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February 25, 2021

Dear WCN Family,

If you are a teen leader (bless your heart), how do you know if you are making the difference in the lives of teenagers? How do you know whether or not your work matters? Maybe one way to gauge a teen leader's impact comes when the leader gets COVID and is stuck in a hospital room. Eugene Woodside had COVID, pneumonia, and a major intestinal issue that nearly required surgery. All at once. While Eugene was in the hospital, WCN teens made cards and signs. They went to the hospital and gathered outside Eugene's window. They showed love. People on both sides of the glass welled up with tears. Eugene is home now. He is doing better. And there is no doubt. He is making a difference.

On Saturday, February 13th, you flooded the D-Zone with hundreds of home-baked cookies. Pastor Annetta and her team assembled the cookies and coupled them with handmade cards from our children. On Valentine's Day, Pastor Annetta and Terri Owen delivered the packages of cookies and cards, along with a letter about God's love. The Jail ministry team has not gotten into the jail for nearly a year. Thankfully, these cookies and cards got through. The following week, the church received notes from people in the jail expressing their thanks. Many of them signed their names. Here are some of their comments, minus the signatures:

...I would like to thank everyone that had a part in the Valentine's Day cookies and cards. The guys in here would like to say thank you as well. It is nice to know that we are not forgot about even though we are in jail. Even though we are here, we continue to put our trust in God. We have prayer circles and we pray for people that are getting out, that they turn their lives around and live a better life. Also I would like to give a special thank you to Piper for sending me a card with Cookie Monster drawn inside telling me that I look like him. I loved it. On behalf of everyone, thank you to everyone that made our day brighter. God bless...

... special thanks to Macy...

... God bless, thanks for the cookies...

... to the members of WCN, we would like to sincerely thank you and the kids for the cards and snacks we received for Valentine's Day. It really lightened the mood in here. Thanks again....

... Kylie, thank you so much for the Valentine's Day card. And also for the cookies. You taking your time to send them to me really put a smile on my face. I hope your Valentine's Day was as special as you made mine...

... a very special thank you to Karlee and Hannah for the card and cookies. God bless...

... Lorelai, thank you for the card you sent. It touched my heart in a special way. Happy Valentine's Day...

... and a special thanks to whoever made the card that had us looking all over for a duck...

I love it. The cookies. The cards. The impact. All of it. Right down to the duck hunt. I want to know which of our brilliant kids came up with that one!

WCN's church board enthusiastically granted a Certificate of Lay Ministry to Barbara Horner. She joins ranks with others who seek lay training in targeted ministry areas. Continuing Lay Training is a great option for people who want more study but do not feel the need to pursue ordination. Pastor Janice will mentor Barbara. For information about CLT, contact Pastor Janice.

Hunter Elliott was granted a local minister's license by the church board. This is the first step toward ordination. By granting the local license, the board affirms Hunter's gifts and graces for ministry. Hunter is a junior youth ministry major at Trevecca. He was scheduled for a summer youth internship at WCN in 2020. That didn't happen. His internship has been moved to the summer of 2021. I know our teenagers are looking forward to being with him.

Celebrate Recovery backed up for the winter to reassess and prepare for re-launch on March 4th. In addition to groups for women and men who deal with chemical dependency and other issues, one new group will offer support to family members of those with chemical dependency. Chances are, you know someone who needs this group. Help get the word out. March 4th. 6:30pm. In the D-Zone.

WCN elections will take place March 7-10 for members of the church, age 15 and older. March 7 is a Sunday. Visit the table in the lobby. March 8-10, ballots will be available at the church office. Either come inside or call Kathryn and she will come to your vehicle. We will elect board members and delegates to district assembly in June.

I write this letter at the end of two days of staff retreat. We got away. Not far. Just to Garner Creek. We prayed and dreamed. We assessed and planned. We took time to make sure we are on the same page. We laughed at ourselves. We imagined the Spirit's plans for the future. I am swollen with gratitude for this team. I am blessed. You are blessed. We are blessed.

Remember what these days are. Remember that you are dust. Remember Who you follow. Remember your commitments to Jesus. Whether you join us in person or online, I look forward to continuing the journey to the cross with you this Sunday.

-Pastor Daron

UPCOMING...

- Feb 27: Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8am
- Mar 4: Celebrate Recovery Re-launch, 6:30pm
- Mar 7-10: WCN elections
- Mar 13: Spring clocks forward
- Mar 24: Teens resume Immerse Group
- Mar 27: Church Workday, 8am
- Mar 28: Come to the Waters, 4-7pm
- April 2: Good Friday Tenebrae service, 6:30
- April 4: Easter Sunday
- Apr 7: Immerse Groups begin, all ages!

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

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