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Annual Report 2019

**WCN is a sent community
embodying Christ-like transformation
throughout Humphreys County and beyond
by calling people to Belong, Believe, and Become.**

John W. Adams

Distinguished Service Award

The DSA is the highest award given by a local Church of the Nazarene to a layperson. Our DSA is appropriately named after Rev. John Adams. Rev. Adams was the son of a sharecropper with a second grade education who God called into ministry as an adult. His wife taught him to read in order pass courses for ordination. He pastored WCN from 1959-1973. Rev. Adams was a bi-vocational pastor. He worked during the week and he pastored on weeknights and weekends. He physically built and remodeled our facilities. The Lord used him to impact many people in our church and in our community. Rev. John Adams was a model servant. His humility, his willingness to serve, and his dedication to the work of the church over a long period of time are traits of a Distinguished Servant. It is fitting that this award be attached to his name.

Each year a recipient is chosen by a pool of past DSA recipients. *It takes a servant to know a servant.* Recipients of this award have committed themselves to a lifetime of service in the name of Jesus. It is with great honor and appreciation that this award is distributed annually.

2001: *Terry Langston*

2002: *Edith Adams*

2003: *Amy Crum*

2004: *Alton Hesson*

2005: *Lanelle Coleman*

2006: *John McGranahan*

2007: *Annetta Sykes*

2008: *Kay McGranahan*

2009: *Jane Langston*

2010: *Letticia Ladd*

2011: *Betty Hamm*

2012: *Laura Ham*

2013: *Pearl Jones*

2014: *Nancie Hesson*

2015: *Franklin Brawley*

2016: *Karen Woodside*

2017: *Jimmy Hamm*

2018: *Eugene Woodside*

2019: *TBA*

WCN OUTput

Churches are good at measuring what comes IN (members, money, headcount...).

While that is fine, we believe that Jesus is more concerned with what goes OUT.

While numbers don't tell the whole picture, here is a sampling of our OUTput from the last 12 months.

136 pounds of food given to needy families

4 people baptized and sent to serve

\$78,748 to World Missions

\$24,621 for District Missions

\$18,075 for Local Missions

\$15,181 to Trevecca and other Nazarene schools for students to receive a Christian, holiness education

\$13,681 to retired pastors' pension plans

29th year Christmas was provided for 60 group home residents and their families

32 children served FUEL food throughout the year by WCN

10 WES Teachers were given \$150 each for classroom school supplies

Hundreds of tissue boxes, hand sanitizer, and tennis balls given to WES

5 Buddy Benches for local schools

13 students receiving RISE mentoring

Over 300 boxes of cereal to Helping Hands from our children at Discovery Camp

A Mom's Group met weekly and a Men's Prayer Breakfast met monthly.

Dozens ladies and men disciplined weekly in the county jail

Valentines Cookies and cards sent to about 140 inmates and employees at the jail

103 participants in celebrate recovery

35 children served through Discovery Care (After School Program)

\$1000 to send 25 water filters around the world

57 children and teens sent to church camps to encounter Christ and grow in Christ

8 servants from WCN work with Helping Hands food pantry

Paid admission for all veterans to view the movie *Indivisible*

20 WCN servants regularly help with Second Harvest Food Truck periodically distributing hundreds of boxes of food and serving 130-150 families

2018-19 WCN ANNUAL CHURCH BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Church board meets the 2nd Monday evening of each month and prayerfully seeks God's will in decisions concerning WCN. The meetings are open for anyone to attend. Those you elected to serve on the 2018-19 Church board were SS Superintendent Robin May (21), NMI President Pearl Jones (21), Betty Hamm (21), Brenda Palk (21), Diane Davis (21), Don McGuire (20), Karen Woodside (20), Mac Anderson (20), Jana Brazzle (19), Marilyn Evans (19), and Terry Langston (19). Parentheses denotes year term ends.

We updated WCN's mission statement: WCN is a sent community embodying Christ-like transformation throughout Humphreys County and beyond by calling people to Belong, Believe, and Become. We welcomed Pastor Grace Savage as she served as pastor for our youth for a few months. The Board updated the Transportation policy. Many faithfully gathered for the 4:30 am prayer meetings as we continue to seek His direction and will for a new building. A loan acquisition team began working to find potential lenders and a pre-construction team was appointed to begin preliminary work for building with a target start date of Spring '19. We entered into a 6-month contract with a realtor to list our current properties. We were blessed by Dr. David Graves for our Homecoming Service. Dr. Dwight Gunter led us in days of Renewal. After many years of faithful service, Pearl Jones stepped down as NMI President. The Board elected Sarah Shanks to serve the remainder of Pearl's term and Pearl continued to serve as vice-president. You continued to believe in mission work as you helped send volunteer servants for Mission: Mexico, providing shoes and clean water filters to those in need. Many participated in several intergenerational missional projects. You loved the Military Veterans of our community by paying their admission to view the spiritual-based movie *Invincible*. You continually gave faithfully to send kids to church camps & other events as needs are posted on the Sending Wall. The Discovery Care and Celebrate Recovery programs continued to be a blessing and many humbly volunteered to serve. We honored our wonderful pastors and showered them with gifts, cards and love for Pastors' Appreciation. We expressed appreciation to Terry Langston for 30 years of selfless service as our Worship leader. Wednesday night Immerse Groups continued to grow, led by a wonderful group of staff and lay persons willing to lead. We welcomed the beginning of Advent with the Hanging of the Greens and instruction on the Christian Calendar as families assembled Advent trees to display in their homes. WCN observed a season of Sabbath.

We graciously and proudly shared our pastors with others as they were sought to lead revivals, train other pastors and assist with Pastoral Reviews. As several in our own congregation experienced sickness, death and tragedy you were the Church as you loved, prayed, fed and comforted.

We are blessed by obedient and faithful pastors, staff and lay persons who are humbled to serve and give as God calls. Together, by praying and serving, we are the Church!

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Palk

Brenda Palk, Secretary

Treasurer's Report – 2018-2019

WCN ends the year in our best financial shape ever. Your Donations were solid across all categories, with Building Fund Giving greatly exceeding expectation and Tithes & Offerings spot on the forecast. Our Expenses closely tracked budget/forecast with most expense categories flat or down year-over-year.

In recent months, both attendance and donations have been trending higher. This is a good sign as we enter this season of construction. Also, we have streamlined several ministries to allow us to grow our 'Rainy Day' funds and to prepare for that eventual monthly mortgage payment. So far, that strategy is working well.

As of Vision Sunday (4/28/201), the total Building Fund stands at \$ 1,042,642. In the meantime, we've spent \$ 73,502 toward the Architect and Civil Engineering work needed at this stage. Your giving toward the Building Fund has been amazing. We encourage you to keep up the progress toward our goal of a new facility.

We have each of you to thank for your faithful giving. We can only continue to pursue Kingdom work in Humphreys County and beyond with your support and your financial support in the past year was tremendous!

I need to recognize our teams of 'Counters'. They enter the records that eventually become your giving statements. It is their work that ensures those numbers are correct and they also protect your donations all the way to the bank. They consist of a 'Sunday team' (Kay McGranahan, Jan Fitzgerald, Jane Langston, and Ross Marek) and a 'Monday team' (Carla Anderson, Rose Mitchell, and Linda Story). Rose Mitchell has taken Tina Walters counting slot in recent months in a seamless transition. A special 'Thank You' to all our counters.

A reminder: In addition to placing cash/checks in the offering plate, we have other giving options you may want to consider. They include; bank-to-bank Direct Deposit and two On-line Giving options. You can find further information on our web site (wentn.com), contact the Church Office, or ask me about giving options. The Staff and Board of WCN thanks you for your faithful and consistent giving. God Bless!

Don McGuire - WCN Treasurer

Income Category	FY2018-19	Expense Category	FY2018-19
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 473,058	Administrative	\$ 12,744
Building Fund	164,557	Church Ministries	\$ 73,592
Local Ministries	31,073	Compassionate Ministries	\$ 18,075
Work and Witness	16,120	District / Global Missions	\$ 130,791
World Evengelism / P&B	15,852	Employee Compensation	\$ 266,676
Interest on Savings	22,804	Facilities	\$ 64,085
Total Income	\$ 723,465	Total Expenses	\$ 565,964

Current Assets	FY2018-19
Checking	\$ 53,466
Savings	\$ 20,003
WIF Investment Fund (BF)	\$ 1,055,304
Indebtednes	\$ -
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,128,773

- A more detailed version of WCN financials is available upon request.

I would like to begin this report with saying that God is good and has blessed this church with some talented and dedicated musicians and singers that help lead us in genuine worship of our great God.

My personal thanks go to the band. As we begin the process of learning a new song, Clint Rawls, Donnie Moran, Kevin Brake, Lanelle Coleman, Katie Brown and I develop the arrangement in a way that it flows well from beginning to end. This is a creative, collaborative process and I appreciate the way this happens. And once the arrangement is in place, the singers Rose Mitchell, Jane Langston, John McGranahan, Rachel Reynen and Jordon Bohanon spend time learning the soprano, alto and tenor parts. Putting musicians and singers back together to play and sing is the last step where we make music happen. Through this whole process is Katie Brown. I appreciate her willingness and patience in developing the arrangement, working with singers, and assisting in putting the music together. It is music we hope points us all to reflect on our good God and worship Him with our whole heart.

From time to time we have others fill in when someone is going to be unavailable. Thanks to Ben Larkin and Daren Hamm for filling in on drums when that need arose. Thanks to Rachel Reynen for learning to sing an alto part while Jordon Bohanon took some time away to care for a newborn. And thank you band for being so faithful in preparing the offertories you play each week.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize and say thank you to the folks that run sound, visual, and lighting for each service. It has been said, and I believe it to be true, that the best technicians are the ones you never know are there, because everything runs so smoothly. Vernon Costello, Makayla McGranahan, Jason Batchelder, Nick Forester, and Kay McGranahan are back there most every week...but you would not know it, would you? Thanks for making this happen, guys. And thanks to folks like Greg Field for filling in wherever he was needed, whether that be visual or audio. His willingness to work wherever the need is helps a lot. Don McGuire is our technology guru, making sure the hardware and software work when we need them. Don fills in running sound and video as well. Both Don and Kay prepare the visuals you see on the screens each week. Thank you, Don and Kay.

Resurrection stories make the Easter season extra special. I believe each of us can relate in some way to the deeply personal stories that are shared each week. Thank you for sharing them and sharing them in a way that points us to the hero of the story...our God. Ed May has been our video editor and story shaper for these resurrection stories for the last few years. Pastor Mary Forester is taking over this responsibility. It is her first time to prepare these videos, but you would think she has been doing this for many years. Learning to use the software is a big hurdle. Compiling and compressing 30 to 60 minutes of video into a 5 to 6 minute resurrection story requires a creative story teller. Thank you, Pastor Mary.

As we look into the near future, I hope to see more of us eagerly and enthusiastically worshipping our Lord and Savior. He is indeed worthy of our praise!

Terry Langston, Worship Leader

NMI (National Missions International) Report for 2018-2019

Dear Church Family,

First let me thank you for allowing me to be your NMI President. Thank you especially to Pastor Daron Brown, and Pastor Mary Forester. Both of you have been so helpful. I took over this position, mid-year from your previous President Mrs. Pearl Jones. As all this is new, and I am still learning, I appreciate your patience with me.

As we are a people called of God to go and preach the gospel (Mark 16:15; Romans 10:13-14), it is our responsibility to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit giving us direction. We are to send, and we are to support those who go. We are to aid in the building of God's Kingdom around the world. (Mark 13:10)

And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.

These are some of the ways WCN has participated in this mission this year:

150 pairs of Shoes that Grow were purchased and sent to Mexico with our missions group of 25+ people. While in Mexico our group aided in building a feeding station for the village. The ladies in our group held a 'health clinic' and gave foot care. We were the first missions group to ever visit their area.

A 'Sending Wall' was added to our Church. This wall has envelopes attached with money amounts indicated on the outside. This wall was utilized prior to our mission trip, allowing our congregation to participate in giving toward the cost of the trip. Each person who gave, and/or prayed for this trip, in essence, went.

Following the trip to Mexico our group (which also included several people from Griffins Chapel in Erin TN) gave our church a colorful report on the trip. Lots of pictures and stories were shared and enjoyed.

\$1000.00 was collected by our Children, and 25 Water filters were purchased and sent to areas which did not have clean water.

On June 24, 2018, Doctors Bruce and Peggy Odoms, President of Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, came and spoke with us.

Our contributions this year are as follows; Our World Evangelism Fund (WEF) obligation is paid at 100% in the amount of \$33,440.72. We gave \$1410.18 in Alabaster Offering.

This year we are sending the following people as delegates to our District NMI Convention: Betty Hamm, Rose Mitchell, Adriana Batchelder, Glenda Davidson, Rachel Reynen, Susie Parnell, Tracy Cavness, Mary Ann Collins, BriAnn Selph, Lisa Oakley, Linda Story, Valerie Fuller, Marie Stirman, Kathryn McGuire, Bradley Selph, and Kelsey Elliot. I thank each one of these wonderful people for giving their time to missions and to serving.

We have Mission Books that I encourage you to read...They are located downstairs beside the North Exit outside the church office, a sign in and out sheet is there for you.

Our Missionaries are away for long periods of time, away from family and their 'support groups'... It is urgent that we pray for them.

Sarah Shanks
NMI President

SDMI Report 2018-2019

I am excited to give my report this year because there are exciting people in ministry here. Our Sunday School teachers are literally a gift from God. They give of themselves each week, helping us find our way along the paths the Father has for us. Teachers, please know we VERY much appreciate your efforts and the love you show by leading. Thanks to all of you, from those who teach the Tinies up to our adult class teachers. Delilah King, Brooke Marek, Wynona Gwin, Rachel Mathews, Vernon Costello, Karl Reynen, Nick Forester, Luanne Riley, Rachel Reynen, Diane Davis, Eugene Woodside, Brad Selph, Jane Langston, Nathaniel Riley, Trent Riley, Alton Hesson, Pastor Annetta Sykes, Susie Parnell, Cory & Frankie Oakley, Ruby Blankenship, Virginia Simmons, and Fran Patrick. I encourage you to thank each of these people as you see them serving. If you are not yet in a Sunday School class, consider yourself invited. Any one of these folks would welcome you to join their class.

Our Wednesday Immerse groups are a great way to gain deeper understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We start a new set of groups three times a year, usually Spring, Fall, and Winter. We have a great group of leaders who help us form relationships with each other. Thanks to these year's group leaders; Pastor Mary Forester, Lanelle Coleman, Pastor Janice Rudolph, Don & Kathryn McGuire, Katie Brown, Susie Parnell, Sarah Shanks, Mac Anderson, Pastor Annetta Sykes, Lauren Blue, Brad Selph, Trent Riley. Also, Marti Harris began a morning Immerse Group at 11am for those who cannot come on Wednesday evenings.

At WCN we invite all to Belong, Believe and Become. To Belong to a group where relationships are built and strengthened. To Believe that they are called to a higher purpose than we can achieve alone. And to Become the person God wants us to be. I submit this report for 2018-2019, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Robin May

Church Administrator Report 2018-2019

I am so thankful for the privilege to serve as church administrator here at WCN. God has richly blessed this church by calling these pastors here and I am blessed to serve with them! Each week in staff meetings I get to see and hear how much they love and care for each of you. I am thankful to have Pastor Daron casting the vision for this church and staff. We are better for his leadership. I am also thankful for our church board whose direction and leadership is so valuable.

So many of you serve your church and community in so many ways! I am thankful for all the people here who are willing to serve wherever called or needed. I couldn't do my job without you. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude, although I can't possibly name you all!

WCN is a busy place throughout the year. I am so thankful for everyone who helped make each event a success this year. Easter services and egg hunt require so many people with servant hearts, thank you all. Thank you to Ed May for editing Resurrection Stories before going off to *Walk With Dinosaurs*. Thank you everyone who made FUELFest a great success. Thank you Dell Hooper for sewing all those corn hole bags! Thank you to the team that put up lights in the D-Zone for the Christmas season. Thanks to Lanelle and Glenda for helping me make New Year's Family Communion run smoothly and to Gary & Marilyn for setting up food. Thanks to Julie & JJ Coleman and Don Neidig for helping clear the rooms and put everything back. Thank you Cindy Frazier for the beautiful fall homecoming decorations this year!

Sharing a meal together is a great "Belong" opportunity. We have had many this year; Homecoming, Spiritual Deepening (Revival), Graduation, Festival of Carols, just to name a few. Thank you to those who helped to organize and/or grill for them: Greg Field, Warren Patrick, Karen Woodside, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Susie Parnell, Mary Ann Collins, Carla Vinkler, and Ellen Moran. And thank you to everyone who has helped with the meals whether setting up and taking down tables & chairs, bringing food, serving, or cleaning up. Thank you to Angela Norton for providing meals for Come to the Waters, workdays and other events.

Thank you to our greeters and ushers who faithfully arrive early each Sunday and extend warmth and hospitality to all. Thank you to the ladies who bake cookies for our pastors to take when they visit.

Twice a month a group of ladies comes to help fold and prepare the church newsletter to be mailed. They are always so gracious and flexible. They also roll Alabaster change, put welcome bags and mugs together, sort curriculum and more. I am so thankful for these ladies: Lanelle Coleman, Dianne Howard, Marilyn Evans, Betty Hamm, Dell Hooper, Virginia Simmons, Ellen Moran, Marie Stewart, Linda Nichols, Glenda Davidson and Elaine Choate. This year Dianne Howard moved closer to her son, we miss her. She is still faithfully managing our prayer chain from her new home. If you need to request prayer, you may send an email to prayer@wcntn.com.

I am so thankful for Barbara & Marie Hicks for keeping our facilities clean. Thank you to all who showed up for the workdays to help care for these facilities! We especially appreciate Mike Turner and his crew who dug up, replaced and repaired old broken sewer lines and repaired the parking lot afterward! And to all the people who help throughout the year to handle all the little and big jobs that come up.

Special thanks to Jack Hayes for building the advent trees, more corn hole boards, shelves, and just about anything we dreamed up! Thanks to Darrel Shanks for building Buddy Benches. Thank you Mac & Carla Anderson and David & Cindy Frazier for putting the playground together. The kids got a lot of use out of it until the creek got jealous and decided to take it! Thank you to everyone who helped after the flood! Some of you were here almost every day for about 2 weeks. I appreciate your dedication and sweet spirits, as Darrel Shanks said, "So many smiles during a crisis!"

Thanks to Tracy Cavness and Rebekah Scribner for coordinating Baby Showers to welcome our new babies and express our love and support to their families. Also, thank you Betty Hamm for coordinating wedding showers this year.

Thank you all for being the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn McGuire

2018/2019 PASTOR OF LOCAL MISSIONS REPORT

WES PARTNERSHIP – WCN has completed 9 years of partnership with WES. This past year WCN served as greeters in the mornings and with gifts of service throughout the year. Pastor Mary Forester is in the school almost daily ministering to students and teachers. Teachers and Staff were thanked with an end of the year meal, letters, cards, and a small gift. Ten teachers received a check to purchase needed items for their class rooms. WCN's teachers who teach at schools other than WES received a thank you gift card in appreciation for investing in the lives of the children. Thank you to Pastor Mary Forester for leading this partnership and to Jana Brazzle for organizing the delicious meal.

FUEL – The FUEL program has completed 14 years. The FUEL program places food in the backpacks of hungry kids each Friday of the school year. WCN partners with 4 other area churches in this ministry. The program serves Pre-K through 8th grade and for the 1st time has served WCHS's special needs class. WCN served 32 of the 119 children in the program this past year. Thank you to Ellen Moran, Sarah Palk, Emily Palk, Frankie Oakley, Wynona Gwin, Jan Fitzgerald, Carla Anderson, Tracy Cavness, Brooke Marek, Glenda Davidson, Cheryl Woodside, and Jill Field for their hard work and commitment to this vital ministry.

HELPING HANDS – WCN continues to partner with our local food pantry to provide food and financial assistance to families in Humphreys Co. Helping Hands continues to partner with Second Harvest Food Bank. The food truck ministry has change delivery times but continues to serve 130 – 150 families at the special distribution times. Thank you to Carla Vinkler for her leadership and to everyone who faithfully volunteers to serve this community through this ministry.

GROUP HOME PARTY – WCN marked 29 years in December of 2018 of celebrating Christmas with special friends in our community. Thank you to Buddy Bishop, Sheila Bishop, Kay McGranahan, Pastor Mary Forester, and everyone who serve to help make this event the most special event of the year.

RISE – The RISE program served 13 children during this year. RISE partners with other local churches to match adults with children to speak love and encouragement into these young lives. Thank you to Pastor Mary Forester for leading this vital ministry.

2018/2019 PASTORAL CARE REPORT

It continues to be the love of my heart to partner with Pastor Daron Brown in caring for and loving the people at WCN and the community. The love and grace I receive in the homes and hospital rooms is a cherished blessing.

During the past year I have been privileged to become part of the now forming Humphreys Co. Homeless Coalition which will be equipped to meet the challenging and growing issue of homelessness in the county. This Coalition is still in its baby stage of formation but is intended be a great asset in the goal of ending homelessness.

It has also been a privilege to work as a Case Manager for the Long-Term Recovery Group working to provide flood relief to the many people suffering damage to their homes and loss of furniture and personal items by the flood of February, 2019.

I look forward to doing life with all of you in the coming year. I love you all so much and am praying for each of you. I look forward to bearing witness to the amazing things God will do in each of us in the upcoming year. Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Pastor of Pastoral Care and Local Missions

Pastor Janice Rudolph

Jail and Recovery Ministries – 3/1/2018 – 2/28/2019

Jail Ministry: WCN has had two great teams this past year with which I served! Thank you to Dan Troxell, Mac Anderson, Charles Davidson, Betty Hamm, Carla Anderson, and Jan Troxell. They've been faithful every Tuesday and Thursday of the year to lead the church services to the men and women in the Humphreys County Jail. The prayer team of 40 persons, who receive specific prayer requests submitted by the inmates weekly, have continued to undergird this ministry.

Again, as a loving congregation, your cookie-baking was greatly appreciated by the jail recipients on Valentine's Day, along with Valentine cards made! Know that room exists for expanding our team if the Lord lays it on your heart!

Celebrate Recovery Ministry: WCN completed its first full year of Celebrate Recovery and began its second year the first Thursday of 2019! The CR team is comprised of Hostesses, Worship Leaders, Breakout Group Leaders and assistants, Childcare Providers, Security, Sound Technician, and Meal Coordinators. This past year's team members were as follows: Betty Hamm, Jan Troxell, Susie Parnell, Vernon Costello, Lloyd Ross, Tracy Young, Ellen Moran, Sarah Shanks, Darrel Shanks, Glenda Davidson, Lindy Dellinger, Julie Coleman, Nathaniel Riley, Warren Patrick, Fran Patrick, Trent Riley, Luanne Riley, Marilyn Evans, Gary Evans and Chuck Ellis. A few older teenagers have assisted in various ways in the Joint Session as childcare helpers, sound techs, and *floats* – J.J. Coleman, Hannah Troxell, Harley Balthrop, Haley and Addie Irons. Also, the following Sunday School classes supplied the refreshments once per month: the Joy Class, the New Life Class, the Rolling Stones Class, and the Table. Thank you!!

The 2018 fall Immerse Groups offered as one of its options CR Leadership Training. The sessions were well attended and more joined our team the following year, while some took a break although offering to be "on call" for occasional service as needed. Both scheduled and non-scheduled team members are a real blessing! Also, a men's CR Step Study group has been underway on Tuesday evenings as a closed group for those persons wanting to go deeper in spiritual formation. The women's Step Study group completed its curriculum in February of this year.

I've been excited to see that WCN's CR has been a connecting link for men and women released from the jail to engage in recovery. At the same time, CR has served as a safe place for any persons needing healing from hurts and losses. Many persons in our congregation and family members of those persons have been touched by the CR Joint Session, following Open Breakout Groups, Mix and Mingle time, pastoral follow up, and in some cases the mentoring one-to-one commitments. For the twelve-month length of this church year, 103 individuals have attended – affording them truth, love, acceptance, accountability, and support.

As we move further into this year, I continue to be moved by the following quote: *The future belongs to those who believe in their God-given dreams.* God has given WCN a calling to reach out and help meet the deep needs of others. Recovery is a big part of those needs. Resources, especially in willing hands and hearts, are needed as this particular ministry grows. The future is yours when your life experiences its fulfillment in God's calling. Pray about your place in this ministry and act on God's response!

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Annetta Sykes



Dear WCN Church Family,

I am in my fourth year of being the children's pastor at WCN, and I cannot imagine being anywhere else. Thank you for your continued support of myself and my family. We love being able to serve in our own community.

Our children's ministry could not be what it is without the dedication and commitment of each of the individuals who serve alongside of me on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our children's nursery, also known as the Discovery Tinies, serves children birth through 2 years old. We are blessed to have an amazing team who lead and serve in the nursery. Ms. Delilah King is the Nursery Director and has always done an excellent job loving our babies. She views her job as a calling, and it is a pleasure to serve alongside of her! Those who have served in the nursery in the past year are: Rebekah Scribner, Vanessa Mathews, Sydney Ross, Rachel Reynen, Tina Walters, Tina Richardson, Mary Ann Collins, Carla Anderson, Claudia Cordova, Patsy Brown, Shannon Proctor, Carla Vinkler, Beccie Cochran, Warren Patrick, and Brittany Selph.

We had an amazing team of 31 individuals who gave of themselves throughout this past year while serving the kids in our D-Zone. We are thankful for Tiffany Qualls, Sheila Bishop, Angel Bradley, Valerie Fuller, and Charles Davidson for being dedicated to serve in children's worship on Sundays. Our Sunday School leaders in the past year were: Wynona Gwin, Rachel Matthews, Brittany Selph, BriAnn Selph, Brooke Marek, Adriana & Jason Batchelder, Karl Reynen, Ed May, Luanne Riley, Nicholas Forester, Rachel Reynen, and Vernon Costello. Others who lead during Wednesday night immerse groups and/or throughout the year as substitute teachers are: Jennifer Hedin, Beccie Cochran, Ellen Moran, Cortney Buchanan, Ricky & Sarah Branch, Ryan Young, Madison Shoemake, and Stephanie Tomlinson. Pastor Janice Rudolph and Nick Forester assist on Sunday nights.

Because of the growth of our children's ministry, we opened up a brand new 3 year old worship class in January! Warren Patrick and Tracy Cavness lead every Sunday. We have an awesome group of people who are now serving on a rotational basis in this new ministry area: Laura Schwerdtfeger, Madison Shoemake, Sarah Barker, Shannon Proctor, Carla Anderson, Brittany Selph, BriAnn Selph, and Beccie Cochran.

Our children's ministry team is intentional about our children belonging, believing, and becoming. Our children *belonged* by: having fun at our Yuletide Wingding Christmas party, 20 children attending NazaTween, more than 50 attending our Family Movie Night in August, having a slip 'n slide kickball game with 140 others, and celebrating by having 2 swimming pool parties. They *believed* by: two children being baptized, growing in their faith with the 33 who attended summer camps and the 100 who attended Discovery Camp, six children excelled in Bible quizzing, beginning their school year with a Back to School prayer service, and by spending Wednesday mornings of the summer at Acts in the Park living an "Acts 2" kind of church life. They *became* by: raking leaves for Ms. Lanelle Coleman, serving during the Group Home Christmas Party, giving their tithes and offerings, giving to the special Alabaster offerings, helping the FUEL ministry on Sunday nights, singing and making homemade cookies for the residents of the nursing home during the holidays, helping to paint the Buddy Benches for local schools, making blessing bags and handing them out to persons who are homeless, making Valentines cards for those who are in jail, donating over 300 cereal boxes to Helping Hands during Discovery Camp, leading in the Tenebrae and Hanging of the Greens services, making cards for the Mission: Mexico team, collecting items for kids who are in foster care, giving \$1000 to send water filters around the world, and praying/making cards for those who are sick and lonely on Wednesday nights

These are exciting days in the lives of our kids and leaders! We look forward to the new year with great anticipation of how God will continue to move in us and through us.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Mary

WCN NYI ANNUAL REPORT (3/01/18 – 2/28/19)

- MAR: The teens began the new church year with continuation of the study led by Pastor Daron on the gospel of Mark, "A Different Kind of Messiah."
- APR: We sent 7 teens to represent WCN at TNT@TNU in Sports and Arts events. Teens had a workday at Camp Garner Creek, setting up and cleaning chairs for District Assembly.
- MAY: Had the Graduation Celebration for 4 of our teens in our youth group. After months of planning, we welcomed Grace Savage to be our Youth Pastor with a church-wide party and cookout. We held our Annual 7th Grader's Initiation into the youth group.
- JUN: We had a busy two weeks with two teen camps; 22 campers in attendance. The Mission Mexico team went to Oaxaca, Mexico, which included teen, Sam Dellinger.
- AUG: We had the teen's Back-To-School Bash at the Woodside's.
- SEP: Teens made a trip to TNU to support Emily Davis and the TNU Volleyball Team. With much help from Eugene and Karen Woodside, the teens helped to host a "Whack-A-Teen" game at the W.E.S. Fall Festival. We also said "Goodbye" to Pastor Grace as she returned to Nashville.
- OCT: Teen Bonfire and Cookout was held at the Woodside's. We enjoyed lots of Paintball and carving pumpkins.
- NOV: Eleven teens went to Momentum at Trevecca (which is the precursor to TNT in the Spring) to participate in Arts and Sports events.
- DEC: Teens participated in the Yuletide Wing-Ding and singing carols at the nursing homes.
- FEB: We had a great time at our Lock-in at Thunder Alley in Dickson

Thank you to the following who helped to serve in the Youth Department:

- Eugene Woodside, Diane Davis, Bradley Selph, Jane Langston for teaching the Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday School classes.
- Pastor Daron, Pastor Grace, Bradley Selph, Diane Davis, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Adriana Batchelder, Rose Mitchell, Rachel Reynen and Sara Robertson for teaching and mentoring our teens on Wednesday and Sunday nights.
- And...to the many chaperones and parents who got us where we needed to be.

Jane Langston
NYI President

Report of the Pastor

Church Family,

I bring you my nineteenth annual report at the close of eighteen full years of ministry. Our Risen Lord is alive and moving in Waverly, TN. I find immense joy seeing God work through you. Katie, Kendall, Parker, Macy, and I are grateful to continue to serve as your pastoral family. We are blessed to be yours.

This annual report is our time to check our pulse. We continue to see increases in every statistical area. For the reporting year we averaged 278 in worship attendance (+4) and 194 in Sunday School (+9). We increased in membership and baptisms. We rejoice over these numbers and the outputs on page 3. Each statistic represents Kingdom work.

We have an incredible staff team that deserves thanks and praise for all they give. Mary Forester faithfully serves as our pastor to children and families. In the past year she stepped into the void of media ministry, even though that is not her primary gift or calling. She is a model servant who does what the church needs. Janice Rudolph continues to provide great leadership in the areas of local missions and pastoral care. Annetta Sykes leads our Jail and Recovery Ministries with excellence. Kathryn McGuire, church administrator, is still the glue. And Don McGuire, as church treasurer, exceeds expectations, providing sound leadership for our stewardship. Your WCN staff is gifted and dedicated. They love Jesus and they love you. They are committed to calling people to participate in God's mission and, in the process, making disciples. It is one of my great joys in life to serve with them.

I am privileged to serve with outstanding leaders on our church board. Thanks to Jana Brazzle, Terry Langston, Karen Woodside, Brenda Palk, Robin May, Pearl Jones, Marilyn Evans, Don McGuire, Diane Davis, Sarah Shanks, Jane Langston, and Betty Hamm for serving on the church board. I cannot tell to you how important it is to serve alongside a healthy, unified, missional group of leaders. I am confident in their character and their competence. They bring joy to my work.

This year we successfully completed our capital campaign, raising over one million dollars in three years for a future facility. The board gave the green light to move forward. The District Advisory Board approved our plan. And you voted in April with a resounding 98% YES to our future! The design phase is near completion. The contractor selection process is beginning. Join me in prayer that the Lord will lead us to the right contractor at the right price with the right timeline.

Every week in worship we pray the words Jesus taught us to pray. Included in the Lord's Prayer is the request: *Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* For the longest time, I thought the purpose of Christianity was to get us ready to leave this earth. I have come to understand that Jesus is much more interested in his Kingdom coming here, as the prayer states. As we pray each week, there is an unstated parenthetical clause in this prayer. It is *through us*. *Thy Kingdom come (through us). Thy will be done (through us)* so that this world will be as it is in heaven (*through us*). Our story, our ministry, our mission, our reason for being is all about heaven touching down here through us. These days. In this place.

In the Old Testament, heaven touched down on the mountain and in the temple. In the New Testament, heaven touched down in a manger in Bethlehem in the incarnation of Jesus. In Luke 4 when Jesus read from Isaiah in the temple, his message was: Heaven has touched down! In Acts 2, heaven touched down with wind and fire in that upper room. The story, the whole story, is about heaven touching down here. The story of WCN is about heaven touching down. As we serve and give and witness and bless and pray and do Kingdom work, in the power of the Spirit, heaven touches down in our midst.

Heaven touched down in rural mountains of Mexico when you sent 20 of us to minister in a multitude of ways. Heaven touched down through nearly 14 million gallons of clean, safe drinking water that your children provided to people in need. Heaven touches down across the street, as we continue our school partnership. Heaven touches down when kids rake leaves and when teenagers spend time boxing food for hungry folks in our community. Heaven touches down through FUEL, RISE, the jail ministry, Celebrate Recovery, and many other ongoing ministry ventures. Heaven is touching down and we get to be in on it! It is because of God, but it is happening *through us!*

We are embarking on the greatest change and challenge we have ever undertaken. God's long-term vision is coming to fruition. As we move ahead, I am determined that we:

- Stay connected to our past
- Stay together in the Spirit
- Stay focused on our future
- Stay driven by God's mission

My friend, Dan Quagliata, pastors on Long Island, NY. He helped me understand that there are 4 types of church people:

- Takers ("I want...")
- Talkers ("They should...")
- Doers ("I will...")
- Shapers ("I will and you join me")

I encourage you to check your personal spiritual pulse. Which category above do you fit into? How is the Lord talking to you about the change he wants to bring in you? I believe the Lord is transforming some *Takers* and *Talkers* into *Doers*. And I believe he is making some *Doers* into *Shapers*.

I encourage you to:

- Engage
- Give faithfully and regularly
- Let God grow you
- Be the church you want
- Current leaders to shape future leaders
- Future leaders to step into action
- Support your leaders

So much is so right. Attendance is up. Giving is up. The missional temperature is high. People are coming to know Jesus and following Jesus. New people are being called into ministry. Marriages are being restored. People are demonstrating growth in grace. We are closer than ever to building. In other words, we are getting front row seats to heaven touching down in our midst. Let us not miss this moment. Let us not squander these opportunities. Let us make the most of our days. Let us be good stewards of the good news. Let us engage in God's mission, trusting that he will grow us as his disciples in the process. Our prayer, our hope, our mission is that God's Kingdom will continue to come and that his will continues to be done, right here in Humphreys County and beyond, as it is in heaven.

Let's claim 2019-2020 for God's glory!

-Pastor Daron