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*belong. believe. become.*

July 21, 2021

Dear WCN Family,

Emma Raine Lill was born on July 5, 2021. She weighed 6lbs 13 oz and 19 inches long. Her parents are Nathan and Jeni Lill. Her proud big brother is Benton! We celebrate with the Lill family the birth of Emma, and we look forward to coming alongside of their family in the years to come and help point her to Jesus!

Our teens have a lock-in this Friday night from 9pm to 6am! A part of Hunter Elliott's education at Trevecca is his youth internship here throughout the summer. One of his goals for the summer is to plan and organize one event from start to finish. Have a teen? Send them Friday night! Want to partner with Hunter in some way to make sure this event is a success? Reach out to him! Our youth group has tripled in the past year. The pandemic had a negative impact on so many parts of our lives, but our youth group has thrived during the struggle. And we expect great things to happen this weekend!

We finished our summer camp season last Friday. Early Elementary campers were: Augusta Wright, Harper Langford, McKinley Selph, Landon Butler, Logan Reynen, and Syllas Tiffany. Tween campers were: Lorelai Cochran, Leah Wilson, Ainsley Forester, Madison Gwin, Mikayla Gwin, Lily Baker, Soledad Batchelder, Kaecan Tiffany, Tucker Wilson, and Cade Wright. Counselors for both camps were: Pastor Kelsey, Hunter Elliott, Warren Patrick, and myself. You sent 49 students to camp this summer! One student's view of God changed this summer from a harsh and uncaring God to a loving Father. Another child who has not attended church in the past, heard about Jesus for the first time. Students' lives were changed. Seeds were planted. Relationships formed. We believe that the work does not end when the students leave the campground, but that the work is beginning. Continue to pray for our students as they are sent out to make ripples in their homes, schools, and community.

The Men's Fish Fry will be Saturday, August 7th. Bring a side dish. Show up and engage. You will be glad you did.

Transition Sunday is on August 15th. Our in-coming 7th graders will be transitioning to the youth group and to adult worship. If you worship in the sanctuary, you'll see some of our kids join you for the first time on this date. I say this often and to anyone who will listen...our kids' worship in the D-Zone is uninhibited. They pray at the altar. They sing. They raise their hands as they praise the Lord. At teen camp this summer, I asked the questions, "What changed when you began worshipping in the sanctuary? Why did you stop praising God the way that you

*did before in the D-Zone?"* Their response was that they feel like everyone is watching them because so few engage in worship freely. Can I encourage you to worship the Lord on Sunday mornings? Let's let our younger generation lead us into authentic worship of our God.

Our Engage Groups kick-off is in a few weeks. All of our current groups will gather on Sundays at 10am on our campus; however, group leaders have the flexibility to meet when and where they discern is best. Groups will be available for all ages. Our leaders are excited to connect back to their small groups. A couple of our leaders could not wait for the August 15th date to come, and they have already begun meeting! Engage Groups will focus on 4 practices: learning, prayer, shared tables, and mission.

Engage Group NextGen leaders are: Nursery - Delilah King & Sydney Ross, Littles (3years-Kindergarten) - Tracy Cavness & Chelsea Stainforth, 1st-3rd graders - Rachel Matthews & Charles Davidson, 4th-6th graders - Pastor Kelsey & Lora Moore, Jr. High - Diane Davis & Eugene Woodside, Sr. High - Betsy Haley & Jane Langston.

Engage Group Adult leaders are: The Rolling Stones - Trent Riley & Pastor Janice, The New Life Class - Don McGuire & Sarah Shanks, the JOY Class - Chuck & Helen Ellis, and The Journey - Pastor Mary & Nick Forester. Be on the lookout for group locations coming out soon!

Students are heading back to school soon which means two things: 1) Back to School Prayer Service 2) Serving Waverly Elementary School.

We will have our Back to School Prayer Service on Sunday night August 8th at 6pm. All ages are welcome! We want the church to gather around our students, families, and teachers in prayer. If your child wants to bring his/her backpack for a special backpack blessing, they are welcome to do so! After the service, you are invited to gather in the yard for frisbee, gaga ball, 9-square, and ice cream!

Each year, we ask Waverly Elementary School *"How can we serve you?"* We want to love on the school, and we want to show this love in a way that is needed by WES. This year they had a very unexpected response. *We need socks and underwear!* Many students who attend WES live below the poverty level and cannot send in these extra items. Partner with us by purchasing NEW children's small, medium, or large underwear and socks. Additionally, the school always needs tissue boxes. There are bins placed in the lobby, downstairs in the coffee area, and in the D-Zone for you to place your donations in. We are blessed to be able to pray for and partner with the school. Be a part of the blessing!

We will baptize two kids this Sunday night at 6pm. Baptism is about the work of God in an individual's life, and it is also about the work that God is doing through the church. Baptism is initiation into the life of the church. We want to fill the seats on Sunday night. We want our kiddos to hear their church family clap and cheer for them as they come out of the baptismal waters. We want high-fives and hugs to abound after the service. Our Discovery Kids will begin the service with a special song. Make plans to join us this Sunday at 6!

I'm entering into my 7th year of ministry here at WCN. I cannot thank the church enough for loving my family and supporting me. When anyone asks me what keeps me here I respond, a healthy church and healthy leadership. Church, we are blessed with a pastor who selflessly gives of himself in service to God and to this church. We are also blessed with a pastor who understands the importance of family. Pastor Daron will return on Sunday from a couple of weeks of rest and family time. We look forward to seeing him and the Brown family. We have missed them. I know they cannot wait to see you too!

*-Pastor Mary*

## UPCOMING...

- Jul 23-24: Teens: Back to School Bash/:Lock-In, 9pm-6am
- Jul 25: Celebration of Baptism Service, 6pm
- Aug 7: Teens -Ultimate Frisbee, 10am & Men's Fish Fry/Prayer Meeting, 5pm
- Aug 8: Faith Promise Sunday (World Missions) & Back to School Prayer service, 6pm
- Aug 9: WCN Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Aug 11: Slip n Slide kickball, 5:30pm
- Aug 15: Engage-Groups launch, 10am & Come to the Waters, 4-7pm
- Aug 18: Fall Immerse Groups begin, 6:30pm

*If you have a prayer need please email [prayer@wcntn.com](mailto:prayer@wcntn.com)*

Worship:

8:45 & 11am

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