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July 5, 2017

Dear WCN Family,

Janet Hayes was laid to rest on Tuesday, June 20th. Because I was in Indiana, Pastor Daniel ministered to the family and preached the funeral, which was his first opportunity to preach a funeral. I personally struggled with not being here, not because I don't trust Pastor Daniel or because I felt like I had to be present. I struggled because I sincerely wanted to be present with the family. I loved Janet and I love the Hayes family. The family graciously released me and they welcomed the opportunity for Pastor Daniel to preach the funeral. Pastor Daniel preached an outstanding funeral message, honoring Janet's Christ-centered life. The church rallied around the family with prayers and food as you always do. This is what it means to be the church.

I was in Indiana for two weeks representing the MidSouth district at the Church of the Nazarene's quadrennial General Assembly. 892 delegates representing 162 countries and 165 languages gathered for prayer, worship, and business. On Saturday, June 24th, the World Quiz took place. Over 5,800 children from around the world participated. Six children from WCN were in the mix. Hayden Leming, Macy Brown, and Ainsley Forester won Bronze. Dylan Gwin, Kendall Brown, and Parker Brown won Gold. We celebrate these quizzers and their huge accomplishments. Sunday, June 25th was the largest event as an estimated 20,000 people gathered for beautiful worship in many languages. On Monday June 26th we transitioned from committee business to General Assembly business. Nineteen people from WCN were present at various activities over the course of the two weeks. This Sunday evening at 6pm Pastor Mary and I will report on the World Quiz and General Assembly. We will show pictures and videos and we will celebrate what God is doing through the Church of the Nazarene.

I am currently with 23 other children and counselors at elementary church camp this week. Please be in prayer for our kids and counselors. Ask the Lord to speak into their receptive lives.

The final gathering of current Immerse Groups will be Wednesday, July 26th. On Wednesday, August 2nd everyone will gather in the sanctuary for a Back to School prayer service. We will pray for students, teachers, parents, administrators, faculty, and staff. We will pray for all private schools, public schools, and home schools. Everyone is welcome. Afterward we will move outside for ice cream and games.

On Wednesday, August 9th our fall term for Immerse Groups will begin. Last fall we experimented, having the adults in one group in the sanctuary and teenagers in small groups in classrooms. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. This fall we have the same format. Pastor Daniel is working on appropriate curriculum for our teenagers. I will present *Shaped by the Story* for adults in the sanctuary. We will discuss the Bible: How the Bible came to be, What the Bible is for, How to understand the Bible, and many other related topics. Come ready to learn what it means for us to be people who are *Shaped by the Story* on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30pm

Men, I want to keep this announcement in front of you. Beginning in August. I will hold one gathering a month for the next nine months on a Monday from 5am to 6am in the D Zone. Breakfast will be served. My agenda is simple. I want us to be brothers in Christ for one another. We will pray and connect and leave knowing that we are together in Christ. Do not let shift work be the reason you don't attend. Sign up and come to as many of the meetings as your schedule allows. Contact me to sign up.

Pastor Matt Alexander is leading the planting of a church in his hometown of Chester, South Carolina. The name of the congregation is One Church. They are a multiethnic church seeking to unite people through a common story, equip people for a common life, and send people in a common mission. On July 16th at the South Carolina district assembly, One Church's launch team will be recognized and Pastor Matt will be commissioned as pastor of the plant. Please pray for Pastor Matt, Trina, and Priya as they move forward in this exciting work of the Lord.

I look forward to being with you Sunday!

In Christ,

-Pastor Daron



COMING SOON:

- Jul 3-6: Elementary Camp
- Jul 7: Game night, 5-9pm in D-Zone
- Jul 9: Report on World Quiz & General Assembly, 6pm
- Jul 10-14: Tween Camp
- Aug 2: Back to School Prayer service and Ice cream, 6:30pm
- Aug 5: Teens: 7th grade initiation "The Rite"
- Aug 6: Mission: Mexico Team Meeting, 4:30pm
- Aug 6: District NYI (teen) convention
- Aug 9: New Immerse Groups begin (teens break into rooms, adults in sanctuary)

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

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