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March 4, 2020

Dear WCN Family,

WCN teenagers spent an overnight Lock-in at Thunder Alley in Dickson where they bowled, played games, and connected. Those who attended are Malakai Cochran, Jaiden Cochran, Haley Irons, Addie Irons, Brianna Gwin, Kamron Hayes, Parker Forester, Becca Simons, Kalyn Clayton, Brooklyn Tomlinson, Lena Holt, Jaelynn Hargrove, Hayden Leming, Kendall Brown, Graydon Allison, Mallory Palk, Brycen Davidson, Luke Bissinger, Robert Tiffany, Mateo Batchelder, Kaylie Brooks, Michael Wallace, Noah Wallace, Leighla Anderson, Garrett Clark, Kalob Hedin, Karson Hedin, JJ Coleman, John Petersen, Ashlie Petersen, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Rose Mitchell, Bradley Selph, Adriana Batchelder, and Jason Batchelder.

Ash Wednesday was a beautiful beginning to Lent. People scrunched in. Kids climbed into laps. We sang about our Savior's Love and heard scriptures about our mortality. Jill Young offered a beautiful song about being broken. We spent time at three stations to get our minds and hearts right. We nailed commitments. We received ashes. And we brought our *broken* to the foot of the cross. As we moved through the sanctuary in a big circle, people were talking and taking selfies with loved ones. It might sound disrespectful, but it wasn't. There was an air of deep devotion and connection. I always look for the folks among us who may be new to Ash Wednesday. I look for ways they respond and what the service might mean to them. They engage. They love the service. And they find it life-giving.

Samuel Dellinger was the first child I dedicated to the Lord. It was the spring of 2003. He grew up through WCN's children's ministry and youth group. As a teenager, Samuel visited Trevecca for functions like *Momentum*, *TNT*, and teen trips to sporting events. Samuel graduated WCHS last year with honors. He is a math genius. The young man had options for college. He chose to attend Baylor University in Waco, TX and double major in Astronomy and Computer Science. I told you he was smart. During his first semester last fall, he sensed that something was not right. He belonged at Trevecca. Samuel knew it in his bones. He switched schools over Christmas break. When asked to declare a major at Trevecca, Samuel said "ministry." School is good. Samuel is more alive than ever. Maybe he needed to go to Baylor to find out that he belonged at Trevecca. Whether or not we know what we are doing, God knows what he is doing.

Turn your clocks forward one hour this Saturday. Get some more daylight. Just don't let it throw your Sunday morning off!

Every Sunday a small group of people gather in the New Life Sunday School room (room M3) downstairs in the main building for the 8:45 service. We send a live feed of the service to the flat screen television on the wall. The group is small. The restrooms are nearby. And there are no stairs involved. I feel led to share this in case there is anyone who wants to be added to their number. You are invited.

If you have not yet been baptized and are interested, come for conversation this Sunday morning in the church office (Room M1 on the lower level). Attending does not obligate you to be baptized. Kids need parents with them.

Easter Sunday will be April 12th. Postcard invitations roll out this Sunday. In addition to our regular Easter schedule (8:00, 9:20, 11:00), we will add a fourth service this Easter. Pastor Mary will preach the sunrise service at 6:15 on the church lawn. Begin working on your loved ones now. Easter will get here soon. Let's make the most of this opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with those around us.

As always, we are collecting candy for Easter. Small, individually wrapped pieces of candy that fit into plastic Easter Eggs. We need 10,000. Go!

For two years, while Trent and Luanne Riley made weekend trips to Atlanta for Luanne's treatment, they made a habit of stopping for meals at a restaurant in Murfreesboro. Luanne loved the restaurant. The Rileys ate there twice every weekend, once on the way to Atlanta and once on the way back. The Rileys struck up a friendship with Lacresha, a server at the restaurant. Whenever the Rileys stopped in, they looked for Lacresha. Luanne died last September in Chattanooga after her courageous battle with cancer. After her death, on the long trip home, Trent and the boys stopped at the restaurant to eat once more. It was healing for them to eat at Luanne's favorite place before going home. The Rileys decided to make a family tradition of eating there on Luanne's birthday every year. Her birthday was February 17th. She would have been 58. Days before the trip, Trent called the restaurant to find out if Lacresha was going to be working. She was not scheduled to work on the 17th. But because the Rileys were coming, she came in on her day off and served the Rileys. She sat with them and talked to them for about 20 minutes. This story says everything you need to know: family, love, connection, remembering, and healing. God is good.

Last Sunday I began the series, *Into Broken*. We live in the wilderness. Jesus went into the wilderness. He goes into wilderness places before us. There is no low too low. No place he will not go. When we get there, he is already there. In the wilderness, we stand face to face with the devil. But we also stand face to face with Jesus. Because Jesus is in the wilderness. Neither of the services resulted in huge altar calls. It is ok. I learned long ago not to measure my worth or the worth of a sermon by the altar response. Since Sunday, I have received texts from several people describing the impact of this message on their lives. God is working. Lives are mending. I look forward to this Sunday. Let's keep talking about the God who moves *Into Broken*.

-Pastor Daron

COMING SOON:

- Mar 7: *Veterans-Connect @ 8am, Ultimate Frisbee @ 3pm, move clocks forward one hour*
- Mar 8: Baptism Class, 10am, room M1
- Mar 9: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 5am
- Mar 18: No Immerse Groups (spring break)
- 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
- Apr 10: Good Friday Tenebrae service, 6:30
- Apr 12: Easter Sunday
- Apr 19: Celebration of Baptism, 6pm

If you have a prayer need please email prayer@wcntn.com

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

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