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November 8, 2023

Church Family,

WCN celebrates the births of three October pumpkins:

Nicholas Xavier Hildreth was born to Michael and Gabrielle Hildreth on October 22nd. He is their first. Nicholas weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz and was 19 inches long.

Ivy Sophia Hildreth was born three days later on October 25th. Ivy and Nicholas are cousins. Ivy is the first for Zach and Valorie Hildreth. She weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz, and was 19.5 inches long.

Caroline Gracelee Scurlock was born on October 24th weighing 6 lbs, 11oz, and 20 3/4 inches long. Sweet Caroline is the second child for Jacob and Christine Scurlock. Big sister Mary Catherine celebrated her second birthday five days after Caroline arrived.

All three moms and babies are well. We rejoice with these families over the gift of precious life.

On October 29th, we celebrated the sacrament of baptism with six people and their families. Preston Upchurch was presented by his parents, Dylan and Morgan Upchurch, for baptism. His family lined across the front. We all made promises. Preston squirmed. He did not love the water. We believe he will come to love what it means. After Preston was baptized, his mother, Morgan Upchurch was baptized. She and her family connected to WCN through Jackie Boswell. She has been a believer searching for a home church into which to be baptized. Timmy and Mason Remagen were baptized. These boys are being fostered by Greg and Jill Field. The Fields are undertaking this selfless ministry and are amazing influences on Timmy and Mason, who fit well into the life of WCN. Shiloh Rozell came forward for baptism. Shiloh and her mom, Marlena Davis, are both passionate about loving and serving Jesus. Gavin Wooton was baptized. Gavin and his mom, Beth connected to WCN through our kids' ministry. The Wootons are serving and growing in Christ. Each of these are beautiful unfolding stories. And note this: 15 months ago, none of these folks or their families were part of WCN. None of them. That means you, church, are doing your job.

All Saints' Day was meaningful. Many of us got to view the interior of the building for the first time. The word we heard over and over was "Wow!" Names were written. Sharpies and tears marked the dust-swirled concrete floor. Those names. They are our cloud of witnesses. They surround us and they are under us. Holding us up. For years to come.

Sunday night was our second installment of *619 Stories*. We shared stories of *Believing*. It felt like old-fashioned testimony time. We talked about how we came to believe and how we have been strengthened in our belief through WCN. The time was rich. The next and final *619 Stories* will be December 10 at 6pm. We will tell stories of *Becoming*.

The United Way Radio Auction is underway on 1060AM and 93.5FM or on the Facebook page: *United Way of Humphreys County, TN*. WCN will be represented by those who made and donated items, those who cook and serve meals, and those who auction items. Every dollar helps neighbors in our community. Tune in. Be a neighbor.

The annual *Group Home Christmas Party* has not been live since 2019. This, the longest-running ministry at WCN, serves adults with disabilities in our community. Not being with our dear friends in person has been one of the many frustrating outcomes from the pandemic. This year we go live again! Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm at the Apex Community Room on West Main Street. All names for gift purchases have been claimed. Contact the church office if you would like to help with food or other needs.

Building Update notes:

- Power is on. Electrical outlets are wired.
- Interior paint is nearing completion. Then Drop ceilings. Then lights.
- Audio/Visual/Lighting is being installed. Worship lights are installed and functional. Speakers and cabling for livestream cameras are in place.
- Final grading and seeding is complete. Final sidewalks are being poured.
- Paving is underway. Curbs are coming.
- Flooring will be installed the later in November.
- WCN applied for and received a grant totaling \$40,000. The Christian agency wishes to remain anonymous. We are grateful.
- October giving was outstanding! Thank you!
- We deferred some expenses until later: paving the entire parking lot, permanent signage, cabinetry, some furniture, etc.
- Because of the grant, great giving, and deferred expenses, our gap is down to \$24,000!
- Even with the nearly-closed gap, we still have deferred expenses, furnishings on our A,B,C lists, and mortgage payments coming. We have already begun paying interest on the loan. Your continued faithful giving is critical and appreciated.
- The project is on track for completion at the end of December.
- In the first week of December, we will project and plan a definite transition schedule, including our first Sunday in the new building.
- Keep praying. Keep giving. Keep engaging in the transition events.

Pastor Kelsey, Pastor Janice, Pastor Mary, myself, and our families are grateful for your many expressions of pastoral appreciation during October. You make it easy to want to be here and serve with you. We love you.

Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Nov 6-17: *United Way Radio Auction*
- Nov 10-12: Teens: *Momentum*
- Nov 15: *Discovery Kids: Friendsgiving*, 6:30, bring finger foods
- Nov 17: *Discovery Kids: Churchyard Campfire*, 5:30
- Nov 19: Building Update Meeting, 10am & Community Thanksgiving Service at UMC, 6pm
- Nov 25: *The Bridge*, young adults mission zone bowling and dinner in Clarksville
- Nov 29: Hanging of the Greens service

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