

The Newsletter of Winder First United Methodist Church

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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 <u>Living Your Strengths workshop</u>, 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 ar	1(
place in the offering plate or email this information to the church office:	
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:

A Look at our Faithfulness—12/7/14		
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	

A Look at our Faithfulness—12/14/14		
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	

A Look at our Faithfulness—12/21/14		
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	

A Look at our Faithfulness—	- 12/28/14
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

	A Look at our Faithfulness— 12/31/14		
	Budget Received:		11,101.00
	Received Year to	Date (Offering Only)	1,058,992.00
	Need to Date (Comp	outed 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 Decem		ember 31, 2014
	Forecast:		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$1,128,156.00	\$1,128,156.00	\$0.00
	Actual:		
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	\$1,104.569	\$1,126,150.00	\$-21,581.00

A Look at our Faithfulness—	<u>-1/4/15</u>
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Building Fund Received: Received Year to Date	375.00 375.00







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CHURCH STAFF

- Pastor—

 Terry I. Tin
- Terry L. Tippens, ext. 19
- Dir. Programs/Education— Alice Lipscomb, ext. 12
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- Min. to Youth & Contemporary Worship—Todd McCain, ext. 14
- Part-Time Dir. of Children's
 Ministries —Allison Clark, ext. 28
- Part-Time Director of Music— Bruce Nunley, ext. 21
- Part-Time Organist/Accompanist— Nathan Jones
- Part-Time Music Leader, Contemporary Service— Robert Williamson
- Office Manager— Chris Hurd, ext. 10
- Admin. Asst. & Worship Coordinator— Debbie Brock, ext. 23
- Part-Time Financial Secretary— Glenda DiGanci, ext. 24
- Part-Time Weekday Preschool
 Director—Karen Garren, ext. 11
- Church Hostess, Nursery & Older Adult Ministries Coordinator & Clerical Support— Shelly Epperson, ext. 20
- Church Custodian Vickie Skelton
- 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

Sanctuary Flower Calendar for 2015

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.



Congratulations to:

Shawn & Donna Staton upon the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Kate Staton, on January 7, 2015.

NEW ARRIVAL Rev. Larry & Peggy Rary are the proud grandparents!

She is also welcomed by her big sisters:

Rylee Ann and Emma Marie.

January 2015 Steward of the Month ~ Deborah Landress

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.

Note for Boys/Girls Club Lunch Preparation Volunteers:

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

Special Note about Church Kitchen Use

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!

<u>United Methodist Men's Annual Chicken Stew</u> and Membership Drive

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.

WFUMC MISSIONS NEWS ~ JANUARY 2015

"Don't just go to church... be the church."

LOCAL MISSION FOCUS ... FOOD 2 FAMILIES

This program helps the working poor make ends meet by providing food each month. These families are doing what they can to take care of themselves and just need a little help.

They need monetary donations ... make checks payable to BCCBM and mark "Food 2 Families".

NON-LOCAL MISSION FOCUS ... UMCOR HEALTH KITS

The United Methodist Committee On Relief is often first on the ground when disaster strikes, locally and worldwide.

They are in need of health kits, which contain the following items:

1 hand towel (15" x 25" to 17"x 27"...kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels NOT acceptable); 1 washcloth; 1 comb (needs to be sturdy and at least 8" long ... no pocket combs or picks please); 1 metal nail file or nail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers please); 1 bath-size soap (3 oz. and larger sizes only, no lvory soap due to moisture content, do not remove from original packaging); 1 toothbrush (adult size only—do not remove from original packaging); 6 adhesive bandages (¾" to 1"-size); 1 plastic bag (one-gallon size sealable bag only).

If you are unable to put together a complete kit, individual items are also welcome. They will be combined with the donations of others to put together kits.

PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS IN THE BINS LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OR IN THE HALLWAY LEADING FROM THE SANCTUARY TO THE NURSERY IN THE MAIN BUILDING.

The food pantry can always use non-perishable food items ... especially needed are canned meats and kid friendly items.

If you have perishable items (like fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, etc.), please contact the church office at 770-867-4594 to make arrangements to get these items to the food pantry.

Please DO NOT place perishable items in the collection bins at church.

UPCOMING MISSION TRIP DATES:

Nicaragua ... September 12-19, 2015 – Cost \$1,000 plus airfare (\$100 non-refundable deposit needed by June 14th to secure a spot on the team) Please contact Joann Smith at 770-868-6828 or garysgirljo@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of this team or if you have questions.

*UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

All are invited to join in the mission God has called us to be a part of... your ideas and service are welcome.

April 5th

July 5th

October 4th

*Meetings are held at 4:00 pm in room #223 (also known as the Scout Room).

Relay for Life Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, January 20th, at 6:30 P.M. at The Park Avenue Event Center (behind Hardee's)

Anyone who is interested in being part of our Winder FUMC Relay Team is welcome to attend!

Self Defense Classes

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.



Attention: Kids in Kindergarten—5th Grade!

Join us on Sundays at 5:00 P.M. for these fun events:

Jan. 18th — NO KIDSTUF—MLK HOLIDAY WEEKEND
 Jan. 25th — BOARD GAME NIGHT...in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a game to play and share.

Congratulations to the following children and youth helpers who had perfect 🔅 🖟 attendance at Elementary Sunday School for the month of December:

🖟 **Children:** Eliana Ecklund, Robert Hill, Sarah Anne Hill, Lea Jewell, Mason 🧍 A Jewell, Kaden Knight, Kaleb Knight, Caitlyn O'Shield, Maelee Williamson

* Youth: Emily Rose Ecklund, Breahna O'Shield

2015 - 2016 Preschool Registration COMING SOON!!!



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.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

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.



Youth 30 Hour Famine March 6th & 7th \$30 must be raised to participate (Money due March 1st)

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.

High School Mission Trip

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

June 19th ~ 28th

\$200 total cost

~\$100 non~refundable deposit due Feb. 22

~Balance due April 26th