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December 22, 2021

WCN's *Yuletide Wingding* happened at Apex Bank this year. The space was perfect. Games were loud and fun. The company was rich. Smiles were abundant. Adult/Teen Ugly Christmas Outfit Winners were (1) Charles Davidson, (2) Eugene Woodside, and (3) Marti Searson. Kids winners were (1) Maggie Reynen, (2) Piper Haley, and (3) Caden Forester. After we ate and played, we visited the homes of some friends and sang carols with them. A fitting end to a blessed evening.

We now have a reserved section in the northeast corner of the sanctuary for people who wear masks. After some conversations, we learned that it will help the comfort level of some people. We are glad to provide this space. If you sit there, it means you choose to be masked and you prefer to be seated near masked people. Mask-wearing is not limited to that area. You may choose to wear a mask outside of that space.

New Year's Family Communion is January 5th. 3-7pm. Individuals or families may drop in at any time during those hours. Check in with Kathryn in the lobby. Refreshments will be downstairs. When it is your turn, you may meet with a pastor for prayer and communion. No better way to begin another year.

We will host Ben and Hannah Ponder, missionaries to Serbia, in a Sunday night missionary service on January 9th at 6pm. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come support our missionaries!

Wednesday night *Immerse Groups* restart on January 12th at 6:30pm. I will lead adults in a Bible study from 1 and 2 Corinthians called *A Beautiful Mess*. Pastor Mary will lead our teenagers in the teen space. Pastor Kelsey will lead a series with our kids in their area. Nursery will be provided. Join me in making Wednesday night *Immerse Groups* a priority in the new year.

If you are currently a 7th to 11th grader, then you are eligible for the *Nazarene Youth Conference* in Tampa, FL in the summer of 2023. WCN will send a group. On Wednesday, January 19th, we will have a meeting for eligible teens and parents. Parents must attend. We will serve pizza. We will hear from NYC 2019 attendees. We will talk about logistics, cost, fundraising, timetable, etc.

2020 brought a lot of bad things. One amazing thing that started in 2020 was the *Season of Emerging Preachers*. It was good and right and beautiful on so many levels. So we are doing it again. The *Season of Emerging Preachers* begins January 16th at 6pm. Each Sunday night, the church will gather to sing a song, pray, and hear an emerging preacher preach. After s/he preaches, the church has the chance to give some feedback, speaking into the life of the preacher. I cannot wait to do this again!

Pastor Annetta asked me to pass this letter along to you:

Dear Church,

*These past five years in serving as Pastor of Jail and Recovery Ministries with WCN have been such a privilege. I have sensed that the end of this church year (by 3/1/22) would be the right time to retire. I will certainly be praying for and supportive of the person or team who will be assuming this responsibility. With the transition that the church will be experiencing in this coming year, I see all the more reason to have the future leader in place. God always leads unerringly, and I am confident that this is another decision made within his leadership. Thank you for the opportunity you have given me—not only to minister as assigned, but to be part of such a wonderful staff, unified church board, and wise leadership of Pastor Daron. I look forward to continuing to worship together and to volunteer as led in the years ahead. In Christian bonds,
Annetta Sykes.*

We are grateful for Pastor Annetta's leadership, organization, and passion for ministry with those who hurt. We look forward to having Pastor Annetta continue on as part of our WCN family. We will have a Celebration Dinner for Pastor Annetta's ministry on Sunday evening, February 20th. Save the date. Join us in prayer as we look to the future of leadership for jail and recovery ministries.

There is one Sunday left in 2021. That means one Sunday left to give. You may give in the plate this Sunday, at wcntn.com, or to PO Box 603, Waverly, TN 37185. Thank you for your faithful giving.

The church office is closed beginning Wednesday this week. Staff will work minimally next week. If and when you need us, feel free to reach us on the church phone or one of our cell phones.

You amaze me. Our building is hampered. Space is more limited than ever. Parking is diminished. Creek gravel still covers our lawn. We are doing without many of the things we enjoyed before August. Nevertheless, you keep coming. You fill the sanctuary twice each Sunday morning. You squeeze into rooms for Engage-Groups. You serve. You show up for an off-site Christmas party. You park where you can. And you do it all with a smile on your face. Like I said, you amaze me. Thank you for sticking with it. Over and over, you make the case for what the church should truly be about.

Pastor Mary, Pastor Janice, Pastor Annetta, Pastor Kelsey, Kathryn, Don, Mac, myself, and our families wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are grateful to belong to you.

-Parson Brown

Upcoming...

- Jan 5: New Year's Family Communion, 3-7pm in the sanctuary
- Jan 6: Kaleo Lunch, 11am
- Jan 9: Missionary service: the Ponder family, 6pm
- Jan 10-11: WCN Staff retreat, church office closed
- Jan 12: Immerse Groups begin, 6:30pm
- Jan 16: Season of Emerging Preachers begins, 6pm
- Jan 19: Teens and Parents: NYC dinner & meeting, 5:30pm
- Jan 29: Teens to TNU Basketball

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a prayer need
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Worship:

8:45 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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