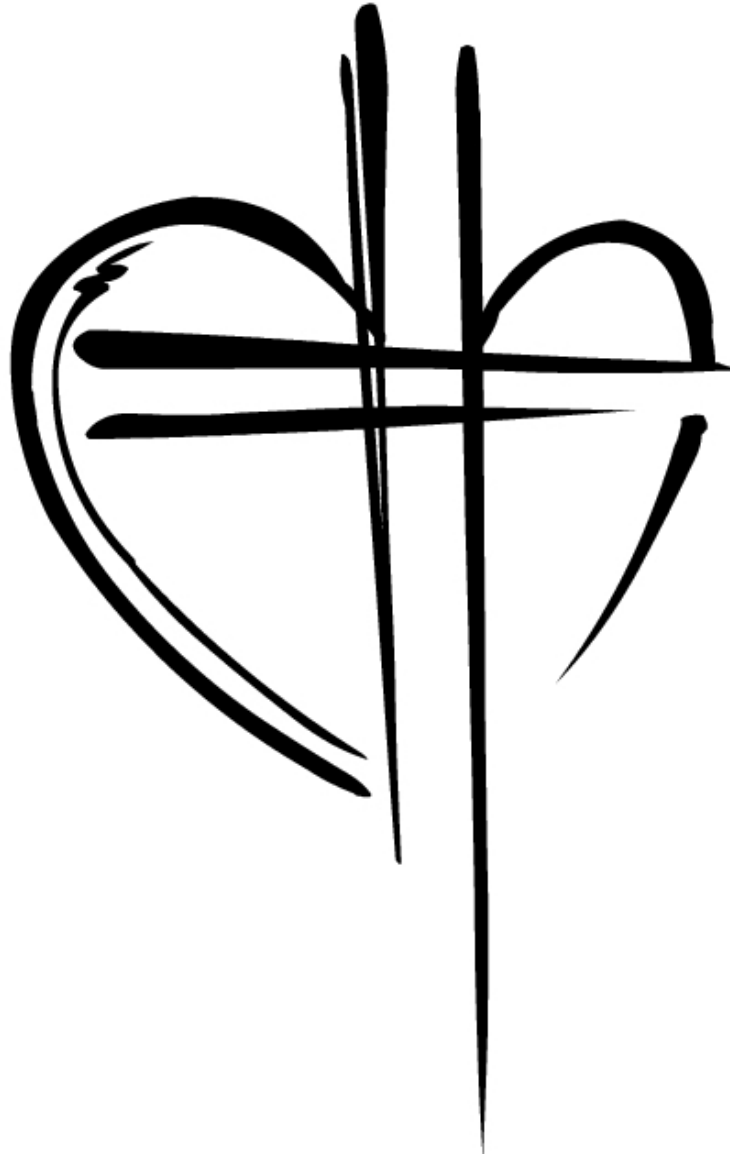


BOOK OF REPORTS

BUSINESS MEETING

November 30, 2022



WINFREE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Clerk's Report on Membership

November 30, 2022

Total membership after the last business meeting on September 20, 2022..... **1,450**

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

Ike Carmichael	via transfer of letter 10/2/2022
Brenda Carmichael	via transfer of letter 10/2/2022
Cynthia Winter	via transfer of letter 10/9/2022
Curtis Winter	via transfer of letter 10/9/2022
Ed Maddox	via transfer of letter 10/23/2022
Sharon Maddox	via transfer of letter 10/23/2022
Jessica Fidler	via transfer of letter 10/23/2022
Beth Morris	via transfer of letter 10/30/2022
Marvin Boyer	via transfer of letter 11/20/2022
Josh Chery	via statement of faith 11/13/2022
Myrlene Jeudy	via statement of faith 11/13/2022
Julia Boyer	via transfer of letter 11/20/2022

Subtotal 12

Since the last business meeting, the following members' status has changed:

Debbie Paul	deceased 9/30/2022
Okhi Nelson	deceased 10/26/2022
Frances Shockley	deceased 11/6/2022

Total membership as of November 30, 2022 **1,459**

Winfree Memorial Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022

Sam McNeny, church moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:02, thanking everyone for attending and reminding us that this is a regularly scheduled business meeting. He also let all attendees know that Lou Benjamin had gone on to heaven, offered the family support, and stated that the office would let us know of the funeral arrangements as soon as they had been made. Sam led the group in a prayer.

David Williams reminded everyone of the meeting procedures and asked that all participants use the chat feature to ask questions and to put their computer/phone on mute to avoid background noise, which is a distraction.

The minutes from the last business meeting were approved and Mary Scott Garrett, church clerk, presented the Clerk's report of membership.

Meredith Sigler, team lead for the Worship and Celebration team let us know that the combined worship attendance had been approximately three hundred, which is an increase since our reopening post-pandemic. Meredith noted that it was encouraging to have everyone worship together on 9/24/22, and that we will look to do that more often going forward. We are one church, unified in Christ, and a combined worship service conveys that. Matt K. and Jennifer R. are working on the Christmas services. Please refer to the book of reports for other team information.

Ed Wickham presented a brief Treasurer's report and thanked the membership for their continued generosity. We have been a bit slow in closing out the books from December 2021, as there were opportunities to improve the quality of documentation, but it is now complete. We are not sure if everything has been documented, but there are no big errors that jump out. There may be small errors where charges have been assigned to the incorrect line item, but the financial team will continue to work to improve the quality of reporting/documentation. Please refer to the book of reports for details of our financial pictures. We are a bit under in receipts, based upon budget. But the economy is a contributing factor, and we are not seeing a lot of growth. We may reexamine our investments to see if we can change anything to improve our income. Typically, at the beginning of the year, any money left after reconciliation is allocated to various mission opportunities/committees. Because things were not as clear/crisp as usual, we delayed that process. 2022 expenses may be altered a bit as a result. Ed noted that renovations had been done in the Preschool building, and this was a shared expense of the church and Preschool.

Scott Barlow, Personnel Chairman, subbed in for Stewardship and Admin Team Lead, Dan Ogden. He stated that Stewardship is working with the net income and is working on approving allocations for unfunded requests.

Scott also let us know on behalf of Property and Space, chaired by Dewey Lackner, that the Preschool improvements included painting, a new floor, and repairs to downspouts and the decks. He also noted that we are going to need repairs/a new air conditioner in Building 3. Scott also sent thanks to Dewey, Kitty, JoAnn, and Gary Jenkins for their reports.

News from the Personnel Committee is our excitement over Josh Roberts' hire and start in July. We all welcome him to the church. Personnel also welcomes Jimmy Doan back from Sabbatical and travel.

Bryan Lewis reported for the Safety Committee that they have met with Chesterfield County and have reviewed our property to look for vulnerabilities. Please see the book of reports for other information.

Vivian Sillmon, team lead for Discipleship and Training, noted that we are hoping to see improvements in attendance over the coming months now that summer vacations are completed. She also encouraged using the Church App, because there is so much information there that is helpful to all of us. Vivian noted that the Bereavement Committee is up and running, and it is a great place to serve. Please reach out to Robin McNeny if you are interested in serving.

Sue Patrick, Team lead for Missions and Outreach, reminded us that there are many opportunities where you can plug in, including Backpack Ministry, WMU, and events like the Easter Eggstravaganza and Trunk or Treat. She is very excited about Josh joining the team!

There was no old business to address

Staff Comments:

Cynthia noted that the Parent Workshop had been cancelled, but we are still working to get back to Pre-Covid events. Bible Arts and Missions (BAM) will resume soon.

Jimmy Doan gave a shout out to Abi and Nathan who did a fabulous job of helping to keep the youth plugged in during his sabbatical. He mentioned that it was great to have his sabbatical during summer months, so that he could go to classes and travel. He very much appreciated the church supporting him in this manner. Some changes for the fall are coming, but he mentioned the following info:

- increased numbers in the middle school age
- need small group leaders for the high school age group
- the small group leaders are fabulous
- Camp Willow Run is coming up (see the app!)
- 12-15 leaders are needed for Sunday School, Small Groups, the Praise band, AV, and cooking for the youth on Sunday

Matt Knesal stated that it has been an awesome few months since he became the Contemporary Worship Leader. He thinks the Praise Team is great, and he is impressed with the improvement of the group. Matt also is appreciative of the help from our new AV tech support, Brian, who is fixing a lot of things and improving the livestream. Matt welcomes suggestions for songs; please email him with your requests/suggestions.

Josh Roberts thanked everyone for their kindness as he gets to know Winfree and the church members. He appreciates the preaching opportunities. The moderator made a point to welcome Josh and express our excitement!

David Benjamin reminded us that Trunk or Treat is our next BIG Thing coming up on 10/30, from 3-5. We need more trunks and helpers, so please volunteer! He also mentioned that there is a Middle District Association meeting scheduled for 10/16/22. We typically send representatives, and Jim Hamacher's retirement will be recognized at that meeting. David provided a follow up to Ed's Treasurer's Report. Winfree came through Covid really far behind in the budget support. Now we are just a little bit behind, and he thinks we will soon catch up. He spoke with a friend from his group of pastor friends, whose position is being eliminated. Another friend who works with Baptist churches told him that about half of the churches with whom he works are closing. David is so grateful that we are not in this situation, and he is grateful for our generosity. He also let us know that we are moving to PushPay for our giving platform and encourages people who have recurring gifts set up to make the change. He also noted that we have a lot of Deacons who are rotating off and asked that we prayerfully consider being a deacon. David closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:59pm.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Wickham

Jan 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022 - Financial Statistics*

Budget 12 Mo	1/1/22 – 12/31/22	\$1,473,756	
Budget YTD	1/1/22 – 10/31/22	\$1,228,130	
Receipts vs Budget YTD	1/1/22 – 10/31/22	\$1,186,233	96.8%
Expenses vs Budget YTD	1/1/22 – 10/31/22	\$1,135,7326	92.4%
Rec vs Exp	1/1/22 – 10/31/22	\$53,313	
Mortgage	10/31/2022	\$2,184,190	

*Unreconciled/Preliminary

Investments - 10/31/2022

- CD at Virginia Baptist Foundation (VBF) – \$100,000, 2.44%, 52 Mo, Current Value \$111,358
- CD at Blue Ridge Bank- \$100,000, 2.00%, 60 Mo (expires 2/9/25), Current Value \$105,530
- Money Market Account at VBF* - \$100,000, 1.8% (*rate expires 6/27/20), Current Value \$101,712
- Money Market Account at Atlantic Union Bank - \$100,000, 1.75%, 12 Mo (rate expires 2/2021), Current Value \$103,273
- Endowment Account at Fidelity Federal Investment - \$102,512

Comments

- The 2022 data is not totally reconciled. That means there are minor errors in the reporting accuracy of specific line items.
- The normal process is for Stewardship to allocate prior year's Net Income in First Quarter. Stewardship's general allocation options are to reduce debt, fund new/enhanced missions, complete delinquent maintenance, and/or increase reserve funding.

- All of the Net Income allocations reported at the last Business Meeting have been executed.
- Remaining prior year's Net Income and adjustments will be completed this year.
- As a result of financial market changes, some of our investments have been moved to other instruments and we continue to review other options.

Administration Team: Dan Ogden

Stewardship – Tony Haynes, Chair

Through October 31, we have completed 84% of this year's budget. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to meet our obligations and plans. The fiscal discipline of all our committee chairpersons and staff are evident, in that giving and expenses are in line with the plan that is our budget. We have met this year's challenges – think adding full-time staff, renovations to our bathrooms and the Preschool deck, new musical equipment for both services, and several pop-up mission opportunities – all within the planned budget. Your faithfulness in supporting that budget cannot be overstated.

Next year's budget is basically level with this year's. Some expenses will go up, and some will go down (a reflection of capital improvements this year), but the total is very similar. We were able to allow all requested budgeted amounts without adjusting any.

MOTION: The Stewardship Committee unanimously recommends the church approve the 2023 budget of \$1,507,156.90, as presented. Stewardship is authorized to adjust the budget by 2% without consent of the church. All adjustments will be reported.

Property & Space

The Property and Space Committee under the direction of Dewey Lackner continues to stay busy. Here is a list of some of the recently completed projects:

1. Bathroom Renovation Project complete with the exception of the Women's Preschool Adult RR. New vanity and countertop should be finished by the end of November.
2. Sanctuary roof was inspected, and it does not need to be replaced (yet) but did require some repairs. Considering we thought we may have to replace the whole roof; this is better news than we had expected.
3. In the process of getting new signage for church exterior.
4. New shades for the MAC entrance have been signed and approved.
5. The side of the Chapel roof was repaired.
6. Various lights replaced/upgraded.
7. New planters and sandbox in the Preschool were built courtesy of the Boy Scouts.

Upcoming projects:

1. Front doors to the Preschool will most likely have to be replaced. The hinges are coming apart from the door jam/frame. We did have someone come out and provided a

temporary fix so it would lock/unlock properly. Most likely it is going to be a replacement of the doors and the frame.

2. There will be some work done on the Preschool Playground in December.

3. The back of the Chapel roof needs to be inspected as there is a possible leak coming through the ceiling in the room used for storage on the left side of the pulpit. Dewey and Gary will work on getting a status report.

AV/IT

Under chair, David Williams, we recently combined the AV and IT committees to improve efficiency and management of projects. Technology is constantly changing; AV livestream and sound systems are heavily dependent on IT resources. So, this change allows us to combine resources and funds. Thank you for your support and patience as we work through the many projects we have in the queue.

Update regarding recent activity and projects:

Mostly we have been replacing legacy equipment and upgrading systems and our network infrastructure. We are also planning and accessing projects for 2023.

Bastionpoint IT support services are fully in place and working well. The support services include a help desk for the staff, security protection for PC's (internet and email), along with system and hardware updates. Unfortunately, religious organizations are not immune to hackers and cyber-attacks, especially as it relates to personal data and financial data. To date we are fully protected and secure.

Update regarding future activity and projects:

Projects for AV and IT are never-ending. See the list of projects in the queue for 2023. As you can see, we are busy and appreciate your support and patience. Most people don't realize that technology refreshes every 18 months. This means that systems start to become obsolete (old) at 2 years and are considered legacy at 4 years. We have some systems that are 6 years old and need attention. So, the work continues into 2023.

Projects for 2023:

PC Replacement, Finance Administrator
Firewall Replacement (Reached End of Life)
Obsolete Switch (Bunker Closet)
iMac upgrade and refresh (MAC & Sanctuary)
Upgrade Switches (Main IT closet MAC)
Upgrade Wireless Access Points
HDMI Direct Connection to Lobby TV
Move Livestream to Office Suite (MAC)
In Ear monitors - Add new and upgrade

Personnel

In October, Mary Scott Garret coordinated the lunches for Pastoral Staff Appreciation Month.

A subcommittee was formed with staff and lay representation to assess if an addition to staff is needed to lead and mobilize Pastoral Care for the members of the church. A vision for Pastoral/Member Care has been developed, and the pillars to support this vision have been identified. No decision has been made on the need for an additional staff member.

In coordination with Property & Space, a job has been recently posted for two part-time custodians to address the needs of the church and weekday preschool.

The budget process for the church staff has been completed and provided to Stewardship.

Safety

Mike Oberschmidt, chair

The newly formed Safety Committee has met twice, October 2 & 30, to review policies, set priorities, and address immediate concerns. Specifically, the committee has established a monthly volunteer schedule to ensure we have safety "eyes" on the Preschool (highest priority) during both worship services as well as other parts of the campus. The committee worked with the Children's Ministry and staff to provide parking and traffic safety presence during Trunk or Treat on October 30.

The committee will continue to meet on a regular basis to identify and address church safety priorities. The committee also welcomes and needs additional volunteers to provide eyes and ears during Sunday morning worship. Please contact Mike Oberschmidt or Tim Jackson if you are interested in serving.

Risk Management

The Committee met on September 27 with our Insurance Agent/Broker from the Sanford Insurance Group for a comprehensive review of all church property, workers compensation & liability policies. The committee agreed to make a few minor changes in coverage but nothing significant. Cost of all coverages for the church will increase by more than 6%, which is primarily driven by the increase in church property values that increased by 16.1%.

The committee continues to be very pleased with the insurance coverage in place and with our partners with the Sanford Insurance Group.

Special Receptions Committee

I hope everyone is planning to join the musicians of Winfree Church as they present to the Lord "A Night of Christmas Music" on Sunday December 11th at 5:00 in the MAC. Following the program, Special Receptions will host a pot-luck finger food reception in the Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a generous finger food contribution to share with those gathered that evening. **If your last name begins with the letters A – J, please bring a generous finger food dessert. If your last name begins with the letters K – Z, please bring a hearty non-sweet finger food appetizer. All foods need to be table-ready, plated, and prepared. We cannot warm or cook any**

contributions that evening. Many thanks to the church's musicians who are hard at work on the program. We will see all of you that evening.

Child Care

No meetings

Constitution & By-Laws

The committee did not meet

Nominating:

The following nominations are presented to the church for approval:

- Sam McNeny- Moderator – 1-year term ending 12/23
- Mary Scott Garrett-Clerk – 1-year term ending 12/23
- Angela Godfrey Missions Team Lead – 3-year term ending 12/25
- Melanie Rapp – Special receptions Committee – 3-year term ending 12/25
- Judy Drake – Special Receptions Committee – 3-year term ending 12/25
- Dewey Lackner – Property and Space Chair – 1-year term ending 12/31/2023

Discipleship Team: Vivian Sillmon

Ministry to Adults – Joshua Roberts

There have been many great things happening over these past couple of months in areas where I am serving:

Missions: Trunk or Treat was a great success this year. This year had more trunks, candy, volunteers, and attendees than in the previous years. Part of the Trunk or Treat event was to invite the community to Winfree and to make meaningful connections with families. We then invited families to the Christmas Craft Day and had many from Trunk or Treat attend this where we could talk in more detail about Winfree.

Young Adult: I have been meeting with young adults and young adult families and listening to what is happening in their lives and what they are looking for from their church and what they are wanting to do in service of the church and Christ. In the next year I am looking to launch on and off campus groups. Currently recruiting teachers and developing launch plans.

Preschool: We are beginning to work with the Winfree Preschool directors and teachers to develop a missional ministry strategy to reach the families attending each week and to minister to the teachers.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: We had a wonderful time going through 1 Peter.

Ministry to Children and Families – Cynthia Collins

I. Activities and events since the last Church Council Meeting September 20, 2022

- a. **Winfree Preschool Welcome Back Dinners** Monday and Tuesday, September 12 & 13 and Thursday, September 15 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The Outreach Committee provided fried chicken dinners to our Preschool parents and children on the playground to introduce them to Winfree Church and help parents get to know each other.
- b. **Winfree Preschool Chapels** began again on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 & 20 at 9:45 and 11:50 p.m. Matt Knesal and Cynthia provide Chapel programs for Winfree Preschool children ages 3 to JK twice a day each day.
- c. **Trunk or Treat** Sunday, October 30 from 3-5 p.m. This is a joint effort between the Missions-Outreach Team and the Children's Committee. This year's event was a great success with approx. 1500 – 2000 in attendance.
- d. **Christmas Craft Day** Saturday, November 12 from 3-5 p.m. This event was opened to the public for the first time. 202 people registered, however only about 75% were in attendance. The Children's Committee provided supplies for 37 craft tables that parents and children were able to visit and make crafts together.

II. Sunday Morning Bible Study: We continue to be in need of volunteers and are still working on a skeleton crew. Attendance has not returned to pre-COVID numbers.

- a. **Preschool SMBS:** Our fall program has not created increased attendance, therefore we continue to have 2 classes: Infants and ones and Ages 2-5. These classes are during both worship hours.
- b. **Elementary SMBS:** in the 9:40 a.m. hour only. There are two classes for grades K-2 and 3-5.

III. B.A.M. (Bible, Arts and Missions):

- a. Preschoolers on Mission and Kids on Mission: Meet from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The curriculum this year is from the CBF.
- b. Preschoolers on Mission: Leaders are Janette Shaheen and Megan Reed.
- c. Kids on Mission: Leaders are Cynthia and Beth and Jerry Stevenson
- d. Preschool Choir: Meets from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Leader is Rick Kaerwer. We are looking for one more adult to help in this class.
- e. Children's Choir: Meets from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Leaders are Jennifer Ripley, Shirley Stover, Amanda Alley, and Janette Shaheen. The Children's Choir will participate in the Night of Christmas Music on December 11 at 5:00 p.m.

IV. Children's Worship: began each Sunday during the Contemporary Service October 2. Children are dismissed before the offering to the 3rd floor for a service created for them by Jennifer Ripley and Cynthia Collins. Jennifer has been creating Children's Worship bulletins for the children to learn how to follow a service as well as how to read from a hymnal. Cynthia then presents a program developed from Dr. Benjamin's sermon topic with videos and life applications for the children. Each Sunday the children have ended the time with a service project and dismissal song activity.

V. Upcoming Events and Activities:

- a. Parents' Night Out:** Friday, December 2 from 6-9 p.m. The Children's Committee along with some adult SMBS classes, and the youth will provide a fun night for our Winfree Church parents and families.
- b. Night of Christmas Music:** The Preschool and Children's Choirs will participate in singing at this special service.
- c. Christmas Eve Children's Christmas Pageant:** Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. We expect this night to be highly attended as this has been advertised to the public at the Trunk or Treat and the Christmas Craft Day.

VI. Winfree Preschool Update:

- a.** The renovation of the main bathrooms is still in the process. Issues arose with matching the plumbing in the ladies' bathroom to the existing plumbing, which led to having to replace the vanities. These are ordered and should be installed within the next week or two. The sinks have not been usable, which could create an issue if our school were to be inspected.
- b.** The preschool is at capacity of 175 children
- c.** Welcome Back Days were Tuesday, September 5 and Wednesday, September 6 with Winfree members welcoming the children and families with noise makers, signs, and enthusiasm as children began their Winfree Preschool year.
- d.** Cynthia continues to work closely with the director and Weekday Preschool Committee as we minister to the school, staff, and children.

V. Parent Workshop Postponed: The Parent Workshop scheduled for September 23 from 6-8 p.m. was postponed due to lack of registrations. This event will be rescheduled for spring 2023.

Ministry to Youth – Jimmy Doan

We've had a very busy Fall with service projects helping the BGAV disaster relief, Operation Christmas Child, running inflatables at the Trunk or Treat event, helping some church members with yardwork, and helping decorate the church grounds for Christmas. We also had a great weekend retreat at Camp Willow Run with other youth groups.

Sunday Night Schedule Each Month:

- 1st: Small Group or large service projects to be done for community or church members
- 2nd: Regular Sunday Night SURGE – 5-7 pm with Games, Worship, Message, Small Groups, and Dinner
- 3rd: Small Group meet individually this week – this has really allowed each group to bond together
- 4th: Regular Sunday Night SURGE – 5-7 pm with Games, Worship, Message, Small Groups, and Dinner

In the Fall we're focused on spending time with others so we can help students find a safe community at the beginning of the year. They'll need that community to keep them engaged and growing throughout the rest of the year.

Any given week between Sunday Morning AMP, Church Service, Sunday Night SURGE, and Midweek Bible Study we are reaching around 50 youth per week.

Upcoming Events:

12/2: Parents Night Out 6-9 pm

12/4: Vespers service at 5 pm

12/11: Night of Christmas music at 5 pm & White Elephant gift exchange in the Bunker following (end at 7 pm)

12/18: NO SNS

12/25: NO AMP & NO SNS

1/1: NO AMP & NO SNS

Save the Date for January 13-15 for a **Youth Ski Retreat Weekend!!** More details will be coming out soon!

Sunday School Administrator – Aggie Blocker

Adult Bible study attendance was holding steady throughout the fall. We encourage you to find a Sunday School class or small group for study and fellowship.

September Avg. Attendance: 142

Total Enrolled (from end of Sept mo. adjust.): 354

% Attendance / Enrollment: 40%

(these totals do not include Sunday Sept 4th Labor day weekend)

October Avg. Attendance: 151

Total Enrolled (from end of Oct. mo. adjust.): 359
% Attendance / Enrollment: 42%

The Winfree Church app is now active, and our adult Sunday School classes and small groups are making progress in getting switched to this new system, allowing them to enter their own attendance records...so thank you all! More functionalities will be enabled in the future with this application, including allowing email communications to be sent to class members from within the app itself.

If you have not downloaded the app yet, you can do so by searching for Winfree Church in the app store. When you go into the app itself, under the Connect tab, you can see all available Adult Sunday Bible study classes offered and the times offered, as well as all mid-week small groups offered, their times, locations, and leaders.

For Bible Study leaders and small group leaders, please remember to check out the wonderful library resources we have available for you on the third floor right off the elevator exit. The library is available and open to any church member to use.

Deacons – John Dangerfield – Chair

Deacon Holiday Lunch has been set for Saturday, Dec 10th.

Deacons at Winfree are typically based out of a Bible study group, and their role is to help provide care and support to families and individuals. Sometimes they do that personally, but often they serve to coordinate members of the Bible study group to provide support. As part of that process, they attempt to stay in regular touch with people in their care group. In addition, they may help with communion and baptisms during the regular services. If you would be interested in knowing more about this great opportunity for service, please contact your Bible Study leader or the ministerial staff.

The following deacon nominations are presented to the church for approval:

New deacons term ending 12/31/25:

- David Krouse
- Angela Godfrey
- Kitty DeWeese
- Bonnie Amason

Active deacons that are extending for one extra year:

- Denise Merrill — one extra year – term ending 12/31/23
- Betsy Harris — one extra year - term ending 12/31/23
- Kenny Robertson — one extra year - term ending 12/31/23

Spiritual Life –

Vespers (Reflective Christmas Service) is scheduled for Sunday December 4th at 5:00 p.m in the Sanctuary.

Night of Christmas Music is scheduled for Sunday December 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the MAC

Christmas Eve Services:

Contemporary Service & Pageant is 4:00 p.m. December 24th in the MAC

Traditional Christmas Service is 8:00 p.m. December 24th in the Sanctuary

Christmas Day Service – December 25th - One combined worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the MAC

Weekday Preschool – Becky Pizzini – Chair

It has been a busy Fall season at Winfree Memorial Preschool! Lots of things have been taking place in and around the preschool building over the last several weeks. Some items to note are:

- Field trips to the pumpkin patch took place on October 3-4
- Professional Development Day for staff was held on October 7
- Church Trunk or Treat was held October 30 and was a great success!
- Parent-Teacher Conferences took place on November 7-8
- Student Christmas pictures were taken November 9-11
- Classes went to Chapel on November 15-16
- Classes are preparing for a Christmas sing-along the week of December 12 with a cookie reception to follow!

The playground has a new sandbox that was built by a boy scout, who also constructed two small picnic tables. These are wonderful additions to our preschool!

Bereavement Committee – Robin McNeny – Chair

Since the last Business Meeting, the Bereavement Committee was privileged to host receptions after the services for Lou Benjamin and Debbie Paul. We thank every Service Team involved in providing food for these receptions.

On December 19th, we will host a reception following the service for Frances Shockley.

We would love to add 1 – 2 people to our Core Bereavement Committee. This group coordinates, prepares and hosts the receptions. If you are interested in learning more about the Core Bereavement Committee, please talk to Robin McNeny (rmcneny@verizon.net or 804-794-4657).

Worship and Celebration Team: Meredith Sigler

Date	Notes	9:40	11:00	Mon Night	Sun Total
Sep 25		124	161	23	285
Oct 02		118	210	21	328
Oct 09		105	202	29	307
Oct 16		129	182	17	311
Oct 23	Final Monday Night Svc Oct 24	107	194		301
Oct 30		118	194		312
Nov 06	21 Youth @ Camp Willow Run (not incl. in count)	145	199		344
Nov 13					0
Nov 20					0
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Weekend, Josh preaching	130	191		321

The worship team is excited to be moving closer towards the Advent season. Thank you to all those who assisted in preparing our grounds for the season!

We will have two exciting opportunities to worship together on Christmas Day (led by Jennifer and the Adult Choir in the Sanctuary) and New Year's Day (led by Matt in the MAC). We are working to develop a crossover worship item in each of these services but are most looking forward to being able to worship with our other brothers and sisters in Christ!

Missions and Outreach: Sue Patrick

Rice Bowl Collection (Craig & Sharon Hopson) – No Report.

CARITAS – No report.

Pregnancy Resource Center (Cordia Henneman) - No Report.

Appalachian Outreach (Debbie Haynes) – No report.

Middle District Rep / Gideons (John Simpson) – No report.

Joyful Noise (Shirley Stover) – No report.

Needles & Hooks (Debbie Valenti & Alice Bunch) – Needles and Hooks are now meeting again in person.

Backpack Ministry (Terry Jones and Susan Oberschmidt) – The Backpack ministry is currently serving 102 people representing 23 families across 6 schools each week. This ministry provides weekend meal support for students and their families in need. Paper bags are used for each family. Our focus is on serving students and families who have food insecurity. This ministry currently serves the following schools:

- Watkins Elementary
- Greenfield Elementary
- Midlothian Middle
- Bon Air Elementary
- Old Hundred Elementary
- Robious Elementary

The Backpack Ministry needs paper grocery bags with handles, like the ones that Kroger gives out. If you can donate some, it would be greatly appreciated.

Two organizations have given generously to the Backpack Ministry during November. Truist employees have shopped, purchased, packed, and delivered the food bags each week for two weeks.

The Thrifty Quaker has donated their October 2022 profits to the Backpack Ministry. With these funds, we will be able to give extra food for the holidays, such as canned hams and treats.

We are so thankful to God and the Winfree congregation for the ability to provide food and show God's love to students and their families in need.

Helping Hands (Doug Garrett) – Helping Hands has been busy this fall helping multiple member and visitors with projects.

Friends of the Homeless (Sara Nunn) – Friends of the Homeless has seen an increase in the number of guests with the cold weather. We are still doing the same chicken lunch, and it's a monthly favorite. We have been asked to prepare 80 emergency lunches for November, so our supplies of non-perishable proteins (Nabs, Trail mix, Slim Jim's, Snack on the Run) has been depleted. We are VERY grateful for the Children's ministry who has packed bag lunches, candies, and hygiene kits!!! Our faithful volunteers continue to make hearty lunches each month and drive them downtown. FOH will have a Christmas party in late December and give out stockings to each guest. If anyone can provide \$15 Walmart gift cards, they will be included in each stocking. Contact Sara Nunn for more information (804-314-7210). Thank you, Winfree, for being a big part of this ministry!

WMU (JoAnn Carter) – We met monthly, celebrated the birthdays of our members, and met in remembrance of two of our beloved members, Lucy Rutledge and Lou Benjamin. We packed shoeboxes and CCHASM Thanksgiving bags and we sponsored two children through the MDBA Christmas Store. We prayed for missionaries around the world and for Winfree’s own Mark and Peggy Rutledge serving Haitians in Mexico. We collected pencils and stamps and thousands of cards for the Women’s Prison. Thank you for your support in all our missions!

Community Outreach (Sue Patrick) – Trunk or Treat was an amazing success! Thanks to the many helping hands that made this event possible and a very special thanks to our fearless leader, Pastor Josh Roberts. The bar is set very high for future events. Our committee met several weeks ago for a vision and planning session and have many wonderful ideas moving forward.