

Awana helpers are needed! Awana meets every Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is a weekly commitment to the end of April. If this is something you're able to help with, please talk to JoAnn Ruff.

We will not be having Awana or Inquiring Minds this Wednesday, October 15th.

Anyone 18 years old or above working with children need to fill out a background check every three years. Paperwork is in your mailbox if your background check is due. Please fill it out and return it to the church office by October 15th.

The Annual Meeting for Lake Beauty Bible Camp is scheduled for November 1st. We are seeking one or two individuals who are willing to attend this meeting as delegates from our church. To find out more information about this opportunity, please talk to Breeze McKinney.

Plans are underway for the start of Fellowship Dinners and we are looking for folks willing to host six adults (including themselves) in their home. Everyone will be providing part of the meal. Talk to Pastor Gary if you're interested in hosting.

Advanced Scripture Reading for Next Week:

- ◆ Romans 1:16-17
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 3:5-17
- ◆ Colossians 2:1-10
- ◆ Ephesians 2:14-22
- ◆ 1 John 1:5-10
- ◆ Revelation 3:14-22

A nursery is provided during the service in the lower level for those with children *up to four years of age*. To allow families with little ones time to worship together during the service, please have your children stay with you and go down during the last worship song.

Finances

The approved budget for 2025 was **\$180,598.40**

Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Leadership Team.

August General Income \$17,036.94

August General Expense \$13,470.40

YTD Income (as of the end of August) \$107,591.94

YTD Expense (as of the end of July) \$114,533.74



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Winthrop Evangelical
Covenant Church*

October 12, 2025

~To Love God and Make Him Known~

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #318 “We Come, O Christ, to You”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Message: “Can a Church Die?” Rev. Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #283 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Benediction

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Bix Baker, Outreach Ministries

Dan & Tiffany Messerli, Education Mins.

Dale & Betty Boyum, Properties and Fac.

Greg & Kay Linsmeier, Care Ministries

Prayer Points

Home

- Travis Dahlke’s dad, Ron, will be having a biopsy on a tumor that was recently discovered on his prostate.
- Sarah Tristan’s great-uncle Butch passed away last week.
- Valerie Gerold had a hearing test last week, prayers that she passed, and Katie saw her surgeon on the 8th for a follow-up appointment.
- Sarah Tristan is working through some medical issues.
- Heidi Gerold’s mom, Jen, is now in hospice.
- Family: Darren, Gale, Sophie, Emelia and Asher McKinney.
- College Student: Keira Sandberg attends Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Government Leaders: President Donald J. Trump and Vice President J. D. Vance

World

Covenant Kids Congo

“**Yesu Azali Awa**”, in the Bantu Lingala language of the Congolese, means **Jesus is here**, and despite poverty, acute hunger, (28 million people, or one in four, are in its grip), ongoing conflict and massive displacement, (the Rwandan backed M23 armed group have taken over several major cities and forced people away from livelihoods and livestock), and did I mention an uptick in Ebola, children here still sing and say **Yesu Azali Awa!**

Covenant Kids Congo is a partnership of the Covenant Church here and in the Congo and World Vision to bring transformation and hope to communities. In addition to the spiritual work carried out through more than 1800 churches, there are 5 hospitals, 90 medical clinics, schools serving 60,000 students, and micro-enterprise and clean water projects. This all takes place in a hostile environment.

Please pray for:

***Peace in the Congo** and for the lifting of the Level 4 Travel Advisory which has restricted pastors & staff from traveling to the DR Congo.

***The transformation of communities in major cities Gemena and Karawa. Ask God to bless every clean water point, every savings group, every ag project, every classroom, and every child sponsorship** - that they would bring the hope of Yesu to this needy country. (We need this too!)

***Pray for World Vision Staff, pastors, teachers, and volunteers in DR Congo** as they serve faithfully in challenging contexts, that God would strengthen their spirits, protect them, and encourage them as they walk beside these vulnerable kids and families.

SERMON NOTES

Can a Church Die? (Revelation 3:1-6)

I. When is a Church Dying? (v 1)

G. Campbell _____:

1. When it is not _____ in Christlikeness and in souls.
2. When it does not have the _____ to give birth to souls.
3. When it is _____.
4. When there is _____.
5. When its emotions are _____.

William _____:

1. When its members have _____ without commitment.
2. When it is substituting _____ things for truly central things in the faith.
3. When it has lost its _____ dynamic.

It may be _____ that a church is dying:

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Our relationship to Christ becomes so _____ that our life is _____ and powerless.

This way of life not only affects the _____ follower of Christ.

III. How Can a Church Live in Today's Conditions? (vv 2-5)

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