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November 22, 2023

Church Family,

WCN teenagers joined other teens from the MidSouth District for Momentum 2023. Momentum is an opportunity for teenagers to exercise their gifts and talents in arts and sports. And it is an opportunity for them to support one another in their respective areas. We sent four great chaperones: Pastor Mary Forester, Pastor Kelsey Elliott, Bill Pickett, and Samuel Dellinger. We sent 16 teenagers. 15 of them competed. One went to support the others. The 15 teenagers we sent returned with 40 total awards! We have some gifted teens: Kyson Summers (2<sup>nd</sup> place Soccer & TNT team, 1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & TNT team), Parker Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> place Soccer & TNT team, 1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & TNT team), Dylan Gwin (2<sup>nd</sup> place Soccer, 1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & TNT team), Mayah Baker (Soccer TNT team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball, 1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & TNT team), Alissa Waggoner (1<sup>st</sup> place Sign Language, 1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & TNT team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball & TNT team, Soccer TNT team, Leah Wilson (1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & TNT team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball & TNT team), Brenden Selph (1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball & Basketball), Macy Brown (1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball & TNT team), Kendall Brown (1<sup>st</sup> place Co-ed Softball), Ainsley Forester (2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball & Gaga ball TNT team, Jaiden Cochran (Soccer TNT team, Volleyball 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Flag Football TNT team), Anna Davis (2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball & TNT team, Soccer TNT team), Paisley Pickett (2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball), Madison Gwin (Pencil & Prose), Mikayla Gwin (2<sup>nd</sup> place Volleyball), and Kalyn Clayton (WCN's #1 fan).

Many thanks to Pastor Annetta Sykes, Francie Hagedwood, Pastor Mary Forester, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Jasmine Bancroft, Charles Davidson, Rachel Reynen, Sydney Ross, Karl Reynen, and Rebekah Scribner for leading the latest round of Wednesday night Immerse Groups. A special thanks to Pastor Annetta for opening her home for her group. The next round of groups will begin in January in the new building. The start date is yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

Many thanks to those who made and donated items for the United Way Radio Auction. Many thanks to those who served food and worked the auction. Many thanks to those who purchased items and donated funds. There is a generous spirit among us. Our community is better for it.

WCN met with area churches Sunday night for the community Thanksgiving service. Pastor Janice preached an amazing message. Terry Langston, Katie Brown, Donnie Moran, Clint Rawls, Candy Lee, Jordon Bohannon, Kathryn McGuire, Jane Langston, and John McGranahan led us in songs of thanks.

We've had a *Friendsgiving*, a teen bonfire, a *Sage Bonfire*, a postponed kids' Churchyard campfire, and several class and gatherings. As we move into the holidays, more gatherings and parties are coming. Be aware. Be connected.

*Hanging of the Greens*. Making our space ready for Advent. All ages. Next Wednesday, November 29th at 6:30pm.

*The Group Home Christmas Party* is WCN's longest running ministry. It is Christmas with our friends who have special needs. December 3rd will be the first time to gather with our friends in person since 2019. Gift purchases have been delegated and are due this Sunday. Contact the church office to help with food. This is one event that you and your family do not want to miss. December 3rd. 2pm. The Apex Community Room.

What is this about a *WCN Quiz Show*? It is one our transitional events intended to inform, celebrate, remember, and have fun. Wednesday, December 6th. 6:30pm. All ages. There will be some things only seasoned people know. There will be some things only newer or younger people know. Regardless of what you know or don't know, it's a chance to come and learn and have some fun as we make the turn from here to there.

Building Update: Ceiling track and tile are going in. Walls are being primed and painted. The LED wall and sound system are installed. Sprinklers, lights, flooring, and baseboards are going in. Next up: various inspections, WIFI, flooring, paving, and landscaping. Worship chairs have arrived and are in storage. It's getting more real.

At the building update meeting Sunday, Pastor Mary shared long-awaited news: the first installment of our SBA loan came in. After more than two years of struggle, because of Pastor Mary's hard work, we are beginning to get the actual loan funds with great terms. The gap remains at \$24,000. We deferred some expenses until later. We will begin paying a mortgage soon. Thank you for giving. Your continued giving and support are welcome and appreciated.

We plan to be in the building around the new year. By the time my next letter gets to you, we should know the exact timeline. We shared too much news in the building update meeting to print here. The video link of the meeting has been emailed out. Contact Pastor Mary if you need the link. Be informed. Be aware. Be excited. Be together.

I am thankful for buttons and switches and knobs that easily give me heat and light and clean water. I am thankful for a church in which God calls and sends women and men into ministry. I am thankful for the way Ellen Moran makes strangers into friends. I am thankful for a team of people with smart minds and big hearts who lead us through a transition. I am thankful that I get my mom for Thanksgiving this year. I am thankful for old songs about Jesus. I am thankful for new songs about Jesus. I am thankful for people who do not wait for someone else to address a problem. I am thankful for the unique and beautiful ways that each of my kids are wired. I am thankful for Katie's calming presence, her ever-growing mind, and her surrendered heart. I am thankful for a loving God who sees me and calls to me from the bleachers. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Pastor Daron

## Upcoming...

- Nov 22: No groups
- Nov 25: *The Bridge*, young adults mission zone bowling and dinner in Clarksville
- Nov 29: *Hanging of the Greens* service 6:30
- Dec 3: Group Home Christmas Party (in person!) at Apex, 2pm
- Dec 6: *WCN: The Quiz Show*, 6:30pm
- Dec 10: *619 Stories: Becoming*, 6pm
- Dec 13: *Yuletide Wingding*, 6:30pm
- Dec 17: Building Update Meeting, 10am & Come to the Waters, 4-7pm

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### Worship:

8:45 & 11am

### Engage Groups:

10am

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