



## The Window

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### **Search Committee**

*Jim Bryant, Chairman*  
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*Laura Osborn*  
*Dave Rochleau*  
*Linda Spradling*  
*Rick Haverman, alt.*

### **New Members**

*Abby Showmaker*  
4820 Walter St.  
Belleville, IL 62226

**Annie Armstrong**  
**Church Goal-\$8,250**

**Lord's Supper**  
**April 14**

**Youth Spring Retreat**  
**April 17-20**

Winstanley Family,

As most of you know by now, the Pastor Search Committee made an exciting announcement Sunday morning. A candidate for pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church will be coming in view of a call on Sunday, April 7. This is a vitally important time in the history of this great church. I hope that you will be able to participate in all of the activities provided to get acquainted with Dr. Timothy Gibson prior to voting on him during the Sunday evening service. The Search Committee has worked diligently and prayerfully and believe with no hesitation that God has led Winstanley to Timothy and Timothy to Winstanley.

We are continuing to prepare ourselves for Easter. I am in the midst of our series on the "Words from the Cross," looking at the seven last statements of Jesus before His death. Due to weather issues and the Sunday Timothy will be here to preach for us, the series will actually continue two weeks after Easter, but the statements of Christ from the Cross are still powerful and relevant regardless of when we study them. The seven statements of Jesus from the cross cover the basic needs of mankind.

The Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is the corner stone of our faith. It is the chosen symbol of the Christian faith. Thank God, we see it now as an empty cross because the apparent victory of evil over good was replaced by the most amazing miracle in the history of the world – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. But what does the cross mean to us? Is the Cross more meaningful to us than a nicely sculpted piece of wood or an elegantly-shaped piece of gold hung around the neck? The Cross of Christ is God's final word as to the character and consequence of human sin, and of the wonder and sacrifice of divine love.

To the Christian, "the Cross" is a shorthand expression meaning the death of Jesus. It is Jesus stretched out between heaven and earth, suffering more than anyone has ever suffered for you and me. The Cross is Jesus as our Savior. There is no holier place to which we can ever hope to come. It has been said that the Cross is the place "to where heaven's love and heaven's justice meet".

Let me encourage you once again to invite a lost or unchurched friend or family member to our Easter services. You can be a part of leading them to an eternal destiny in heaven.

Blessings,  
Pastor Derald

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This past month has given our church and student ministry much to celebrate with Abby Showmaker coming forward for baptism and church membership. It is exciting to see the Lord working in the lives of our students in this way. Now we need to continue to pray for Abby and to encourage her in her walk with Jesus. We should also desire and pray that more of our students and church attendees would make authentic professions of faith, undergo baptism, and join Winstanley.

This month we have many events to look forward to. I'll mention just a couple of those. During Spring Break our students will head to Cuivre River State Park in Troy, MO for a retreat. We already have a good handful of students signed up and enthusiastic about our time away that will be spent worshipping the Lord, playing games outdoors, and enjoying each other's company. Our students will have the opportunity to get to know students from FBC Collinsville and to also be encouraged and challenged in the Christian faith.

Please plan on coming to the Winstanley Fish Fry/Game Night on Friday, April 12. Let's try to have as good of a turn out as we had last year! This event is open to the public, so we will have the opportunity to meet and welcome people from our community. Make sure you bring your favorite game to play after dinner. You can also bring snacks for game time.

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### PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to recommend that the congregation call Dr. Timothy Gibson to be the 15<sup>th</sup> pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church. The Search Committee received Dr. Gibson’s name in late January and almost immediately felt God leading us in his direction. Much prayer, numerous interviews and research into his life and ministry since that time solidified that conviction. The Search Committee firmly believes that Timothy Gibson is God’s man to lead Winstanley as our Senior Pastor.

Dr. Gibson will preach at a **combined** Sunday morning worship service on April 7 at 10:55 AM. A Business Meeting to officially receive and vote on the recommendation of the Search Committee to call Dr. Gibson will be held at 6:00 PM Sunday evening April 7. Timothy, his wife Brooke and their two sons will be present for a “meet and greet” in Garrison Hall on Saturday, April 6, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

These are important and exciting days for the life of our church. We hope you will make every effort to meet the Gibson family on Saturday April 6 and be present for the worship service Sunday morning and the business session Sunday evening April 7.

Additional information is contained in a letter being mailed to each Winstanley family this week. You can also learn more about Dr. Gibson by visiting his blog: <https://drtimothygibson.blogspot.com>.

### "Words from the Cross" Sermon Series

- March 31 The Word of Substitution
- April 14 The Word of Humanity
- April 21 Easter
- April 28 The Word of Victory
- May 5 The Word of Trust

### Easter Week Schedule

- Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- Friday, April 19 Choir Cantata, “The Ninth Hour”, 7 pm
- Sunday, April 21 Community Pancake Breakfast  
7:30-10:55 am  
Early Service at 8:15 am, Sunday School,  
10:55 am service, no pm service

#### Dates to Remember

- Apr. 6 Meet and Greet the Gibsons 4-6pm
- Apr. 7 NO 8:15 am service, Deacon Meeting, 4:30 pm  
Business Meeting, 6 pm
- Apr. 12 Fish Fry & Game Night, 5 pm
- Apr. 13 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am
- Apr. 14 Lord’s Supper
- Apr. 17 Women on Mission
- Apr. 17-20 Youth Retreat
- Apr. 18 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
- Apr. 19 Good Friday Cantata, 7 pm
- Apr. 21 Community Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10:55 am  
8:15 am service, Sunday School, 10:55 am  
service, NO PM service
- Apr. 28 Business Meeting, 6 pm

Every Tuesday Romeo’s at 8 am,  
Juliet Breakfast at 8:30 am  
Every Thursday Open VB 7 pm

### Fish Fry and Game Night April 12-5 pm

Bring your friends, favorite board games and snacks. Fish plates will be available for \$8.00 from 5-6:30 pm.

### Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13 at 10 am



### VBS

June 23-28, 6 pm

To join the adventure of leading children closer to Jesus, contact David or Denise Harrier at 234-8023.

### Nursery Schedule

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Shelly Bell	Ross/Nicole Poletti	Lyn/Rick Haverman	Laura Showmaker
Charlotte Gunter	Charlene Siegel	Samantha Maready	Chris/Megan Flahan
Sally Horstmann	Evan Shepard	Laura Osborn	
Mary Jane Allard			