



Annual Report 2020

**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. On Sunday mornings, he and his wife Edith would get in two cars and drive through the county picking up kids for worship. Many of those kids have grown up to become vital members of WCN. The Lord used Rev. Adams 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 presented 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: *Delilah King*

2020: *Brenda Palk*

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.

Over 250 pounds of food given to needy families

\$3,000 given to Helping Hands to help families with rent & utilities

12 baptized (check my number on that since we reported 5)

\$31,902 to world missions

\$21,370 to district missions

\$27,309 to local missions

\$14,324 to Trevecca scholarships

\$11,824 to Pensions & Benefits

\$2,300 to Riley family for Luanne's care and funeral during week of renewal

30th Group Home party

35 children served through Fuel = 4,200 lbs of food

Ten teachers received a \$150 check to purchase needed items for their classrooms.

Over 1,000 tennis balls given to WES as well as tissue boxes and hand sanitizer.

\$1,900 raised at FUELFEST with about 200 participants

581 boxes of cereal given to HH from One Camp

113 food items from Littles in the Preschool Praise Party

17 people attended Kaleo Luncheon

9 students enrolled in course of study to prepare for ministry

Dozens of ladies and men disciplined weekly in the county jail

Valentine's Day at the jail: Hundreds of cookies & cards from D-kids

120 participants in Celebrate Recovery

\$1,219 given by CR attendees to make Recovery Bibles available to those who can't afford one

1 new SS class, The Journey

We sent 6 teens and chaperones to NYC in Arizona to worship and serve

65 children and teens and 11 counselors sent to church camps to encounter Christ and grow in Christ

12 servants from WCN assisted HH on a regular basis

10 babies dedicated to the Lord

\$2,200 to Kelsey Elliott for her summer missions experience in Croatia

\$700 to Angel Bradley for her mission trip to Ethiopia

48 crisis care kits assembled by families for those in need

H.C. Windstorm: 71 from WCN served at 27 homes cutting trees, repairing homes, bringing water & food.

2019-2020 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 2019-20 Church board were SS Superintendent Robin May (21), NMI President Sarah Adams (21), Carla Anderson (23), Greg Field (23), Lloyd Ross (23), Betty Hamm (21), Brenda Palk (21), Rose Mitchell (21), Jana Brazzle (22), Marilyn Evans (22), Terry Langston (22). Parentheses denotes year term ends.

We rejoiced and celebrated with Pastor Mary as she was ordained as pastor. The board met with Dr. Gunter for the church/pastoral relationship review. The review was unanimously positive to renew a 4-year term for Pastor Daron as minister of WCN. Nathaniel Riley was granted his local ministers license. The board voted for renewal of Pastor Janice's district ministry license and she will be ordained October 14, 2020. Many faithfully gathered for the early morning prayer meetings as we continue to seek His direction and will for a new building. The loan acquisition team collected bids from potential lenders and the board voted to accept the lowest bid which was from FirstBank. As a congregation, 98.8% voted yes to sell our current properties and 98.8% voted yes to the construction of a new building on Airport Rd. not to exceed \$3million, and to incur debt to fund the construction not to exceed \$1.9million. The board agreed to sell the Church bus due to too few drivers with CDL credentials needed for bus size and set the funds aside and earmarked for a smaller bus or van. We reminisced with Rev. Richard Wagoner and Debbie for our Homecoming Service. Dr. Tony Sparrow led us in days of Renewal. You continued to be the Church in mission work as you helped send Kelsie Elliott to Croatia and Angel Bradley to Ethiopia. Many participated in several intergenerational missional projects like FUEL and Helping Hands. You built and installed a Blessing Box for those needing food. You helped send teens and leaders to NYC in AZ. 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. Pastor Mary was given a new title of Pastor of NextGen Ministries & Media. We welcomed Pastor Jim Robbins and Margaret to part-time ministry at WCN.

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 our own congregation experienced sickness, death and tragedy and weathered floods and windstorms, 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 – 2019-2020

The most recent Fiscal Year for Waverly Church of the Nazarene (WCN) was simply Outstanding. WCN ends the church year in our best financial shape ever. Your Donations were solid across all categories. For instance, Tithes & Offerings exceeded forecast by 17% and was our first year ever over \$500K. Also, despite our Capital Campaign ending in August 2018, Building Fund Giving was 20% over forecast at \$90K.

The FY2019-20 church year was one of transition, preparing for both building and paying for a new facility. We did not have a Work & Witness event in FY2019-20. The architectural and civil engineering design was completed. At the end of FY2019-20, we have spent \$173K on design work for the new facility. Yet, we still have \$1,034,128 in our Building Fund. (Note: our 2015-18 capital campaign 'target' was to grow our Building Fund to \$1,000,000.) Your continued financial support for our building program has been Outstanding.

A key strategy to prepare for our new facility was to begin 'setting-aside' a monthly mortgage payment into our general savings account. This has been a great success as our 'rainy-day' fund increased by \$107K during the FY2019-20 church year. At year-end, we have \$127K in unrestricted savings. Outstanding!

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. Your financial support has been a tremendous blessing.

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). These talented folks perform critical 'behind-the-scenes' work and they do it very well. 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 (wcntn.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 | FY2019-20 | Expense Category | FY2019-20 |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Tithes and Offerings | \$ 515,515 | Administrative | \$ 15,649 |
| Building Fund | 89,872 | Church Ministries | 62,635 |
| Local Ministries | 49,742 | Compassionate Ministries | 27,281 |
| Work and Witness | 0 | District / Global Missions | 78,920 |
| World Evangelism / P&B | 22,758 | Employee Compensation | 252,427 |
| Interest on Savings | 29,118 | Facilities | 68,237 |
| Total Income | \$ 707,005 | Building Campaign | 148,011 |
| | | Total Expenses | \$ 653,160 |

| Current Assets | FY2019-20 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Checking | \$ 54,244 |
| Savings | \$ 127,002 |
| WIF Investment Fund (BF) | \$ 1,026,329 |
| Indebtednes | \$ - |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 1,207,575 |

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

God is good, all the time! Through good times and bad... and pandemics, God is faithful! I am so grateful to be able to worship this great God with you each week. And I am grateful for the ladies and gentlemen that comprise the praise team. They are committed to making worship our offering to God each week with voices and instruments.

My thanks go to the musicians that work together to develop arrangements for new songs. On guitar we have Donnie Moran playing acoustic, and on bass we have JT Blue, Alan Wallace, and Kevin Brake. On keyboard is Katie Brown, Lanelle Coleman, and Sarah Baker. Some of these guys are new to the praise team and have worked hard to learn a lot of songs that are new to them but are standards for the rest of us. And keeping us on track with tempo and dynamics is Clint Rawls on percussion. Thanks to Ian Hagan for filling in for Clint on several occasions.

My thanks go to the singers, too. Rose Mitchell, John McGranahan, Jordon Bohannon, Jill Young, and Jane Langston are out front leading us in the worship of our God each week. And I would be remiss if I did not offer a special thank you to Katie for teaching us the different parts as we learn a new song and sing a part during worship when the need arises.

A new challenge for each of us has been the technology called 'In-ear' monitoring. There were several goals in utilizing in-ear monitoring: (1) each of us hears the exact mix of instruments and voices we want or need to hear, (2) get a better balance of sound from the front of the sanctuary to the rear by moving instrument amplifiers off the platform. This is an ongoing work that has required a lot of adjustment on everyone's part. Thank you praise team for persevering through the challenges of this transition.

Introducing in-ear monitoring affected more than just the praise team. The folks in the sound booth had to learn a new system that was very different from what they were accustomed to. The transition probably felt bumpy to them but to the rest of us it was seamless. Many thanks go to Jason Batchelder, Kay McGranahan, Vernon Costello, Lindy Dellinger, Don McGuire and Greg Field for putting in the time to make this look easy. There are several that do double duty with both sound and graphics you see each week. Thanks to Nick Forrester, Makayla McGranahan, Don and Greg for doing this so well.

We continue to be reminded of how God's grace draws us to him as we share the experiences each Easter season. Thanks to each of you who shared your testimony of how God is working in your life; we need to hear that. Pastor Mary Forester is a master story weaver; she takes perhaps a decades long story of God at work in a person's life and shapes it into what we call a 6 to 8-minute-long 'Resurrection Story'. Pastor Mary is not the only master story weaver; thanks to Ed May for his creativity and skill in preparing these stories, too. They make a wonderful team.

And thanks to you who smile, enthusiastically sing, and clap as we lift our praises to God. You will never know how much encouragement it is to us as a praise team to experience worship together!

We look forward to being together each week and worshipping from the depths of our hearts. Praise His name!

Terry Langston, Worship Leader

NMI (National Missions International) Report for 2019-2020

Dear Church Family,

First let me thank you for allowing me to be your NMI President. We have had many opportunities to learn about and participate in international missions this year...

In March, Kelsey Elliott shared in a missions service about her upcoming summer missions experience in Croatia. Her passion for ministry to refugees was clear and compelling. We gave her an offering of over \$2,200. We gathered around Kelsey as her mom led us in prayer for her life and mission. It was a special night. When she returned from Croatia she shared her experiences with us. Kelsey developed relationships with local people, served in children's ministry, and taught the English language to refugees.

In May, Dwight Davis completed a mission trip to Ecuador. Dwight travels to Ecuador on a regular basis. He followed up with people who accepted Christ on previous trips. He fed nearly 40 families. And he led three more people to accept Christ. We celebrate with Dwight in the Lord's work.

One Sunday night, Angel Bradley spoke about her missions work with orphanages in India and her upcoming trip to Ethiopia. We heard Angel's heart. We tasted chai tea and special coffee. We gave \$500 toward Ethiopia.

The Church of the Nazarene is located in 162 world areas. 9 of them are "Creative Access" areas. These are parts of the world where Christianity is not permitted in any organized way. Therefore, we send missionaries to serve under the radar. The countries are not named. The missionaries are not recognized. When we see them, we only know them by first names. This past summer, we had a chance to hear from Amy M., who is serving in one of our Creative Access

In July, we sent 4 teens and 2 chaperones to Phoenix Arizona to the Nazarene Youth Conference. When they returned, the NYC team reported on their trip to Arizona. We heard about powerful worship services with 9,000 teenagers, the awe of Grand Canyon, a hotel room debacle, and a rock named *Steve*. We listened to stories about our team growing closer to the Lord and to one another. We heard about flexibility and unity. Our teens chose to donate their souvenir money to a local church's VBS program.

Faith Promise Sunday was August 11th. That morning Pastor Daron told stories about missions, explained our relationship to missionaries, and called us to prayer for our missionaries and their work. We made commitments to support missions with our giving. That evening, we showed the *Jesus Film*. The *Jesus Film* is a film about the life of Jesus that has been translated into 290 languages and carried around the world. Millions of people have accepted Christ because of the ministry of the *Jesus Film*.

In September, Pastor Mary and I led people of all ages in a hands-on missions service. We heard about missions. We prayed for missionaries. And we made cards of encouragement and support for them. The Discovery Zone was full of people writing, coloring, and personalizing special notes.

Throughout the winter, our children led us in collecting hygiene items. On April 7th, people of all ages gathered in the D- Zone to sort and assemble the items into Crisis Care kits. What a blessing to see generations working together, participating in the mission of God. Churches of the Nazarene are encouraged to provide 6 Crisis Care kits per year. We made up 48 kits. Many thanks to Pastor Mary for helping me organize the evening.

I encourage you to read our Mission Books located downstairs beside the North Exit outside the church office.

Our contributions this year are as follows; Our World Evangelism Fund (WEF) obligation is paid at 100% in the amount of \$31,902. We gave \$3,001 in Alabaster Offering.

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 2019/2020

As I look back over the 2019/2020 year I am excited to see the people of WCN working together to bring our community closer to our God. Our church leadership encourages us all to help those seeking the Lord to Belong, Believe and Become. As SDMI director I see many ways we do that. Through our Sunday School classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night Immerse Groups we bring folks along to Belong to the body of Christ. Building closer relations with others from our church family in Sunday School and Immerse Groups we encourage each other to Believe more deeply in Christ. And networking and finding others with the same mind we journey to Become the people Christ wants us to be.

Our Sunday school classes are growing. Our Sunday School leaders, whether in the nursery or an adult class, spend a lot of time reading and preparing for their lessons, praying for the folks in their classes, and guiding us through God's word each Sunday. Be sure to thank your teachers; here is a list so you know who these dedicated people are. Deliah King, Brooke Marek, Briann Selph, Wynona Gwin, Rachel Mathews, Vernon Costello, Karl Reynen, Rachel Reynen, Ed May, Charles Davidson, Diane Davis, Eugene Woodside, Brad Selph, Jane Langston, Trent Riley, Don McGuire, Sarah Shanks, Chuck Ellis, Cory Oakley, Frankie Oakley, Pastor Mary Forester, Nick Forester, Pastor Janice Rudolph, Greg Field, Nathaniel Riley, Ruby Blankenship, Virginia, Fran Patrick. Group Leaders, please know that you are loved and appreciated for what you do in the life of your church.

Immerse groups are a great way to meet other people that you may not see in the church service you attend. We have many choices in every session, sometimes *too many* great choices.

Many thanks to those who took time out of their busy lives to choose a subject, study and teach each week. They include; Trent Riley, Pastor Annetta Sykes, Susie Parnell, Katie Brown, Don McGuire, Pastor Janice Rudolph, Marti Harris, Nick Forester, Charles Davidson, Adriana Batchelder, Rachel Reynen, Karl Reynen, Wynona Gwin, Sarah Shanks, Alton Hesson, Madison Young, Ryan Young, Bradley Selph, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Diane Davis, Brittany Selph, Sarah Baker, Earl Baker, Lanelle Coleman, and Pastor Mary Forester. If you were a part of any of these groups, I am sure your life was enriched. We also want to thank Pastor Daron Brown for taking on the teens Immerse group in winter session and for teaching all the adults in the Fall session.

As I close this 2019/2020 SDMI report, I pray that all will find a place at WCN where they can be the hands feet of Christ in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin May

Church Administrator Report 2019-2020

I am so very thankful for the privilege to serve as church administrator here at WCN. I am blessed to be able to work alongside of such gifted and loving pastors. I am thankful for Pastor Daron's leadership and vision. I am thankful for our church board. And I am thankful for each of you.

Well, we began this church year recovering from a flood, followed by a wind storm in the fall, and ended with a pandemic! It's probably good that we didn't have an overseas mission trip planned, because many of us felt like we were on a continuous one here at home. I believe God has great plans for WCN and is using these circumstances to shape us into a resilient and compassionate people. While the flood occurred in last year's church calendar, the work continued into this one. Thank you to all who worked for weeks afterward repairing the damage to the church facilities and helped others in the community who had damage. October 27th was scheduled to be our Homecoming but the storm had knocked out power, uprooted trees, blocked roads and damaged homes the night before. WCN chose to be the church. We cut trees, repaired homes, pulled limbs, brought water, and delivered food.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the folks that helped maintain our facilities throughout the year in normal times. Special thanks to these guys, who always find time to fix whatever needs fixing: Jason Batchelder, Mac Anderson, Karl Reynen, Carl Brazzle and Darrel Shanks. Jason Batchelder & Karl Reynen help keep our lights bright by replacing bulbs throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who helped on and around workdays cleaning and maintaining our spaces.

WCN is a busy place throughout the year. I am so thankful for everyone who helped make each event a success. FUELFest 2019 was a great success. Robin May did a great job organizing the Chili Challenge. Thank you Dell Hooper for sewing corn hole bags and Jack Hayes for building the corn hole boards. Thanks to Beccie Cochran and her class for sanding the boards and the WCHS art class for painting some. Thank you Karen Woodside and Jane Langston for painting 2 sets of boards. 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. Homecoming was extra special this year thanks to Shawn Stookey and Pastor Mary for creating the WCN timeline that ran along the halls. Thank you Cindy Frazier for the beautiful fall homecoming decorations.

Sharing a meal together is a great "Belong" opportunity. Thank you to those who helped to organize and/or grill for them: Greg Field, Karen Woodside, Rebekah Scribner, Carla Vinkler, Glenda Davidson, 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 everyone who brought food for families who were grieving the loss of loved ones. Thank you to Ross Marek for leading the Men's Prayer Breakfast. In February, Karen Woodside began a monthly Ladies Luncheon which had a great response. We are looking forward to a time when we can gather together again!

Hospitality: Thank you to our greeters and ushers who faithfully arrive early each Sunday and extend warmth and hospitality to all. Thank you to Lanelle Coleman and Cathy Legrone who bake cookies for our pastors to take when they visit. Thank you to the Contact Team and Prayer & Care who send cards to guests and to those in need of prayer. We hosted Trevecca ministry students twice this church year. Thanks to these ladies for being hostesses and serving them lunch: Ellen Moran, Jane Langston, Betty Hamm, Lanelle Coleman, Karen Woodside, Janice Rudolph, and Jan Fitzgerald.

Each time you receive your newsletter, I want you to remember these ladies: Lanelle Coleman, Marilyn Evans, Betty Hamm, Dell Hooper, Virginia Simmons, Ellen Moran, Pat Rhyne, Linda Nichols, Glenda Davidson and Elaine Choate. Twice a month they come 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.

Because I cannot name all the ways and people who serve here and in the community through the church, may I just give a broad THANK YOU to you all for being WCN!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn McGuire

2019/2020 PASTOR OF LOCAL MISSIONS REPORT

WES PARTNERSHIP – WCN has completed 10 years of partnership with WES. During the past year WCN served WES with greeters each morning throughout the year. Teachers and Staff were thanked with an end of the year meal, letters, and cards. Ten teachers received a check to purchase needed items for their classrooms. One teacher won a \$150.00 gift card at the PTC teacher appreciation meal. Thank you to Pastor Mary Forester for leading this partnership and to Kathryn McGuire for organizing the meal.

FUEL – The FUEL program has just completed 15 years. WCN partners with 3 other churches to place food in the backpacks each Friday throughout the school year of children who might not have access to food over the weekend. The program serves Pre-K through 8th grade, plus 10 special needs children at WCHS. WCN served 35 of the 133 children in the program this past year. Thank you to Ellen Moran, Sarah Palk, Emily Palk, Brooke Marek, Sarah Baker, Jill Field, Glenda Davidson, Winona Gwin, Frankie Oakley, Jan Fitzgerald, Tracy Cavness, Brandy Burns, Carla Anderson, and Mac Anderson for their hard work and commitment to this vital ministry. Thank you to everyone who faithfully give financially to support FUEL.

HELPING HANDS – WCN partners with the local food pantry to provide food and financial assistance to families in Humphreys Co. Before the Second Harvest food truck distribution was discontinued both WCN adults and teens volunteered twice a month to help with this ministry serve 130-150 families each time. Thank you to Carla Vinkler for leading Helping Hands and to Duane & Doris Pine, Jana Brazzle, Kathryn McGuire, Robin May, and Mac & Carla Anderson who serve along with me on the board and to Janet Hendrick for volunteering once a week.

GROUP HOME PARTY – In December of 2019, WCN celebrated 30 years of hosting our special needs friends in the community with a Christmas party. Thank you to Buddy & Sheila Bishop, Kay McGranahan, Pastor Mary Forester, and the countless others who helped make this the most special day of the year.

MISSION LOCAL PART 2 – In September of 2019, WCN had the opportunity to reconnect and serve a couple we connected with during Mission Local in 2017. The elderly, disabled couple had been living with a fallen tree on their house for some months when Duane & Doris Pine connected with them through being part of a flood assessment team. WCN members gave \$1500 to purchase the materials needed make repairs on the house. Thank you to Vernon Costello, Duane Pine, Doris Pine, Darrel Shanks, Mac Anderson, JJ Coleman, JT Blue, Eugene Woodside, Karen Woodside, & the WCN Teens for the miraculous work and clean up for this couple.

On October 26th, 2019, winds swept Humphreys Co. downing trees and knocking out power to most homes. On October 27th, instead of having church services, WCN volunteers came together to serve the community. 71 WCN volunteers served at 27 homes cutting trees, repairing homes, bringing water and food. With power out everyone brought food from their freezers which was grilled outside and about 50 people were fed and 16 families had food delivered. WCN returned to the home of one of one elderly lady whose home was damaged to repair the roof, and some sheetrock because she had no insurance. Thank you to Greg Field, Darrel Shanks, Mac Anderson, and Earl Baker for their work on her house.

Pastor of Local Missions

Pastor Janice Rudolph

2019/2020 PASTORAL CARE REPORT

I continue to be blessed to serve in the role of Pastoral Care. This role takes me into your homes, your hospital rooms, and into your lives. It is a pure honor to be received by you with the greatest of love.

As my role in Pastoral Care in the community expands, I am serving on the Humphreys Homeless Coalition. This coalition is now established as a 5013c, nonprofit corporation. It is set to make a soft launch into our mission of helping the homeless in our county with a hand up and not just a hand out. We are partnered with other organizations through out West Tennessee to meets these needs. I am excited to minister to the people I will be blessed to meet as this organization grows.

I also have the blessing to serve as Mentor in the Continuing Lay Training program to those who desire to go deeper into their Lay Ministries.

It has been exciting to assume the teacher position for The Table Sunday School Class. I am blessed to lead this small group as they grow in discipleship, in unity, and in serving together.

Leading Immerse Groups on Wednesday has always been a privilege I have enjoyed and now that I have completed my course of study for ordination, I will enjoy having the time to pour all my energy into my ministry.

Thank you all so very much for the blessing of serving WCN in this Pastoral role. I look forward to doing life with all of you in the coming year and to getting to witness all the fantastic work God will do in each of you lives and in the life of WCN.

I love each of you and I am praying for you.

Pastor of Pastoral Care

Pastor Janice Rudolph

Jail and Recovery Ministries – 3/1/2019 – 2/28/2020

Jail Ministry: While our regular men's and women's teams have diminished by one each, we have greatly been blessed to have had Alice Ulman, Angel Bradley, and Kathy Traylor share their testimonies in the jail. Permission now has been given to bring persons in as a one-time/cell occurrence without prior jail training if accompanied by a team member. Betty Hamm, Jan Troxell, Dan Troxell, Charles Davidson, and I appreciate that greatly!

As a church, you were faithful again to bake cookies and the kids to make cards to celebrate Valentine's Day at the Humphreys County Jail. Trent Riley was able to join us for the first time to help distribute those goodies and said God opened his eyes to a new reality. Ask him about it! Some of you may sense a call to join us! Also last year, we had our first Christmas Party for the women and a week later a New Year's Party. Special memories were created!

Celebrate Recovery Ministry: WCN completed its second full calendar year of Celebrate Recovery and began its third year the first Thursday of 2020! Where it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a church to operate a Celebrate Recovery. This vital team is comprised of Hostesses, Worship Leaders, Breakout Group Leaders and assistants, Childcare Providers, Security, Sound Technicians, and Meal Coordinators. This past year's regularly-scheduled rotational team members were as follows: Betty Hamm, Ellen Moran, Shirley Mroczkowski, Cindy Frazier, Debbie Manor, Doris Pine, Sarah Shanks, Darrell Shanks, Julie Coleman, Warren Patrick, Patsy Brown, Sydney Ross, Trent Riley, Chuck Ellis, Marilyn Evans, and Gary Evans. Also, we're blessed to have a few "on call" persons who fill in when vacancies occasionally occur – Vernon Costello, Lloyd Ross, Nathaniel Riley, JJ Coleman, and Hannah Troxell. The following Sunday School classes supplied the refreshments once per month: the Joy Class, the New Life Class, and the Rolling Stones Class. Thank you!! These thanks include those who cooked to make our 4th of July picnic and our Christmas meal a success!

In this church year, we have had 50 guest speakers give their testimonies in our Joint Session. These who shared were in addition to the 50 who shared our first CR year, making 100 total! With this new third year, we are rotating back to the first year's speakers with a few exceptions. A huge thanks to those who have participated in such a significant way!

For the twelve-month length of this church year, 120 individuals have attended for the first time. Some of those have been guests of our speakers, but the bulk have been recovery participants. Our average attendance per session for the church year was 27 persons. The earlier figure suggests a portion of the need that exists! Last year our average attendance was 24. Although the current figure isn't much higher, it does actually represent many more recovery participants. Whereas the first year our team number was usually parallel to the number of recovery participants, due to purposely scheduling more helpers to support us in our new efforts. In 2019, our team was about one-third of our attendance at the most with two-thirds being recovery participants.

Our attendees have done great in participating in the evening offerings to make CR Recovery Bibles available to those who can't afford to purchase them and other CR expenses. They've given \$1,219 this past year!

CR offers childcare when the need exists. Luanne Riley headed that up for us and is greatly missed. God still provided a team and we have ministered to three new children this past year.

One new project this year was to make all community resources more available. Jack Hayes was gracious to build pamphlet racks. It's on the inner hallway of the D-Zone and is there for the entire church as well.

As we move further into this year, please pray for our CR family who aren't able to join together during this time and our jail services that are on hold. Even though we're keeping in touch as best we can, obviously it's not the same. Also, during this year, we hope to be able to offer training for those who would like to mentor our for those in Celebrate Recovery participants. That's probably the greatest weakness in the program, but help us pray that it will become our greatest strength!!



Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Annetta Sykes

In January of 2020, I began my fourth year of serving as Children's Pastor here at Waverly Church of the Nazarene. Thank you for the love and support that our family receives as one of your pastoral families. It would be hard to imagine pastoring in another community.

This year our kids once again worked to embrace their identity of being children of God. Our leaders prayerfully considered how we can come alongside of kids and families to encourage formation in Christlikeness. Our discipleship process for our children's ministry is the same as it is for the whole church. We desire for our kids to belong to the body of Christ, believe in the person of Christ, and become the mission of Christ.

Our kids **belonged** by engaging in the following activities: 75 family members coming together for a family movie night in March, more than 150 kids gathering together for an Easter egg hunt, more than 150 family members coming together for a slip n slide kickball game, several families coming together to play Ultimate Frisbee, and more than 100 family members coming together for the party-side of the Yuletide Wingding.

We have **believed** by: participating in the Ash Wednesday service, New Year's Family Communion, Back to School Prayer Service, Good Friday service, and receiving communion once a month. We celebrated 9 baptisms. 100 kids came together to learn how God has shaped us and formed us with gifts during One Camp and our Preschool Praise Party. We sent 39 kids to Summer Camps. We gathered together weekly for: Immerse Groups, Diving Deeper, Sunday worship, and Sunday School. Our kids participated in and led during the Prayer Walk and Hanging of the Greens Service. We gathered together to make Advent Wreaths. We gathered to live out the book of Acts through Acts in the Park. Nine of our kids participated in Bible Quizzing. We sent 26 tweens to the District's Nazatween event.

We **became** by: leading the church in worship during an Eastertide and Christmas service. We shared a song and served during the Group Home Christmas Party. We participate in the District's Missions Jam. We helped to collect and pack 48 Crisis Care Kits. Our kids regularly participate in a Wednesday night card ministry. We read stories and gave a puppet show at one of our local nursing homes. We packed and delivered teacher goody baskets. We made cards for missionaries. We gave to the alabaster offering. During Advent, we made cookies for pastoral visits, 35 blessing bags for individuals who are homeless, and over 150 individuals caroled at local nursing homes.

People who serve in children's ministry, sometimes in multiple roles are: Pastor Janice Rudolph, Karl and Rachel Reynen, Ryan and Madison Young, Nick Forester, Warren Patrick, Sheila Bishop, Ed May, Charles Davidson, Beccie Cochran, Adriana Batchelder, Brooke Marek, BriAnn Selph, Wynona Gwin, Rachel Matthews, Vernon Costello, Brittany Selph, Tracy Cavness, Nathaniel Riley, Allan Wallace, Pastor Daron and Katie Brown, Shannon Proctor, Sarah Barker, Sarah Baker, and Ellen Moran. Our kids were blessed to be led by Kelsey Elliott during our Week of Renewal services. Special thanks to Pastor Janice and Rachel Reynen for filling in for me with preaching this year. An extraordinarily big thanks to Madison Young for filling in for me with preaching and leading a full cycle of immerse groups.

Delilah King continues to provide outstanding leadership and care to our Discovery Tinies (birth-2 years old). She loves those babies! Those who serve are: Rebekah Scribner, Sydney Ross, Beccie Cochran, Brooke Marek, Carla Anderson, Carla Vinkler, Barbara Brandon, Kamryn Jensen, Patsy Brown, Tina Walters, Doris Pine, Warren Patrick, and Claudia Cordova.

Our children's ministry was heartbroken at the loss of our beloved Luanne Riley in September. She led Sunday School and in our after-school program. She was a blessing to all. Our kids learned a lot about life and loss during this time and the promise of continual hope for those who believe in Jesus. Luanne was such a good example of a life lived faithfully for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Forester
Pastor of NextGen and Media Ministries

WCN NYI Annual Report (3/1/2019-2/29/2020)

Our Executive Leadership Team has served our teens well this past year. The team includes Diane Davis, Jane Langston, Bradley Selph and Eugene Woodside. The Teen Leadership Team includes Eric Batchelder, Katie Hudson, Haley Irons, Addie Irons, Michael Wallace, Mateo Batchelder, Kendall Brown, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Diane Davis and Bradley Selph. Thank you for all you do!!

Eugene and Bradley have led our teens in studies and diving deeper on Sunday nights. Those helping with Wednesday nights have been Rose Mitchell, Adriana Batchelder, Sara Robertson, and Emily Davis. Thank you to all the many parents and helpers that served as chaperones and/or event workers.

- April 4 – 6 **TNT @ TNU** - Mateo Batchelder, Jaidan Cochran, Samuel Dellinger, Parker Forester, Katie Hudson, Addie Irons, Haley Irons, Makayla McGranahan, Mallory Palk, Becca Simons, Lydia Rose Stirman represented us well.
- April 27 **NYI Convention at Camp Garner Creek** – delegates were Eric Batchelder, Kendall Brown, Parker Forester, Addie Irons, Haley Irons, Jane Langston, and Bradley Selph.
- May 5 **WCN Graduation Celebration** – graduates were Elizabeth Allison, Colton Cochran, Samuel Dellinger, Jack Fitzgerald, and Makayla McGranahan
- June 3 – 7 **Senior high camp**
- June 10 – 14 **Junior high camp** – 26 teens participated in these two camps
- June 21 **Initiation** - Teen initiation into the youth group
- July 7 – 10 **Nazarene Youth Conference** – the culmination of prayers, fundraisers, bake sales, and t-shirt sales. Attendees were Samuel Dellinger, Parker Forester, Addie Irons, Haley Irons, Susie Parnell, and Eugene Woodside. They enjoyed worship services and serving the community, along with some sightseeing.
- August 10 **Merge Gathering at Griffin Chapel Church of the Nazarene** – our teens met with other teens to connect, worship, pray and eat.
- August 31 **Back to School Bash** – Dodgeball tournament, an outdoor movie, and a taco bar.
- October 11 – 12 **World Changer, a Glimpse of Homelessness** – teens collected coats and items to be given to the homeless and engaged in prayer stations.
- November 2 **Annual Fall Teen Party and Bonfire** – at the Woodside’s
- November 15 – 17 **Momentum** – Mateo Batchelder, Kaylie Brooks, Kendall Brown, Kalyn Clayton, Jaidan Cochran, Malakai Cochran, Brycen Davidson, Anna Davis, Parker Forester, Brianna Gwin, Jaelynn Hargrove, Katie Hudson, Addie Irons, Haley Irons, Mallory Palk, Ashlie Petersen, John Petersen, Becca Simons, Brooklyn Tomlinson shared their talents in the arts and sports, music at Momentum. Eleven of the 19 will represent at TNT.

Our teens are very committed to community. They:

- Helped to get our church back in shape after the flood last February,
- Served with Helping Hands getting food out to those that needed some help,
- Helped with the One Camp working with the kids of our church and community,
- Helped an elderly family moving furniture, did yard work and removing debris, and
- Participated in the storm cleanup in October at homes in the area.

Sincerely, Jane Langston—NYI President

Report of the Pastor

Church Family,

I bring you my **twentieth report** at the close of nineteen 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 lead pastoral family. We are blessed to be yours.

For the reporting year we averaged 291 in worship attendance (+13) and 192 in Sunday School (-2). We increased in membership (+30) and baptisms (12). We dedicated 10 babies to the Lord. We sent 65 teenagers and 11 counselors to camps in the summer of 2019. We added one new Sunday School class (The Journey) and we locally licensed one new minister (Nathaniel Riley). 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. Kathryn McGuire is nearing ten years as our Church Administrator. Kathryn is dependable and faithful. In addition to being ordained, Mary Forester embraced a role change. Her ministry expanded beyond children to include NextGen (birth through college) and she continues media ministries. Janice Rudolph persists in providing great leadership in local missions and pastoral care. Annetta Sykes leads our Jail and Recovery Ministries with excellence. Don McGuire, as Church Treasurer, exceeds expectations, providing sound leadership for our stewardship. Jim Robbins joined our staff, assisting with ministry to men, veterans, and Celebrate Recovery. Although Madison Young was not added in the year for which we are reporting, I would be remiss if I did not include Madison's wonderful work as our Children's Ministry Director. **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 alongside outstanding leaders on our church board. Thanks to Jana Brazzle, Terry Langston, Lloyd Ross, Brenda Palk, Robin May, Greg Field, Marilyn Evans, Carla Anderson, Rose Mitchell, Sarah Shanks, Jane Langston, and Betty Hamm for serving on the church board. Thanks to Don McGuire, Diane Davis, Mac Anderson, and Karen Woodside for completing rotations on the board and opening the way for new leadership. 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.

Our mission statement is our way of stating how we go about God's mission. It is not *our* mission. The mission belongs to God and we belong to him. Therefore, his mission is our mission. Dr. Nina Gunter says, **if you remove all of the references to mission in the Bible, all you have left is the covers**. God's grand mission to renew all of creation is laid out in scripture. And he has called us, the church, to partner with him in his mission.

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

In Acts 9, the first name given to the community of Jesus-followers was **The Way**. Long before we were known as *The Church* we were *The Way*. Why *The Way*? Because **we are God's way of getting God's self into this world**. God can choose any way to get his mission done on this earth. His chosen way is people like us.

Because we are God's way of getting himself into the world, we see ourselves as **a sent community** to carry out God's mission. We are sent into Waverly Elementary School. We are sent into Helping Hands. We are sent into flood recovery. We are sent to repair a home for a disabled, elderly couple. We are sent to Arizona for Nazarene Youth Conference We are sent to Croatia and Ethiopia and

Ecuador. We are sent into work breakrooms for Bible studies and we are sent to build blessing boxes down the road. We are sent to engage in a homelessness immersion. After a major storm, we are sent into our community to cut trees, remove debris, provide generators, cook meals, and serve those in need. We are sent into the lives of those recovering. We are sent into the jail to make disciples. We are sent into the lives of lonely people on holidays. We are sent into our local community of friends with disabilities for Christmas. We are sent to come alongside of those moving through the process of citizenship. We are sent into our neighbors' grief as they experience a *Blue Christmas*. The list keeps going. This is who we are. **Our DNA is to be God's Way. We are a sent community who is about God's mission in the world.**

As we live as God's Way, this becomes **the way we (ourselves) become disciples of Jesus**. Simply put, **as you go, you grow**. The greatest joy for your pastors is seeing **the discipleship needle move** in your lives. Seventeen people showed up for our annual Kaleo luncheon last winter! Nine people are currently enrolled in the course of study for ministry! Three people are enrolled in our Certificate of Lay Training program (see Pastor Janice if you are interested). More and more people are connecting to ministry opportunities through WCN!

The greatest experiences of the past year are the stories of **transformed lives**. Giant sweeps of salvation. Moving from unbelief to belief. Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit and making U-turns regarding career, college, and calling. Stepping into unknown futures. It is my privilege to tell some of these stories during our Vision Sunday 2020. Many more stories are in the making. **At any given moment, there are dozens, or hundreds of Resurrection Stories in the making in the life of WCN!** That should send some chills!

In the last year, we voted 98% to move forward with construction and indebtedness on our new facility on Airport Road. We have developed comprehensive plans that have been stamped and approved by all necessary agencies. Our current facilities remain for sale and our contractor search is near the end. **Continue to pray for God's direction as we move ahead.**

The year for which we are reporting closed at the end of February. A lot of crazy things started happening from March forward. Even though this report does not officially cover the period of time affected by COVID-19 and the economic shutdown, I would feel strange not mentioning them here. Life has been significantly altered like never before. And it will continue to be altered for the foreseeable future. Years from now, when we look back, **the stories of our lives will not be told apart from COVID-19**. For better or worse, COVID-19 has become a part of our journey. The world has become worse because of it. But the church, I believe, is becoming better.

The rhythm of church life is **gathering and scattering**. Gathering for worship. Scattering for mission. This is our ongoing, weekly rhythm. Our gathering propels us to scatter. And our scattering draws us back in to gathering. The last few months disrupted our gathering. We got stuck in scattered mode. In some ways, we were ready for it because WCN has been working at scattering for years. Maybe some of us needed the disruption. Maybe we needed to remain in scattered mode so we can better appreciate the healthy rhythm when all goes well. **Times of crisis have always been occasions for God's people to be at their very best.** The last few months are no exception.

We are either **God's Way**... or we are *in the way*. My prayer is **Lord, let me be your way, rather than in your way**. Will you join me by making that your prayer as well?

Let us continue being **God's sent community about God's mission** in the days ahead!

-Pastor Daron