

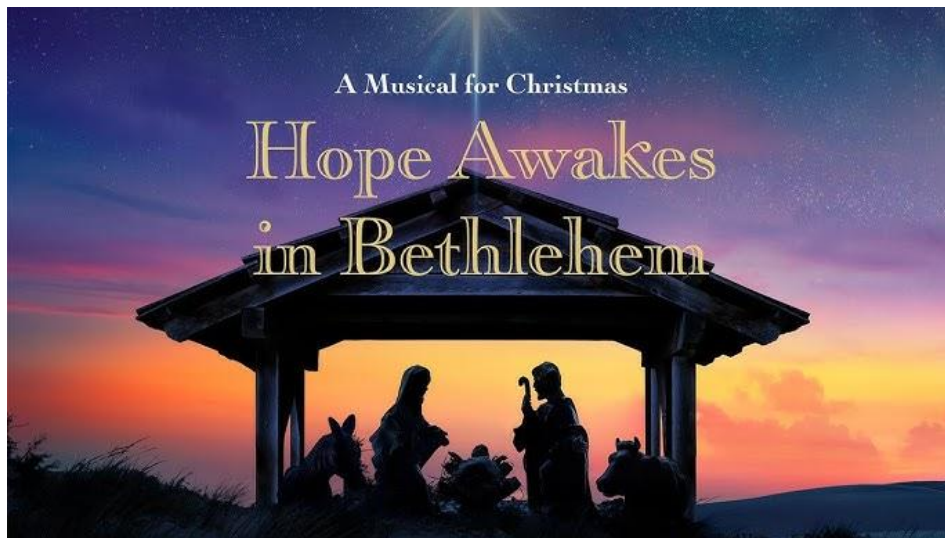
Winns' Messenger

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Please join us this Christmas season as we present the musical,

“Hope Awakes in Bethlehem”

“For unto you is born this day a Savior which is Christ the Lord”

Arranged and Orchestrated by Cliff Duren

Presented by

Winn's Christmas Musical Choir & Musicians

Set Apart Student Worship Team

Masterpiece Kids Choir

Saturday, December 14th, 2024 @ 3:00pm (no nursery)

Sunday, December 15th, 2024 @ 6:00 pm (nursery provided)

****FREE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER BEGINNING
SUNDAY, NOV 24TH ****

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, December 24th @ 5:00pm

Dear Church Family,

Seldom is change more noticed than during the Christmas season. Some changes are fun and exciting, such as when there is a new name on Christmas gifts, as God adds a unique personality to the family. Some are sad, like when there is an old familiar face missing around the table at Christmas dinner. For families, there is a big difference between excited little children, and more reserved teenagers. At our church, as we look forward with excitement to our Christmas musical, we are reminded that this is the last one that will be led by Mrs. Kathy, as she and Mrs. Sharon will be retiring at the end of the year.

While we notice change more readily at Christmas, the same season reminds us of that which never changes, the reason for the season, the Lord Jesus Christ! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! Not only can we count on Him not changing, but we can also count on Him seeing us through our changes! Jesus said that He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Let us resolve to claim that for ourselves and share it with others. If we have healthy and excited children in our lives, Christmas can be a lot of fun! If we don't, there can still be great joy! God kept His promise to send our Savior, and He followed through as the crucifixion and resurrection took place. We can go into Christmas praising Him that whatever we are experiencing, He is walking with us, and in the end, everything is going to be all right!

Rejoicing in His love,
Pastor Jeff





WRAPPERS NEEDED!!

It's time for our AWANA clubbers to shop for their families at the AWANA Christmas store. We need extra volunteers to wrap the gifts on our 2 store nights. Our Sparks will shop on Wednesday, December 11th and our T & T group will shop on Wednesday, December 18th. Helpers are needed from 6:30 - 8:00 pm each night. You can volunteer for one Wednesday or both. Contact Dana Osborne at dosborne@winnsbc.org to volunteer.

There will be no AWANA on Wednesday, December 25th, or January 1st!!



Christmas Holiday Schedule

At different times some of the staff will also be taking additional time off.
Please feel free to call anyone on staff on their home or cell phone.
The main church voice mail will be checked daily for any messages.
Even at limited office hours, we are always available to you.

December 14th Christmas Musical at 3pm and December 15th at 6pm

December 25th, January 1st, No regular Wednesday evening activities.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm

There will be no evening service Sunday, December 22nd & 29th

Good Morning Church Family:

I have to start out by saying how thankful I am that God spared our nation on election day! Now I am not just saying that because things turned out the way we'd prefer, but rather because the fabric of our society was being stressed so much by all the DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion) nonsense that I believed that we were about to see a point of no return culturally. The "collectivists" have been in charge of almost every lever of power in society, including the education system for so long that I was beginning to be concerned that there wasn't even a knowledge of what's right and constitutional in the minds of most anymore in order for them to know that what is going on isn't right, much less that they need to stand up against it. Election night was very much a reprieve from the trajectory that we as a nation were on. And with all 3 branches of government being held by Republicans there won't be all the delay tactics, harassment, baseless investigations, and frivolous lawsuits that would otherwise gum up the works for restoring our nation. Now, I have to admit that the election isn't our deliverance, God is, and I'm aware that not all the slot holders are righteous people, BUT we are in the very best position as a nation to restore checks and balances, law, and order, retrain wasteful spending, and to bring peace to the world stage under the upcoming administration than we have been in in a very long time. This election was good for EVERY American.

That being said, we need to be praying for God's will to be done and that evil be restrained. There's a lot of things that need to be changed and there will be a lot of bickering about the changes, but we need to see integrity restored to the US Government! If you look at the states that went blue this last time around, they all had something in common – they didn't require Photo ID to vote. You would think that people would see the corruption in that and want free and fair elections across the board. I hope that our nation goes back to constitutional rule, common sense legislation, and fiscal responsibility!

The world is going to go downhill based on what Scripture says, that's a given, but we need to make the biggest impact for God that we can while we still have the opportunity. Enjoy your freedom, but actually use it for the furtherance of the Gospel. We are not to let the world distract us or discourage us – we are to keep our eyes on Jesus and live for Him in every situation, for His glory!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Doug



PACKING PARTY!





3084 Shoeboxes!!!

My heart is full! Thank you to everyone that made this Operation Christmas Child Shoebox party one for the books!!! It was indeed an amazing day! Thanking the Lord for all of you that made it possible!! ❤️❤️❤️





Wings of Hope Ranch invites you to a presentation of the Christmas story by our ranchers and volunteers on Saturday, December 7th, 2024, at 11 am at our annual Deck the Stalls Christmas celebration.

It's a time when Ranchers and friends of Wings of Hope come together to hear the Christmas Story and reflect on our Savior's birth.

We are thrilled that once again Jolene Schlosser and Diane Norris join us as volunteer co-directors. Ranchers and their families are invited to sign up for a spot; ranchers of all abilities are invited to take part.

Our friends from **Raise, Inc** coffee will have refreshments available for purchase at the event. They will have their beverage truck onsite, and guests can purchase hot tea, hot chocolate, hot cider as well as locally made donuts! All purchases support their mission to create opportunities for vocational training, employment and community engagement for youth and young adults with developmental disabilities.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to let us know, dress for the weather, and remember to bring a chair. We are looking forward to sharing this event with the community.

Click here to RSVP: <https://www.wingsofhooperanch.org/post/nativity>

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**For the month of November & December , we will be collecting “
Fabric and Trim” used to make dresses, shorts, and bags
Items can be placed in the bin at the “Welcome Center.”**