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January 10, 2018

Dear WCN Family,

Lucille Pearl Schwerdtfeger made her much anticipated arrival on Thursday, December 28th at 7:57pm. She weighed 6 lbs and 15 oz at birth and was 19 and 1/4 inches long. Pastor Mary beat me to visit Lucy, then she sent me a picture of herself holding Lucy to rub it in. Lucy is a healthy miracle. Brandon and Laura are blessed. We rejoice with the Schwerdtfegers over the blessing of Lucy!

On Sunday night six people received the sacrament of baptism: Mikayla Gwin, Madison Gwin, Rachel Mathews, Rebekah Scribner, Wyatt Scribner, and Kelly Wilkins. When it was their turn, several of the kids literally ran to the baptistry. Each of them shared testimonies. Pastors spoke words of affirmation and blessing. The church celebrated as each of them came up from the water. We are grateful for these believers and their walk with the Lord!

Over the holidays we lost Carl Armstrong Brazzle, Willie Smith, and Larry Palk. All three of them had been sick for a long time. All three of them walked with the LORD. All three were loved by our church. All three have multiple family members who belong to us. Thank you for praying, feeding, and loving on these families, especially during such a busy time of year.

I am very happy to tell you that two of our own, Melissa Langston Brussa and Nicholas Herring, are entering new ministry assignments in 2018. Melissa is the associate pastor at Duneland Community Church in Chesterton, Indiana. Nicholas is the youth director at the Kingston Springs (TN) United Methodist Church. Chesterton, Indiana and Kingston Springs, Tennessee do not yet realize how blessed they are. Both Melissa and Nicholas were nurtured and called here at WCN. Their service to the Lord abroad represents the impact WCN has far beyond the borders of Humphreys County. Let's be proud and let's pray for these two.

Each January our staff hosts a Kaleo luncheon for those who are praying through a call to ministry. Our Kaleo lunch was last week. We discussed spiritual growth, call discernment, family roles in ministry, and the process toward ordination. It's a sign of life when a local church has people in the pipeline for ministry. Please join me in prayer for Lexi McGranahan, Nathaniel Riley, Angel Bradley, Nicklas Baggett, Vanessa Mathews, Anthony Yates, Kelsey Elliott, and Nicholas Herring.

I want to brag on the parents of our nursery age children. Delilah King is the finest nursery director on the planet and all of the parents know it. Delilah lives on a limited income and she has been putting money back for a long time to be part of the Mission:Mexico team. In fact, Delilah is so committed that she was setting money aside before we announced the location of the trip. Parents hatched a plan to pay Delilah's cost for Mission:Mexico. They shared the news with her at Christmas. This is love. This is generosity. This is church.

Celebrate Recovery launched Thursday night with 33 people in attendance! Most of them were from WCN and several were from the community. Please continue to pray for Pastor Annetta and her team. Help spread the word. Every Thursday at 6:30pm. God is already making a difference in people's lives through this vital ministry.

Our seasonal Grief Support Group held their last meeting last Saturday. Thanks to Lauren Blue for leading. Lauren brought her expertise and training to come alongside of hurting people throughout the holidays. Several people spent the season a little brighter than they might have otherwise.

Immerse Groups begin this week! Come Wednesday at 6:30pm!

Danny and Melanie Eaton will join us for a special missionary service on Sunday, January 21st at 6pm. Danny is originally from Dickson. He was raised in the Jason Chapel Church of the Nazarene. Melanie is from Goodlettsville and Madison. The Eatons are locals serving abroad. They currently serve the Lord through the Church of the Nazarene in Busingen, Germany. Their territory spans 39 countries and 127 languages from Northern Europe to South Asia. Make plans to join us on the 21st to hear about the work of the LORD throughout Eurasia. You will be better for it!

Financial Peace University begins in less than two weeks. See the enclosure with a link for information and registration.

Thank you to the several people who spent their Sunday morning dealing with the plumbing situation in the main building. While we were worshipping, they were handling something much less pleasant. I apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced. By the time you receive this letter, the situation should be completely remedied. There are probably several compounding causes. One of them is that the plumbing in this building was never intended to for a congregation of our size. Situations like this cause me to be grateful for plumbing at all. In many places around the world, our facilities would be a luxury. I am humbled.

Thank you for finishing 2017 with strong giving. December was our best month for giving EVER! The past 8-10 weeks have seen a surge in building fund giving. With our giving surge and an end of the year interest hit, our building fund total crossed the \$900,000 threshold on Sunday morning! Thanks be to God and thanks to you!

On Monday your church staff spent the day at Camp Garner Creek for prayer and training. Among other things we affirmed our vision, strengthened our discipleship process, and crafted tenets of staff culture. Most importantly, we grew together. I am grateful for this team: Kathryn McGuire, Don McGuire, Pastor Annetta Sykes, Pastor Janice Rudolph, and Pastor Mary Forester. They are leaders. They are invested. They live with the Spirit of Jesus. I am blessed to belong to them.

Know that you are God's sons and daughters. Know that God loves you. Know that God is pleased with you. I look forward to being with you Sunday.

-Pastor Daron

COMING SOON:

- Jan 10: New Immerse Groups begin, 6:30pm
- Jan 11: Celebrate Recovery, 6:30pm
- Jan 14: Children's Bible Quiz, 2pm, no evening activities
- Jan 21: Missionary service with the Eatons from Germany, 6pm
- Jan 22: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5am
- Jan 22: Financial Peace University begins, 6:30pm
- Jan 28: Mission: Mexico meeting, 4:30pm
- Feb 3: Teens to Trevecca basketball
- Feb 4: Children's Bible Quiz, 2pm, no evening activities

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Wed Nt: 6:30pm

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