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April 21, 2021

Dear WCN Family,

Beau Baker and Katlyn Boroughs were wedded on Saturday, April 10, at a beautiful farm in Houston County. The weather was supposed to be nasty, but the morning turned out beautiful. Ethan and Lilly served perfectly as ring bearer and flower girl. Both of Beau and Katlyn's families are part of the life of WCN. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Lilly Baker was dedicated to the Lord last Sunday. Both sides of her large family lined across the front of the sanctuary in the 11:00 service to support the five-month-old sweetie. The family and the church made promises to lead her to know and to follow Jesus. We prayed for Lilly and dedicated her to the Lord. Beau, Katlyn, Ethan, Lilly, and the rest of their families are blessed.

A specific lady in our community has health challenges that make it hard for her to handle the steps on her porch. She needed a ramp. WCN sent a team. Pastor Janice created the crew. Jacen Davidson led the project which included replacement of the porch, replacement of the door, and the addition of a ramp. Many thanks to Jacen Davidson, Duane Pine, Richard Rhyne, Mac Anderson, Darrel Shanks, and Brycen Davidson. This is what it means to be the church.

Our district NYI (Nazarene Youth International) Convention was held virtually last Sunday night. WCN was represented by Jane Langston, Eugene Woodside, Pastor Mary Forester, Haley Irons, Addie Irons, Parker Forester, Kendall Brown, Parker Brown, Dylan Gwin, and Brianna Gwin.

WCN's own Hunter Elliott was elected by Trevecca's student body to be the Student Government Association President for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a big deal. This is one more reason to be proud of Hunter. We will get plenty of Hunter this summer when he interns with our teen group.

Immerse Groups got going again in April. Then we took a week off because schools shut down. It has been a bumpy re-start. But we can handle it. I encourage you to make Wednesday nights a priority. 6:30pm. Adults are studying the Gospel of John with me in the sanctuary. Teenagers are meeting

with Pastor Mary outside for a study about how Jesus shows up in messy lives. Kids are with Kelsey. Their study is *Jesus is Alive*. It is not too late to get in a group. Coming early on Wednesdays is one of the best ways to *Belong*.

Since Pastor Mary stepped away from children's ministry to pursue Executive Ministry, we began prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction for the future of WCN's ministry with children. A stellar rotation of people led the children on Sunday mornings during the interim: Betsy Haley, Tracy Cavness, Rachel Reynen, and Kelsey Elliott. While all four of them handled it well, they agree that our children need consistency in the role. The time seems right. The church board appointed a team to interview Kelsey Elliott for the future children's pastor role. That team enthusiastically recommended Kelsey to the board for hire. The other three leaders in the rotation are pleased and supportive of Kelsey. I am happy to tell you that the church board is hiring Kelsey, effective May 1. She will graduate from Trevecca with a degree in ministry one week later. Kelsey loves our children and she feels called to them. Her call has been demonstrated by her above-and-beyond commitment to our children the past few months. Kelsey will begin part-time with the intention to move toward full-time. Pastor Mary will handle organization of children's ministry. Kelsey will provide leadership on Sundays and Wednesdays. The two of them will work well together. I am increasingly aware that you cannot just put any person in any role. Kelsey is a fit in terms of theology, culture, chemistry, love for our kids, and convictions about discipleship. After all, Kelsey is a product of WCN's ministry. We will host a welcome celebration dinner for Kelsey on Saturday, May 15th at 4pm. This event is for everyone. Kelsey is looking at housing options. You may bring gifts or gift cards to help her get started. Let's welcome and bless Kelsey.

After a year of delays, Pastor Janice is scheduled to be ordained on Friday, June 4th in a special service at Camp Garner Creek at 7pm. Ordination, for a minister, is a significant milestone. It is reason for celebration. We will celebrate Pastor Janice on Sunday, May 23rd at 5pm with a cookout on the grounds. Save both dates: her ordination and her celebration. For the celebration, bring a side dish. Because Pastor Janice's heart is all about feeding hungry people in our community, she asks that everyone bring canned goods to the celebration for Helping Hands. You know her. You should not be surprised that she is taking something for her and turning it out toward others.

Our workday at Camp Garner Creek was set for this Saturday. Rain is in the forecast. In conversation with the campground staff, they want us to postpone our workday to a better weather day. Other groups can do inside work. They need us for our chainsaws and our outdoor labor. Therefore, the Camp Garner Creek workday has been postponed to Saturday, May 29th. Sorry for the change. Thank you for being flexible.

When I was young, I remember my pastor saying if he had one sermon left to preach, he would preach it on a specific topic. He named the topic. I recall him making that reference several times throughout his ministry. As I prepare for this Sunday's sermon, I am thinking the same thing about this message. If I had one left in the tank, this would be it. Every single sermon feels important. Each one bears the weight of eternity. This one, however, may matter most. If I had one left, this would be it. I encourage you to engage this Sunday. Until then, remember that there is a porch light burning just for you.

-Pastor Daron

UPCOMING...

- May 15: Kelsey Elliott: Welcome Celebration Dinner, 4pm
- May 16: Vision Sunday & Graduation Celebration, 5pm
- May 22: Camp Garner Creek Workday, 8am
- May 23: Ordination Celebration for Pastor Janice Rudolph, 5pm
- May 29: Camp Garner Creek Workday, 8am
- May 30-Jun 2: Family Camp w/Dr. David Busic
- Jun 3-4: District Assembly
- Jun 4: Pastor Janice Rudolph's Ordination, 7pm at CGC
- Jun 6-10: Senior High Camp

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