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August 4, 2021

Dear WCN Family,

Logan Reynen and Allie Wallace received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, July 25th. Logan and Allie are elementary school students who are being raised and discipled by Christian families. Logan and Allie have spunk. They are amazing children who are living into God's story for their lives. Not only was that Sunday Allie's baptism day, it was also her birthday. Congratulations to Logan and Allie. This church is in your corner.

Jed and Morgan Mayberry have huge hearts. Hudson is theirs by birth. They began fostering a brother and sister, Addalyn and Tyler, months ago. Needless to say, Addie and Ty came from a difficult situation. Jed and Morgan opened their home and their lives to them. On July 20th, the five of them gathered at the courthouse for the Mayberrys to officially adopt Addie and Ty. Now all three kids are theirs. The hard work of fostering and adopting is one of the most selfless acts I can imagine. Addie and Ty get to live different lives now because of the Mayberrys. Thank you, Morgan and Jed, for making a difference in the world.

Russell Harris celebrated his 100th birthday on July 12th. He was surrounded by family and friends. He said it was better than a funeral because he got to hear all the nice things people said. He had one wish at his 100th birthday. He wanted to fly in a military helicopter. I reached out to Representative Mark Green, who is a veteran army doctor. Dr. Green arranged for Russell to fly in a Blackhawk helicopter at Fort Campbell. Dr. Green joined Russell for the flight, gave him a letter of recognition for his service, and presented him with a flag that flew over the capitol on Veteran's Day. Many of the soldiers asked to have their picture taken with Russell since he was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge in World War 2. Russell and his daughter Marti Harris want to express their thanks to everyone for the cards and well wishes. Happy Birthday, Russell!

Celebrate Recovery holds a conference every year for inspiration and equipping. This year, people gathered in Texas. WCN sent Trent Riley and J.T. Blue to attend in-person. Pastor Annetta Sykes, Barbara Horner, and Bethany Delfunt attended virtually back home. Our CR leadership crew was strengthened to better serve people in our community. Celebrate Recovery meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 in the D-Zone. It is open to anyone with hurts, habits, or hang-ups.

30 teenagers and teen workers gathered on WCN's campus for an overnight lock-in. Hunter Elliott shared devotions. Betsy Haley, Anndee Haley, and Navy Haley led worship. They ate and played games through the night. The big hit was indoor Nine-Square. There is a special place in heaven for people who stay up all night with teenagers. I am grateful for a teen ministry that is alive.

Engage-Groups and Immerse Groups. Here are the differences: Engage-Groups will meet on Sunday mornings in the Sunday School hour, 10am. Engage-Groups center around four practices (teaching, prayer, mission, tables). Engage-Groups are long-term. You keep the same group as you go. Most of the Engage-Groups are the same as the former Sunday School classes (name, location, etc.). Engage-Groups launch on Sunday, August 15th. Immerse Groups meet on Wednesdays at 11am and 6:30pm. Immerse Groups are short-term. Three terms per year. Immerse Groups are based on Bible studies or book studies. At the end of each term, new Immerse Groups are offered. Sign-ups for Immerse Groups are online and on the bulletin board in the coffee area. Immerse Groups launch on Wednesday, August 18th. This Wednesday (August 4th) is the final night of current Immerse Groups. On Wednesday, August 11th, kids and teens will gather for Slip-n-Slide Kickball, before new Immerse Groups begin on the 18th. For lists of Engage-Groups and Immerse Groups, see the insert in this letter. I encourage everyone to land in an Engage-Group and an Immerse Group.

Come to the Waters is an introduction to WCN. If you are new to us, or you would like more information, feel free to join us on August 15th from 4-7pm. RSVP with the church office. This Sunday is the deadline. Childcare is available. We will feed you.

Men, we meet for a fish fry this Saturday evening at 5pm. I will share a devotion and lead us in prayer. Eugene Woodside has the fish and the sides covered. Bring drinks and desserts. See you Saturday.

How is your faith going? Is your faith lacking or lagging? Is your faith too small to sustain you? Could your faith be weak from a lack of tending? Is it even possible to get to the point where you have *enough* faith? In Luke 17:5, the disciples made a simple request to Jesus: "Increase our faith." They knew exactly what they needed. And they knew exactly who to ask. Beginning August 15th, their request will become our focus in a new sermons series: "Increase Our Faith." We will talk about what it means to have faith and to grow in faith. We will talk about challenges and failures when it comes to faith. And we will share what it means to pass faith forward to future generations. Speaking of future generations, Pastor Kelsey will preach this series to our children while I preach to everyone else. We will have *discussion points* for families to share conversation after each Sunday. I cannot think of anyone, including myself, who would not benefit from this series. Join us beginning August 15th as we cry out to the Lord together, "Increase Our Faith!"

This is a week of returning to routines. Families are pulling back into town after vacations. Finishing touches are being put on teachers' classrooms. School supply shelves are emptying. Parents are sizing kids up for new clothes that fit. After a year and a half of disrupted routines, let me encourage you to make the most of these days. Allow the life of the church to be part of your return to routine. Sunday worship. Groups. Activities and events. It takes effort and intentionality to build good, healthy routines into your life. It is worth the effort and intentionality. I love you and I am looking for you.

-Pastor Daron

UPCOMING...

- 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 11: Kids and Teens: Slip-n-Slide Kickball, 5:30pm
- Aug 15: Engage-Groups launch, 10am & Come to the Waters, 4-7pm
- Aug 18: Wednesday night Immerse Groups begin, 11am & 6:30pm
- Aug 28: Women's Prayer Breakfast, 9am
- Sep 12-15: Week of Renewal

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