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January 9, 2019

Dear WCN Family,

Emberly Lucille Baker was born on December 21st. Emberly was 8 lbs, 4 oz, and 20.5 inches long at birth. Her parents are Earl and Sarah Baker. Her brothers and sisters are Syllas, Kaecen, Levi, Lily, and Aiden. Both Emberly and Sarah are well. We rejoice over God's gift of Emberly to the Baker family!

There is nothing like WCN's annual Yuletide Wingding. You just have to be there to absorb the chaotic wonder. We caroled at area nursing homes. Thanks to Glenda Davidson, Elaine Choate, and Heather Holmes we had good food. We held the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, which has morphed beyond sweaters into Ugly Christmas Gear from head to toe. Kids' winners were Ainsley Forester (ugly), Macy Brown (uglier) and Soledad Batchelder (ugliest). Teen/Adult winners were Eugene Woodside and Nick Forester (tied for ugly), Ken Hotz (uglier), and Karen Woodside (ugliest). Sheila Bishop won a special trophy for her creative impersonation of Charles "Pawpaw" Davidson. Then came the games that included panty hose and cups of Vaseline and cookies stuck to faces. Like I said, you had to be there. Be there next year. Thanks to Pastor Mary Forester for organizing the Yuletide Wingding!

WCN holds a luncheon every year for people called into ministry. 11 attended our luncheon over Christmas break. They include people of all ages and walks of life. Some are single. Some are married. Some are young and going off to college. Others have families and jobs and will take classes on nights and weekends. Know that God is calling people to ministry around here. Know that your pastors take an active role in coming alongside of them and helping them grow. Pray for those being called to ministry. And ask the Lord to call more people to ministry. This is a sign of life for a local church.

New Year's Family Communion is always one of the most special events for us pastors. It is one of the most pastoral things we get to do. We love it because we get one-on-one time with you and your families. We get to hear heavy things that you trust us enough to tell us. We get to look into your eyes and tell you how much we love you. I won't name names. One person comes to me every year with a prepared list of things I can help him pray about in the new year. One person, while meeting with me, apologized to me for something that happened months ago. We embraced and prayed. One couple exited their prayer room saying, "We did not know what to expect, but we are so glad we came." The New Year's Family Communion got 2019 off on the right foot.

WCN's Celebrate Recovery ministry turned one year old this week. In its first year, CR touched 115 lives. We thank the Lord for the stories of healing, transformation, and growth that are coming from CR. Thanks to Pastor Annetta and her amazing team for their good work.

Immerse Groups begin this week. Immerse Groups are our Wednesday night groups that equip us to Become servants of the Lord. Teens gather in the sanctuary. Kids in the D-Zone. Nursery care on the lower level of the main building. And adults gather in 5 separate classrooms for studies. This set of Immerse Groups will last for 12 weeks, from now until Easter. If you have not joined a group in the past, I encourage you to do so. If you cannot be here every Wednesday night, don't let that stop you from coming when you can.

Come to the Waters is our quarterly introduction to WCN. Our next CTW is Sunday, February 17th from 4pm to 7pm in the D Zone. Dinner will be served. If you are new to WCN, or if you are not new but want to come, then CTW is for you. Please RSVP with Kathryn in the church office so we can get a count.

The first sermon you heard in 2019 was about the priority of prayer. There are two prayer events happening next week: The men's prayer breakfast on Monday, January 14th, and the all-church early morning prayer meeting on Tuesday, January 15th. Both are at 5am. I encourage men to join us for the men's breakfast and I encourage all people to come for the prayer meeting. These are a couple of great ways to make a priority of prayer in this new year.

With coming construction, it is time to begin scheduling regular updates. We plan to hold monthly meetings. The first meeting is this Sunday evening at 6pm in lieu of Diving Deeper. We will talk about process and progress toward our new facility. We will listen to questions. We will answer as many questions as we can the best we can. I want to make every opportunity to keep everyone in the loop. As we go forward, let's keep praying.

2018 giving statements will make their way to you the next few weeks. We are required by law to send annual statements of giving for tax purposes. When you receive your statement, look over it and make sure it is correct. We have made mistakes in the past. Please do not be offended if there is a mistake on your statement. Just let us know so we can rectify it. Consider these letters to be expressions of thanks and motivators for future giving.

Has 2019 got you thinking about money? WCN will be offering a *Financial Peace University* course on Monday nights beginning January 28th. Robert and Nicole Sugg will teach. The group will meet in the D-Zone. It is open to anyone in the community. Find more information and register at <https://fpu.com/1082609>.

By the time you receive this letter, I will be finished wearing my 30 day heart monitor. The results will determine whether or not I have an irregular heartbeat. Thus far, all of the tests have shown my brain, heart, and arteries to be fine. I feel like a broken record. Every time I am asked how I am, my answer is "tired." My energy level has never been this low, but I am adjusting. The doctor said it would take 3-6 months for my energy to return to normal levels. I am resting plenty. I am doing less. I have not been visiting people because my immune system is down. Thank you for your ongoing concern and care for me. I look forward to being with you Sunday as we keep talking about Jesus being *First of All*.

-Pastor Daron

COMING SOON:

- Jan 9: Winter Immerse Groups begin, 6:30
- Jan 13: Building Update Meeting, 6pm
- Jan 14: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5am
- Jan 15: Prayer Meeting, 5am
- Jan 20: Bible Quiz, 2pm (no pm activities)
- Jan 27: Celebration of Baptism service, 6pm
- Jan 28: Financial Peace University begins, 6pm
- Feb 1-2: Nazatween Retreat
- Feb 3: Bible Quiz, 2pm (no pm activities)
- Feb 5: Prayer Meeting, 5am
- Feb 17: Come to the Waters, 4-7pm

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S/School: 10am
Sun Nt: 6pm
Wed Nt: 6:30pm

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