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October 26, 2022

Church Family,

Sawyer Monroe Selph was born on October 18th. He weighted 7 lbs, 3 oz at birth. Sawyer's parents are Justin and Brittany Selph. His big brother is Brenden. His big sisters are McKinley and Oaklyn. Both Brittany and Sawyer are well. We thank God for the gift of Sawyer.

Nikki Morris and Jeremy King were married on October 14 by Pastor Janice Rudolph. The wedding took place at the home of Nikki's parents, Harold and Christy Morris. Jeremy's mother was present by video call. The couple chose to get married on their ten year anniversary of being a couple. They have two boys: Jensen and Leland. Congratulations to this family!

Jordan Hale passed away on October 14th. Wayne Plant, Jordan's grandfather, passed away five days later on October 19th. Both of them battled. Both of them knew Jesus and trusted in him. Wayne's service will be Friday at the Plant/Box cemetery at Denver hill at 2:30. We are providing food for a meal afterward at Ebenezer UMC. Jordan's service will be Saturday, October 29th at Compassion Church at 2pm. We do not need to provide food after this service. Join me in praying for Jackie, Keith, and Jaxon Boswell and their family. May Jordan and Wayne rest in peace and rise with Christ.

Clifton Wheeler passed away on Saturday, October 22nd. He was the father of Rhonda (Terry) Moore and the grandfather of Lora Moore. Clifton joined us for worship two Sundays before he died. His health declined fast. He was a sweet man who knew and followed Jesus. His service was Monday at Luff Bowen. May Clifton rest in peace and rise with Christ.

October 9th was *Faith Promise*. We celebrated the work of God around the globe through missions. Like Abram, we are *Not Settled*. We are *Sent*. If you have not yet returned your *Faith Promise* card, please get it to the church office. Thank you for supporting missions.

It had been two years since we had a Week of Renewal. Many thanks to Pastor Jenny Little for leading our kids. Thanks to Pastor Joe Voight and his great team of musicians. And thanks to Dr. Steve Estep for bringing the word in such a powerful, personal, and timely way. Engagement remained high throughout the week. We needed these days. And we are better because of them.

Many thanks to Eugene and Karen Woodside for sponsoring the teen fish fry fundraiser for NYC. Eugene and his partners caught, cleaned, battered, fried, and served the fish. It was a massive undertaking. We served 200 lbs of fish and 100 lbs of French fries. We stayed busy all day long. We only had a few pieces of fish left over. The event brought the teens about \$5,000. Great work teens! Thanks to those who served and those who supported us!

On Monday night of Week of Renewal, Jacen Davidson grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The teens worked. Funds raised went toward NYC. The night brought another thousand dollars. We are chipping away at the cost!

The district women's retreat was held last weekend at Camp Garner Creek. WCN ladies who attended are Pastor Annetta Sykes, Katie Brown, Barbara Horner, and Julie Einerson. Dr. Carla Sunberg preached to the women on our district about identity in Christ.

*Come to the Waters*, an Introduction to WCN, is Sunday, November 6th from 4pm to 7pm. You have an invitation from me. RSVP with the church office.

The United Way Good Neighbor Radio Auction begins November 7. WCN is a sponsor. We welcome the following donations: handcrafted items, theme baskets (fishing, hunting, baking sports, movie, etc), gift certificates for goods and services, and homemade baked and canned goods. We also need desserts donated for lunch on Monday, November 14 and Thursday, November 17. All proceeds help people locally through United Way. Thank you for supporting this vital, ongoing ministry to our community.

One song we sing says, "even when I don't see it, you're working." That is true in our lives and when it comes to our building project. The lot is cleared. Dirt work is complete. Steel is on site. It may feel like we are stalling, but important things are happening. This week, the architect and engineers wrapped up their submission to the state fire marshal. The fire marshal usually has an estimated six-week wait time before they consider a project. Because of our circumstances with the flood, worshipping in a flood plain, and winter weather around the corner, the fire marshal negated the wait period. He is reviewing our plans now. As soon as he is done, we get a building permit, then building commences. Even when you don't see it, God is working. Keep praying.

The Means of Grace are practices which, when practiced regularly and relationally, open us to the flow of God's grace into our lives. The means of grace are the means, not the end. The end is holiness. The means move us toward he end. In our sermon series, the first means of grace was prayer. You can find Sunday's message on Facebook or YouTube to catch up. The second means of grace will be covered this Sunday. Our kids are hearing the same series. Join us Sunday.

This Pastor Appreciation Month, I am thankful for pastors who give their whole lives to small churches and feel like they have little to show for their life's work. I am thankful for bi-vocational pastors who manage ministry plus another career much better than I ever could. I am thankful for female pastors whose lives are an uphill climb. I am thankful for pastors who are targets for unnecessary blame when things go wrong. I am thankful for pastors who wear all of the hats in the life of their church because the workers are few. I am thankful for pastors whose work is unimaginably and unglamorously hard. I am thankful for God-called women and men who persevere. Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. They shine as examples of faithfulness.

-Pastor Daron

## Upcoming...

- Oct 29: Family Fall Day at Keller's Farm, 10am
- Nov 5: Portal Teens Bonfire @ Woodsides, 2pm & set clocks back one hour
- Nov 6: Come to the Waters: An Intro to WCN, 4-7pm
- Nov 12: Women's Prayer Breakfast, 9am
- Nov 18-20: Teens: Momentum
- Nov 20: Waverly Community Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 23-25: Church office closed
- Nov 26: Hanging of the Greens, 6pm

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a prayer need  
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### Worship:

8:45 & 11am

### Engage Groups:

10am

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