

**BOOK OF REPORTS  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**May 13, 2026**

**\*Revised May 15, 2026**



# WINFREE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Winfree Memorial Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026

Sam McNeny, Moderator, called the business meeting to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was not present, so we could not conduct official business. The information included in these minutes is for informational purposes only; more in-depth information can be found in the Book of Reports.

### Recommendations from the Church Council:

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

Treasurer's Report - Ed Wickham - Church Financial Statistics  
January 1, 2025- December 31, 2025

\*\*We had unplanned maintenance and the camera system was degraded; we used a designated fund to cover these expenses.

### Church Investment Accounts - 09/30/2025

- \* Everbless Cash Port Folio - \$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

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ed Wickham or the Church Financial Administrator, Lindy Moore

Please refer to the Book of Reports for the Preschool Financial Information.

Administration Team: Scott Barlow and Mike Oberschmidt

Stewardship - Glenn Taylert, Chair

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details

2026 Winfree Budget - The Stewardship Committee recommended to the Winfree Church Counsel that the 2026 budget of \$1,714,000 be approved. Church Council approved the 2026 budget, which was voted upon/approved at the November 2026 business meeting.

The Stewardship Committee approved a request from Property and Space to purchase a replacement stove/range and freezer as the old equipment had quit working. A future consideration, based upon final Profit and Loss statement/balance sheets, will be to consider replacing worn out furniture in the Worship Center lobby.

Endowment - Dee Slaughter, Chair

Financial Update: The fund began 2025 with a balance of \$243,665 and ended the year with a balance of \$284,249, for a 16.6% YTD return on investment.

Committee Membership Changes (effective 2026)

Lance Mason; term expired 12/31/25

Michelle Leitch; term renewed through 2028 (3 years)

Jon Haynes joining committee with a term through 2028

Please see the Book of Reports for Congregation Education.

Property and Space - Scott Barlow, Chair

Tasks Completed:

\*New stove and commercial freezer installed in Worship Center Kitchen

\*Shed erected to house the grill outside the Worship Center Kitchen

Please see the Book of Reports for projects currently in progress.

IT - David Williams, Chair

2026 Projects:

Upgrade iMacs and Refresh (Sanctuary) goal: Q1 2026

2025 Projects

Replace staff legacy laptops reaching end of life (completed)

Laptop/Microsoft 365 account for Lee Foster (completed)

Replace/upgrade legacy HVAC computer (completed)

New Staff Phone System upgrade/replace (completed)

Personnel - Dan Ogden, Chair

\* Worked with Children's Minister Work Group and Jimmy Doan

\* Re-evaluated interim bonus plan

\* Acted upon resignation letter from Dr. Carol Hill/expressed our appreciation for her work

\*Work on Winfree Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual continues

\*Developed a benefit booklet to simplify and streamline the process for staff

\*Thanks expressed to Robin McNeny and Special Receptions committee for many lovely receptions

Special Receptions - Robin McNeny Chair

Thanks to all who attended and to those who assisted; it was our pleasure!

Nominating:

Deacons:

Kitty Deweese, 1-year term, beginning 1/1/26  
Peppy Jones, 1-year term, beginning 1/1/26  
Deborah Wigglesworth, 3-year term, beginning 1/1/26

Discipleship and Training Team Chair

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

Missions and Outreach Team:

Britton Bagley (no term set)

Endowment Committee:

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

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

Worship Team:

Marlaina Knowlton 3-year term, beginning 1/1/26

Risk Management - Kyle Flynn, Chair

The committee unanimously agreed to a change in leadership, as Kyle Flynn replaced David Krouse, who remains on the committee.

Ministry to Youth - Jimmy Doan

Please refer to the Book of Reports for Sunday morning and night activities as well as upcoming events. Bible study continues in the Bunker; approximately 60 youth take part in AMP, Church Service, Sunday night SURGE, and midweek Bible study.

Discipleship and Training:

Sunday School Administrator - Aggie Blocker

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details on enrollment for Adult Bible study attendance/enrollment.

Deacon Ministry - Charles Shaheen

Chair: Charles Shaheen / Assistant Chair: Carolyn Clements / Secretary; Brenda Robertson  
Many thanks to Marie Peters for her work as Deacon Chair!

Pastor of Congregational Care - Jimmie Miles

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details on Dr. Miles's ministry efforts.

Winfree Weekday Preschool - Mary Scott Garrett, Chair

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details on the fall activities, registration, as well as winter activities.

Worship and Celebration Team - Meredith Sigler

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details of attendance at both services as well as for details of special opportunities for worship during Advent. Thanks to the staff, adult choir, handbell choir, children's choir and those who lead the children, the Praise Band, and all of the volunteers who helped with special worship services.

AV/IT - Matt Knesal

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details of the various things that occurred in worship as well as thanks to all who assisted during the Christmas season. Special thanks to Travis Verlander and Dakotah Forbes who stepped up as well as to David Krouse. Also thanks to the church tech group who assisted with environmental elements in both services.

Traditional Worship - Dr. Carol Hill

Thanks to the Adult Choir; it has been a privilege to lead you. The Children's Choir did a wonderful job on the Night of Christmas music; it was a joy to work with you. Thanks to everyone who has been supportive and encouraging during my time here. Thank you for letting me serve!

Missions and Outreach - Suzanne Drake

Please refer to the Book of Reports for details on Needles & Hooks, Helping Hands, and the Backpack Ministry. Thanks to Bon Air Elementary who had a food drive to donate to our backpack ministry. We appreciate all of our volunteers who shop, deliver bags of food to schools, pack bags of food and donate grocery bags with handles.

Friends of the Homeless: Sara Nunn

Please refer to the Book of Reports to see how you can help.

Shoe Box Ministry: Susan Ratliff

Please refer to the Book of Reports.

Missions and Outreach: Suzanne Drake

We took part in the *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* and built 14 beds that will be distributed

throughout Richmond to children who do not have a bed. We are partnering with a church in Bad Ischl, Austria and are sending a team there from May 22 - June 1 to do mission work with them, and we are still looking for new members. Please contact Suzanne Drake if you are interested.

**Called Business Meeting - April 19, 2026**

Winfree Church met in business session at the end of each service.

The following motion was made by Rev. Jimmy Doan on behalf of the Ministry to Children and Families Search Committee.

The Ministry to Children and Families Search Committee recommends:

Winfree Memorial Baptist Church call Lisa Lynch as its Associate Minister of Children and Families.

Reverend Doan spoke in favor of the Motion. There was no further discussion.

The vote was by secret ballot.

The tally of the votes showed that the necessary ¾ majority was met. Therefore, the motion passed.

The Moderator asked Ms. Lynch if she accepted the call and she replied in the affirmative.

The Moderator thanked the search committee and the counters. See below for a list of those who served.

Since there was no other business to come before the body, the moderator adjourned the meeting.

Counters

<u>Service</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Available</u>
11:00	Sharon Cason Card		Yes
11:00	Jon Haynes	Yes	Yes
11:00	Heather Thornton		Yes
11:00	Lance Mason		Yes
9:40	Brenda Carmichael	Yes	Yes
9:40	Brenda Robinson		Yes
9:40	Richard Paul		Yes
9:40	Bill Minson		Yes

Minister for Children and Families search committee

- Sarah Roeske
- Reverend Jimmy Doan (staff representative)
- Marlaina Knowlton
- Rick Kaerwer
- Rosey Haake
- Amy Miller
- Todd Hamm

### **Clerk Report of Membership May 2026**

\*Since the November Business Meeting, the following members have joined Winfree:

Total Membership as of November 19, 2025: **1,540**

Steve Bryant	11/16/25
Gay Bryant	11/16/25
Dalton Maddox (baptized)	01/11/26
Dominick Meredith (baptized)	01/11/26
Doug Mullins (baptized 4-19)	03/01/26
Jill Mathieu	03/15/26
Jude Haynes (baptized)	04/19/26
Elise Williams (baptized)	04/19/26

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

Judith Dyer (deceased)	01/16/26
Nancy Lynch (deceased)	03/29/26

The net membership change since the last business meeting : 6

Total membership as of May 11, 2026: **1,546**

### **Recommendations from the Church Council:**

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

## Treasurer's Report - Ed Wickham

### Church Financial Statistics January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

<b>Contribution Target</b>	<b>3/31/26</b>	<b>\$428,500</b>
Contributions	3/31/26	\$384,049
Expenses	3/31/26	\$426,158
Net Income	3/31/26	-\$38,343

### Church Investment Accounts – 3/31/2026

- Everbless Cash Portfolio – \$249,316
- Raymond James CD - \$105,001
- Money Market Account at Atlantic Union Bank - \$46,909
- General Operating Account at Atlantic Union Bank – \$18,384
- Endowment Account at Fidelity Investment - \$291,164
- Atlantic Union Bank Trust Fund - \$98,174
- Mortgage Balance - \$1,579,205

### Preschool Financial Statistics July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

<b>Income Target</b>	<b>3/31/26</b>	<b>\$502,618</b>
Income	3/31/26	\$538,108
Expenses	3/31/26	\$486,813
Net Income	3/31/26	\$51,295

### Preschool Investment Accounts – 3/31/26

- Money Market TowneBank - \$158,708
- Virginia Baptist Foundation - \$127,014
- General Operating Account at TowneBank - \$278,573

### 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.
- For the Church & Preschool all expenses are paid out of the operating accounts.
- Church Designated Accounts from the Balance Sheet are funds that have a designated specific purpose. They are not separate bank accounts.
- Please continue to review your online contribution statements. If something 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**

#### **2026 OneFund January through March Summary**

- 2026 January – March OneFund Giving was \$384,048
  - Exceeds 2025 1<sup>st</sup> quarter giving by \$3,326 (+.87%)
  - Exceeds 2024 1st quarter giving by \$27,374 (+7.6%)

#### **2026 Winfree Budget Income vs Expenses (3 months)**

- 2026 1<sup>st</sup> quarter OneFund donations totaled \$384,048. Our OneFund goal/budget is \$428,500, therefore, we are \$44,451 behind in budgeted giving.
- 2026 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Total Expenses are \$426,158 against a 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expense budget of \$432,267. Our expenses are \$6,109 below the budgeted expenses for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2026 but exceeded giving by \$42,110.
- In summary, we are doing a good job keeping expenses down over 3 months, but we are lagging behind in OneFund donations.

#### **CCHASM Mission No Longer Funded**

- The Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM) ceased operating in April. Winfree church's financial support to CCHASM was \$1,200 per year/\$100 per month. We had already sent CCHASM \$300 in support before their operation shut down. The Stewardship Committee motioned and passed a resolution to stop further support of CCHASM (Budget Line 51100), and to redirect the remaining budgeted \$900 to a mission to be selected by Winfree leadership. The Stewardship Committee voted in favor of not putting any restrictions on the \$900 other than to spread the Word of God and Serve Others.

#### **Stewardship Committee's Guidance for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters**

- All of our Winfree Committees are showing frugality and care with their spending. However, we experienced an especially cold and snowy February/March, costing Winfree snow clearing and higher heating costs. We are also doing our best to replace lobby furniture. These events caused high expenses for our Buildings & Grounds Team. The Stewardship Committee is prayerful and hopeful that the remainder of the year will be less expensive.

#### **Future Concerns**

- In the next few years, Winfree Church will need to make expensive upgrades to our Worship Center's audio and video equipment. We need to start preparing for those expenses.

### **Endowment – Dee Slaughter, Chair**

Since the last Business Meeting, the Committee has not met.

- **Financial Update** - the Fund balance as of 4/13/2026 is \$287,449.
- **Congregation Education** – As reported at the last Business Meeting, 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:

- Interior directory signage has been installed in key areas to make visitors feel comfortable navigating the church.
- All of the kitchen appliance operating manuals have been collected and kitchen cleaning schedules have been developed. Both the manuals and schedules are now available in the kitchen.
- The old, cracked wooden exterior doors for the Bunker and Boiler Room have been replaced with metal doors.

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. Forty (40) batteries will be replaced within the inverter.
- The furniture for the Worship Center lobby furniture has been ordered with an expected arrival during the second half of May.
- One of the HVAC units for the preschool needs to be replaced in the near future. It is 16-years old and near the end of its life. We are currently working with the selected vendor, Colonial Webb, to schedule the replacement work.

## **IT – David Williams, Chair**

Nothing to report.

## **Personnel – Dan Ogden, Chair**

Since January's business meeting, our committee has acted on the following personnel issues:

- Our committee worked alongside a group led by Rev. Jimmy Doan as they searched for an Associate Minister of Children and Families. As a result of the search team's hard work, Lisa Lynch was called and approved by the congregation at the April 19<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Lisa will join our staff in early May. A big thanks goes to the search team.
- Attention now goes to a search for a Traditional Worship Leader which will involve meetings with the adult choir to help craft a job description, after which a search will be implemented. Pray for wisdom in finding the right candidate to fill this position.
- We continue to work on changes for Winfree's Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. This includes reviewing all job positions and responsibilities to better define duties properly. Recommendations will be referred to Church Council for review, possible edits and recommended approval.

- Weekday Preschool Director - As the school year comes to a close in June, we will be assisting the Weekday Preschool Committee and Rev. Foster to assemble a group to find a replacement for the Director position. As with the Traditional Worship Leader position, we covet your prayers during this process.

**Safety – Tim Jackson & Mike Oberschmidt, co-chairs**

Nothing to report.

**Special Receptions – Robin McNeny, Chair**

Nothing to report. No events on the calendar yet in 2026. Stay tuned!

**Nominating**

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

Recommendations:

Discipleship and Training Team Chair –

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

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

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 –

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

Scouting America – Chartered Organization Representative (COR)

- Steve Schmidt - No set term

### **Risk Management – Kyle Flynn, Chair**

Brotherhood Mutual visited Winfree on February 13, 2026 to perform a site visit and to offer recommendations to help reduce the possibility for losses.

The report was shared with Risk Management and Property and Space and dated March 27, 2026.

Communication between the two committees indicates estimated completion of recommendations by the end of May.

### **Constitution & By-Laws – David Haver, Chair**

Nothing to report.

## **Discipleship and Training Team – Peggy Rutledge**

### **TEAM GOALS FOR 2026:**

1. Increase opportunities for fellowship and training for volunteer teachers.
2. Strengthen discipleship program for new believers and new members.
3. Facilitate teachers and groups in finding new materials and sharing information about materials that have been used in groups.

### **Ministry to Young Adults – Joshua Roberts**

- A new Young Adult Bible Study launched this January led by Todd Hamm (See Adult Groups above). If you are looking for a Sunday Morning Bible Study Group, this is a great one to attend.
- Monday Night YAM JAM continues to steadily fluctuate in attendance, mostly due to school as well as people moving and changing jobs. It is exciting to see so many younger families beginning to attend Winfree Church. There is more excitement and growth through children. YAMs are still looking to multiply into two groups.

### **Community Groups\***

- Community groups are a great opportunity to meet new people within the Winfree Church family. The groups will be centered around things you already enjoy doing or something you are interested in beginning. These are affinity groups. If you have a hobby, passion for games, exercising, Bible study, or even eating, these groups would be great for you to join.
- If you have an idea for a community group, are interested in leading one, or want to know more about community groups, please reach out to me at: [josh.r@winfreechurch.org](mailto:josh.r@winfreechurch.org)

## **Austria Missions Partnership\***

### **a. Winfree Church Welcomes David Bunce**

Rev. David Bunce who serves as pastor of Bad Ischl Baptist and as Secretary General of the Baptist Union of Austria will be joining in person at Winfree Church, the weekend of May 1-3, 2026. As you know, David was supposed to join us on Sunday January 25, but he was able to delay his trip past the winter weather.

When David comes, we will host a dinner for him and members of Church Council, Missions Committee, and members of the team who have gone and are going to Bad Ischl at the end of May. This meeting will allow leaders of the church to hear more about opportunities within Bad Ischl and the Austian Baptist Union.

### **b. Mission Trip**

May 24 through June 1, Winfree Church will be taking another team to Bad Ischl to help with their Long Night of the Churches event that will take place on May 29. Long Night of the Churches is a national event where churches are encouraged by the government to host community events in community spaces. These events across the country allow churches to engage with people in their communities, sometimes for the first time, and share about the church and what it does.

The Baptists of Bad Ischl are hosting and leading this community event in Bad Ischl and we are going to help. There will be games and activities for kids, music, lessons, and information surrounding the idea of unity and love around the world. Our own Mark and Peggy Rutledge will be one of the speakers at this event.

Our task will be to help work this event, allowing members of Bad Ischl Baptist to connect with members of their community. We will be preparing the food which will be an “American BBQ” theme. Our menu is set with smoked pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans (cowboy beans), and cobbler. We will also assist the church wherever else we are needed.

### **Along with these things, I am involved in: Dusting Ministry\*, Divorce Care\*, Prayer Ministry\*, Men’s Alliance\***

I hope to share more with you on these future plans and how you can become involved should these opportunities still be present for those at Winfree Church to continue with leadership.

## **Ministry to Children and Families – Jimmy Doan**

- Welcome to Lisa Lynch, our newly called Associate Minister of Children and Families. She was officially called on April 19, 2026 and will begin in early May.
- Our Children’s Ministry continues to grow! Lisa and Nicole have done an outstanding job of overseeing the children’s ministry during this interim period, as well as all of the other dedicated volunteers that have stepped up during this time. Thank you all!!!
- The Easter Eggstravaganza event was a huge success! Thanks to everyone that volunteered and to those who donated candy & eggs!
- SPARK (Serving Others, Praying Together, Acting in Love, Rooted in God’s Word, Knowing Christ) for 4th and 5th graders meeting monthly on Sunday evenings.

- Sunday afternoon BLAST and choir program have been successful and will finish on Sunday May 3rd. The elementary age children's choir sang their songs in both services on 4/26.
- **Future:** Plans are being made for the children's ministry summer events. We still need volunteers to help in all the different areas of this ministry so please be on the lookout for ways you can plug in to your church family and volunteer some time.

### **Save the Date:**

- 7/13-7/17: WINSHAPE CAMP at Winfree – register now so your kid will have a spot!
- 7/27-7/31: Preschool VBS Camp – contact Beth Stevenson if you can help!
- If you can volunteer for either camp, please sign up!
- Thanks again for all of your prayers, support, and patience during this process!

### **Ministry to Youth – Jimmy Doan**

SNS will end for the school year 5/17 with the Senior Roast. Our last regular meeting was a special time with Pastor David Bunce from Austria sharing about what his ministry is doing in Bad Ischl.

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.

Learning to live out our faith: Youth have been involved in Birthday boxes for children in schools; Mission Madness – over 280 leaders and students went into the community of Richmond to do different service projects; and continuing to sponsor a teenage student in Haiti through Compassion.

### **Upcoming Events:**

5/17: SNS - Senior Roast

5/24: NO SNS - Memorial Day weekend

### **Summer Trips:**

6/08-6/12: FUGE – Regent University – Virginia Beach, VA

6/21-6/27: IMPACT VA – Roanoke, VA

7/13-7/17: WINSHAPE CAMP at Winfree, sign up to volunteer!

There will also be other monthly gatherings for the youth to get together such as hang outs and pool parties.

### **Regular Weekly Events:**

Sunday Morning AMP 9:40-10:40 am in the Bunker

Sunday Night SURGE 5-7 pm in the Bunker (5/17 will be the last SNS for the school year)

Wednesday Night Midweek 6:30-7:30 pm in the Bunker (stopped for the summer)

### **Sunday School Administrator – Aggie Blocker**

- An update to the Adult Bible Study Groups has been prepared and should be available soon on the website and in booklet form at the office.

- Sunday additions: A new Young Adult class, The Foundry, led by Todd Hamm, meets Sundays at 9:40 a.m. in C230 (Chapel Building), age range about 25-35. Welcome to the team, Todd! Thank you Josh for helping initiate this group growing out of the Young Adult ministry.
- Weekday group changes: Salt & Light has disbanded and 3 groups will be taking a summer break.

## **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

**Baptisms:** Sunday, April 19, 2026: Elise Williams, Doug Mullins & Jude Haynes  
 The following Deacons helped with the preparation: James Williams, Jim Dacey & Kitty DeWeese.

**Welcome New Members:** Doug Mullins and Jill Mathieu both joined in March.

## **Deacons continue to focus on training during 2026:**

Care Ministry Training - Presented by the Middle District Baptist Association, was hosted by Winfree Church, on Saturday April 18, 2026.

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

No report

## **Wednesday Night Dinners - Kitty DeWeese**

- Kitty has been heading up Wednesday Night Dinners since April 8th.
- Participation has averaged 70-75 each week for dinner.
- As it is the one time each week that gathers together everyone from both services, this has been and is a fabulous opportunity for fellowship and sharing a meal with one another.

- Summer break will start mid-May.
- We hope to increase both attendance and recruit more volunteers as we start again in the fall 2026. Contact Kitty or the office to volunteer.

**Weekday Preschool – Mary Scott Garrett, Chair, Sasha Dunlap, Interim Director**

- The Preschool Director position has been posted and is accepting resumes.
- The committee and interim Preschool Director are currently working on strengthening the preschool’s partnership with the church in order to collaborate more intentionally with church leadership; and making improvements to the preschool administration systems that will provide better student and staff security and record keeping.
- Enrollment remains very strong: Toddlers, Twos, and Threes are fully enrolled; 1 Junior Kindergarten spot remains; and 8 four-year old spots remain across two classes.
- Recent special events: Dad’s Nights; Petting Zoo; Spring Bunny Pictures
- Looking ahead: Mother’s Day and Teacher Appreciation Week (May 11-15). Renewing teacher contracts in May.

**Bereavement Committee – Robin McNeny, Chair**

- The Bereavement Committee hosted a reception following the Memorial Service for Jill Matthieu's husband, Saturday, May 9th.
- If anyone is interested in joining the Bereavement Committee, Robin McNeny would love to talk with you. There are a variety of ways you can help. Call or text Robin at (804) 399-4657!

**Worship & Celebration Team – Meredith Sigler**

Date	9:40 am	11:00 am	Total	9:40am Average	11:00am Average	Total Average
Feb 08	110	231	341	129	230	359
Feb 15	127	215	342	130	227	357
Feb 22	115	212	327	130	220	350
Mar 01	143	235	378	130	222	352
Mar 08	107	210	317	130	221	351
Mar 15	126	240	366	130	223	353
Mar 22	121	238	359	130	224	354
Mar 29	128	230	358	130	224	354
Apr 05	195	365	560	131	235	366
Apr 12	135	190	325	132	232	364
Apr 19	125	240	365	131	233	364

Apr 26	135	235	<b>370</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>364</b>
May 03	123	215	<b>338</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>362</b>
May 10	126	234	<b>360</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>363</b>

During the Lenten season, Winfree held special services on Ash Wed (Feb 18) and Maundy Thursday (Apr 2) in addition to the Easter services. Thank you to Winfree’s staff, the Adult Choir, the Praise Band, and the Overflow Choir for your planning and extra practice time to make these services so moving!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who received and arranged the Easter Lilies used to decorate the grounds for our Easter services! Your efforts are much appreciated!

The Young Musicians Choir (Grades 2-5) led by Christine Robinson sang in both services on Apr 26. The Young Musicians sang one song in the Traditional Service and led the congregation in three songs during the Contemporary service with back-up from the Praise Band. The congregation as a whole raved about how well the children did! The kids have been invited back to sing with the Praise Band again soon. As soon as the new Children’s Music Director has been identified, solid plans will be made.

Welcome to Beverley Edwards, our new Traditional Worship Minister! Now that this position has been filled, the Worship Team will be able to start meeting with its new structure and goal to bring new worship elements to both services to accentuate the Church’s worship experience.

**Upcoming:**

- Youth Sunday will be held on May 17th with the Youth and Youth Praise Band leading both services.
- Winfree will hold its next combined service in July. Additional details to come.
- The Worship and Mission Teams are still working with the staff to develop a combined survey to get feedback from the congregation.

**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 extra events at Winfree.

First, a huge “thank you” to everyone who helped Winfree host Matt Maher, John Mark McMillan, and Josh Baldwin. It was a massive success, having over 520 people attending. We hope this will lead to many more opportunities like this. We also had a great worship service with our kid’s choir, and a massive thank you for the hard work to make that amazing worship opportunity happen.

Tech-wise we have had Church Tech group come in and start the beginning stages of evaluating our current sound and video structure in both services. This evaluation helps us look toward the future and truly know what state our equipment is in. There is already a structure in place to

begin rotating our equipment for longer lifespans and sudden large costs due to breakdowns. A huge thank you as always to our amazing AV volunteers for the hard work they do here to make our services run as smoothly as they do. A special shout out to Travis Williams, our sound engineer. He has been going above and beyond in this season, encouraging the AV Team and pushing them into being the best that the AV Team can be. His hard work and dedication do so much in enabling our services to look and sound at an even higher level each and every week.

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](mailto:matthew.k@winfreechurch.org) and learn how you can become a part of this amazing team.

### **Traditional Worship**

A big “Welcome” to Beverley Edwards who joined the Winfree staff on May 6! A special thanks to everyone that helped to keep the music flowing smoothly in our Traditional Worship service during the transition!

### **Missions & Outreach** – Suzanne Drake

#### **Needles & Hooks** - Debbie Valenti and Alice Bunch

Needles and Hooks are helping the AHA Web of Hope with a current drive they are having this month. We are contributing five baby blankets, eight lapghans, and 37 shawls. We continue to make donations to local assistive living facilities and help AHA as they request.

#### **Helping Hands** - Doug Garrett

This summer Helping Hands will assist in putting up and breaking down the physical materials needed for Vacation Bible school.

#### **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 32 families representing 130 people identified by the following schools:

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

The Backpack Ministry will continue to fulfill the needs identified by the schools (+/-) through the end of May for this school year. The ministry plans to restart the next school year in August. Donation of paper grocery bags with handles, like the ones that Kroger gives out, are always needed and appreciated. These are used every week.

For questions, please contact: Terry Jones - terryljones5@gmail.com / Susan Oberschmidt – swoberschmidt@gmail.com.

### **Friends of the Homeless - Sara Nunn**

Friends of the Homeless celebrates a milestone this Spring! It was 40 years ago that the founder of FOH (Shawnee Hansen) was a member of Winfree. If anyone is interested in volunteering or supplying items, please contact Sara Nunn (saranunn@comcast.net).

### **Shoebox Ministry - Susan Ratliffe**

No new updates.

### **Missions and Outreach - Suzanne Drake**

Our Bad Ischl, Austria mission trip is coming up from May 22 - June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be in prayer for the team as they travel to Austria.