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April 20, 2022

The rhythm of the Jesus-Story led us to resurrection once again. Friday night's service commemorated the cross. All four Sunday services were full. Our Easter in-person attendance was 492. We await online numbers to find out the total attendance. The crowd spread evenly over the services. We could not have planned it better. Pastor Mary preached the sunrise service. There is something very biblical about hearing a Mary announce resurrection at sunrise. Pastor Kelsey and her team led the kids through stations in rooms downstairs, including a tomb station. Sprinkles of rain came after the sunrise service and before the egg hunt. The sun broke through the clouds during the egg hunt. Charles Davidson's *Resurrection Story* was powerful. Many people served in many ways to make the most of the weekend. Thanks to everyone who served from Friday 'til Monday. Your efforts helped others experience Resurrection Life.

Della Smith battled ALS for the past year. She died on Thursday, April 14th at the age of 81. Della was a nurse at St. Thomas. Della's son and daughter-in-law, Vernon and Donna Costello, gave her superb care for the last year. They traded shifts. Vernon worked from home. They cared for Della with love and dignity. There will not be a funeral service in the near future. Della donated her body to the Department of Anthropology at UT Knoxville. Della knew Jesus and now she is with Jesus. Vernon and Donna are understandably exhausted. Join me in prayer for this good family.

New Wednesday Night *Immerse Groups* begin April 27th. Pastor Janice will lead adults in the sanctuary through the book: *Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning. WCN teens will gather for *The Portal*. Pastor Kelsey will lead children in a study called *Fully Alive*, learning to live in light of the Resurrection. Nursery care will be available. Join us on Wednesdays this spring.

The MidSouth District Assembly will gather on April 28-29 at Camp Garner Creek, 700 Sam Hollow Rd, Dickson. You elected delegates to represent WCN. The assembly is open to the public. On Friday the 29th, there will be a service of ordination at 7pm. WCN does not have anyone to be ordained this year. However, retired ministers will be recognized and celebrated for their service. WCN has two retiring pastors: Chuck Ellis and Annetta Sykes. Join us to celebrate these servants of the Lord!

Dr. Stan Reeder is the Regional Director for the USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene. He is implementing a prayer initiative for our region called the *Half-Million Mobilization*. This intentional prayer effort has been growing through the leadership of the Church of the Nazarene. WCN's board was drawn into this prayer effort at our April meeting. On May 1st, the *Half-Million Mobilization* reaches out to the Half-Million Nazarenes in the USA/Canada. We will watch a brief video from Dr. Reeder and we will pray for our region. In our May 1st service, we will be joined by Dr. Eugenio Duarte, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. For more information about the *Half-Million Mobilization*, go to usacanadaregion.org/pray.

In February, you unanimously approved the sale of 5.01 acres of residential property that was donated to WCN for the purpose of selling. That property sold over the weekend for the amount it was appraised for: \$30,000. This is a timely blessing as we continue recovery efforts and move toward construction.

Pastor Mary continues to work with FEMA to maximize our benefit. The process is arduous. Pastor Mary is persistent. Our contractor's father passed away before Easter. Join me in prayer for Marty's family. His dad's illness and death understandably delayed Marty's work. Our timetable shifted. Marty is back at work, doing his best to accommodate the time constraints. Terry has a weekly meeting with our architect and contractor to keep them on track as much as possible. Since the financial picture is not yet clear, we are stepping out on faith. Your prayer, your giving, and your support are critical.

WCN's 75th Homecoming Celebration. Jimmy Hamm is the last of the charter children from the original group. Jimmy will be the first to put a shovel into dirt at the groundbreaking. Then we all get turns. Former pastors and friends will attend. Saturday evening will be *WCN Stories*. As the name suggests, we will gather in the sanctuary and simply tell the stories of WCN's rich history. On Sunday morning, Dr. Dwight Gunter, our District Superintendent, will preach. Our Homecoming Meal will be in the WCHS Cafeteria. Carve out these dates and times on your calendar.

Easter is not done. This Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Easter Season. Services will keep starting with the declaration: *Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!* We have six more *Resurrection Stories* to tell over the next six weeks. We will keep singing and talking about what it means to live deep in Resurrection Life. I look forward to this journey with you.

-Pastor Daron

waverly church of the nazarene
 75th Homecoming Celebration

Saturday, May 21: Groundbreaking Ceremony, 693 Airport Rd, 3pm
 WCN Stories, Sanctuary, 6:30pm

Sunday, May 22: Homecoming Celebration Services, 8:45 & 11am
 Homecoming Dinner, WCHS Cafeteria, after 11am svc

Upcoming...

- Apr 18-21: Grace-Lynwood UMC Recovery Team
- Apr 27: New Immerse Groups begin, 6:30
- Apr 28-29: District Assembly
- May 1: Dr. Duarte, General Superintendent preaches
- May 7: Women of Waverly, noon at WUMC
- May 10: Child loss group, 6:30pm
- May 14: Kids: *Sunshine Springtime Fest*, 2-4pm
- May 15: Vision Sunday, 4:30 Mission Local 2 Meeting,

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

Worship:

8:45 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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