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December 5, 2018

Dear WCN Family,

Our second annual FUELFEST did not disappoint. Cornhole tournament winners were Nick Forester and Hunter Elliott (first place) and Eugene Woodside and Mitch Dellinger (second). Chili Challenge winners were Diane Davis (Most Original), Adriana Batchelder (Nontraditional), and Jimmy Hamm (Hottest, Best Overall, and People's Choice). Thanks to our Chili Challenge Judges: WES Principal Vivian Spencer, Officer Sean Wilson, and County Executive Jessie Wallace. Mr. Wallace was a great sport. He accepted a tricycle relay challenge from Nick Forester. Thanks to everyone who worked with chili, hayrides, the barrel train, cornhole, games, and relay races: Jack Hayes, Karen Woodside, Dell Hooper, Carla Vinkler, Betty Hamm, Penny Rumsey, Kaitlyn Rumsey, Tyler Hargrove, Rebecca Scribner, Kathryn McGuire, Sarah Shanks, WCHS art students, Ricky Branch, Jason Batchelder, Brad Selph, Zach Hildreth, Stan McClanahan, Tammy Bell, and Denise Stookey. A huge thanks to Robin May for organizing FUELFEST. The event raised nearly \$2,000 to feed kids through the schools.

WCN teenagers spent a few weekends ago at Momentum, a district-wide talent competition. Those who participated are Makayla McGranahan (Storytelling, Math, Brass Solo), Lydia Rose Stirman (Vocals, Football), Katie Hudson (Pencil, Oil/Acrylic, Still Photography, Preaching, Table Tennis), Becca Simons (Still Photography, Sign Language, Softball, Golf), Addie Irons (Chalk/Pastels, Mixed Media, Still Photography), Haley Irons (Still Photography, 3-D Art), Jaiden Cochran (Still Photography, Soccer), Parker Forester (Softball), Kendall Brown (Keyboard Solo, Softball), and Samuel Dellinger (Soccer). Those who attended and chaperoned are Mallory Palk, Marie Stirman, Jane Langston, Kay McGranahan, Bradley Selph, Chanda Simons, Kayla Simons, Diane Davis, and Sara Robertson. Several of our teenagers advanced to the southeast regional competition at TNT in the spring.

The bulletin board in the coffee area displays cards of thanks from veterans who benefitted from seeing *Indivisible* in October. Thank you to everyone who gave toward admission for veterans, active-duty, and spouses. It was a privilege for Pastor Janice and myself to represent you as we honored them.

If you have not yet been baptized and are interested in baptism, please come to a brief class Pastor Mary and I will lead on Sunday, December 16th at 10:00 in the D-Zone. Children who are interested need to have parents present.

WCN's annual Group Home Christmas Party took place last Sunday afternoon. I heard several people say it was one of the best ever. Our friends with disabilities were served, loved on, and given gifts. They were entertained by Buddy Bishop and his crew. Thanks to Kay McGranahan and many others who make it happen year after year. It is one of the finest things we get to do.

The Greens have been hung. The sanctuary is adorned for the season of Advent. Pastor Mary pulled together readers and participants of all ages to make our space and ourselves ready for the season. Advent Trees have been assembled and distributed. Families and individuals are moving through the readings for each day. Pastor Mary and I have aligned our sermon series: *The Beautiful Revolution*. For these weeks, we are spending time in Luke 1, talking about God's good plan to bring a turnaround in this world. Make sure you are here for as much of the Beautiful Revolution as possible.

While I was away the last Sunday of November, Rev. Chuck Ellis filled the pulpit. I am told that his messages were received very well. I am grateful for Chuck serving with late notice. Chuck and his wife Helen have been attending WCN for several months. Chuck currently ministers at Mirror Lake Recovery in Burns, TN. People come to Mirror Lake for treatment for alcohol or drugs. Clients often come with only the clothing on their backs. They need warm clothing this winter (jackets, sweats, socks, shirts, jeans, etc). If you would like to donate items, please bring them to Kathryn in the church office.

With our springtime start date for construction, the church board elected to move forward putting our current property on the market. The District Advisory Board approved the action. Obviously, we do not know how long it will take the property to sell. If a buyer comes sooner rather than later, we will discuss options, including negotiating a departure date for later in 2019 or leasing these facilities for a short period of time after we sell them. We will keep you updated. We will trust the Lord's provision and timing.

While I was out of commission, the staff took the initiative to call off two December events that depend largely on me: *Come to the Waters* and the *Festival of Carols*. When I returned and learned this news, I felt relief. December is busy enough. I am grateful for the lessened load.

The last big WCN Christmas event is the *Yuletide Wingding*. After three years, it's still fun to say *Yuletide Wingding*. The date is Wednesday, December 19th. Bring finger foods. We will carpool and carol at area nursing homes. Then we will return to the D Zone for food, games, and the ugly sweater contest. The *Yuletide Wingding* is for all ages. It's a great event to finish a full year.

I am back at half speed. I am not doing much besides preaching. I am taking mornings for exercise. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for the way you received me back into the pulpit with enthusiasm last Sunday. Thank you for the constant reminders to take it slow. I am aware of how much I am loved.

Before the stroke, the Lord laid on my heart to preach a January sermon series entitled *First of All*. Since the stroke, the series is even more poignant. I will preach January messages about what it means to make Jesus *First of All* in every area of our lives. I believe God wants to change people and families and a whole church through this series. Before we can be impacted by the series, we need to be here. Will you commit to being present for the four Sundays of January? As much as your work allows?

You are highly favored. The Lord is with you. See you Sunday.

-Pastor Daron

## COMING SOON:

- Dec 10: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5am
- Dec 11: Prayer Meeting, 5am
- Dec 12: Last night of current Immerse Groups
- Dec 16: Baptism Class in D Zone, 10am
- Dec 16: Bible Quiz, 2pm
- Dec 19: Yuletide Wingding, 5pm
- Dec 31: Kaleo Lunch for those called to ministry, 11am
- Jan 2: New Year's Family Communion, 2-7pm
- Jan 6: *First of All* Sermon series begins
- Jan 9: Winter Immerse Groups begin, 6:30pm

If you have a prayer need please email [prayer@wcntn.com](mailto:prayer@wcntn.com)

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

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