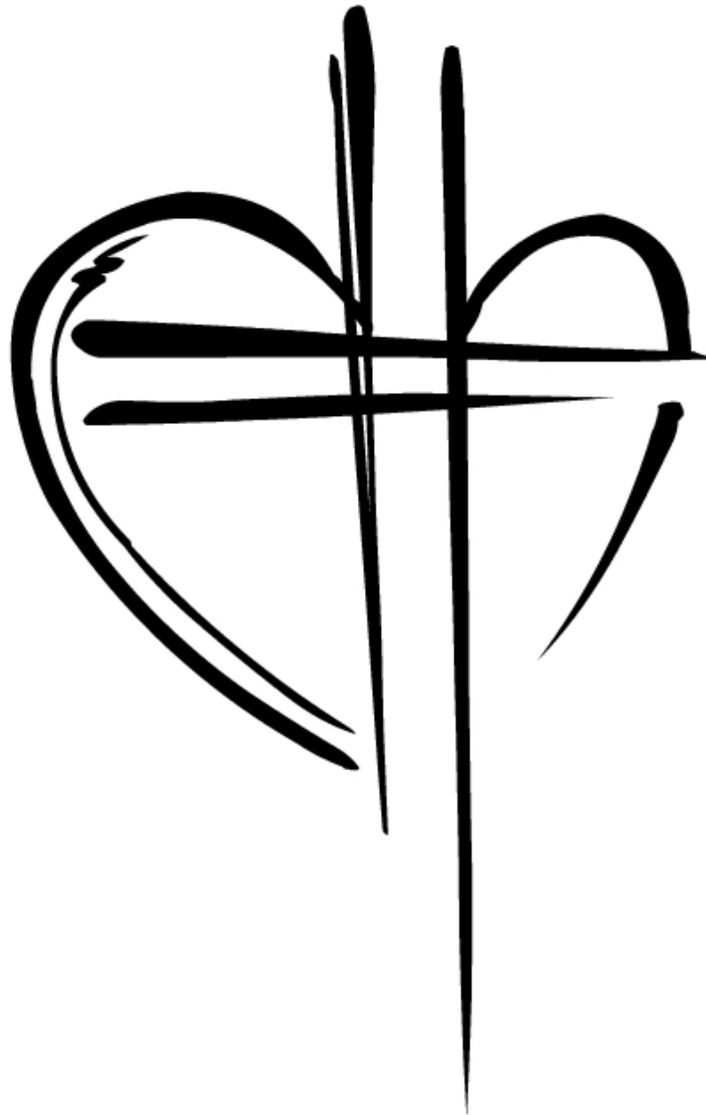


**BOOK OF REPORTS
BUSINESS MEETING
February 11, 2026**



WINFREE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Winfree Memorial Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2025

The business meeting was called to order at 7pm by the moderator, Sam McNeny. A quorum was present. Mary Scott Garrett, Clerk, read the Clerk's Report of Membership:

Total Membership as of September 1, 2025: 1,529

Since the last business meeting the following members have joined Winfree:

Terry Taylor	10/12/25
Alex (Kyle) Cox	10/19/25
Karla Cox	10/19/25
Glenn Cockrell, Jr.	10/22/25
Kevin Thornton	10/26/25
Heather Thornton	10/26/25
Henry Thornton	10/26/25
Jackson Thornton	10/26/25
Lee Roberts	11/02/25
Lauren Roberts	11/02/25
Lee Foster	11/02/25
Megan Foster	11/02/25
Gregg Harris	11/09/25
Barbara Harris	11/09/25

Since the last business meeting, the following members have left Winfree:

Jane Gilliam, transfer	10/01/25
Doug Barrier, transfer	10/22/25
Roxanne Barrier, transfer	10/22/25

Since the last business meeting the following membership status has changed: 17

Total membership as of November 9, 2025: 1,540

Please note: There was an error in the September 2025 Clerks Report that caused the entry in the Book of Reports to be incorrect.

Treasurer's Report - Ed Wickham

Church Financial Statistics January 1, 2025 - Sept. 30, 2025

Contribution Target	9/30/25	\$1,074,488
Contributions	9/30/25	\$1,026,580
Expenses	9/30/25	\$1,124,247
Net Income	9/30/25	-\$97,667

Church Investment Accounts – 09/30/2025

- Everbless Cash Portfolio –\$244,664
- Raymond James CD - \$105,202
- Money Market Account at Blue Ridge Bank – \$69,382
- Money Market Account at Atlantic Union Bank - \$1,276
- General Operating Account at Atlantic Union Bank – \$21,025
- Endowment Account at Fidelity Investment - \$282,143
- Atlantic Union Bank Trust Fund - \$94,215
- Mortgage Balance - \$1,668,472

Preschool Financial Statistics July 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025

Income Target	9/30/25	\$74,693
Income	9/30/25	\$83,335
Expenses	9/30/25	\$162,788
Net Income	9/30/25	-\$88,095

Preschool Investment Accounts – 09/30/2025

- Money Market Village Bank - \$158,169
- Va. Baptist Foundation - \$124,644
- Village Bank - \$164,836

Treasurer's Comments – Ed Wickham

Church financials are based on a calendar year; Preschool financials are based up a fiscal year. Preschool always shows a negative balance at the beginning of the year, due to salaries paid over the summer.

Please review your contributions online through PushPay; contact us to let us know if there are discrepancies. Contact Lindy, our financial Administrator or Ed if you have questions or concerns. They will direct preschool concerns appropriately.

Administration Team - Scott Barlow and Mike Oberschmidt (Mike Oberschmidt Reporting)

Stewardship - Glenn Taylert, Chair

OneFund giving through September was below budget (\$1,026,579 vs. \$1,074,488). Budget spending was \$1,124,246 vs. a budget of \$1,215,442, for 92.5% spending. The committee met last October 30, 2025. Next meeting is planned for November 20, 2025

Other – Requests for Funding outside of 2025 Budget

- Property & Space requested the purchase of a new oven/stove for our kitchen. The cost of electrical upgrades, removal, warranty, and delivery have not yet been finalized.
- Property and Space has requested resources to replace the Worship Center Lobby furniture. No consensus has been reached; discussion/collaboration will continue.

2026 Winfree Budget

The Stewardship committee reviewed all proposed budgets from committees and ministries; these requests were analyzed, presented to church Council, and the Stewardship Committee presented the following recommendation:

The Stewardship Committee unanimously recommends the 2026 Budget in the amount of \$1,700 as presented. The Stewardship Committee is authorized to adjust the budget by 2% without the consent of the Church; if such changes are necessary, all adjustments will be reported. Please see the Book of Reports for the complete explanation. One correction was made that the BGAV be changed to Missions. Sam read the motion, which was approved.

Endowment – Dee Slaughter, Chair

The return on investments was 13.50% as of September 30, 2025. Please see the Book of Reports.

Property & Space – Dewey Lackner, Chair

Please see the Book of Reports for details of repairs/replacements.

IT - David Williams, Chair

Please see the Book of Reports for a list of activities/projects. PLEASE consider volunteering if you have expertise in these areas!

Personnel - Dan Ogden, Chair

Please see the Book of Reports for all actions taken. We welcomed our new Senior Pastor on October 1, 2025 and we have a new Office Manager, Dana Long, on October 20, 2025. Policy/Procedure review, budget recommendations, and a review of benefits remain a focus.

Safety - Tim Jackson and Mike Oberschmidt, Co-chairs

Nothing to report.

Special Receptions - Robin McNeny, Chair

Please see the Book of Reports and plan to attend the “potluck” reception, following the “Night of Music” on December 14, 2025.

Nominating

Motion: The following are nominated to serve as listed below.

Worship Team –

- Cathy Hines – 1-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Tom McCarty – 3-year term beginning 1/1/26

Stewardship Committee –

- Glenn Taylert – Chair - 1-year term beginning 1/1/26

Moderator –

- Sam McNeny – 1-year term beginning 1/1/26

Clerk –

- Mary Scott Garrett – 1-year term beginning 1/1/26

Personnel Committee –

- Dan Ogden – Chair - 1-year term beginning 1/1/26

Safety Committee –

- Tim Jackson – 3-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Mike Oberschmidt – 3-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Brian Wiglesworth – 3-year term beginning 1/1/26

The motion passed unanimously

Risk Management – David Krouse, Chair

Please see the Book of Reports.

Childcare

Nothing to report.

Constitution & By-Laws - David Haver, Chair

Nothing to report.

Discipleship Team - Vivian Sillmon

Ministry to Young Adults – Joshua Roberts

Nothing to report.

Ministry to Children and Families:

Elementary Children’s Ministry - Nicole Flournoy and Lisa Radke, Interim Co-Children’s Ministry Directors

- Denise Walters is partnering with Children's Ministry staff to organize **Christmas Craft Day** on **November 22, 3-5pm**.
- Next **Parent’s Night Out** is Friday **December 5**.
- A new ministry! **Birthday boxes** (cake mix, icing, decorations, etc.) for food pantries
- **Christmas Nativity Pageant** on **December 24, 2025**.
- **SPARK** (Serving others, Praying together, Acting in love, Rooted in God’s Word, Knowing Christ) – a new program for grades 4-5 – will meet monthly with curriculum, group activity, and dinner
- **Weekday Preschool / Church relationship initiatives:** Nicole Flournoy is working to build on church members having more of a presence in the school, beyond welcoming families on the first day of September.

Ministry to Youth – Jimmy Doan

Fall has been a busy time to support our youth who take part in sports, plays and other community activities. The youth meet as a combined class on Sunday mornings in the Bunker. There is AMP on Sunday mornings and SURGE on Sunday nights as well as midweek Bible Study. Camp Kehukee is planned for November 14 – 16, which will include Bible Study, worship, fellowship and games.

Sunday School Administrator – Aggie Blocker

September 2025 attendance - Average on Sunday morning - 159 of 338 (enrolled) 47%

October 2025 attendance - Average on Sunday morning - 159 of 341 (enrolled) 45%

Please see the Book of Reports for midweek Bible study groups/leaders

Deacons - Marie Peters, Chair

Marie will be rolling off the Deacon board in January 2026, and Charles Shaheen will assume the role of chair, beginning in January 2026. Please see the Book of Reports for monthly activities. New Deacons coming on January 1, 2026: Robin Jenkins, Patsy Cocke, Hugh Ames, and Jim Dacey.

Pastor of Congregational Care - Caring Ministry/WeCare – Jimmie Miles

Nothing to report.

Weekday Preschool – Mary Scott Garrett, Chair

Please see the Book of Reports for details.

Bereavement Committee – Robin McNeny, Chair

Nothing to report.

Worship & Celebration Team – Meredith Sigler

Please see the Book of Reports for the average attendance at each service. A new Traditional Planning Group, led by Carol, is meeting. The worship team will be updating its structure to incorporate representatives from each service; the groups will report to Meredith. Plans have been made for the Advent season and worship. A survey will be coming out in January for feedback, but please let Meredith know if you have any suggestions. An additional volunteer from the traditional service is needed; please let Meredith know if you can do this.

AV/IT – Matt Knesal

Please see the Book of Reports for a list of all of the enhancements/activities planned. Thanks to the staging team, led by Debbie Strutton, who designed sets for our Christmas worship. Matt reminded us of special services for Christmas: Vespers, Night of Christmas Music, and the Longest Night Service of Remembrance.

Traditional Worship – Dr. Carol Hill

Please refer to the Book of Reports for all of the activities. Carol and choir members participated in the *Gloria Deo Choral* Festival. The attendance of children for the Children’s Choir and BLAST has been great and the children are excited to present their music for the Night of Christmas Music. The handbell choir has been busy and there is a new Traditional Team that has been meeting monthly to help enhance and enrich the traditional worship service.

Missions & Outreach – Suzanne Drake

WMU – JoAnn Carter

This is the last report; this group is disbanding on 12/31/25. Elizabeth Rapp, who served in Africa as a missionary, is now serving the campus ministry field at UVA. Nathan and Cayle Fall, who recently had a new baby in October, will be heading back to Asia in early 2026. Several large boxes of cards were delivered to Effort Baptist Church in Palmyra, VA for the Fluvanna Correctional Center, in Troy, VA. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the WMU activities through the past twelve years.

Helping Hands – Doug Garrett

Nothing to report.

Needles & Hooks – Debbie Valenti and Alice Bunch

We continue to send lap blankets and shawls to a local assisted-living home. Please reach out to Debbie at vdvalenti@verizon.net if you wish to take part.

Backpack Ministry - Terry Jones and Susan Oberschmidt

The team continues to provide weekend meal support (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for elementary students and their families from Bon Air Elementary, Greenfield, Elementary, Reams Elementary, Robious Elementary, and Watkins Elementary Schools. Please see the Book of Reports for ways you can help.

Friends of the Homeless – Sara Nunn

We are in our 38th year of this ministry; thanks to our generous congregation and volunteers who prepare meals and serve over 2,500 meals per week. Please contact Sara if you are interested in helping (saranumm@comcast.net).

Shoebox Ministry – Susan Ratliff

Shoebboxes are ready at the OCC displays in the Bryan-Mapp Hall and the Worship Center Lobby. We hope to exceed last year's number of completed boxes, which was 663 boxes!

Missions & Outreach – Suzanne Drake

Our team of five people went to Bad Ischl, Austria in October, which was a very motivating experience. We hope to have more attend in future trips. Trunk or Treat was terrific, with more than 650 attendees. Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build will take place in December. We are always looking for new teammates. Please reach out to Suzanne Drake at sdrakehome@gmail.com if you are interested.

Clerk Report of Membership February 2026

Total Membership as of November 9, 2025: 1,540

Since the last business meeting the following members have joined Winfree:

Steve Bryant	11/16/25
Gay Bryant	11/16/25
Dalton Maddox (baptized)	01/11/26
Dominick Meredith (baptized)	01/11/26

Since the last business meeting, the following members have left Winfree:

Judith Dyer (deceased)	01/16/26
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Net membership change since the last business meeting: 3

Total membership as of February 5, 2026: 1,543

Recommendations from the Church Council:

The Church Council recommends the dissolution of the Senior Pastor Search Committee. Furthermore, the Council recommends that Winfree Church extend our heartfelt thanks to the Committee for job well done.

Treasurer’s Report - Ed Wickham

Church Financial Statistics January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Contribution Target	12/31/25	\$1,622,287
Contributions	12/31/25	\$1,500,885
Expenses	12/31/25	\$1,573,374
Net Income	12/31/25	-\$72,489

Church Investment Accounts – 09/30/2025

- Everbless Cash Portfolio –\$223,002
- Raymond James CD - \$105,113
- Money Market Account at Atlantic Union Bank - \$46,882
- General Operating Account at Atlantic Union Bank – \$76,842
- Endowment Account at Fidelity Investment - \$299,844
- Atlantic Union Bank Trust Fund - \$100,559
- Mortgage Balance - \$1,624,273

**Preschool Financial Statistics
July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025**

Income Target	12/31/2025	\$288,357
Income	12/31/2025	\$311,060
Expenses	12/31/2025	\$319,729
Net Income	12/31/2025	-\$8,669

Preschool Investment Accounts – 12/31/2025

- Money Market Village Bank - \$158,217
- Virginia Baptist Foundation - \$125,911
- General Operating Account at Town Bank - \$222,728

Treasurer’s Comments – Ed Wickham

- Note the difference in timing as the Church financials are based on a calendar year and Preschool on a fiscal year.
- Preschool typically shows a small negative net income at this point of the budget cycle having paid compensation over the summer.
- For the Church & Preschool all expenses are paid out of the operating accounts.
- Designated Accounts from the Balance Sheet are Funds that have a designated specific purpose. They are not separate bank accounts.
- You should have received your 2025 Giving Statements online or via USPS. If any information is not correct, please let us know.
- If you have any questions regarding financials, contact Lindy, our Financial Administrator, at the Church Office or myself as Treasurer. We will direct your call to Preschool if needed.

Administration Team: Scott Barlow and Mike Oberschmidt

Stewardship – Glenn Taylert, Chair

2025 OneFund January through December 2025 Summary Notes

- 2025 OneFund contributions were 4.04% higher than the previous year at \$1,476,333.
- 2025 OneFund December contributions were \$188,089 - surpassing the previous year by over \$30,000.
- 4th quarter OneFund contributions accounted for 30% of the entire year.

2026 Winfree Budget – The Stewardship Committee recommended to the Winfree Church Council approval of a \$1,714,000 for the 2026 budget. Church Council approved, the 2026 budget was voted on and approved at the November 2025 Business Meeting.

Requests for Funding outside of 2025 Budget

- Stewardship Committee approved a request from the Property & Space Committee to purchase a replacement range/stove and a replacement freezer. The old range and freezer had stopped working.

Next Up for the Stewardship Committee

- We are currently waiting for the final 2025 Profit and Loss statement and balance sheets (not available at the time of this report). If there is any net income from 2025, then the Committee will implement our OneFund Policy process to determine the distribution of the funds. Debate will be to hold in reserve any net income, spend, pay down dept (Mortgage), or do a combination.
- We are anticipating proposals from the Property & Space Committee to replace the worn-out furniture in the Worship Center lobby.

Endowment – Dee Slaughter, Chair

The Committee met on Sunday, January 18, 2026. Key discussion topics included:

- **Financial Update** - The Fund began 2025 with a balance as of \$243,665 and ended the year (12/31/2025) with a balance of \$284,249 for a 16.66% YTD return on investment.
- **Committee Membership** - Changes effective 2026 (subject to Church approval) include:
 - Lance Mason term ended 12/31/25 and is rolling off the Committee.
 - Michelle Leitch will renew her term (3 years) through 2028.
 - Jon Haynes will join the Committee for a 3-year term through 2028.*Note: these changes are reflected in the Nominating Section of this report.*
- **Congregation Education** – There is a need to communicate the purpose and structure of the Endowment Fund. The Committee discussed and unanimously agreed that it is important to develop an effective education plan regarding the Fund’s purpose and structure for the Congregation. Chairman Slaughter agreed to coordinate with Church Staff and the Leadership Group to formulate a communication strategy for this purpose.

Property & Space – Scott Barlow, Chair

Since the last business meeting, the following projects have been completed:

- A new stove and commercial freezer have been installed in the Worship Center kitchen.
- A shed has been erected for the grill outside the Worship Center kitchen.

Projects that are currently in progress:

- The inverter to turn on the emergency lights in the Worship Center is not fully functional and has been evaluated by a technician. All forty (40) batteries will be replaced within the inverter.
- The Worship Center Lobby furniture team has been working with an interior designer. Furniture pieces, fabrics, and wood stains have been selected. The team is waiting on a quote.
- One of the HVAC units for the Preschool will likely need to be replaced in the near future. It is 16 years old and near the end of its life. James River AC has made some minor repairs to keep the unit functioning. They have been asked and are preparing a proposal to replace the entire unit.

IT – David Williams, Chair

From the IT Committee, 1-26-2026

As noted in previous reports, Matt Knesal is now responsible for the Audio-Visual projects and related issues. Due to the nature of this work, the AV team led by Matt will continue to work closely with the IT team led by David Williams.

IT Projects and activities 2026:

- iMac's upgrade and refresh (Sanctuary) [Q1 2026]

IT Projects and activities completed in 2025:

- Replace staff legacy laptops as they reach end of life [Complete]
- Laptop and Microsoft 365 account for Lee Foster [Complete]
- Replace (upgrade) legacy HVAC computer [Complete]
 - Required a complete HVAC system upgrade [Complete]
- New staff phone system, upgrade and replace [Complete]

Personnel – Dan Ogden, Chair

Since November's business meeting, the Personnel Committee has acted on the following personnel issues:

- Working alongside a group headed by Rev. Jimmy Doan as they continue to search for a Children's Director/ Minister. This group is having to be creative as they have been finding that there is a dearth of candidates available. We all realize the importance of this position and will continue to search for the appropriate individual.
- As our full-time staff continued to integrate with Rev. Foster additional duties remaining from the departure of Dr. Benjamin in Q4, we continued with an interim bonus plan. We will take up the same topic in April for Q1 in 2026 gaining both input and insights from Rev. Foster to ascertain whether and to what extent that program should continue.
- We received and acted on a resignation letter from Traditional Worship Leader, Dr. Carol Hill, whose last date at Winfree is scheduled for Sunday February 1 (or February 8 depending on the weather). We appreciate the work she has done with the adult choir, handbells, and children's choir during her tenure at Winfree and offer best wishes for Dr. Hill in her future endeavors.
- We are continuing to work on updating the Winfree Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. Any recommended changes will be referred to the Leadership Group of Church Council for review and possible edits. The Leadership Group will coordinate with Personnel for final approval and adoption. Our plan is to provide a progress report to the congregation at an upcoming 2026 business meeting.
- We are assembling a benefit booklet to simplify and streamline the process of educating all staff on the menu of benefits offered to them. As part of that work, we have reviewed the health insurance plan as well as other benefit plans with our representative, Chris Leitch, and continue to look for any improvements available. Also, we are working to coordinate these plans with the Winfree Weekday Preschool.

Safety – Tim Jackson & Mike Oberschmidt, co-chairs

Nothing to report.

Special Receptions – Robin McNeny, Chair

It was our privilege to host the Christmas Reception on Winfree's annual Night of Christmas Music. Those who attended seemed to have a good time visiting and making merry. It was a nice evening together.

Nominating

Motion: The following are nominated to serve as listed below.

Recommendations:

Deacons –

- Kitty DeWeese - 1-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Peppy Jones - 1-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Deborah Wiglesworth - 3-year term beginning 1/1/26

Discipleship and Training Team Chair –

- Peggy Rutledge - 3-year term beginning 1/1/26

Endowment Committee –

- Jon Haynes - 3-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Michelle Leitch - 3-year term beginning 1/1/26

Missions & Outreach Team –

- Britton Bagley - No set term

Personnel Committee –

- Michelle Leitch - 3-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Glenn Maddox - 1-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Mary Scott Garrett - 1-year term beginning 1/1/26

Risk Management Committee –

- Kyle Flynn, Chair 3-year term beginning 1/1/26

Stewardship Committee –

- Dean Sadak - 2-year term beginning 1/1/26
- Stuart Thomas - 2-year term beginning 1/1/26

Risk Management – Kyle Flynn, Chair

The Committee met on 12/7/25 to discuss transitioning the Committee Chair from David Krouse to Kyle Flynn. The Committee unanimously agreed to make the change. David will remain on the Committee and Kyle will take over as Committee Chair effective immediately.

Constitution & By-Laws – David Haver, Chair

Nothing to report.

Discipleship and Training Team

Ministry to Young Adults – Joshua Roberts

Oral report.

Ministry to Children and Families - Nicole Flournoy and Lisa Radke, Interim Co-Children's Ministry Directors

Nothing to report.

Ministry to Youth – Jimmy Doan

We are currently continuing to meet as one combined class on Sunday morning down in the Bunker. We are starting off the year with a series based on building spiritual habits to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Any given week between Sunday Morning AMP, Church Service, Sunday Night SURGE, and Midweek Bible Study we are reaching around 60 different youth per week.

On Sunday Nights, we are asking (if possible) every student to bring \$2 to help offset the cost of dinner and .25 to donate to Jean Phenix each week to SNS. Winfree Youth continue to sponsor our Compassion child through our weekly Sunday night offering. His name is Jean Phenix, he is 17 and lives in Haiti with his family.

Online registration is officially open for Mission Madness and our upcoming summer camps.

Upcoming Events:

2/8: Senior Luncheon - 12 PM -1:30 PM

NO SNS – Super Bowl Sunday

2/13: Parent's Night Out, 6-9 PM** UPDATED DATE

2/15: Extended SNS 5-9 PM - MS & HS

2/22: Regular SNS 5-7 PM

2/28: Ice Skating – Richmond Ice Zone - 2-4 PM (\$20)

3/1: NO SNS - Small Group Night

3/8: Regular SNS 5-7 PM

3/15: Regular SNS 5-7 PM

3/20-22: Mission Madness – Richmond

3/28: Easter Extravaganza Event 3-5 PM * Church-wide event

Regular Weekly Events:

Sunday Morning AMP, 9:40-10:40 AM in the Bunker

Sunday Night Surge, 5-7 PM in the Bunker

Wednesday Night Midweek, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Bunker

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the leaders and students in the Youth Ministry of Winfree Church!

Respectfully submitted by Jimmy Doan, Youth Minister

Sunday School Administrator – Aggie Blocker

Nov. '25 Adult Sunday Morning Average Attendance: 164

Total Enrolled (end of Nov. mo. adjust.): 331*

% Attendance/Enrollment: 49%

*Two classes lost 1 member each, and one class did a clean-up of their roster resulting in a drop of 8 people, for a total of 10 people off the rolls.

Jan. '26 Adult Sunday Morning Average Attendance: 167*

Total Enrolled (end of Jan. mo. adjust.): 329

% Attendance/Enrollment: 51%

*Only the first three Sunday's were included in this average, because on Dec. 28th most groups did not meet due to the combined service at 11:00 AM.

- Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies - Total Attendance for 1/25/26: 0*
 - * All Sunday church activities were cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Mid-Week Adult Bible Studies - Total Attendance for 1/19-1/25/26: 30 (out of 73) = 41%
- All four groups scheduled to meet did so.

Church Library

As a reminder, the Church Library (located on the 3rd Floor as you exit the elevator) contains many resources that Bible study leaders may want to check out. In addition, anyone in the congregation who loves to read and wishes to enhance their spiritual studies on their own may enjoy browsing through the many books by well-known authors such as Randy Alcorn, James Dobson, Billy Graham, C.S. Lewis, Max Lucado, Beth Moore and Henri Nouwen (to name a few). There are also devotional and prayer books that are available in the small bookcase under the window. Also check out the section with children's resources to the immediate left as you exit the elevator.

Anyone interested in helping with or taking the lead with the ongoing maintenance of this area should contact Aggie Blocker, as there is always plenty of work that could be done to streamline and better organize these resources.

Deacon Ministry- Charles Shaheen

Current Deacon Chair: Charles Shaheen

Current Assistant Chair: Carolyn Clements

Current Secretary: Brenda Robertson

Sunday: January 11, 2026

The following individuals were baptized: Dalton Maddox and Dominick Meredith

The following Deacons helped with the preparation: Jim Hamacher, Jim Dacey & Stuart Thomas

Deacons first meeting this year

Deacons focus for 2026: Training and review of the different areas of Deacon Ministries to the Winfree Families

Pastor of Congregational Care - Caring Ministry/WeCare – Jimmie Miles

The new year brings new blessings and opportunities to share the love of Christ to our church family and to our community. Here are a few opportunities we have before us in 2026:

- A new ongoing Grief Support Group, led by Steve Mapp and Carolyn Perrin, begins on February 5 at Winfree Church, 6-8 PM in Room 303. It will be a monthly support group.
- Dr. Miles has been meeting with pastoral care staff members from other churches to discover what they are doing and if what they are finding helpful in their situations could be new opportunities for our church family.
- The Card Ministry has added some new members to reach out to our young adults and middle-aged adults. This is in addition to the diverse groups that receive a card of encouragement and inspiration on a consistent schedule.
- Dr. Miles has been in contact with Dr. Nate Revell, the Hospice Community Liaison, who is associated with the Hospice of Virginia. One of the reasons for this contact is to improve our circle of care for those patients and their loved ones who may be a

part of hospice care. This will allow our Deacons and Staff to be aware of the patient and family spiritual needs.

- Continued training for our deacons involved in the Family Ministry.
- Working closely with our bible study teachers to improve our Congregational Care communications.

As you may be able to see as you review, the new opportunities for caring service with a loving and caring ministry of presence will be filled with expectations and blessings in 2026.

Dr. Jimmie Miles, Congregational Care Minister

Weekday Preschool – Mary Scott Garrett, Chair

The Preschool has had a busy start to Winter! The staff celebrated with a Christmas party on December 19th. We held a school wide sing-along, where Pastor Matt and Pastor Foster were able to introduce themselves to the parents and invite them to the many holiday activities at Winfree.

Re-registration began for currently enrolled children and families on 12/1/25. We returned to school on January 5th with fall 2026-27 school registration taking place as well as many tours and visits to the preschool.

The fire truck visited the school on January 14-15; this was a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about community helpers. We had Chapel on January 26-27 which the children really enjoyed! Mrs. DeWeese and Pastor Matt assisted with Chapel, and it is truly wonderful! Some parents even attended.

We are looking forward to February; the team has a professional development seminar coming up as well as the Plush Mobile Clinic, which is coming to our school.

Bereavement Committee – Robin McNeny, Chair

We have not served any Winfree families since August 2025. The committee stands ready should we be needed.

Worship & Celebration Team – Meredith Sigler

Date	9:40 am	11:00 am	Total	9:40 am Average	11:00 am Average	Total Average
Nov 16	136	260	396	137	239	376
Nov 23	154	278	432	139	240	379
Nov 30	149	210	359	140	239	379
Dec 07	141	278	419	140	238	378
Dec 14	121	228	349	140	237	377
Dec 21	155	240	395	141	238	379
Dec 28	combined	185	185			

Date	9:40 am	11:00 am	Total	9:40 am Average	11:00 am Average	Total Average
Jan 04	141	225	366	141	225	366
Jan 11	140	240	380	141	233	374
Jan 18	124	220	344	141	228	369
Jan 25 (online)			221			
Feb 01 (11am only)		197	197			

Winfree had five special opportunities for worship during the Advent season. Thank you to the staff, the Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and older Children’s Choir led by Carol Hill, the younger Children’s Choir led by Marilyn McCarty and Rick Kaerwer, the Praise Band led by Matt Knesal, and all the volunteers for your planning and practice that ensured that each worship experience was outstanding!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who transformed our grounds for Christmas and back again! Your efforts are much appreciated!

Winfree's last service of 2025 was a single combined service where we got to bring both services' attendees gathered in worship together.

The Worship Team will be sending a combined survey with Missions soon to get feedback from the congregation about Advent and Worship in general, but if there are any specific suggestions or feedback before then, please let Meredith Sigler know.

Lent is fast approaching, so please block your calendars for Ash Wed (Feb 18), Maundy Thursday (Apr 2), and Easter Sunday (Apr 5) services. Specific details to come.

AV/IT – Matt Knesal

It has been a great season here at Winfree with many wonderful things happening. I want to thank all of our amazing volunteers for their hard work and dedication - from standard services to the many extra services and events that came with the Christmas season this year.

We had a great Christmas season at Winfree. Nights of Christmas music was a great success focusing on the Light of the World Jesus Christ. Huge thanks to the Worship Team coming together to collaborate on the project. A huge thank you as well to the Staging Team lead by Debbie Strutton. Debbie Strutton, Karla Ogden, and Kerstan McGrath, as always, do such a beautiful job on designing and collaborating the scenes and Décor inside and outside of the Worship Center for the Christmas season. Christmas Eve also was an amazing and powerful night of worship here at Winfree this year, and a huge thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes to make that service so successful.

A few volunteer shoutouts for this past season. First a huge thank you to Travis Verlander and Dakotah Forbes. They stepped up big this season behind the scenes and worked incredibly hard to bring us all the visuals, lyrics, and lighting. Another person to thank is David Krouse. As you may or may not know, he is the main manager of our Sunday streaming for both services. Each week he works tirelessly more and more to solidify our stream, so a huge thank you to David Krouse for all he does here at Winfree.

In the AV world, I'm working hard with the volunteers in constantly creating ways to keep ahead of the curveball of technology. The crow's nest for media is working better than ever, and Church Tech group has been great in collaboration - helping us dial in everything and including all our needs. Church Tech group has also recently begun the process of sound graphing both worship spaces, evaluating conversations on how to better improve the environment and sound of our services. They are also beginning to assist with the environmental elements of both services such as the screens and projections that are used, assessing the lifespan of the equipment and looking towards what best serves both services. We are also trying to repair and replace the assisted hearing systems that were installed a while back that unfortunately have not been working effectively lately.

As you can see, these are just a few of the amazing things going on in Tech and Worship here at Winfree church. I believe that we have some great collaborative projects and events set and ready to go for this year. If you want to be a part of these strides towards creating and advancing the Worship here at Winfree, please email me at matthew.k@winfreechurch.org and learn how you can become a part of this amazing team.

Traditional Worship – Dr. Carol Hill

The main points our Traditional Worship Leader would like to share are:

- Christmas was certainly a busy time for our Adult Choir with both morning and evening presentations throughout the month of December. What a talented group to work with. It's been such a privilege and honor to lead them these 22 months at Winfree.
- The Handbell Ensemble has continued to progress and improve as they work with our new set of handbells. It was such a joy to see that dream realized for Winfree with the purchase of a brand-new three-octave set of bells. The chimes will continue to be utilized together with the bells. I pray for the bell group to be a continued blessing for Winfree!
- The Children's Choirs had a wonderful presentation at Night of Christmas Music. It has been such a joy to work with the children at Winfree! The Children's Choirs and BLAST will be starting back up Sunday, Feb. 15th!! I wish them well as they continue.
- Finally, my sincere gratitude to all that have been so supportive and encouraging during my time of ministry here at Winfree. When I was given the position, it was such a Godsend. I've enjoyed so much of what I was allowed to do and develop at Winfree. I pray that Winfree will continue to be a blessing to this community, and that God will continue to use Winfree in a mighty way to touch the minds and hearts of those they meet!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you here at Winfree, April 2024-February 2026.

Missions & Outreach – Suzanne Drake

Needles & Hooks - Debbie Valenti and Alice Bunch

The Needles and Hooks continue to make items for local assisted living centers. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Debbie Valenti at vdvalenti@verizon.net.

Helping Hands - Doug Garrett

Helping Hands was busy this past quarter. We helped dismantle a ramp for a church visitor, and helped a widower move and put together a shed for the church.

Backpack Ministry - Terry Jones and Susan Oberschmidt

This ministry's focus is to provide weekend meal support (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for elementary students and their families in need. This ministry currently serves 33 families representing 137 people identified by the following schools:

- Bon Air Elementary
- Greenfield Elementary
- Reams Elementary
- Robious Elementary
- Watkins Elementary

In November, Bon Air Elementary had a food drive and donated the collected food to Winfree's Backpack Ministry. We appreciate this blessing, and the families were also able to have lots of different foods and treats.

For Christmas, we also gave each family canned ham and candy canes, along with other standard foods.

Here's how you can help:

1. Be a grocery shopper in a weekly rotation.
2. Deliver bags of food to schools (Tuesday mornings).
3. Pack bags of food for families in need (Tuesday morning at 10 AM).
4. Donate paper grocery bags with handles, like the ones that Kroger gives out. These are used every week.

For questions, please contact:

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Friends of the Homeless - Sara Nunn

Winfree continues to be a generous congregation with resources to purchase many of the items for lunch. Generous volunteers supply additional items and prepare the meals. This vital ministry is now in its 38th year and serves over 2500 meals a week!

If anyone is interested in volunteering or supplying items, please contact Sara Nunn (saranunn@comcast.net).

Shoebox Ministry - Susan Ratliff

We sent 620 shoeboxes around the world this year! A new Build a Shoebox online link is on the Winfree website under Global Missions.

Missions and Outreach - Suzanne Drake

- Sleep in Heavenly Bed Build was held on December 6, 2025. Winfree built 14 beds that will be distributed throughout the Richmond area to kids who do not have a bed.
- We have partnered with a church in Bad Ischl, Austria and will be sending a team to Bad Ischl from May 22 – June 1st to do missions work with them. Please reach out to Josh Roberts if you are interested in more information.
- Mission and Outreach could use several other team members. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Suzanne Drake: sdrakehome@gmail.com.