

Winfree Church Profile

Brief History & Ministry Activities

History

Winfree Church has a deep passion for reaching out to those who are in need and sharing God's love in meaningful ways. We have a rich history of over 160 years, but what we are most excited about is where God is leading us in the future. We are focused on demonstrating the love of Jesus to the people that live in and around Midlothian and sharing the good news of a new life through Him.

Winfree Church was organized by 22 members in 1852 as Jerusalem Baptist Church. Originally located a few miles to the west, in 1881 the congregation decided it needed to be closer to the mines in Midlothian to minister there. The "meeting house" was rolled down Midlothian Turnpike on logs to our current location. Shortly after arrival, there was a series of devastating explosions in the mines and the church took care of numerous widows and orphans. Winfree Church was renamed in honor of pastor Robert H. Winfree and his father, pastor David B. Winfree, who initially led the church from 1852 to 1873 and again from 1884 to 1888. Robert H. Winfree was pastor of the church from 1889 to 1940.

Major Ministry Activities:

- Two distinct worship services: Traditional (9:40 AM) and Contemporary (11:00 AM)
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- CARITAS - Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter
- Women's Missionary Union (WMU)
- Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM)
- Backpack Ministry
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Hunger Relief Ministries
- Weekday Preschool
- Friends of the Homeless
- Charter of 2 Scout Troops and 1 Scout Pack
- Allow other non-profits to use facility for events

Senior Pastor Timeline (last three senior pastors)

- Dr. Ben Wagener - 1982 - 1994 (resigned)
 - Dr. Bob Woodward - Interim 1995-1997
- Dr. Gary Light - 1997 - 2004 (resigned)
 - Dr. Tom McCann - Intentional Interim 2005 - 2008
- Dr. David Benjamin - 2008 - 2024 (retired)
 - Dr. Mike Clingenpeel - Interim 2024 - present

Affiliation & Beliefs

What we believe:

Our MISSION is to **share Christ and serve others.**

Our VISION is to be the Church that positively impacts the lives of the people around us...

- by reaching out with intention to those who live in our surrounding community in order to draw them closer to Christ
- by establishing ministries that are intergenerational in nature and which seek to serve the whole person, regardless of need
- by providing an atmosphere that demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ for those within our community and our church

Our covenant states our core values as a congregation.

Winfree Covenant:

The Winfree Covenant is a statement of our core values as a congregation; as such, it is our clearest expression of the hopes and ideals which call us to a deeper relationship with God and one another.

We are together to be God's church. We are not here by chance; rather God through His grace is making of us a fellowship to embody and to express the very Spirit of His Son.

As members of such a fellowship, each of us intends to live under these commitments: I will study the Bible, meditate and pray so that I will more fully experience the presence of God.

I will gather with the church to worship God, share the Good News, and examine its implications for my life.

I will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, believing that the Holy Spirit may come to me directly or through scripture, persons, history, the arts, nature, current events or other sources.

I will educate my family members in God's Word and instruct them in His ways. I will try by example and personal effort to lead those under my care to a commitment to Jesus Christ and encourage them in Christian growth.

I will be responsible to God through the creative use of my talents, time, income and possessions. I will give systematically and even sacrificially to the financial support of the ministries of our church.

I will practice self-control and moderation in matters affecting my body, for the human body is a delight to God and a means to give honor to Christ.

I will evoke, affirm, and celebrate the gifts God has given others, and I will try to discover and affirm the gifts God has given me and use them in His service.

I will give myself as Christ's servant through participation in His mission in the world.

I will offer to know and love my brothers and sisters in Christ, and I am willing to be known and loved by them.

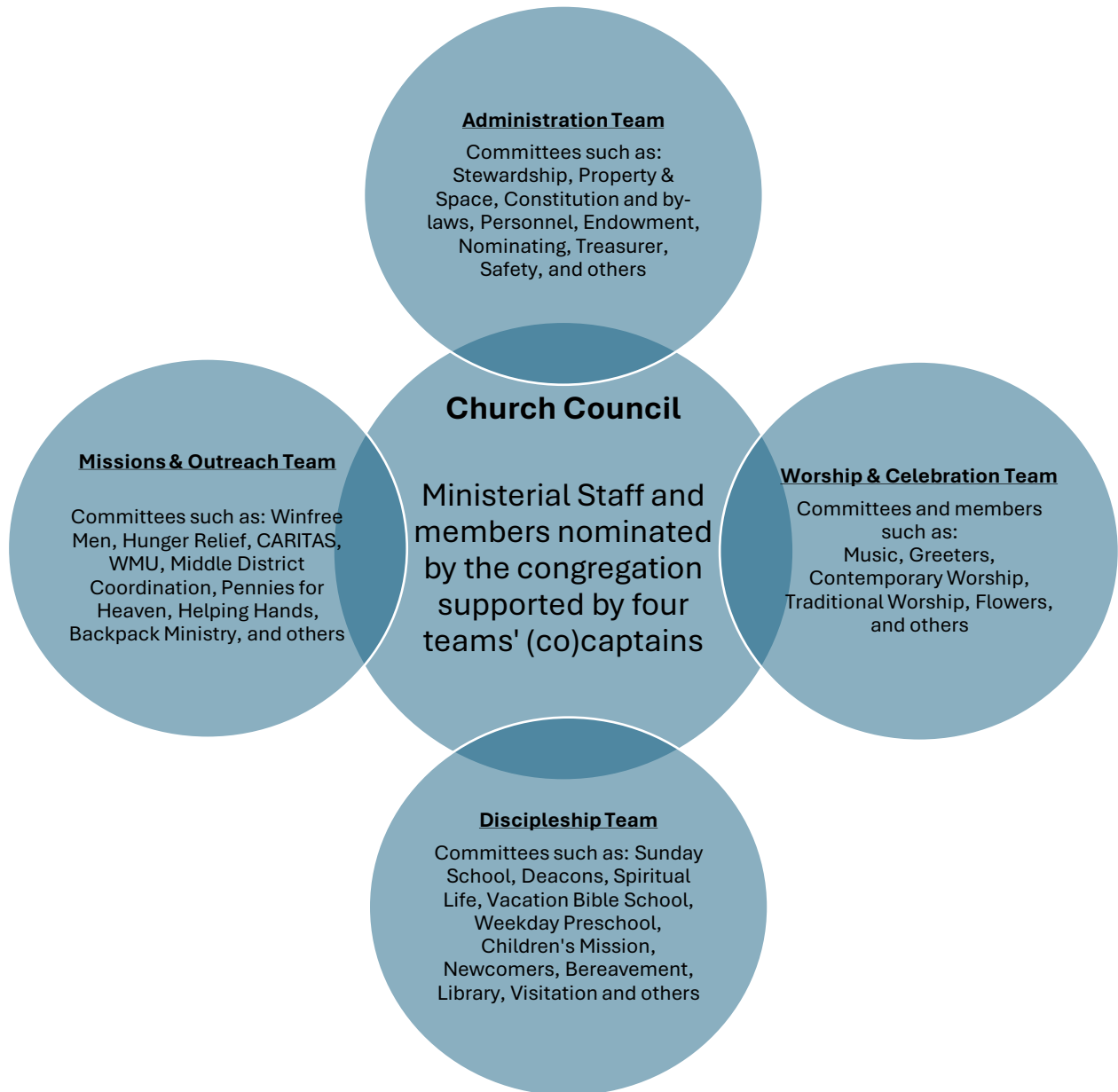
In all I do I will attempt to nurture an open, loving, and unified spirit within this fellowship.

Denominational Affiliations and Ministry Partners:

Middle District Baptist Association
Baptist General Association of Virginia
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Organization

Church Structure



Church Staff (as of December 2024)

• **Full-Time Positions:**

- Senior Pastor
- Young Adult Minister
- Youth Minister
- Children’s Director
- Contemporary Worship Leader
- Finance Administrator
- Office Manager

Vacant
Rev. Josh Roberts
Rev. Jimmy Doan
Vacant
Matthew Knesal
Lindy Moore
Caroline Hankinson

• **Part-Time Positions:**

- Facilities Manager
- Traditional Service Leader
- Organist
- Media Representative
- Pastoral Care Minister

Gary Jenkins
Dr. Carol Hill
Michele Bynum
Kelsea Burton
Dr. Jimmie Miles

• **Interim/Contract Positions:**

- Preaching Pastor
- Children’s Director
- Custodian

Dr. Mike Clingenpeel (interim)
Lauren Harrison (interim)
C.B. Farnsworth

Church Budget:

	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
	1,507,157	1,600,924	1,619,590
51000 · MISSIONS OUTREACH			
51010 · Cooperative Program	45,240	45,240	45,240
51020 · Rutledge's	4,800	4,800	(retired)
51030 · Middle District Association	19,000	19,000	19,000
51040 · Mission Literature	200	200	200
51050 · WMU	1,200	1,200	1,200
51070 · Friends of the Homeless Support	3,250	3,250	3,250
51080 · Benevolent Fund	700	700	700
51090 · CARITAS	2,000	2,000	2,000
51100 · CCHASM	1,200	1,200	1,200
51110 · Ministries Projects	10,000	10,000	10,000
51130 · Weekday Preschool	5,500	5,500	5,500
51160 · Community Outreach	7,000	10,000	7,000
51170 · Guest Outreach	1,667	-	
51190 · Africa Exchange Support	12,000	12,000	12,000
51200 · Local Youth Ministries & Outreach	1,200	1,200	1,200
51220 · Backpack Ministry	-	7,000	12,000
51230 · Helping Hands	333	300	300
51300 · Global Missions & News/ publicity	2,700	2,000	
Total 51000 · MISSIONS OUTREACH	117,990	125,590	120,790
52000 · WORSHIP MINISTRY			
52010 · Flower Committee	900	1,000	500
52020 · Contemporary Worship Service	11,150	10,811	11,764
52030 · Audio Visual Equip/Maintenance	14,600	14,600	9,000
52040 · Pulpit Supply	200	200	200
52060 · Music-Supplies/Maintenance	5,115	8,793	6,500
52070 · Youth Choir	-	-	-
52080 · Weekday service -NEW			-
52090 · Special Services	2,500	2,000	1,000
Total 52000 · WORSHIP MINISTRY	34,465	37,404	28,964
53000 · DISCIPLESHIP			
53010 · Sunday School	5,000	5,000	4,000
53011 · Children's Sunday School	5,000	5,000	5,000
53020 · Discipleship Education	5,000	5,000	5,000
53040 · Youth Ministries	20,000	20,000	18,000
53045 · Youth - Vehicle Rentals	8,000	8,000	7,000
53070 · Children's Ministries/Childcare	6,500	6,500	6,500
53100 · New Members	1,000	750	500
53200 · Children's Ministry	20,100	19,700	19,700
53300 · Collegiate Ministry	5,000	5,000	4,000
53400 · Young Family - NEW	10,000	10,000	10,000
535XX - Congregational Care (new 2025)			1,225
Total 53000 · DISCIPLESHIP	85,600	84,950	80,925

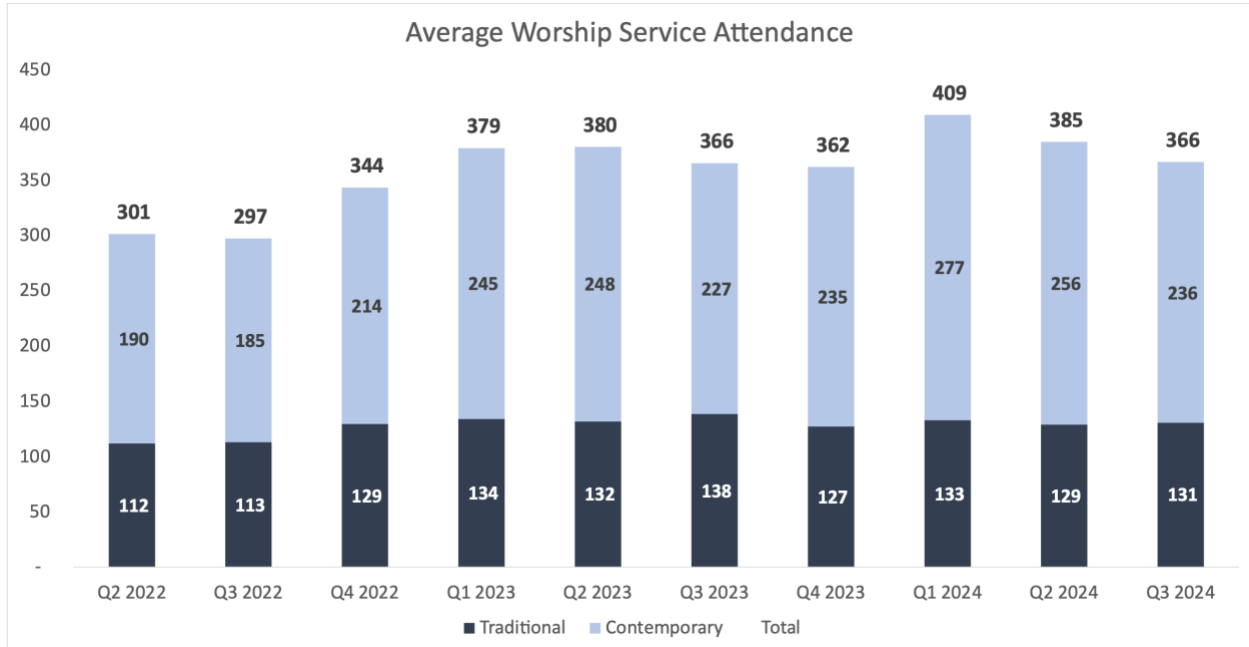
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54000 · SUPPORT MINISTRY			
54010 · Personnel Committee	750	1,250	1,250
54020 · Office Expenses	20,000	20,000	20,000
54030 · Technology Support	23,948	19,036	24,000
54040 · Stewardship	8,000	8,000	8,000
54050 · Background Checks	500	750	750
54060 · Safety Committee	15,361	16,020	15,434
540XX · Search Committee (new 2025)			15,000
Total 54000 · SUPPORT MINISTRY	68,559	65,056	84,434
55000 · CONGREGATIONAL LIFE			
55020 · Kitchen	700	700	700
55030 · Special Receptions	2,500	2,500	1,900
55035 · Bereavement Committee	1,000	1,000	800
55040 · Church Recreation	-		
55060 · Ageless Wonders	250	250	250
55070 · Leadership Training	500	250	250
55080 · Mid-week Gathering	1,500	1,250	1,250
55090 · Deacon Ministry	500	2,396	2,955
55100 · Spiritual Life	2,000	2,000	2,000
55110 · Senior Christmas Party	450	450	450
55120 · Sunday Fellowship	2,400	3,000	3,000
Total 55000 · CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	11,800	13,796	13,555
56000 · BUILDING & GROUNDS			
56010 · Insurance/Workers Compensation	27,000	33,000	35,000
56020 · Utilities	64,625	64,625	61,041
56030 · Custodial Service	49,400	49,400	49,400
56040 · Repairs & Maintenance	69,700	83,800	87,884
56060 · Furniture & Equipment	6,500	7,500	5,000
Total 56000 · BUILDING & GROUNDS	217,225	238,325	238,325
57000 · STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY			
57010 · Building Debt	229,200	229,200	229,200
Total 57000 · STRATEGIC PLANNING MINISTRY	229,200	229,200	229,200
59000 - MINISTERIAL STAFF			
Total 59000 - MINISTERIAL STAFF	521,315	582,326	600,021
60000 - SUPPORT STAFF			
Total 60000 - SUPPORT STAFF	221,002	224,277	223,376
TOTAL BUDGET without STAFF DETAILS	1,507,156	1,600,924	1,619,590

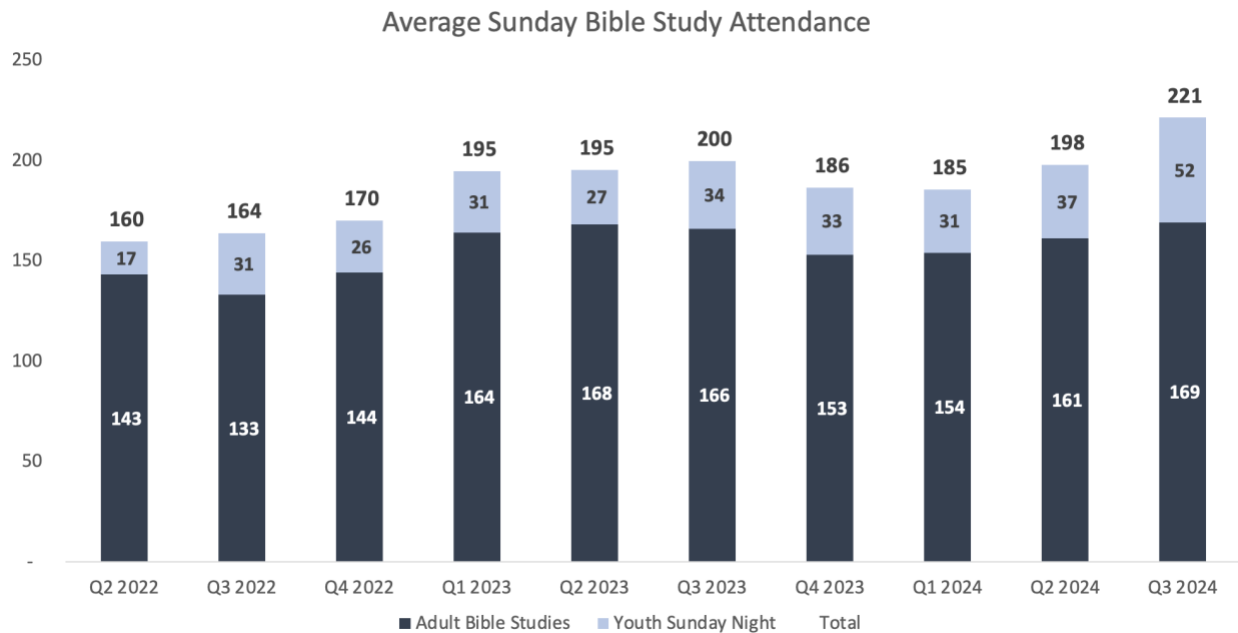
Mortgage Balance (as of September 30, 2024) - \$1,852,226

Demographics

Average Attendance on Sundays (excl. combined services)**:



** - Average 2019 Worship Service Attendance: Traditional (158), Contemporary (297), and Total (455)



Official Church Membership: 1,523 as of November 2024