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December 20, 2017

Dear WCN Family,

We welcome Erik, Emily, Emrick, and Nautica Houston into membership of WCN. The Houstons have been coming and involved for several years. They have been a blessing to us and to many. I recently preached about how "God sets the lonely in families (Psalm 68:6)." The Houston family actively models that verse by opening their home and their lives to children in need. The Houstons are on my list of heroes. They make us better.

It was a divine appointment. I was at the county courthouse with a family in the church on Friday, December 8th when I ran into Joshua and Alisha Jackson and their family. They were coming before the judge to petition for McKenzie's adoption. The Jacksons have had McKenzie since right after birth and they have loved her as their own. Now she is officially, legally their own. A lot of sad stories happen in that courthouse. This was the happiest story I have seen play out before the judge. McKenzie is now McKenzie Hope Jackson. She has no idea how blessed she is. It's a win for McKenzie. I am grateful that I got to be there.

When Tyler Blue unexpectedly died in October, he was in the middle of rebuilding his deck. Often, when a family loses a loved one, there isn't much that can be done besides prayer and feeding the family. In this case, we got to finish the deck. It just seemed right. Thanks to Lloyd Ross, Terry Langston, Mac Anderson, Darrel Shanks, Chad Philpott, Morgan Philpott, Tracy Young, Dan Troxell, and David Frazier. You can see pictures of the deck on my facebook page. Thanks to these guys who gave their labor. Thanks to those who gave to fund the completion of the deck. This is church.

Thanks to those who led and helped with *Immerse Groups* in the fall term: Pastor Mary Forester, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Lindy Dellinger, Brad Selph, Ricky Branch, Sarah Branch, Rachel Reynen, Wynona Gwin, Nick Forester, and Charles Davidson. This Wednesday (December 20th), is the *Yuletide Wingding*. On Wednesday, December 27th we will not have groups. The *New Year's Family Communion* will take place on Wednesday, January 3rd. And new groups will begin on Wednesday, January 10th. You may sign up at wcntn.com. Thanks for jumping in!

The *Mission:Mexico* team departs six months from this week. The team is 18 people and growing. We will build a feeding center in rural, southern Mexico. The cost per team member is \$1,500. Some of our team members are young. Some are on fixed incomes. Some are single parents. Some of them could use your help. The sending wall is located along the wall outside of my office. Your giving through the sending wall will sponsor people for the mission trip. Will you consider giving to help others go?

The youth pastor search team has met and is working. Five candidates have been under consideration. Interviews will begin soon. Please continue in prayer as we move forward.

The *New Year's Family Communion* will be Wednesday, January 3rd. It is open to singles, couples, or families. Drop in at the D-Zone between 2pm and 7pm. One of our pastors will meet with you, pray with you, and serve your family communion. There is no better way to begin a year.

Celebrate Recovery begins January 4th. *Financial Peace University* begins January 22nd. One is to help you move beyond past issues. The other is to help you with personal money management. Both are needed for our church and our community. See the enclosure for information on each vital ministry.

I am pleased to inform you that your church board made two recent decisions regarding our movement toward a future facility. First, the church board authorized the initialization of preliminary work that will move us toward construction. This includes a detailed site plan, which will move our designs to 40% complete. Doing so will firm our budgetary estimates to within 10% of the total cost. The cost for this phase will be paid out of the building fund, so do not lose heart if you see the building fund total move backwards a little bit. Second, the church board authorized Terry Langston as our project liaison. Contractors call this position the "owner representative." Terry Langston is a trusted, knowledgeable churchman who is willing to give himself to this role. He will be our eyes, ears, and voice to the contractor throughout the process. He will act in the best interest of the whole church. And he will be directly accountable to the facilities team and the church board. Be encouraged. These developments mean that we are moving forward.

The building fund currently sits at \$866,457. There has been a recent surge in building fund giving. October and November were two of the highest months for giving to the building fund since we began the capital campaign in 2015. Thanks be to God and thanks to you! We have one more corner to turn at the \$900,000 mark before we march to one million. Thank you for your continued, faithful investment. Thank you for giving in addition to your regular tithe. We are adamant about not compromising the quality of ongoing ministries in order to finance the future facility. Let's keep working to make it happen!

Pastor Mary recently prayed with several of our children and led them to accept Jesus. Pastor Annetta prayed with an adult in recovery to accept Christ (and we haven't even begun *Celebrate Recovery* yet!). Several classes, families, and individuals are generously blessing families in need for the holidays. The guys built the deck. Discovery Kids spent their Wednesday nights throughout Advent doing hands-on projects for others. Look around. God is at work. Don't you see him?

This Sunday. 8:45 or 11:00. No Sunday School. I look forward to Christmas Eve worship with you.

-Parson Brown

COMING SOON:

- Dec 20: Yuletide Wingding, 5pm
- Dec 21-26: Church office closed
- Dec 24: 8:45am & 11:00am services only; no Sunday School or evening activities
- Dec 27: No Immerse Groups
- Jan 2: Kaleo Lunch, 11am
- Jan 3: New Year's Family Communion, 2-7pm
- Jan 4: Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm
- Jan 7: Celebration of Baptism service, 6pm
- Jan 9: 4:30am prayer meeting
- Jan 10: New Immerse Groups begin, 6:30pm

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a prayer need
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Worship: 8:45 & 11am
S/School: 10am
Sun Nt: 6pm
Wed Nt: 6:30pm

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