

Focus Scriptures

Philippians 3:1-4a ~ "Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by His Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence."

Luke 18:9-14 ~ "To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'
¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'
¹⁴ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Philippians 3:4b-6 ~ "If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless."

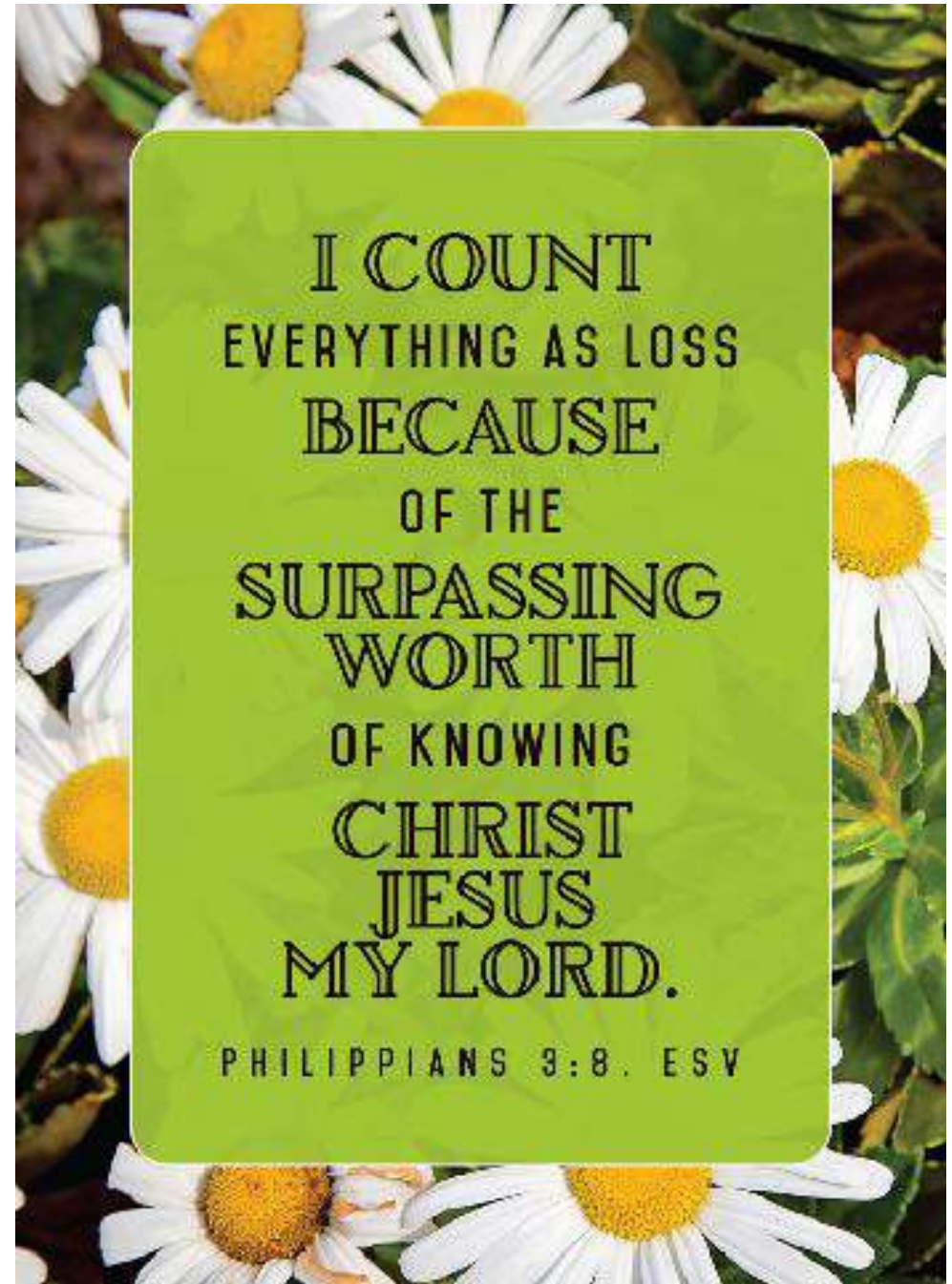
Philippians 3:7-9 ~ "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith."

Matthew 16:24-27 ~ "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what they have done."

Philippians 3:10-11 ~ "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."

1 Corinthians 15:54,57 ~ "When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been

swallowed up in victory. . . . ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."





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August 6, 2023 ~ 11:00 am

Sunday Worship Celebration

Summer Worship Theme: "Philippians – a Life of Joy in Christ"

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

FOCUS SCRIPTURE *"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ."*
Philippians 3:7-8

PRELUDE "Chorale on Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"
M. McConnell

Lighting of the Altar Candles

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP CHORUS "His Name is Wonderful" No. 174

SCRIPTURE AFFIRMATION Psalm 62:5-8 No. 787

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327

PRAISING GOD WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP

Offertory "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" D. Cherwien

*Doxology No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "I Surrender All" (v.1,4) No. 354

SERMON "The Joy of Losing or the Thrill of Defeat"
Philippians 3:1-11

***HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us" No. 398

***BENEDICTION** Matthew 16:24-25, 1 Corinthians 15:57

*JOINING OF HEARTS

May God's blessing surround you all day into the night,
As you trust Him and walk in His heavenly light.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

***POSTLUDE** "Recessional" by D. Gawthrop

(*indicates congregation should stand, if you are able)

We are so glad that we are able to worship together this morning. We welcome our visitors and invite them to stop at our information table at the back of the sanctuary. We pray that your time with us has been inspirational and meaningful. Please join with us again. Also, feel free to call our church office at 740-264-1676 with your questions or needs.

PASTOR:	Rev. Dr. Clint Quillen	YOUTH DIRECTOR:	Tiffany Manley
ORGANIST:	Blaise Perez	CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR:	Jessica Ward
DIR. OF WORSHIP & DISC.:	Ryan Bradley	VIDEO & SOUND:	Deacon Sindeldecker

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 due to they cannot be donated at this time. The cost for the flowers is \$25.00, and can be put in the “Little Church Saving Bank” (please mark Altar Flowers) or 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 Kindergarten – 12th Grade Welcome!

Adult Sunday School – 10:00am
See BELOW for topics and location.
All adults are welcome to join us!

Sunday School for All ages ~ NEW adult classes and topics

“Jesus Time: Where We Spend Time with Jesus in His Culture,” led by Lanny Sterms, meets in back of sanctuary (right)

Biblical Pathways meets in room FI/204.

Coffee Fellowship meets in downstairs hallway room 102.

Youth (grades 7-12) Sunday School class, meets in Tif’s office.

AUGUST 6 - 13 ~ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Time	Room
6	Sun	Lighthouse Praise Service	9:00am	CFH
		Refreshments & Sunday School	10:00am	assigned rooms
		Traditional Worship Service	11:00am	Sanctuary
7	Mon	Women’s Bible Study	6:30pm	FI/204
		Pickleball	6:30pm	CFH Gym
8	Tues	Friends Practice	7:00pm	VI/100

9	Wed	Youth Group Lake Outing		
		Adult Bible Study	6:30pm	FI/204
10	Thurs	Praise Band Practice	6:00-8:00pm	
		Pickleball	6:30pm	CFH Gym
11	Sat	AA 12 Step Group	10-11:15am	FI/204
12	Sun	Lighthouse Praise Service	9:00am	CFH
		Refreshments & Sunday School	10:00am	assigned rooms
		Traditional Worship Service	11:00am	Sanctuary

Our Summer Worship theme this year is, “Philippians – a Life of Joy in Christ.” As a church family, we are asking everyone to read through Philippians often this summer and to worship with us in person (or online if necessary) as often as possible. And don’t forget to invite others. May we all discover a deeper “Life of Joy in Christ” in this way. **Our theme for next Sunday, August 13 will be, “Pressing On to Victory,” Philippians 3:12-14.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Praise Service (Center for Hope) 9:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:00am
 Traditional Service 11:00am

Updated Website & Facebook

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

Live Stream Worship

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

Online Bible Studies:

See our Website: wintersvillemc.com for details. All are welcome to join!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



We will once again be filling shoeboxes this year for Operation Christmas Child. **We will be doing this in October but just wanted to get our supply list out while school supplies are on sale.** We need: scissors, paper notebooks, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, magic markers, and erasers. We also need bars of soap (no liquid allowed), washcloths, toothbrushes, and combs. Hair accessories for girls are also needed. We usually get small gifts donated for the younger kids, but always need things for girls and boys ages 8-12. Remember, it all has to fit in a shoebox. We will have bins in the back of the Sanctuary and Center for Hope to drop off these supplies. Thank you so much for your willingness to help fill these shoeboxes.

Euchre Night

Come join us for fun and fellowship on Euchre Night. We will be playing on **Friday, August 18 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Bring a snack to share and your own drinks. Everyone welcomed!

Mark your Calendars for the Church Picnic

Please mark your calendars now and plan on meeting at the Richmond Park on Sunday, September 17 for our outdoor worship experience and annual church picnic. It is sure to be a good time of fun, fellowship, great food, and meaningful worship.

Notes of Thanks

Your thoughts, prayers and cards over the past months have been so uplifting to us! Thank you for the beautiful flowers also! Love Sherry, Dana, Lana & Family

Dear Church Family, We would like to thank all of you who reached out to us with thoughts and prayers during the loss of our brother Matthew Hannan. We so appreciated the calls, texts, cards, and visits. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Ray & Kitty Ferguson and Mickey & Amy McGrath

Dearest Pastor Clint and Congregation, I want to thank you for your outpouring of support and prayers! I know the Lord heard you... I am recovering well from the brain surgery. Continued prayers for you and the congregation as you go through your challenges. In Christ, Wendy Mitchell-Matthews



- 6 ~ Alice Buchanan 10 ~ Deb Abrams 10 ~ Carolyn Bickerstaff
 - 10 ~ Nancy Honse 10 ~ Betty Riffie
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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: Becky Goleno, Nancy Honse, Betty Riffie, Deb Abrams

Aim Women's Center – Family Fun Day

Aim Women's Center will be having a Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 12 from 11am-2pm. There will be a Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Inflatables, Games, Free Food and much more! Will be at the Restoration Church, 108 Phillips Ln, Steubenville. All are invited.

Financial Support of Wintersville Methodist Church

Thank you for all giving to fulfill the Mission of our Church. It is greatly appreciated and necessary to help us accomplish all God has called us to do **PLEASE NOTE:** From now on, please make out all checks to **Wintersville Methodist Church** (not United). Because of our recent disaffiliation, the word "united" should not appear on the check.

Again, thank you so much for continual and ongoing support of God's work.

Financial Giving 2023

	<u>Received 7/30</u>	<u>Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Yr to Date Total (31 wk)</u>
Unified Budget	\$5,509.59	\$7,500.00	\$216,610.05
Center for Hope	\$1,105.00	\$1,800.00 (for loan payment only)	\$87,757.00

Nehemiah Project TOTAL - \$241,978.85 THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Please visit our Church's Website for more information!

wintersvillemc.com

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!

BAPTISM SERVICE and Receiving New Members

The sacrament of **Christian Baptism** is always very special. Whether it involves an infant and their Christian parents and family members, a young person as part of a confirmation service, a teen or any adult who is symbolically and publicly professing their faith in Jesus Christ in this way, whether it takes place in a church sanctuary by "dipping", "pouring" or immersion, whether it happens in any other setting, it is always a very meaningful event for the individuals involved and for the Body of Christ.

At our church picnic this year on Sept. 17 at Richmond Park, we will have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Christian Baptism **and also Renewing of our Baptismal vows**. A **baptismal immersion "pool"** will be available, as well as our "normal" sprinkling method of baptism. For all those who would like to participate in the **immersion** baptism or renewal of baptism service, or who would like to be baptized or renew their baptism vows through our regular method of sprinkling, please plan to attend **one of the meetings on Sunday, August 27 or Sunday, Sept. 10 from 10:15-10:50am in the Fellowship Hall**. For those who are unable to attend one of those meetings, please contact the church office or talk to Pastor Clint.

For those who are interested in joining Wintersville Methodist Church as **new members, thank you for your patience**. We apologize for the delay, but we will be having a new members class and then receive new members on two different Sundays in October. Other arrangements can be made as well. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Clint. Again, we are grateful for your patience and understanding.

The Lord is working in our church and through our congregation in many special ways. Please continue to pray for one another and our local community, and also that God will help us to continue to move forward in faith, ministry and mission fulfillment to be all that He has called us to be.

August 20 – One Combined Service & Farewell Reception

On Sunday, August 20 we will be having **ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00AM in the SANCTUARY** followed by a **“Farewell Reception” for Ryan & Britni Bradley** and family in the Center for Hope. **“FRIENDS” will be sharing an uplifting and encouraging Worship Concert** during the service, and August 20 will be the Bradleys final Sunday with us. Please join us for inspirational worship and an opportunity to wish Ryan & Britni God’s very best as they follow His calling in their lives.

