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February 5, 2020

Dear WCN Family,

Since the last letter, boys and girls have engaged in two Bible Quizzes. On January 25th, Madison Gwin, Mikayla Gwin, Wyatt Scribner, Logan Reynen, and Gavin Selph won bronze. Macy Brown won silver. And Ainsley Forester won gold with a perfect round. On February 2nd, Gavin Selph, Wyatt Scribner, and Mikayla Gwin won bronze. Logan Reynen won gold. Madison Gwin and Macy Brown won gold and each of them had perfect rounds. Ainsley Forester was a Gold All Star with two perfect rounds. Congratulations, quizzers, for completing the book of Genesis! The district quiz takes place Saturday, March 21st at Jason Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Dickson.

Nazatween is a district overnight retreat for preteens. WCN sent the following 26 preteens to Clarksville for Nazatween last weekend: Dylan Gwin, Jeremy Crichton, Landon Gentry, Parker Brown, Bryce Griffin, Brenden Selph, Ainsley Forester, Madison Gwin, Mikayla Gwin, Macy Brown, Brynlee McCoy, Briahna King, Sydney Porch, Carson Wilkins, Jacob Coleman, Ashton French, Tinlee Maples, Morgan Philpott, Benton McClanahan, Lily Oakley, Sophie Oakley, Lorelei Cochran, Sierra Scantlin, Kaylee Tomlinson, Aubree Stanfill, and Taylor Jacoby. Counselors included Pastor Mary Forester, Nick Forester, Karl Reynen, Madison Young, and Beccie Cochran. Tweens went to a trampoline park, played laser tag, dodge ball, and other activities. The theme was *Come Alive*. Kids learned about how we are alive because the breath of God is in us. Our children were not the worship leaders for the event. But our kids led worship. They stood up front. They were bold and expressive and passionate. Other kids followed their lead.

Thank you for praying for our staff during WCN's annual staff retreat. We spent two days in training, connection, and team-building. We ate well and we threw some axes. Our time together was critical for unity and synergy as we continue to discern the Lord's direction. Thank you for supporting your church staff!

Annual church elections began last Sunday. They will resume and close this Sunday. We are required to hold elections one Sunday. We make a practice of holding them for two Sundays because so many of us work shift-work. Members of WCN, age 15 and older, are eligible to vote.

Karen Woodside feels called to begin a monthly Ladies' Luncheon for ladies who are 50-ish and older. The first gathering will be Friday, February 21st at 11:30 in the D-Zone. Contact Karen or the church office if you are interested.

Pastor Jim Robbins served his country in the Navy during the first gulf war. Two pastorates before coming to WCN, Pastor Jim served at Clarksville Grace Church of the Nazarene. Clarksville, near Fort Campbell, has a high concentration of veterans. Pastor Jim engaged in a specialized ministry with veterans in that context. With a continued passion for ministry with veterans, Pastor Jim is launching *Veterans-Connect*. The first event is March 7th in the D-Zone. 8am. Coffee and connection. Spread the word.

The MidSouth district Board of Ministry conducted our annual interviews in January. Pastor Jim Robbins successfully met his requirements. His district license was renewed for another year as he moves closer to ordination. Pastor Janice, after years of education and examination, interviewed for ordination. She received a letter last week notifying her that she successfully completed the process for ordination. Pastor Janice will be ordained on Friday, May 29th at 7pm at Camp Garner Creek. Mark the day. Plan to fill the tabernacle for Pastor Janice. Prior to ordination, we will host a celebration dinner for Pastor Janice on May 17th at 5pm. For a minister, few events matter more than ordination. Ordination is "the authenticating, authorizing act of the Church, which recognizes and confirms God's call to ministerial leadership as stewards and proclaimers of the gospel and the Church of Jesus Christ (*Manual*, paragraph 502)." We have benefitted from Pastor Janice's gifts and graces for years. We have witnessed her journey. And we celebrate with her as she receives this sacred gift.

On January 26th our architect, Joshua Wright, joined us for a building update meeting. Terry Langston, Josh, and I updated the church and answered questions. For those who were unable to attend, here are some notes:

- The city of Waverly would not approve our plans because our sewer connection was based on a gravity feed. We met with the city and received approval for a grinder pump instead of a gravity feed. Our engineering firm then had to redesign our plans. They completed their work last Friday.
- We are ready to begin the bidding process with general contractors. Bidding begins in February and lasts 30 business days. At the end of the 30 days we should have a General Contractor.
- Thanks to the Lord and thanks to you, giving remains healthy. Although we are spending from the building fund for architect fees, plans, surveys, etc, the building fund remains between 1 and 1.1 million dollars because many of you continue to designate giving to the building fund. In addition to the building fund, we have been paying ourselves a mortgage payment for more than a year. The money is going to savings, That account holds nearly \$100,000.
- Our posted plans have gone through slight modification, but the basic concepts remain the same. Terry Langston has a copy of our updated, stamped plans if you are interested in viewing them.
- Our work continues to be the work of prayer. Right now, the most important things to ask the Lord for are (1) the right contractor, (2) at the right price, (3) with the right timetable.
- Assuming the process continues as planned, we will have a contractor before winter departs and spring arrives. A ceremonial groundbreaking will be planned accordingly.

Have a blessed week. See you Sunday.

-Pastor Daron

COMING SOON:

- Feb 2 & 9: WCN Elections
- Feb 8: Teens to TNU basketball, 8:30am
- Feb 10: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5am
- Feb 21: Ladies Luncheon & Teen Bowling Lock-In
- Feb 26: Ash Wednesday service, 6:30pm, no groups
- Feb 28: Family Movie Night, 6pm
- Mar 7: Veterans-Connect, 8am
- Mar 21: District Bible Quiz, 9am
- Mar 26-29: Teens: TNT at TNU
- Mar 30-Apr 1: Sage (Prime Timers) Retreat
- Apr 4: Spring Workday, 8am

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Wed Nt: 6:30pm

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