



VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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January 21, 2026

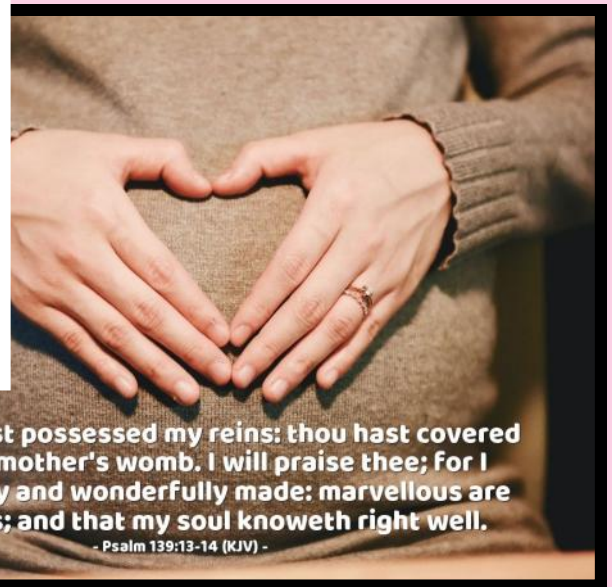
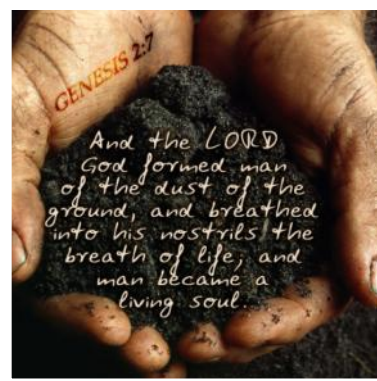
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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF OUR MISSIONARIES & MINISTRY HELPS
The Austin Family, Collegians for Christ



**"So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God created he him;
male and female created he them."**

Genesis 1:27 (KJV)



**For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered
me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I
am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are
thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.**

- Psalm 139:13-14 (KJV) -



Sunday School @ 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship @ 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM

Visit our church Webpage @ Mountainvictory.org

PHYSICAL NEEDS/CANCER

Bates, Jensen (Toddler with Leukemia.)
Baxter, Georgia (friend of Chambers)
Browning, Tex (Intestinal Cancer Stage 3- Now on Hospice)
Buchanan, Gary (Prostate Cancer)
Cook, Donna (D. Nation's cousin-Bone Cancer.)
Cratty, Dale (Ms. Nora's friend-Uterine Cancer.)
Deitz, Beverly (Friend of June Fox-Cancer)
Driggers, Bill (Prostate Cancer-Radiation)
Duvall, Kathy (Friend of Jane W.-Stomach Cancer)
Duvall, Larry (Debbie L. Brother-Melanoma cancer.)
Fitzgerald, Michelle (Mike F. sister-Breast Cancer.)
French, Jan (Friend of Carol E. -Lung Cancer & caregiver, Marcie)
Godfrey, Paul (P. Mills brother-in-law-Stage 4 Bone Cancer)
Henry, Larry (Prostate Cancer)
Holden, Jerry (Uncle of Shaye, Cheryl & Tammy- Tumor in abdomen area.)
Holland, Glenda (Friend of Steve & Harriett Angel-Leukemia)
Houck, Amy (G. Bowles' Niece-Breast Cancer-50 years old)
Howard, Pam (Friend of A. Jones-Lung Cancer.)
Jones, Brian (Brain Tumor)
Jones, Jeffrey (Brian's brother-Surgery & Chemo.)
Loftis, Katie (Skin cancer-lymph nodes.)
Mabrey, Robin (D. Lambert's friend)
McCoy, Wanda (D. Lambert's friend)
Nations, Debbie (Cancer Cream Treatments on both of her ears for 10 weeks.)
Pollard, Wanda (D. Green's friend-Bone Cancer.)
Pritchett, Marie (Cousin of the LaVigne family-Aggressive form of cancer.)
Ray, Mike (L. Henry's Brother-in-law-Brain aneurysm & Cancer.)
Riva (H. Parris' 1st cousin-Cancer.)
Juanita (Friend of L. George.- Pancreatic Cancer)
Watkins, Travis (Pastor @ Sawmill Bapt Church, Bryson City. Stage 3 Cancer.)

SERVICEMEN & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Prayer List

Schweinsaupt, Jonathan (Deployed for 6 months.)

McGaha, Jay (Pastor's nephew- Marines-Graduated bootcamp and on to the next step of service. He is now in Pensacola, FL)

Bryson, Kevin (Debbie N. nephew-Army Reserves deployed to the border in Del Rio, TX for one year.)

Curry, Truitt (James & Beth's son-Franklin Police Dept.)

PRAYER LIST OF MISSIONARIES

McKinney, Ron & Kay (Physical needs)

The Vance Family (Physical needs)

Hawke, Robert & Jean (Physical needs)

Dehart, Ted & Dawn (Recovery from recent surgeries.)

Suttle, Brooks (Torn ACL, MCL & Meniscus in left knee.)

Bell, Todd (Platelet count and health issue.)

PRAYER LIST OF PREACHERS

Bagwell, Benny & Beth

Winch, Don (Back Pain and declining health.)

Matthews, Scott (Cancer has returned in his lymph nodes and a spot in his stomach.)

Masitto, Marty & Pam (Dr. visits next week. Pray that all goes well.)

PHYSICAL NEEDS/OTHER

Allen, Dakota (Ms. Evie's relative-Colon issues.)

Allison, Noelen (Friend of E. Johnson-Stomach Surgery.)

Anders, Wayne (Friend of Howard P./Heart issues.)

Antes, Aretta (Cousin of D. LaVigne-Unknown Physical issues.)

Arceneau, Willow (Carol E. granddaughter-Encephalitis)

Barnes, Mary (Carol E. sister-Salvation)

Bennett, Kay (Friend of The Parris' - Health issues.)

Blankenship, Janie (Physical needs.)

Chambers, Shannon (Ron C. DILaw-Physical needs.)

Chambers, Reggie & Edith (Ron Chamber's uncle & aunt-Physical needs)

Chandler, Sheila (Friend of E. Johnson-Dialysis.)

Clark, Melena & Edward-Mother & Son (Salvation and freed from drug usage.)

Clayton, Jerry & Marian (Physical needs.)

Coffey, Debbie (Recovering from total left knee replacement.)

Cottongim, Phyllis (Health & Daily care)

Cunningham, Willa Mae (R. Parris' sister - Physical needs.)

Douglas, Loretta (Longtime friend of Arlene D.-Possible Leg amputation.)

Freeman, Randall (Jane's friend-Health Issues)

Green, Bud (Macrodeg. Eye disease and salvation.)

Greene, Grayson (G. Greene's Granddaughter-Health Issues)

Hamilton, Beth (Jane W.- Beth's husband, age 36, passed away)

Hatcher, Mike (The Einstein's Son Health issues.)

Henry, Jimmy (General health after a liver transplant.)

Hohenstein, Gisela (Friend of Jane W.-Severe health issues.)

Hunter, Kent & Elaine (Friends of H. Parris-Health issues.)

Johnson, Teresa (VCS Lunchroom Lady-Health issues)

Jones, Arlene (Recent Eye Surgeries)

Jones, Lynne (Friend of Carol E.-health problems and selling her cabin. Also, Carrie Keith-Heart problems.)

Lance, Tom (Tracy McGaha's Father- Rehab Center in Asheville.)

Lawson, Sandra (Friend of E. Johnson-Back Surgery)

Lee, Bill (D. Greene's Brother-Health issues)

Matthews, Brian (Friend of Jane W.- Health issues)

McMahan, Bob (Health issues.)

McMahan, Mag (Please pray for her and her caregivers.)\

Mills, Barbara (Friend of M. Fitzgerald-Dementia and her daughter has she cares for her.)

Montgomery Family (Friends of the Hughes'-Physical, emotional & spiritual needs.)

Owen, Mike (Cousin of D. LaVigne) Problems after back surgery.)

Payne, Judy (Jane W. neighbor-Broken hip)

Pinsonbarger, Jo (Friend of J. Weaver-Heart Trouble)

Polacek, Sarah (The Hughes' niece-25 yrs old, diagnosed with Lupus.)

Reed, Jennifer (Health issue)

Ridley, Noah (Megan's son. Duke for further testing.)

Rish, Bruce (Health Issue)

Rivera, Rafael (Bitterness toward God & father's salvation)

Schweinsaupt, Samuel, Laura, Gavin & Lincoln (Please pray that the court will do the right thing for Lincoln.) Samuel's health.

Schweinsaupt, Timothy (Upcoming court case.)

Smith, Wayne (Salvation)

Simonds, Renee (C. Einstein's friend-Leg Amputation)

Stin, Jenifer (Jewish lady who needs salvation)

Sumner, Mark (Health Issues-Not doing well.)

Tacia, Jerry (Friend of D. Greene-Hospital & Rehab)

Ward, Paul (Valerie Dillard's father- Stage 5 Kidney Disease.)

Wood, Shaye (Knee problem and pain.)

The Gray Family (Special request)

Mickey & Elaine (Lord we lift them up to you!)

Stephens, Kevin (VCS Car accident- Complete healing.)

Debbie Coffey's Mother (Physical needs.)

Darren & Maureen (Continued healing for Darren)

Stewart, William (Barry) (Lost wife of 60+ years. Alone and depressed.)

Parris, Rosa (Infection in her knee. May have to have a second replacement surgery to repair broken piece.)

Prayer Slips-Pray for God's leading in my life; Salvation for 2 people.

The Fitzgerald Family

Please pray for our Pastor & Family.

Please pray for VCS & our Youth.



Mark Your Calendar

Friday, 01/23/26 2 PM
Receiving Friends: 1-2 PM
Collin Fitzgerald Funeral

Sunday, 01/25/26 AM Service
"TEEN TAKEOVER"

Sunday, 01/25/26 @ 5:30 PM
ANNUAL MEETING

Bible Study Class, 1/26/26 @ 6:00 PM
"Cults & False Religions"

Faith Promise 2025-2026

\$105,000.00 Budget

January Monthly Faith Promise

Offerings: \$5,746.00

Missions: The Investment you can
Bank on for Eternity!

Monthly Payout: \$8,165.00

Thank you for giving to Missions!

Faith Promise Slips for 2025/2026

\$62,476.00



Missionary Prayer Bookmarks
@ The Welcome Center

Choose yours and remember to pray!



SNOW TUBING

TEEN EVENT

Please sign up @ the
Welcome Center.

PRAY FOR VICTORY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Jan. 23rd @ 6:00 & 7:00 PM @ Home
JVB & Varsity Girls –Rockwell CS



Food Drive

Please visit the Wel-
come Center to take
note of the items needed for Food
Bags.

VBC Food Bags

Please Sign up @ The Welcome Center to
Volunteer on Saturday to
hand out food bags.

Thank you.

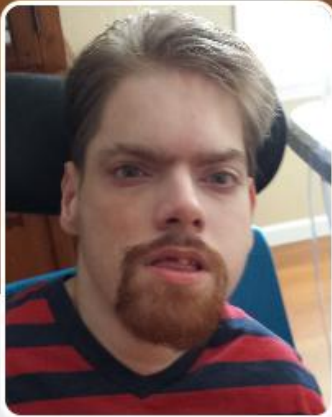
For more Info: Please Contact Jason L.

Thank you for getting everyone registered for
TEEN EXTREME CAMP.

It will be here before we know it!

Choose life.

Financial Reports for Annual Meeting are available in the church office.



Collin Wesley Fitzgerald

August 16, 1982 — January 17, 2026
Waynesville

Share



Send Flowers

Hand delivered by a local florist



Plant Memorial Trees



Send a Gift

Upcoming Services

Visitation

Victory Baptist Church
Friday, January 23, 2026
1:00 - 2:00 pm (Eastern time)
[View Details](#)

Funeral Service

Victory Baptist Church
Friday, January 23, 2026
Starts at 2:00 pm (Eastern time)

Obituary

Service Schedule

Collin Wesley Fitzgerald

Collin Fitzgerald, age 43, of Waynesville, formally Dillsboro, North Carolina, passed away at home unexpectedly January 17, 2026. Born August 16, 1982 in Tampa, Florida to Michael and Donna Fitzgerald, whom he lived with his entire life. He was in the special-needs class at Cullowhee Valley School and attended Victory Baptist Church in Sylva until health prevented otherwise. He touched the lives of many in western Carolina. Those who knew him loved him as a very special, special person. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Donna Fitzgerald, brothers Justin (Dawn), Patrick (Heather), sisters Danielle(Woj),Ashleigh(Anthony) and Samantha.

Services will be at Victory Baptist Church, January 23rd. Receiving friends at 1:00 pm, service at 2:00 pm. Burial in the church cemetery.

To order [memorial trees](#) or send flowers to the family in memory of Collin Wesley Fitzgerald, please visit our [flower store](#).

Address for:

Mike & Donna Fitzgerald

282 Applehill Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786

AUSTIN FAMILY

KYLE, AMANDA, JAXSON, & BRAYDEN

Assisting local churches in establishing on-campus Bible studies

Jaxson's Corner



I made it! I just finished up my last exam for the fall semester! I really enjoyed the classes in the electrical program. I have really enjoyed being a true college student with CFC and being able to connect with students and serve in a new way. Also, I really love our new addition to the family. Maggie is a sweet St. Berdoodle who is 55lbs at only five months old. We are curious to see just how big she will get.

Adios - Jaxson

Busy Brayden



Hey, I just finished up my classes at school and am ready for Christmas break! I did really good and learned a lot of new stuff with my teacher, Mrs. Crystal. Right now, I love dressing up like a soldier and playing with anything about the army because my Papa served in the Air Force. I think that is so cool!

Things to do! - Brayden

Students Continuing to get Saved!

God allowed us to see **16 more students call on Jesus Christ to save them!** A couple of those students were **baptized and joined the church.** We had **over 70 first time visitors** to the Bible study and so many students using the CFC Campus House every day. The CFC Bible certificate program had **16 students enrolled in the weekly classes** for both the in-person and the online program. God has blessed us with an amazing leadership team and without them we could not do what we do!

One young man who was recently saved received a Bible and wanted to start reading. He began in Genesis and is working his way through Numbers right now. You will find him often at the Campus House reading away! He has so many great questions and is growing in a huge way. Another young man recently saved wanted to join the CFC Bible certificate class to grow. He has attended faithfully and is asking great questions too. Please pray for the growth of these students, that the others will take their next step of baptism, and that God will continue to help us reach students.

Reaching Students through Outreach Tables



This semester we conducted **outreach tables twice a week**, one on campus and one on the Campus House lawn. God used these tables in a great way to get the Gospel out, interact with students, and to see visitors to both the Bible study and the Campus House. One of our leadership team members had the privilege of **leading a young man to the Lord at one of these tables** (middle pic)! Great connections and lasting impact was made through this outreach. Please pray for these tables during the spring semester that God will reach and impact more students!

New CFC Ministries

God allowed us to help three new ministries get started this semester! The latest is a **CFC at Georgia Tech!** We also have two more ministries that will be processing their paperwork to become a CFC ministry in the spring. Please pray for **Ball State Univ. and Indiana Univ. at Purdue**, that their paperwork will be approved smoothly. We will be there in February to speak at their CFC retreat and to help launch these new ministries.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We greatly appreciate what you do!

The Campus Connect for September-November 2025



From the Heart of a Pastor - “Did you find what you were looking for?”



I cannot count the number of times I have been asked the question, “Did you find what you were looking for?” Often as I would be in a store, at least in the days before self-checkout, a sales associate would approach me and pose the question. Perhaps it was because of the expression on my face, no doubt related to the price of any given item. Maybe it was because I was wandering aimlessly through the store while another member of my family shopped. There have even been those times when we were at the register and the clerk would again ask, “Did you find what you were looking for?” and I would reply, “Yes, more than enough.” But having experienced this type of situation again recently, I realized just how much of a consumer-driven society we have become; even in regards to church. It reminded me of the following story.

“Jim Smith went to church on Sunday morning. He heard the organist miss a note during the prelude, and he winced. He saw a teenager talking when everybody was supposed to be bowed in silent prayer. He felt like the usher was watching to see what he put in the offering plate and it made him boil. He caught the preacher making a slip of the tongue five times in the sermon by actual count. As he slipped out through the side door during the closing hymn, he muttered to himself, **“Never again, what a waste of time!”**”

Ron Jones went to church one Sunday morning. He heard the organist play an arrangement of **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** and he was thrilled at the majesty of it. He heard a young girl take a moment in the service to speak of the difference her faith makes in her life. He was glad to see that this church was sharing in a special offering for hungry children. He especially appreciated the sermon that Sunday - it answered a question that had bothered him for a long time. He thought as he walked out the doors of the church, **“How can a man come here and not feel the presence of God?”** Both were at the same church, on the same Sunday. Each found what he was looking for.”

My friends, I am convinced today more than ever that as we look at the world and especially at what takes place in the church, we will find what we look for. If we enter the sanctuary with a critical eye and a cynical spirit, we will discover plenty with which to be disappointed and disgusted. We might see unruly children, inattentive teens, or sleeping adults. We could gaze upon gossiping groups or close-knit cliques. We may hear music that doesn’t meet our approval or witness the presence of someone who doesn’t fit our definition of “normal” (whatever that is supposed to be). Much like the first man in the story you just read, if we come with the goal in mind of finding something amiss, we will find it. It doesn’t take much searching.

But if we approach God’s House and God’s people with a heart filled with gratitude and grace, with compassion and commitment, we just might find that the same place and the same group of people that fills one with anger fills another with appreciation. Make no mistake, we are all flawed, fallen, and fallible. We all make mistakes; from the pastor in the pulpit to the person in the pew. We misspeak. We hit a wrong note here or there. We forget a name, an announcement, or an event. We often say the wrong thing at the wrong time in the wrong way as the dynamite in our dentures (our tongue) gets us into more trouble than we can explain our way out of. But long before our words have made their way out of our mouths, the poison has been brewing in our minds and in our hearts. In truth, sometimes all it takes is a look on our faces to reveal the intents of our hearts.

As I listen to some of my favorite preachers on the radio or online, I have yet to hear an entire sermon where they never made a mistake in grammar, pronunciation, or the occasional “um” pause when a word did not immediately come to their mind. Many of the most gifted musical artists will still play the wrong key on the piano, miss an intro to a song, or make up new words to a song they have sung for years in a moment of mental confusion. I am not using these examples to draw attention to any one thing, but simply to show that we are all deficient in one area or another. Again, we all make mistakes; and the biggest one of all is the fault-finding that far too many possess. It will destroy a family, a workplace, and a church if we do not correct it quickly.

What are you looking for when you arrive to worship? Are you there to notice the errors in the service or are you simply thankful that you have a seat at the table of grace? It has become my sincere prayer that in my heart first, and then in the hearts of others, we come into the Lord’s House with an attitude of gratitude; with a spirit of thankfulness for all that He has done, all that He has given, all that He has promised, and all that He will deliver. Oh, how we need to get our eyes off of ourselves, off of others, and on Christ high and lifted up. So, the next time you leave the sanctuary to serve after you have entered to worship, ask yourself the question – “Did I find what I was looking for?”