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August 10, 2022

On Friday evening, August 5th, Herschel "Sid" Ross went to be with the Lord. Please pray for Elaine and Sydney. Elaine has been providing care for Sid for many years at home. A private graveside service will be held with Pastor Janice and William Brown officiating. Please be in prayer for this special family in the days to come.

JT and Lauren Blue added a third precious baby to their family on Thursday, August 4th. Ella Elizabeth Blue was 7lbs 4 oz and 20.5 inches long. Proud big brother and sister are Rosie and Levi Blue. Without a doubt, Lauren and JT will raise Ella to grow up to know the Lord. We are thankful for God's amazing work in their family and through their family.

WCN is an intergenerational church. We are multi-aged, and we engage and grow together. On Wednesday, August 3rd, after our students' first day back in school, all ages gathered in the sanctuary for our 4th annual Back to School Prayer Service. Pastor Kelsey prayed a beautiful prayer over our Discovery Kids' backpacks. We broke up into prayer stations: kids, teens, young adults, parents, school faculty/staff, and the church. We shared with each other our concerns about the new school year. We prayed together. Our kids' and teens' prayer stations took the longest, which says so much. Whether you were able to be there or not, please join with me in praying for our school leaders and our children. They have been through so much in the past 2 years. We believe the Lord is with them, and we want them to know that we are praying for them! Each child who attended received a special backpack tag that says, "This backpack has been prayed over by a church family who loves you" and a WCN logo. We are thankful for the following prayer leaders: Pastor Kelsey, Betsy Haley, Sam Dellinger, Pastor Janice, and Robby Einerson.

Teens and teen leaders gathered in the sanctuary for a Back-to-School Lock-in on Friday, August 5th. Sam Dellinger led the devotion, Jace Mortimer led in worship, and I was asked to serve communion to our teenagers.

Teens were challenged to live like Christ in the upcoming school year. They took over the church campus from 10pm – 6am. They played 9-square, ate s'mores, did karaoke, and basically shared life together. They are all better for it. The teens who attended were: Alyssa Hayes, Hailey Hayes, Parker Brown, Kendall Brown, Macy Brown, Jace Mortimer, Madison Gwin, Mikayla Gwin, Dylan Gwin, Brianna Gwin, Ainsley Forester, Parker Forester, Becca Simons, Addison Werfel, Alex Myatt, Madison Layton, Kailey Layton, Anna Davis, Jasmine Bancroft, Hayden Leming, Carson Wilkins, Jaylee Bennett, Jack Bennett, and Wyatt Scribner. Adult chaperones were Sam Dellinger, Jane Langston, Eugene Woodside, myself, and Pastor Kelsey.

The Back-to-School Bash was organized completely by Sam Dellinger. Sam has been completing one of his two required internships for his Ministry major at Trevecca Nazarene University this summer here with us. Sam led the event well. Sam has led Wednesday nights well. Sam has taught Engage Groups well. He has given himself to the youth group throughout the course of this summer. He was leading our teens when two young lives were lost in our community. He showed compassion and made himself available to our teens while they were hurting. God has already begun to do amazing things through Sam's ministry. We are excited to see how God continues to shape him, and where God may call him to go. We are proud of you, Sam. We are glad you belong to us!

On August 21, 2021, our lives were completely changed. Flood waters damaged our church building, over 40 families from our church lost their homes, and hundreds of homes in our community were damaged or destroyed. Recovery has been slow but steady. We are down to only three families still not being home. Every week I see a new elevated foundation being built up from the ground along Main Street. I am excited for the continued progress with the rebuilding of our Main Street area!

The city and community have been coordinating our efforts to put together *Waverly Remembers*. This special event will occur over the span of 2 days. Saturday night at 7pm, Tayla Lynn will be hosting a concert and candlelight service in the town square. Sunday night at 6pm, the community will be invited for an indoor event at the Waverly Central High School Auditorium.

You are invited to come together for this ecumenical gathering to remember what we have lost and to celebrate the resilience of our community. We understand that people deal with tragedy and cope differently. Grief lingers, especially for the families/friends of the 20 individuals we lost. I can't begin to understand the emotions you are feeling. If you feel that the event will be too hard for you, we understand. For others who are okay to come, we will see you there.

This is my last newsletter to write during Pastor Daron's sabbatical. It has been my joy to lead during his absence. I am thankful for Pastor Janice carrying the load of pastoral care. I know this is where her heart is, and the work does not seem like work to her either. Our staff team is special. This church is special. We are incredibly blessed to be a part of WCN. Thank you for supporting us this summer.

-Pastor Mary

Upcoming...

- Aug 20-21: *Waverly Remembers*: One Year Flood Remembrance Event for Waverly, Aug. 20-7pm (court square) Aug. 21-6pm (WCHS)
- August 27: Women's Prayer Breakfast, 9am
- Sept. 21-Connect with Grace Community Work & Witness Team, 6:30pm
- Oct. 14-NYC Fish Fry fundraiser
- Oct 16-19: Week of Renewal w/Dr. Steve Estep
- Nov.26: Hanging of the Greens, 6pm

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Engage Groups:
10am

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