

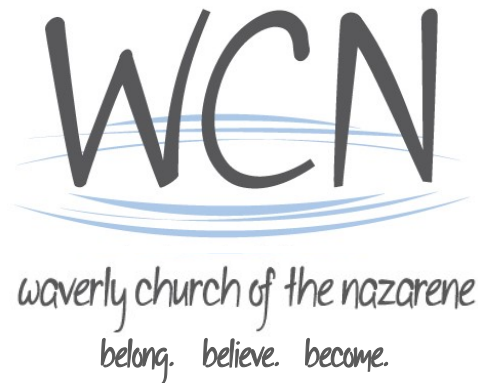


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October 7, 2020

Dear WCN Family,

I can easily count 7 good things that happened during this pandemic: Todd Witbeck, Linda Witbek, Alex Witbeck, Parker Forester, Garry Stanley, Randy Jones, and Grace Jones. These seven people joined WCN in membership on Sunday. The Witbecks are from Michigan. Grace Jones is from Missouri. These four were Nazarenes before they moved to us. Randy Jones is the reason Grace moved from Missouri. They are newlyweds. Garry Stanley relocated from Franklin, TN. Parker Forester was raised to follow Jesus within WCN. I treasure all seven of these people. Welcome!

Thanks to the following people who served on the fall workday: Karen Woodside, Eugene Woodside, Jack Hayes, Garry Stanley, Mac Anderson, Carla Anderson, Marilyn Evans, Gary Evans, Kathryn McGuire, Don McGuire, Pastor Mary Forester, Caden Forester, Katie Brown, Kendall Brown, Parker Brown, Macy Brown, Delilah King, Rebekah Scribner, Kathy Traylor, Parker Forester, Ainsley Forester, Nick Forester, Richard Horner, and Jana Brazzle. Several items remain on Kathryn's list. Most of them are cleaning. If you were unable to come, feel free to contact Kathryn to see what you can do.

The Hippie Hooper Memorial Bike Ride took place last weekend to raise money for Wheatie's Kids. Many people in the biker community came out to support a great cause. These are good people. Some of them are rough around the edges. Some of them know Jesus. Not all of them. This is a mission field for Pastor Janice. She attended the event. The group sees her as a chaplain. They asked her to pray. The event raised over \$30,000. Pastor Janice left before the end. Later she learned that her name was drawn for a door prize: a tub of moonshine! The bikers erupted in laughter when they announced her name. I had a good laugh, myself. I am glad I belong to the kind of church where one of the pastors lives in deep relationship with the biker community. Where else should a minister of the gospel be?

WCN's Homecoming Celebration will be Sunday, October 18th. 8:45 and 11:00 services. Then a meal. Kathryn has a team arranging food. There is no need for you to bring food. Contact Kathryn if you want to help. After the 11:00 service we will gather for an outdoor meal. Pastor Ryan Brown (Sandusky, OH) will preach. I am eager for you to hear him. The theme is *Together*. In a year of so much *apart*, we

need the reminder that we are the church *together*. Even when we cannot be physically present with one another, we are still *together*. Make plans to join us if you can. If you are unable, the 11:00 service will be on Facebook and Youtube.

Great news for Discovery Kids: 1st – 6th grades will be regathering for their own worship service in the D-Zone beginning on October 25th. All ages (including nursery) will begin regathering the following Sunday. Parents need to view regathering guidelines at wcntn.com. These guidelines were composed by Pastor Mary, Madison, Delilah, and the NextGen Team. We care about our kids. We want to get this right for their sake.

Let's talk Sunday School. While some adult groups have begun to meet, Sunday School as a whole has not yet regathered. Our classrooms are small. Many of them are very small. Not conducive in a COVID-era. Two of our classes meet in the elementary school, which is currently off limits. Sunday School is generally *all or nothing* since families come and attend different age groups. Because of these realities, Sunday School will be the final piece to our regathering plan. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

On Sunday night the church met for a Building Update meeting. The video of the meeting has been posted publicly on our church's Facebook page and at wcntn.com. View the video to hear the full conversation. In a nutshell, COVID has slowed the process. 2020 has been a difficult year to get things done. The cost of the building is more than expected. The cost of materials has risen exponentially and sharply during the pandemic. And giving has dipped. The church's income is less sure than it was a year ago. With cold weather upon us and obstacles in front of us, the board opted to defer groundbreaking until spring. In January, we will reassess our situation, including cost of materials, income, etc. Then we will make a decision about going forward. Obviously, this is not ideal news. Ideally, we would already be building. The church board has peace about waiting instead of rushing now and paying more. This seems to be the most wise option. At the close of our meeting, Betty Hamm called the church to prayer and fasting. She asked us to fast on Wednesdays until the evening meal (fasting breakfast and lunch). The church staff and board have already begun fasting on Wednesdays. In addition, we encourage you to set your phone alarms to 1:27pm as a daily prayer reminder. Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Remember, our God is greater than any obstacle that stands before us!

Here is what you can do...

- Fast on Wednesdays until dinner.
- Pray daily at 1:27 for God to provide what is needed.
- Remain faithful in tithing and giving to the building fund.
- Remember how big your God is and how far he has brought us.
- Reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

I recently heard author Tod Bolsinger share some simple words of wisdom:

Stay Calm.
Stay Connected.
Stay the Course.

That is it. Everything is in those words. My prayer is that this would be my reality. And yours. And ours as a church. LORD, let it be so for us all.

-Pastor Daron

UPCOMING...

- Oct 17: Teens: Fall Party: bonfire and paintball, 2-9pm
- Oct 18: Homecoming w/Pastor Ryan Brown, meal to follow 11am service
- Oct 23: Discovery Kids Outdoor Movie Night, 6:30pm
- Oct 23-25: District Women's Retreat
- Nov 29: Hanging of the Greens service
- Dec 21: Blue Christmas service 6:30pm
- Dec 22: Kaleo Lunch, 11am
- Jan 17: Season of Emerging Preachers begins, 6pm

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