



# The Good News

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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## Happy February!

**This year we find that Easter will be early, last Sunday of March. That means everything else comes early also. Our Lenten season will begin on February 14th and with this is a great event I wanted to highlight.**

**On Ash Wednesday, we are asked to hone our attention down to the barest relationship of our lives, us and Jesus. We will have a simple soup supper and then Rev. Dr. Chris Strickland will lead us in our Ash Wednesday service.**

**Speaking of Chris, have you gotten a chance to meet him and Rev. Jennifer Carey? Both great additions to our pastoral team. Alice Lipscomb and I are so thankful for these folks coming alongside to help lead our church. Have you met our youth pastor, Stacey Harrell, or our Communications Director Jeremy Thao? What great team members they are going to be.**

**Don't forget those who continue to serve you. Debbie, retiring March 15th, stay tuned for news on celebrating this great lady. Dwight, Cindy and Nathan continue to do great work for us. Kimberly and Donna Sue... what would we do without them?**

**A great team and I have the privilege of leading us. Know that Tina and I are praying for all God will do at Winder as we continue to minister together.**

**Blessings,**

**Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Murphy**

## Around Our Church



### NEW Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? You would be a perfect fit for our new Prayer Shawl Ministry! **There will be an informational meeting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry on Monday, February 5th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** We will spend this time together planning and discussing how to proceed with this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Ferguson at [cferguson@winderfumc.com](mailto:cferguson@winderfumc.com) or Judy Vestrand at [jma428@bellsouth.net](mailto:jma428@bellsouth.net).



### Sanctuary Flower Calendar for 2024

Our new flower calendar for 2024 is in the Church Office Lobby area. 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 email Jeremy Thao ([jeremyfumc@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyfumc@gmail.com)) at the church office by Wednesday of the week you will be placing flowers and let him know the wording you would like to be used for the Sunday bulletin.



# February Older Adult Lunch

211 MAIN STREET

RESTAURANT & BAKERY IN

LAVONIA, GA

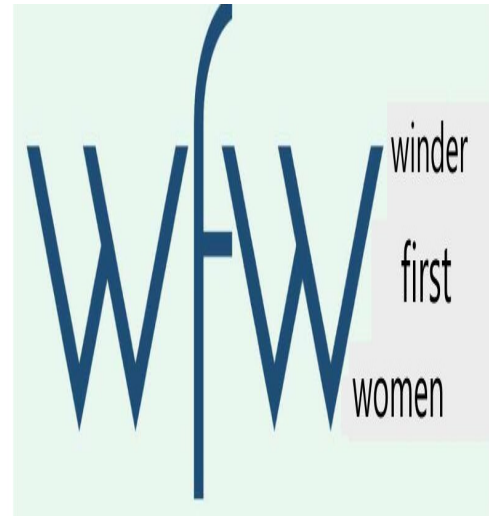
February 8th

Leaving the Church at 10AM

Returning before 3PM

## Around Our Church

**WINDER FIRST WOMEN** will meet on Tuesday, February 13th at 1:30 pm. Shrove Tuesday will be the program for this meeting. All the women of Winder First are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall.



### *Ash Wednesday Night Supper*

*Chicken Noodle Soup  
& Tomato Bisque*



**Adults/Kids**

**\$5/\$2**

**Supper from 5:00pm - 6:00pm**

**\*Ash Wednesday Service  
starts at 6:45pm\***

**Fruit salad, cheese pizza for the kids & cookies also!**

## Around Our Church



### 54 & More Luncheon & Program

54 & More will meet for lunch on Wednesday, February 21st, in the Fellowship Hall. After the lunch, we will do some organizing for the year and then have the program. Our speaker is Jeff McKinstry.

### Bereavement Committee

Hi everyone!

I wanted to make our members aware of our Bereavement Committee and ask that you please contact me if you have lost a loved one so that we can provide a family meal for you or a reception following the funeral service. This is just one of your church's ways of showing its love and support during this most difficult time. Also, if anyone feels led to serve on this committee, please let me know and we would be thrilled to have you join us!

Robin Stansell

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*Dear Church Family,*

*I would like to express my appreciation for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food.*

*The family and I were blessed by your kindnesses and condolences. ~Ann Mays & Family*

*To My Church Family,*

*Thank you all so much for your thoughtfulness and support of me and my family during this difficult time of losing Steve and my hospitalization with injuries after my fall. I feel truly blessed to have such a caring church family. ~Love, Bobbie McMichael*

### Making Ordinary Moments Special!

**The Encourage Team** Members are stepping out to serve and encourage others; making ordinary situations special! We are structuring avenues that will encourage people to connect to our worship experience, connect to a group/ministry, and care for others.

**Need to Get Out and Meet People?** If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are looking for people to serve once a week in the church office; answering phones and helping people who visit the church office. It is a great way to connect to people, make their day better with a smile and helping out. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in serving on the Encourage Team, please contact Alice Lipscomb, 770-307-6098 to get more information .

**Be on the Lookout for Lenten Small Group Studies - a great way to connect and grow together as we look towards Easter.**

The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on **Jesus Christ** —to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Lenten Bible studies help us journey through scriptures that help us reflect on the path that Jesus walked; a path of radical love that led him towards the cross.



# Around Our Church

**WINDER FUMC**

# Summer Day Camp

**1st - 8th Grade**

**Field Trips, Crafts, Sports & FUN!!!**

**Day Camp Dates: May 28 - July 26**  
**Day Camp Hours: Monday-Friday 7AM-6PM**

**Costs:**

- Full-Time Campers (Mon-Fri): \$140 per week
- Additional Sibling: \$100 per week
- Registration fee equal to one week tuition (Due at sign-up)

**Register Online or In-Person**

**For more information:**  
[www.winderfumc.com](http://www.winderfumc.com)  
 Call (770) 586-5417

**Registration Opens February 19th!**

**2024 - 2025**

# Preschool Registration

Registration Period

**FEB 2024 20th - 21st 9am-10am**

Our Preschool offers classes for 2s, 3s, and 4-year olds. Child must be said age by SEPT 1st. This registration is for current students and \*church members only. Remaining slots will be open to community on FRI FEB 23 @ 9AM in the Youth Center

Contact Us **770-307-2089** Email [krichardson@winderfumc.com](mailto:krichardson@winderfumc.com)

**Coming Soon!**

\*We have limited availability for 3 year olds & 4 year olds due to returning students. Any church member needing a spot for a 3 or 4 year old who is not currently enrolled should contact the preschool on or before WED FEB 14th.

# Around Our Church



- FEBRUARY 1** – Zoe Couch, Murphy Potts, Luke Sheats, Jimmy Terrell
- FEBRUARY 2** – John Etheridge, Alex Hill
- FEBRUARY 3** – Debbie Cameron
- FEBRUARY 4** – Peggy Richard
- FEBRUARY 5** – Carroll Eddleman
- FEBRUARY 6** – Susan Muse
- FEBRUARY 7** – Spencer Kimbrough
- FEBRUARY 8** – Yvonne Jett, Happy Maynard
- FEBRUARY 9** – Gary Wright
- FEBRUARY 10** – Richard Botters, Jason Clark, Chip Thompson, Ridley Weaver
- FEBRUARY 11** – Bruce Phillips
- FEBRUARY 12** – Pam Lovin
- FEBRUARY 13** – Eve Bradberry
- FEBRUARY 14** – Bob Hill
- FEBRUARY 15** – Sandra Barton, Elisa Bradberry, Jillian Murphy, Jordan Murphy, John Wooters, Heather Wright
- FEBRUARY 16** – Elsie Quillian
- FEBRUARY 17** – Keith Maloof
- FEBRUARY 18** – NO BIRTHDAYS
- FEBRUARY 19** – Chelsea McElreath, Scott Miller, Reid Shope
- FEBRUARY 20** – Reed Sheats
- FEBRUARY 21** – Kay Hyslop, Georgia Thompson
- FEBRUARY 22** – Sandie Major
- FEBRUARY 23** – Anita Massey, Brendan Quinn
- FEBRUARY 24** – Rex Keibler, Charlie Potts, Tabitha Rippy
- FEBRUARY 25** – Sally Brown
- FEBRUARY 26** – Jerry Golden
- FEBRUARY 27** – Mandy Free
- FEBRUARY 28** – Gary Smith, Madelyn Wolfe
- FEBRUARY 29** – NO BIRTHDAYS

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

### Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 AM Traditional Worship-Sanct.
- 9:45 AM Coffee Time-FH
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Adults)- Various Classrooms
- 10:00 AM Multi-Generational Group-FH
- 10:00 AM Moms of Middle & High Schoolers-FH
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Children & Youth Sunday Morning Programs—FLC & YC
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Women’s Prayer Group-SDR
- 4:00 PM Men’s Prayer Group-162

## CHURCH STAFF

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# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Congratulations to Greg Marr for being named STAR teacher at Mill Creek High School!</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 8:30 am –Weight Watchers-157 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 6:00 pm Kiwanis Club -SDR</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 am Men's Study Breakfast-SDR 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting-152</p>
<p><b>4</b> See Sunday Schedule <b>Communion at All Services</b>  12:00 - 4:00 pm Parents Day Out Event-FH 4:00 - 7:00 pm NE GA Bluegrass Group-131 5:30 pm Invite/Welcome Team Meeting-FH</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 11809-223 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Informational Meeting-FH 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 700-Scout Barn 7:00 pm Yargo Community Band Rehearsal-YC</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study-FH 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 5:30 pm Quartermasters Rehearsal-Sanct. 5:30 pm Weight Watchers-156</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:00 am Prayer Group -Sanct. 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study-154 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 5:00 pm Children's Choir-119 5:30 pm Kidstuf-200 6:30 pm Grief Group-131 6:30 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal-218 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 11879-YC</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 8:30 am –Weight Watchers-157 10:00 am Older Adult Trip to 211 Main St. Restaurant &amp; Bakery in Lavonia 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 11822-223</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 am Men's Study Breakfast-SDR 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:30 - 10:30 am Pet Food Distribution -Back Parking Lot  10:00 am AA Meeting-152  2:30 pm Youth trip to Winter Jam</p>
<p><b>11</b> See Sunday Schedule  Youth deadline for G.A.P. (Gainesville Aid Project) Registration</p>	<p><b>12 Summer Day Camp Registration Begins</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 700-Scout Barn 7:00 pm Yargo Community Band Rehearsal-YC</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study-FH 1:00 pm Winder First Women-Sanct. 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 5:30 pm Quartermasters Rehearsal-Sanct. 5:30 pm Weight Watchers-156 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 11870-223 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting-Conf. Room</p>	<p><b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 am Prayer Group-Sanct. 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study-154 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 5:00 pm Children's Choir-119 5:30 pm Kidstuf-200 5:00 - 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper-FH 6:30 pm Grief Group-131 6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Service-Sanct.</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 8:30 am –Weight Watchers-157 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 6:00 pm Kiwanis Club-YC</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:30 am Men's Study Breakfast-SDR 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting-152</p>
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<p><b>25</b> See Sunday Schedule  12:00 pm Missions Team Luncheon Meeting-FH</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 6:15 pm United Methodist Men's Fellowship-FH 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 700-Scout Barn 7:00 pm Yargo Community Band Rehearsal-YC</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study-FH 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 5:30 pm Quartermasters Rehearsal-Sanct. 5:30 pm Weight Watchers-156</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:00 am Prayer Group-Sanct. 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study-154 12:00 pm AA Meeting-152 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 5:00 pm Children's Choir-119 5:30 pm Kidstuf-200 6:30 pm Grief Group-131 6:30 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal-218</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm Preschool 8:30 am –Weight Watchers-157 2:30 - 6:30 pm After School Program-FLC 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 11822-223</p>		

## Missions News



### *February Missions Update*



All are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Missions Team Meeting immediately following the 11am service on **Sunday, February 25, 2024**, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have subs/chicken fingers/chips/dessert/drinks so please **RSVP by Wed., February 21st** your attendance so that we can prepare.

#### **Loving and Nurturing our little ones**

-One of Winder First UMC's newest projects this year is providing "**Birthday Boxes/Baskets**" for Barrow County Foster Children. These boxes/baskets will be a warm surprise for our little kiddos...knowing someone in their community loves and is thinking of them. Each month we will receive a list of children to prepare for. There's no set agenda on what the box/basket should look like. You can add a card, cake or muffin mix, candles, and a small gift (depending on the age) such as puzzles, Legos, coloring boxes, dolls, etc. If you are interested in sponsoring a birthday box/basket, please let Tina Murphy know by contacting her @ [tinabmurphy02@gmail.com](mailto:tinabmurphy02@gmail.com).

-We are working behind the scenes to develop a Foster Family Support Team to help our Barrow County Foster Families and a Mentoring Team to assist the Barrow County School System. If either of these projects interest you, please contact Tina Murphy @ [tinabmurphy02@gmail.com](mailto:tinabmurphy02@gmail.com).

#### **Loving and Nurturing our neighbors in need**

-Winder First UMC volunteers will also be assembling **Blessing Bags** during the month of February. These bags are placed in the church office and given out to individuals/families who are in immediate need of food. If you happen to be out and about and can pick up one or more of the following items, we will be collecting donations through Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Collections boxes will be in the Fellowship Hall and in front of the church office. Items needed for the Blessing Bags include:

- \* medium size bottled waters
- \* ziplock gallon size bags
- \* granola bars or individually wrapped rice krispy treats
- \* microwaveable container of soup/pasta
- \* plastic utensils/napkins
- \* small bags of potato chips
- \* individually wrapped crackers.

-The next community Mobile Food Pantry is **Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 8am** at Holly Hill Center. Volunteers are needed to serve and pray for those picking up food. Individuals in our community need Winder First UMC's love and support and this deed is a small way to nurture their spiritual needs. Please contact Tommye Stewart at [tommyesw@hotmail.com](mailto:tommyesw@hotmail.com) for additional details.

-FYI: The Church of the Month for February will be Winder First Baptist Church, 625 Jefferson Hwy., Winder. Phone (770)867-9255. They will be interviewing Mon-Wed, 9-12 noon.

Thank you again for all your hard work, loving prayers, and gifts to all our missions!!

Heartfelt thanks,  
Tina



## Youth News

I feel so incredibly blessed by the support and welcome I have received from all of you. We are busy building our calendar for the year for worship, service, and fellowship. Please be in prayer for this journey we are embarking on as we grow in relationship with Christ, each other, and all of you. May all we say and do be focused on living into the plans God has for us.

**Sunday, February 4th** from 12-4pm the youth and students will hold a Parents Day Out service day. Parents are invited to have an afternoon to themselves while the children and youth ministries have lunch, fellowship, and hold a service day. Students will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Saturday, February 10th-** 2:30p Students and leaders will travel to Gas South Arena in Duluth for Winter Jam 2024. [Home - Winter Jam '24 \(jamtour.com\)](http://Home - Winter Jam '24 (jamtour.com))

**Sunday, February 11th-** DEADLINE for G.A.P. registration. Students will attend the Gainesville Aid Project (G.A.P.) second session from June 19-23 at Antioch UMC campground. [The Gainesville Aid Project](http://The Gainesville Aid Project)

If you would like to bless the students with a Sunday morning breakfast, please let me know. We'd be happy to have you come spend some time with us as we enjoy your generosity.

In faith,  
Stacey



## PARENTS

# DAY OUT

### DATE

**SUNDAY, FEB. 4**

### TIME

**12 - 4 PM**

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

**LUNCH PROVIDED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**Children and Youth will meet together to make Valentine's for our senior citizens**

### RSVP:

[cferguson@winderfumc.com](mailto:cferguson@winderfumc.com) or  
[staceydharrell@gmail.com](mailto:staceydharrell@gmail.com)

### YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES



## WINTER JAM '24

Saturday February 20th

2:30pm Departure for Gas South Arena  
Visit [jamtour.com](http://jamtour.com) for more info!

DON'T FORGET: Sunday Feb 11th is the DEADLINE to register for G.A.P. (Gainesville Aid Project) happening Jun 19-23.

# Children's Ministry News



Children's Ministry had a fabulous January! Faced with cold weather and heating issues, we were able to pull things together and ended January with fun and fellowship! Our Wednesday group had a Pizza and Puzzle night and my heart was so full watching all them work together to help each other complete the puzzles. Children's Church had their first Adopt A Bible Buddy event on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Twelve stuffed animals were adopted and I can't wait to see how the reading program associated with their adoption is going. February finds us with a trip to pack Adventure Bags, a joint service project program with the Youth and celebrating the beginning of Lent. Thanks to all who make time to help our children learn about God's amazing love and grace. Blessings, ~Cindy



## Please Pray for:

### RECENT UPDATES & CONCERNS:

#### **Carroll Eddleman**

*Back surgery postponed*

#### **Dale Jacobs' Mother**

*Delores McKay; recovering from femur fsurgery after a fall*

#### **Nannette Klein's Father**

*Lew Hansen; recovering from double hernia surgery*

#### **Dot McAlvin's Nephew**

*Chris Whitaker; bone marrow transplant 1/26*

#### **Cynthia Norman**

*Stage 4 pancreatic cancer*

#### **Corrine Potts**

*Covid*

#### **Robert Smith**

*Recovering from back surgery @ home*

#### **Robin Stansell**

*Recovering from oral surgery*

### ONGOING CONCERNS:

#### **Connie Cash**

*Post-transplant treatments & follow-ups*

#### **Dean Chase's Daughter**

*Kelly Channell; medical issues*

#### **Betty Clark**

*Health issues*

#### **Vicki Couch's Sister-In-Law's Son**

*Hospitalized with Level 2 heart failure*

#### **Ede Estes**

*Recovering from heart valve repair surgery*

#### **Monika Foresteire's Nephew**

*Bill Cresswell; cancer*

#### **Jerry Golden**

*Stroke on left side of brain; home rehab*

#### **Joyce Grabau's Son**

*Michael Grabau, chemo treatments*

#### **Jerry Hartman**

*Advanced pulmonary fibrosis; on oxygen*

#### **Dot Hutchison**

*Fell & fractured her elbow*

#### **Richard & Kay Hyslop**

*Recovering from Covid @ home*

#### **Bailey James**

*Brain tumor*

#### **Tommy Jennings' Brother-In-Law**

*Chase Beery; bladder cancer*

#### **Cassie Mathis' Step-Dad**

*Dave; Stage 2 kidney disease*

#### **Jeff & Kim McKinstry's Friend**

*Stan Cross; cancer has returned*

#### **Bobbie McMichael**

*Fell; recovering from surgery to repair broken femur & hip; PT & OT*

#### **Rev. Dr. Geoff Murphy**

*Recovering from foot surgery @ home*

#### **Bill Nunnally**

*Out of ICU, prayers that he will get stronger*

#### **Jenni Overbey**

*New cancer treatment in January*

#### **Nancy Paulos**

*Broken left leg; surgery; @ Winder Center for rehab*

#### **Ellen Petree**

*Pancreatitis & abdominal surgery 2/21/24*

#### **Pam Sharpton's Friend**

*Stefanie Bean Berger; colon cancer*

#### **John Sheats**

*Atypical Parkinsonism with probable MSA*

*(Multiple Systems Atrophy)*

#### **Bettye Taylor**

*Fell; broken leg, rehab @Winder Healthcare*

#### **Don Wildsmith**

*Complications of Parkinson's Disease*

#### **Allen & Haley Sue Williams**

*In IVF transfer cycle*

### We extend our love, prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Rich Faglier and family upon the death of his mother, Barbara Faglier.
- the family and friends of Mary Good, upon her death.
- Ann Mays and family upon the death of her husband, Henry Mays.
- Bobbie McMichael and family upon the death of her husband, Steve McMichael.
- Deana Paris and family upon the death of her mother, Linda Harrison.

### Serving in our military:

Louise Bradberry's grandson, **Robert Davis**;  
Barbara Clark's grandsons, **Griffin & Garrett Longino**;  
Rose Higgins' grandson, **Alan Cupps**;  
Jill Murphy's boyfriend,  
**Chad Courtney**, AIT Training;  
Jill Murphy's friends,  
**Lando Turner & Brayden Ritenour**, completed US Marine Basic Training;  
Pete & Nancy Paulos' daughter,  
**Vanessa Paulos Guest & her husband, Colin Guest**, who are Diplomatic Foreign Service Officers for the US State Dept. serving a three year post @ US Embassy in Beijing, China;  
Fred & Peggy Richard's son-in-law, **Carl Schindler**;  
Hardy & Phyllis Warmack's son,  
**Ryan Warmack**.

## Gifts have been given to our church in memory of:

- **Ed & Elinor Boyd (Ann Pilgrim's parents):** by Jim & Ann Pilgrim
- **Robert Camp:** by Dorothy Blitch, Michael & Donna Cain, Bob & Gwen Hill, Lewis & Ellen Petree, Pam Sharpton, Ted & Jane Wood
- **Barbara Faglier (Rich Faglier's mother):** by Dick & Jennie Mitchell
- **Howie Heiden (Carol Lemke's brother-in-law):** by Lewis & Ellen Petree
- **Diane Heim:** by Ann Mays
- **Barbara Howard (Shadie Thompson's sister):** by Ann Mays, Lewis & Ellen Petree
- **Amy Keller:** by Ann Mays, Lewis & Ellen Petree
- **Paul Klein:** by Dot Bullock, Bob & Gwen Hill, Janet Myers, Lewis & Ellen Petree, Inez West
- **Steve McMichael:** by Dot Bullock, Jane Gladden, Bob & Gwen Hill, Lewis & Ellen Petree, Pam Sharpton, Inez West
- **Henry Mays:** by Michael & Donna Cain, Jane Gladden, Lewis & Ellen Petree, Dottie Reynolds, Inez West, Ted & Jane Wood
- **Timothy Miller (Timmy Miller's father):** by Lewis & Ellen Petree
- **Ken Milner (Barb Morton's brother):** by Lewis & Ellen Petree
- **Rae Skinner:** by Debbie Albritton, Michael & Donna Cain, Bob & Gwen Hill, Brenda Holland, Lewis & Ellen Petree, Jim & Ann Pilgrim
- **Margaret Stephens (Paul Hutchison's sister):** by Ann Mays
- **Pat Sweeney (Bobbie McMichael's brother-in-law):** by Lewis & Ellen Petree
- **Bill Terrell (Jimmy Terrell's brother):** by Ann Mays, Lewis & Ellen Petree

## Worship Attendance

Dec. 24 - 252 (5 PM)  
Dec. 24 - 167 (7 PM)  
Dec. 24 - 113 (Communion)  
Dec. 24 - 23 (11:30 PM)  
Dec. 31 - 182  
Jan. 7 - 221  
Jan. 14 - 246  
Jan. 21 - 200 (1 service)  
Jan. 28 - 239



# Church Financial Report

Winder First UMC

Year To Date Financial Position

Total contributions for December 2023 were \$131,063.14

Welcome  
to our **Team!**

May I be of assistance...

Hello, I'm Rev. Dr. Chris Strickland, your assistant pastor at Winder-Corinth. You can join me each Sunday at the Winder campus for the early service and, from time to time at the late service. When I am not at Winder, you are welcome to visit me at the Corinth campus on Corinth Church Rd. for an 11:15 a.m. service. **My first sermon at Winder will be at the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14 @ 6:45 pm. Our theme this year is "Treasures."**

One of my roles includes assisting with mission planning, and I'm thrilled about our church's commitment to caring for the least, the lost, and the little. I hope you will take the time to read our mission update in this month's newsletter.

In addition to me joining you here at Winder-Corinth UMC, my wife, Kelleigh, will be worshipping with us, and occasionally, my college-age children, Emmaleigh and Ella, will be in attendance. Please help them feel at home here.

Your support and connection mean a lot. I am excited about the wonderful journey we are taking together. If you need assistance or have questions, feel free to reach out.

With love, Rev. Dr. Chris Strickland

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