#### MISSION, VISION, & CORE VALUES STATEMENTS ~ WMC

(Adopted June 28, 2001, adjusted 10/28/04 & 10/23/08)

#### **NEW MISSION STATEMENT (fall 2019)**

"Connect with God, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love"

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

The Wintersville Methodist Church will serve as a beacon of Christian love, compassion, and hope to our world.

#### **CORE VALUES**

The Wintersville Methodist Church has a commitment to:

- **Honor Christ:** We will honor our Lord in all that we practice and teach.
- **Prayer:** The ministries and activities of this church will be characterized by a reliance on prayer in their conception, planning, and execution.
- **Proclaim the Gospel:** Whenever and wherever possible, we will proclaim the Gospel through the teaching and preaching of God's Word.
- **Meaningful and relevant worship:** We will provide meaningful and relevant worship that conveys the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Welcome and accept all persons: Without regard for race, faith, culture, or lifestyle, we will welcome and accept all persons just as they are.
- Nurture and care for our church family: As brothers and sisters in Christ, we will nurture and care for each other as a church family.
- **To equip lay persons:** We will train and support lay persons to carry out the ministries of the church.
- **Small groups:** We will form small groups that meet specific needs and promote growth in Christ.
- Excellence: We seek to maintain a high standard of excellence in all of our ministries. This will be achieved when everyone is exercising his or her God-given spiritual gift to the best of his or her ability for the upbuilding of the Body of Christ.
- **Growth:** We believe that Christianity exists to share Christ with others. Therefore, we will pursue attitudes and knowledge that encourage numerical growth without compromising in any way our integrity or our commitment to biblical truth.
- **Improvement of our physical facilities:** Updating and expanding the physical facilities will continue in order to enhance the present and future ministries of the church.
- **Service:** We will seek to follow Jesus' example through acts of service to those in our congregation, community, and beyond.



# THE CENTER FOR HOPE PRAISE SERVICE

# "Bible Alive 2025! Thy Word is Truth"

"Sanctify them by the truth, thy Word is truth."

John 17:17

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# Wintersville Methodist Church

January 26, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.

# Sunday Worship Celebration!



Our Mission: Connect with God, Grow in Faith, Serve in Love

# 2025 Worship Theme: "Bible Alive 2025!"

Welcome, Ministries Updates & Prayer

Worshipping the Lord Together

"Take You at Your Word"

"Holy, Holy, Holy/Agnes Dei"

"Promised"

Offering Worship

(Children invited to Jr. Church in the Fellowship Hall)

Worship Through the Word

"Bible Alive 2025-Thy Word is Truth"

John 17:17

Song of Testimony "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Discipleship Challenge

\*Please stay for refreshments, fellowship, & Sunday School classes\*

Our Mission:

\*\*Connect with God\*\* \*\*Grow in Faith\*\* \*\*Serve in Love\*\*

# Focus Scriptures Bible Pledge "This is Truth, this is Life, this is God's Word. Let's open it together."

**John 17:17** ~ "Sanctify them by the truth; thy Word is truth."

- **John 18:37-38** ~ ""You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." <sup>38</sup> "What is truth?" retorted Pilate."
- Genesis 3:1-4 ~ "Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die." "4"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman."
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 4:3-5 ~ "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. . . . 4<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."
- **2 Timothy 2:15,25-26** ~ "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. . . <sup>25</sup> Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will."
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10b,12 ~ "They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. . . . . <sup>12</sup> and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4,7** ~ "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. . . . <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles."
- **John 14:6** ~ "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- **John 8:31-32** ~ "To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- Acts 17:11 ~ "Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

### **Prayer Concerns**

Please continue to pray daily for your church family and many others.

Specifically please lift up: Alton Keith, Annie Board, Ashlynn Pinkerton, Shrieda Cercone, Ben & Kateri Harris & twins, Doug & Regina Patterson, California Fires, Emily Maurer, Kourtnie Birch, Dale Matics, Joan Doan, Darla Doan, Wrenlee Buxton, Agnie Vess, Neiko Bono(3 yr. old), Jonathan & Ty Lallone, Peg Barker, Mike & Julie Rudy, Charlie Snyder, Daylaynee Howcraft, Larry Standiford, Bob English, Quillen



family, Ann Bass, Monroe DeLuca, Tyler Nathan, Josh Beadnell, Charlotte Shively, Alva Striffler, Cathy Perry First, Brad Warren, Joey Snider, Bill "PeeWee" Freiling, Michelle Turner, Chris Briggs, Nino Suriano, Opal Hoover, Mary Alice Brandt, Barb Busana, Rebecca Wayt, First Responders, Rebecca Christian, Kennedy Harbin, Wendy Matthews, Joan Lantry, Sue Rooney, Elaine Snider, Tory Zink, Brian Adams

ALTAR FLOWERS ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

If you would like to provide Altar Flowers in memory or honor of someone, please sign up on the chart in the informational hallway. Please put in honor or memory of and the person(s) name and who it is given by, so we will have the information to put in the bulletin. Also only one set of flowers per Sunday, if at all possible, mark which service to place them – "Praise" or "Traditional." Please "take" the flowers with you or indicate if you would like to donate them. The cost for the flowers is \$25.00, (please mark Altar Flowers) and can be paid through the church office. Any questions, please call the church office.

#### JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS & SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's & Youth Sunday School - 10:00am All Kids 2 years thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome!



Adult Sunday School - 10:00am All are welcome to join us!

**Adult Sunday School Classes:** 

"Jesus Time: Where We Spend Time with Jesus in His Culture," led by Lanny Sterms, meets in back of sanctuary

New "Trustworthly" Study - meets in Fidelis Room

<u>Updated Website & Facebook</u>

Our updated Website is – wintersvillemc.com.
Our updated Facebook is – Wintersville Methodist Church

#### JAN.26 – FEB. 1 ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Room			
26	Sun	Lighthouse Praise Service	9:00am	CFH			
		Refreshments & Sunday School	10:00am	Assigned rooms			
		New "Trustworthy" Study Traditional Worship Service	10:00am 11:00am	Sanctuary			
27	Mon	Staff Meeting	11:00am	,			
		Cub Scouts	6:30-7:30pm	FH/108			
		Pickleball	6:30pm	CFH Gym			
28	Tues	Friends Practice	7:00pm	VI/100			
29	Wed	Purpose Driven Knitting Class	1:00-3:00pm	FI/204			
		Kingdom Kids	6:00-7:30pm	FH/108			
		Youth Group	6:00-7:30pm	Youth Room			
		New "Trustworthy" Study	<b>6:30-7:30p</b> m	FI/204			
30	Thur	New "Trustworthy" Study	10:00-11:00am	FI/204			
		Praise Band Practice	6:00-8:00pm	CFH			
		Pickleball	6:30pm	CFH/Gym			
		AA 12 Step Group	10:00-11:15am	FI/204			
		Men's Bible Study	10:30am	BOS/209			
		Bane/Peyton Fellowship Hall	1:00-4:00pm	FH/108			
1	Sun	Lighthouse Praise Service	9:00am	CFH			
		Refreshments & Sunday School	10:00am	Assigned rooms			
	Traditional Worship Service 11:00am Sanctuary						
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2025 Worship Theme: "Bible Alive 2025!" Next Sunday, February 2 Worship Theme: "Bible Alive 2025! – Pray for Leaders," 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Please join with us, BRING YOUR BIBLE and invite others to worship.

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Praise Service (Center for Hope) 9:00am 9:30-10:00am Jr. Church Sunday School for all ages 10:00am Traditional Service 11:00am

### **Live Stream Worship**

Our 9:00am Praise Service is livestreaming on YouTube on Sunday mornings, and also available on a link through FaceBook. Visit wintersvillemc.com to connect.



### Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser - Thank You!

We are grateful for our youth and their leaders for another great pancake breakfast fundraiser and fellowship time. The food was delicious, all service was "with a smile", and many from our congregation participated. Through generous donations, \$924 was collected to help "Raise the Roof!" Thank you!

# After-School Program

Prayerfully consider making this the year you volunteer for our After- school program. We have been on Christmas break, but will start up again on Feb. 4. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:30- 5:30 pm. This is our 3rd year and we have a wonderful group of children.

You will definitely make a difference in the lives of these children- and in your own life, too. See Kitty or Tiffany for more information.

# **Security Team**

We are grateful for our Security Team and all they do "behind-the-scenes" to help keep everyone safe. We are also grateful for Matt Dahlem and his willingness to help lead this effort. If anyone is interested in being a part of this aspect of ministry, please contact Matt (740-317-0504). Thank you.

# Youth Group & Kingdom Kids News



Please join with us for Youth Group and Kingdom Kids on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. All youth 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome at Youth Group, and Kingdom Kids is for all those in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades.

## Nursery & Kingdom Kids Volunteers Needed

The Nursery and Kingdom Kids are seeking out volunteers to fill in when someone is out sick or there is a need. If you would be willing to volunteer occasionally, please stop by the office and give them your name and address or contact Kristen Starkey. Thank you.

#### **Attention Parents of Nursery Age Children (Birth to Kindergarten)**

Our nursery is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in room 205. Just a reminder for the safety of everyone please make sure you sign in and sign out your children. Please always take a pager in case there is an emergency. If you have any questions, please see Tif or our Nursery attendants Barb and Karlee. We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the nursery! Want to be added to our occasional volunteer list? Please let Tif know.



26 ~ Sarah Anderson 29 ~ Lisa Ferguson

1 ~ Jim Kukor

28 ~ Paul Brandt 30 ~ Stacey Zink

1 ~ Tucker Law

28 ~ Jeff Manley

**30 ~ Rosalind Marshall** 

**CARD MINISTRY:** Please take a moment to sign the cards in the back of the Sanctuary or on the table by the kitchen in the Center for Hope. It really means a lot to those who receive them. Thank you!

Today's cards: Dale Matics, Doug & Regina Patterson, Sarah Anderson



# Wednesday FaithBuilders Schedule

Kingdom Kids – Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade ~ 6:00-7:30pm Youth Group 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade ~ 6:00-7:30pm Adult Bible Study - 6:30-7:30pm



# Financial Support of Wintersville Methodist Church

All giving is GREATLY APPRECIATED! As we move forward for the Lord, into the new year, we ask you to please prayerfully consider how you can generously support the good work that God is doing, and will be doing, through the Ministry and Mission of WMC. Financial support is necessary to help fulfill that mission.

# **Financial Giving 2025**

	Received 1/19	Needed Weekly	Yr to Date Total (3 weeks)
Budget /Special	\$7,499.27	\$7,825.00	\$18,624.12
Center for Hope	\$7,845.00	\$2,875.00	\$10,565.00
(for loan payment only)			

Thank you for generous support for Nehemiah 2.0! We have "Raised the Roof!" Praise the Lord!

Please visit our Church's Website for more information!



COMMUNICATION INFORMATION INSPIRATION DONATIONS CONNECTION INVITATIONS

Also, please visit, "share", and "like" our church Facebook page (Wintersville Methodist Church) as often as possible. Thank You!

# **Good News!** Thank You!!

Over the past three months we have been participating in our "Nehemiah 2.0 – Raise the Roof!" campaign. We desperately needed a new education wing roof and also a completely new heating and A/C system for our 1926 & 1952 church building. Even though it was absolutely necessary at this time, it was still a huge financial undertaking especially following a huge necessary fundraising effort in the spring of 2023. Like in the biblical story of Nehemiah and God's people rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, we were all asked to pray and serve and give as we were able to complete this essential work of restoration and repair so that ministry and mission can continue to flourish through the Wintersville Methodist Church now and for decades to come.

# AND THANKS BE TO THE GOODNESS OF GOD AND THE GENEROSITY AND DEDICATION OF HIS PEOPLE, WE HAVE REACHED (ARE REACHING) OUR GOAL!

Through various fundraisers, faithful special giving, very generous year-end donations, and anticipated income from six winter/spring fundraisers, we can declare our campaign a big success! Again, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY FOR THIS MAJOR PROJECT TO BE ACCOMPLISHED!!

Our theme verse for this campaign was Ezra 9:9, "God has shown us kindness ... He has granted us new life to rebuild the house of our God and repair its ruins." And as was stated in a congregational letter that was mailed in November, "By rebuilding the house of God and repairing what is in ruins, we will enable WMC to faithfully move into the future as dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ sharing His love and Truth with the world around us through our mission, outreach, worship, children and youth programs, Christian growth experiences, love in action, fellowship, programs and community involvement and service."

And then we concluded the letter with the following expressed desire, "May our prayer be that these words from Exodus will be repeated for WMC in the near future: "And so the people were restrained from bringing more, <sup>7</sup> because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work." That "near future" has now arrived! With money that has already been received, along with anticipated income from our upcoming fundraisers, we can joyfully proclaim that our campaign goal has been (will be) met!

We are so appreciative, and now would just ask that financial stewardship be directed to supporting our overall budget, which helps much ministry and mission to take place for the upbuilding of lives in Christ and the advancement of God's kingdom.

# **Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

### **"Bible Alive ~ 2025!"**

Part of our new Statement of Faith as the Wintersville Methodist Church declares, "We believe that the 66 books comprising the Old and New Testament are the written, infallible Word of God. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). While we have always been a church "of the Bible," this year we will have a special emphasis on reading the Bible, studying the Bible, bringing your Bible to worship, being transformed by the Bible, and opening ourselves more fully to "the Spirit of God using the Word of God to make us more like the Son of God (Rick Warren) "BIBLE ALIVE ~ 2025!"

So, please **bring your Bible with you each Sunday**, and if you do not have one, please let Pastor Clint or Tif know and we will make sure you receive one. Also, we have a **goal for everyone to read through the New Testament this year**. Just start with Matthew chapter 1, verse 1 and read at your own pace. **The important thing is to try and read at least some portion of Scripture EVERY day**. The New Testament has 260 chapters (2,957 verses), so if you read just one chapter a day you will be able to read through the entire New Testament about 1½ times, and if you read on average just 8 verses a day you will finish the New Testament in one year. There are many different translations of the Bible and many prefer a Bible app (YouVersion seems to be the most popular), which we will be talking more about in the weeks to come.

Please, join with us on this journey and let the Word of God impact your heart, disposition, outlook, relationships and your entire life for the better!

# **"Bible Alive ~ 2025!"**

#### TRUSTWORTHY BIBLE STUDY

It's not too late to join the winter Bible study *Trustworthy by Lysa TerKeurst*, which started the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. This six-session study covers 1 and 2 Kings and looks at the imperfect human kings of the Old Testament to help us trust God more fully. This study goes through the week of February 23, ending just before Lent starts. There are three weekly meeting times to choose from: Sundays at 10:00am, Wednesdays at 6:30pm, or Thursdays at 10:00am. The materials include online access to the weekly videos, so you can follow along even if you miss a week or two! Sign up today and select a paperback or e-book version. Questions? Call or text Alice Buchanan at 330-697-6699.

### **Good Neighbors Stocking Thank You**

Just a huge thank you to all of the women of the Church who stepped up to make Christmas stockings for Good Neighbors teens. This year there were 53 of them. The stockings were beautiful and we even have some left over to start 2025. Thank you for using your gifts and talents to help Good Neighbors. Kitty and Jerry