Status	-53,379.00

<u>A Look at our Faithfulness— 12/28/14</u>	
Attendance: Worship Services	299
Budget Received:	37,512.00
Needed Weekly (Offering Only)	20,858.00
Received Year to Date (Offering Only)	1,047,891.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly-Offering Only)	1,084,616.00
Current Status	-36,725.00
Building Fund: Received:	2,615.00
Received Year to Date	62,594.90

<u>A Look at our Faithfulness— 12/31/14</u>	
Budget Received:	11,101.00
Received Year to Date (Offering Only)	1,058,992.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly-Offering Only)	1,084,616.00
Current Status	-25,624.00
Building Fund: Received:	1,475.00
Received Year to Date	64,069.90

Our Gifts (Year to Date) as of December 31, 2014 (Computed Monthly)			
Forecast:			
Income	Expenses	Difference	
\$1,128,156.00	\$1,128,156.00	\$0.00	
Actual:			
Income	Expenses	Difference	
\$1,104.569	\$1,126,150.00	\$-21,581.00	

<u>A Look at our Faithfulness—1/4/15</u>	
Attendance:	
Worship Services	311
Budget Received:	22,015.00
Needed Weekly (Offering Only)	21,124.00
Received Year to Date (Offering Only)	22,015.00
Need to Date (Computed Weekly-Offering Only)	21,124.00
Current Status	891.00
Building Fund	
Received:	375.00
Received Year to Date	375.00



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### CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor—*  
Terry L. Tippens, ext. 19
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*Worship—Todd McCain, ext. 14*
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*Ministries —Allison Clark, ext. 28*
- *Part-Time Director of Music—*  
Bruce Nunley, ext. 21
- *Part-Time Organist/Accompanist—*  
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- *Part-Time Music Leader,*  
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*Adult Ministries Coordinator &*  
*Clerical Support—*  
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- *Dir. Security/Maintenance & Part-Time*  
*Custodian— Tom Morton, ext. 29*

### *Requests for Prayer*



**TO PROTECT THE  
PRIVACY OF OUR  
CONGREGATION  
MEMBERS AND  
FRIENDS,  
WE DO NOT PUBLISH  
PRAYER CONCERNS  
ON OUR WEBSITE.**

### *Sincere Thanks*

*We deeply appreciate the kind expressions of sympathy and for sharing in our sorrow during the loss of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The many prayers, expressions of love, comforting words and acts of kindness shown to our family during this time will always be remembered.*  
*~The family of Charlie Morris*



Our new flower calendar for 2015 is in the hallway between the Preschool Office and the Sanctuary. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one on a specific date, please write your name and telephone number beside that date on the calendar. By doing so, YOU will be responsible for calling a local florist and making the arrangements for flowers to be delivered to the church on that date. Please call Debbie at the church office by Wednesday of the week you will be placing flowers and let her know the wording you would like to be used for the Sunday bulletin.



Rylee Ann and Emma Marie.

As one nominator wrote in consideration of Deborah as our Steward of the Month: "I do not know how she finds the time to do all she does." That statement rings true when all of her activities and efforts are enumerated.

She uses her gifts and talents to support missions through her baking and quilting. She works tirelessly in the Boy Scout program to help develop Godly young men. She also serves on the Council on Ministries and the Education Committee and is starting her third year as Sunday School Superintendent. In that role, she assists the Sunday School teachers with the organization and preparation of lesson materials. She is always willing to help those in need, frequently behind the scenes and is a wonderful example of what it means to love and serve God by loving and serving His people. We are blessed by her many activities. We will be recognizing Deborah at all of our worship services on Sunday, January 18th.

Calendars for February - May are available for you to pick up from the folder located in the Local Missions mail slot in the church office. ~Pam Sharpton

Winder FUMC is so blessed to have three kitchens for our members to use for their ministries or rental events. However, we are experiencing a problem with the use of the kitchens and we need everyone's help! When a group or individual is using the kitchen(s), they MUST clean up after themselves. This also includes washing all dishes, wiping all counters and cleaning out all the sinks. Please do not leave any of this for someone else to do unless you have made prior arrangements for another person to clean or have hired someone to clean up after you. Thank you for being good stewards of our church and helping with everything—even the stuff we all don't want to do!

The Annual United Methodist Men's Membership Drive Chicken Stew will be held on Sunday, January 25th, in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. (following our worship services.) ALL MEN and their families are invited to attend this free lunch. At this luncheon, men are asked to register as participants in the 2015 UMM Fellowship. The annual cost (per man) is \$35 which will cover meals (we meet every 4th Monday evening for a delicious meal followed by a short program) and the Ladies Night Banquet held in February. UMM provides a great opportunity for Christian fellowship, spiritual growth and mission opportunities. Contact Tom Morton for more information at (770) 307-2812.

These classes taught by Justin Ehrhardt will be held in Winder FUMC Gym on:  
 Saturday, January 17th, from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
 Saturdays, January 24th, January 31st & February 7th, from 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.  
 Cost is \$120/month or \$20/hour.



In-house preschool registration will be Tuesday, February 17th and Wednesday, February 18th; from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. both days in the Youth Center. Our Preschool offers classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. Child **must** be said age by September 1st. This registration is for church members and current students **only**! Remaining slots will be open to the community on Friday, February 20th, at 9:00 am in the Youth Center. Please call or come by the Preschool Office on or before February 9th to pick up a registration packet. For more information, call the Preschool Office at 770-307-2089.

Since many of our youth will be away this weekend on the ski trip, there will be **NO** regular Youth Group meetings this Sunday night, January 18th.

We will kick-off our famine weekend with a prayer breakfast on Friday, March 6th at 6:15 AM (\$2—all youth invited to breakfast whether you are participating in the famine or not). This will be our regular March prayer breakfast.



~Balance due April 26th