



**Annual Report
2024**

**WCN is a sent community
embodying Christ-like transformation
throughout Humphreys County and beyond by
calling people to **Belong, Believe, and Become.****

John W. Adams

Distinguished Service Award

The DSA is the highest award given by a local Church of the Nazarene to a layperson. Our DSA is appropriately named after Rev. John Adams. Rev. Adams was the son of a sharecropper with a second-grade education who God called into ministry as an adult. His wife taught him to read in order to pass courses for ordination. He pastored WCN from 1959-1973.

Rev. Adams was a bi-vocational pastor. He worked during the week, and he pastored on weeknights and weekends. He physically built and remodeled our facilities. On Sunday mornings, he and his wife, Edith, would get in two cars and drive through the county picking up kids for worship. Many of those kids have grown up to become vital members of WCN. The Lord used Rev. Adams to impact many people in our church and in our community. Rev. John Adams was a model servant. His humility, his willingness to serve, and his dedication to the work of the church over a long period of time are traits of a Distinguished servant. It is fitting that this award be attached to his name.

Each year a recipient is chosen by a pool of past DSA recipients. It takes a servant to know a servant. Recipients of this award have committed themselves to a lifetime of service in the name of Jesus. It is with great honor and appreciation that this award is presented annually.

2001: Terry Langston

2002: Edith Adams

2003: Amy Crum

2004: Alton Hesson

2005: Lanelle Coleman

2006: John McGranahan

2007: Annetta Sykes

2008: Kay McGranahan

2009: Jane Langston

2010: Letticia Ladd

2011: Betty Hamm

2012: Laura Ham

2013: Pearl Jones

2014: Nancie Hesson

2015: Franklin Brawley

2016: Karen Woodside

2017: Jimmy Hamm

2018: Eugene Woodside

2019: Delilah King

2020: Brenda Palk

2021: Mary Ann Collins

2022: Jack Hayes

2023: Charles Davidson

2024: Darrel Shanks



WCN OUTput

*Churches are good at measuring what comes IN (members, money, headcount...).
While that is fine, we believe that Jesus is more concerned with what goes OUT.
While numbers don't tell the whole picture, here is a sampling
of our OUTput from the last 12 months.*

8 persons baptized and sent to serve
\$31,000 to world missions, \$30,000 for district missions, \$22,000 for local compassionate missions
\$14,000 to Trevecca and \$1,500 given for scholarships at TNU
\$13,044 to Pensions & Benefits and \$500 given to support a Hispanic Church Plant in Dickson
34th Group Home Party
10 WES/WJHS teachers were given \$150 each for classroom school supplies
Leaders served and shared their testimony through Celebrate/Life Recovery
516 boxes of cereal to Helping Hands
Partnered with our Mission Zone to equip 10+ individuals answering God's call to pastor
5 Certified Lay Trained Ministers. One individual in training.
Hosted 2 classes from Trevecca Nazarene University
Hosted a sunrise service & Dedicated 4 children to the Lord
Hosted a Missionary Service for the Hauns and creative access missionaries
Hosted our 3rd annual Blue Christmas Service for the community
Welcomed 32 new members who were then sent to Belong, Believe, and Become
One individual holds local license: Kelsey Elliott
Sam Dellinger sent to Winnsboro, LA to be their Youth Pastor and Bible Teacher at private school
Hunter Elliott sent to Nazarene Headquarters and then to Clarksville Grace as Youth Pastor
JT Blue sent to be Lead Pastor of Pine Hill Church of the Nazarene
A Men's Prayer Breakfast met and a Women's Prayer Breakfast met
Season of Emerging Preachers ministry continued for the third year
Dozens of ladies and men disciplined weekly in the county jail (ministry provided by letters/cards)
Valentines Cookies and cards (from D-kids) sent to over 100 inmates and employees at the jail
Newcomers participated in Celebrate/Life Recovery
11 servants from WCN served with Helping Hands food pantry (80% of servants are from WCN)
\$3,000 given to Helping Hands to help families with rent and utilities
Dozens were sent out to sing carols at the nursing home again this year
Helping Hands served hundreds of residents with our support
Partnered with Humphreys Homeless Coalition to serve families in our community
Partnered with Long Term Recovery to help repair and rebuild Waverly
91 Crisis Care Kits were packed by an intergenerational team of people
New Year's Family Communion service held in the sanctuary
49 students were sent to camp
Welcomed two Work and Witness Teams to Waverly
Partnered in new ways with WES/WJHS greeting at beginning and end of day and helping them move into new facility

2023-2024 WCN ANNUAL CHURCH BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Your Church board meets the 2nd Monday evening of each month and prayerfully seeks God's discernment in decisions concerning WCN. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Those elected to serve on the 2023-24 Church board (with end of term in parentheses) were SS Superintendent Robin May (25), NMI President Sarah Adams (25), Brenda Palk (24), Don McGuire (24), Karen Woodside (24), Jana Brazzle (25), Terry Langston (25), Trent Riley (25), Rose Mitchell (26), Kathie McClanahan (26) and Greg Field (26). Many thanks to Carla Anderson and Lloyd Ross for their faithful service on the board the past 3 years. Associate Board Members serving for 1-year term were Linda Story, Doris Pine, Betty Hamm, Karl Reynen, Duane Pine, Vernon Costello, Fred Perkins, Rachel Reynen, Delilah King, Eugene Woodside, Debbie Manor, Lindy Dellinger and John McGranahan.

As the new Church year began March 1, we were prayerfully celebrating to send Pastor J.T. Blue and his family as he was called to pastor the Pine Hill CON. We also sent Hunter Elliott and Sam Dellinger to be youth pastors at other churches. The new building construction progressed, and Terry Langston kept us well informed as Pastor Mary continued to navigate the stressful requests of SBA and FEMA and insurance needs. The new facility construction project necessitated many decisions to be made and sometimes changed. Prayerful consideration of each decision made or voted on was a priority. Trying to be best Stewards, we carefully watched the approved annual budget as many construction items changed.

Many from WCN attended sessions at District Assembly and Family Camp. WCN was well represented at the gathering of the global General Assembly. Our teens made WCN proud at NYC, Momentum and TNT.

District Superintendent Dr. Dwight Gunter met with the board and facilitated the 4-year Pastor/Church relationship review of Pastor Daron Brown per requirements of the Church of Nazarene Manual. After a very favorable evaluation, the Board recommended unanimously for Pastor Daron to continue his ministry at WCN. We surely have been blessed by his leadership these past 22 years!

The Board approved an updated Sabbatical Policy and made preparations for Pastor Mary's Sabbatical. The Next Gen Policies and Procedures Manual and the Personnel/Policy Manual were updated.

Rachel Reynen, Vernon Costello and Barbara Horner were approved for Certification of Lay Ministry and Lloyd & Michelle Ross' Certification of Lay Ministry was renewed.

The Board approved naming Rachel Reynen as Director of Littles' Ministry.

Many continue to serve in missional projects like FUEL, Humphreys County Homeless Coalition, Helping Hands and Life Recovery. We were able to host the Annual Group Home Christmas Party in person again; many of you served and everyone there received a blessing!

We ceremoniously made the Pilgrimage and Dedication to our new address of 693 Airport Road. We rejoiced in our "Promised Land" on Feb. 4, which was our 1st Sunday to worship in the new facility. We celebrated with a wonderful Coming Home Celebration.

Even though several in our own congregation have experienced sickness or death of many special loved ones, you still were the Church as you loved, prayed, fed, and comforted others in need.

We are blessed by obedient and faithful pastors, staff and lay persons who serve and give as God calls.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Palk, Secretary

Treasurer's Report – 2023-24

As with the previous year, the just-ended church year finances were dominated by our Building Program. Fiscal Year 2023-24 was the year we finished the Barger Construction project and moved into our new facility. While this first phase of our building program is still not complete, we all celebrate the completion of this milestone! Also, as you might expect, moving into a new facility brings with it a new financial reality.

As of this time last year, \$1,435,000 had been spent on construction of our new church facility. As of March 31, 2024, we have spent about \$5,000,000 with a few large checks yet to be spent. However, we do have this money available in our construction account plus about \$50K in our savings account (less than we'd like).

If you have come to any of our Building Update meetings over the past year, you will have heard me/us mention our Gap in funding available to complete this phase of construction. The amount of construction funding you have been able to close has been a Miracle. We have been able to make up at least \$450K of funding shortfall. This has been done through some extraordinary gifts (two couples gifted \$50K each, many \$10K/\$5K/\$1K gifts, a \$40K grant, a donated property, and very many smaller gifts.) Thank You!

Another item to mention is our new mortgage payments. We have loans from First Bank in Waverly for \$1.125M and from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for \$1.65M. Our total debt is \$2.75M. Both loans come with rather favorable terms. Our combined monthly mortgage payments will be about \$13.5K/month. In addition to the mortgage, our facilities costs are well up especially cleaning services, maintenance, and utilities. We will need your continued gifts to maintain our level of support to you and our community.

In the past several months, leading up to and after moving into our new facility, both attendance and giving have been Excellent. At the current rate of donations, we will be able to pay the mortgage plus our normal expenses. With our new and higher expenses, it's important that you continue your gifts to WCN.

I need to recognize our 'Counters'. Our 'Counting Team' of Carla Anderson, Glenda Davidson, Rose Mitchell, and Linda Story have done all the counting. They do an amazing job we are very grateful!

Our Treasurer Leadership Team also includes Trent Riley as Associate Treasurer. Trent manages our non-traditional gifts and has provided indispensable help in automating/streamlining that work. Thank you!

A reminder: In addition to placing cash/checks in the offering plate, we have other giving options you may want to consider. You can find further information on our website (wcntn.com), contact the Church Office, or ask us about giving options. The Board of WCN thanks you for your faithful and consistent giving!

Don McGuire - WCN Treasurer

Income Category	FY2023-24	Expense Category	FY2023-24
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 629,394.53	Administrative	\$ 17,122.35
Building Fund	\$ 381,407.91	Church Ministries	\$ 62,863.41
Local Ministries	\$ 33,255.87	Compassionate Ministries	\$ 21,763.18
World Evengelism	\$ 21,937.40	District / Global Missions	\$ 96,080.97
Nazarene Youth International	\$ 2,684.98	Employee Compensation	\$ 318,782.67
Interest on Savings	\$ 11,023.98	Facilities	\$ 57,375.87
Total Donations	\$ 1,079,704.67	Operating Expenses	\$ 573,988.45
Loan Distributions	\$ 2,750,000.00	Building Campaign	\$ 2,983,996.21

Current Assets	FY2023-24
Checking	\$ 34,060.75
Savings Account	\$ 5,000.53
Investment Account (WIF)	\$ 44,042.94
Construction Funds	\$ 227,561.09
Total Current Assets	\$ 310,665.31

Church Administrator Report 2023-24

Wow, what a year we've had! And how faithful God has been through it all! Moving from one location to another was not an easy task, but we made it by the grace of God. He provided what was needed to make it happen. I am thankful for a staff team that was very intentional about the transition and making sure our new building reflects the DNA of WCN. I am thankful for others who serve behind the scenes in the nursery, with our kids and teens, and the wonderful ladies who clean our building each week. All these folks have made big adjustments with the addition of square footage and people in our new location, and they have done it beautifully.

WCN continues to come alongside those who have lost loved ones by providing a meal for their family. We had the opportunity to serve several families this year. Delilah King is always willing to organize this ministry. We are fortunate to have many people willing to cook and serve meals to grieving families. Some new opportunities for the food ministry arose this year with Open House and Coming Home Celebrations in our new facility. Delilah welcomed the assistance and expertise of Ann Long, who had a catering business for many years. These 2 ladies seamlessly executed both events with many helpers serving alongside them. Many thanks to all who cooked, cleaned, and set up for these events.

Betty Hamm, Rose Mitchell, Rhonda Moore, Terry Moore, Delilah King, Glenda Davidson, Lanelle Coleman, Kathryn McGuire, Ellen Moran, Brendlyn Durham, Kay Webb, and Vicky Wallace comprise our faithful team lovingly named "The Fabulous Golden Foldies." This group has so much fun as we prepare your newsletters for mailing twice a month. A few new faces have joined us this past year, and we always welcome others to join us. Fellowship is shared as the work gets done, and oftentimes we enjoy lunch together afterwards.

It would be impossible to name everyone who has helped over this past year, especially with all the work that took place moving us from Main Street to Airport Rd, but we are grateful for all of you who said yes and showed up, no matter the day or time. We had so many dedicated servants come to help us remove shelving and equipment from our old building, pack, clean, move items, unpack, clean again, install equipment and shelving in our new building, and arrange and decorate new spaces. None of these important tasks would have happened without your help. We are grateful for all of you.

It is wonderful to be in our new space since the end of January 2024! We are all thankful to have more room to worship, to enjoy fellowship together, and to work in our own offices. It is beautiful to see how God is weaving the fabric of our church family as we continue to grow! So many new people are connecting to WCN since we have extra room now, and many that have been part of us for years are serving in new and different ways-it's so exciting to witness the blending of tradition with innovation. It is truly a blessing to be part of this wonderful church family that loves one another and those outside of our newly expanded walls. I'm thankful for a church whose mission includes being Christ's hand and feet to our community and our world. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your church administrator. I am privileged to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Einerson

Church,

April was a busy month –

- Car wash and bake sale for NYC
- Teens at TNT@TNU. Ainsley Forest on 2nd place team in GaGa ball and regional All Star. Jaiden Cochran on 1st place team in soccer and flag football. Thanks to Beccie Cochran and Kelsey Elliott for being chaperones.
- Pastor Daron and Katie led the teen immerse group in “Made to Mirror – Bearing God’s Image in This World”.
- District NY Convention – Those attending were Ainsley Forester, Pastor Mary Forester, Brianna Gwin, Dylan Gwin, Jane Langston, Zach Reynolds, and Alissa Waggoner

May

- Graduation celebration for 7 high school students – Mateo Batchelder, Caleb Brandon, Knox Einerson, Easton Elliott, Kalob Hedin, John Petersen, and Rylee Turner.

June

- General assembly in Indianapolis, IN. Jane Langston was the NYI delegate. Kendall Brown, Macy Brown, and Parker Brown also attended.
- Senior high camp – Kendall Brown, Parker Brown, Jaiden Cochran, Brianna Gwin, Dylan Gwin, Zach Reynolds, Nicole Valentini attended. Thanks to Kelsey Elliott for being their counselor.
- Middle school camp – Maya Baker, Macy Brown, Ainsley Forester, Madison Gwin, Mikayla Gwin, Chloe Sullivan attended. Thanks to Katie Brown for being their counselor.

July

- NYC in Tampa Bay, FL – Kendall Brown, Parker Brown, Kalya Clayton, Anna Davis, Brianna Gwin, Dylan Gwin, Zach Reynolds, Alissa Waggoner, Jordan Wallace, along with their chaperones Jeff and Wynona Gwin, Rodney Haley, Jessica Wallace, joined over 10,000 teens from across the USA and Canada in worship, service and connection.

August

- Back to school teen lock-in with Pastor JT Blue at Pine Hill Church of the Nazarene
- Immerse group titled ‘Articles of Faith’ led by Pastor Mary
- Teen canoe trip down the Buffalo

September

- Teens and parents met with Dr. Tim Green for pizza and conversations about TNU

October

- Ultimate frisbee at the park

November

- Youth fall party at the Woodside’s
- Momentum in Memphis. 16 teens represented WCN; 15 competed while 1 other cheered everyone on. Together they came back with 40 awards! Thanks to Pastor Mary Forester, Pastor Kelsey Elliott, Bill Pickett, and Samuel Dellinger for chaperoning.

December

- Donated funds and shopped for 2 Angel Tree kids.

Through the past year our teens have served by:

- Moving teacher’s supplies to their new school,
- Praying in the 24 hours of prayer, and
- Helping with Hanging of the Greens service, group home party, pack and pray, Open House and dedication service, making crisis care kits, and moving furniture into our new building.

We finished the year with a sending party for Timmy and Mason Remagen as they go to live with their new family.

Thanks also goes to Pastor Mary and Nick Forester, Eugene and Karen Woodside, Rose Mitchell and Karl Reynan for helping so much throughout the year!

Jane Langston, NYI President

NMI Annual Report 2023-2024

Sarah Shanks served through this church year as NMI president. She discerned that God was leading her to step down from this role, and we thank her for her servant's heart over these past several years.

WCN is an active participant in Nazarene International Missions year-round.

- LTR Connect- received missionary teams from around the country to help our community with flood recovery.
 - D1 Naz from Decatur, IL
 - Grace Community Church from Spring Hill, KS
- Missionary Services
 - Haun Family
 - Wheatley Family
- World Evangelism giving \$30,750
- Alabaster Offering giving \$2,085
- 91 Crisis Care Kits packed
- 1 Child Sponsorship in cooperation with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Church, thank you for being a missional church. Thank you for being a giving church.

Grace and Peace,

Kelsey Elliott

NDI Report 2023/2024

Well, this has certainly been a year! Watching our new building take shape, anticipating what it would look like when we were actually standing in it. Thinking how good it would be to be "home". And now, we're settling in, welcoming new folks and reconnecting with each other.

COVID and a flood could not stop us! We see God's intervention in all these situations. We are truly blessed.

Even in our limited space in the old building we gathered together for Immerse groups on Wednesday evenings.

Our Immerse group leaders for this past year were P. Kelsey, P. Janice, P. Mary, JT Blue, Robby Einerson, Katie Brown, P. Daron, Lanelle Coleman, Karl Reynen, Susie Parnell, and P. Annetta, who hosted a group in her home. Thanks, also to all the helpers/assistants, I know that if I had room to list you all that I would leave out someone, so I will just say know we are very appreciative of your help. Meeting on Wednesday evenings, these small groups are able to delve deeper into our relationships with each other and Christ.

Engage groups (we used to call it Sunday School) meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00. We have groups for everyone. Try one or try them all, find a group that you like and get involved. Our Engage group leaders are Greg Field- **The JOY group**, Don McGuire- **New Life Group**, Katie Brown- **The Bridge**, P. Mary Forester- **ReStoried Group**, Trent Riley- **Rolling Stones Group**, P. Janice Rudolph- **Everyday Grace**. Next Gen groups include **The Tinies**- Delilah King & Sydney Ross, **The Littles**- Rachel Reynen & Karalee Sternberg, **The Bigs**- P. Kelsey Elliot & Charles Davidson, **Junior High**- Jeni Lill & Rachel Lewis, **Senior High**- Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Rachel Bibby. You can get directions to any class by visiting the Connection Station in the Church Lobby.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Robin May

Worship Report 2023-24

What a year this has been! One foot on Main Street and the other on Airport Road. The Main Street foot was in a familiar, comfortable, 'safe' place. Airport Road was still a dream and full of unknowns and angst for what lay ahead. God directed our move from the familiar to the unknown; our role was and is to trust Him and follow where He leads us. And we are confident He has much yet to do in and through us now that the transition from old to new location is complete.

I am indeed grateful that talented people offer their skills and abilities to lead each of us in worship each week as we collectively offer our praise to our wonderful Savior. My deep gratitude goes to Clint, Billy, Kevin, Donnie and Katie. They make beautiful music together and we get to participate with them. And many thanks to vocalists Jordon, Candy, John, Rose, and Jane that each week sing, smile, and engage each of us in worship. I can't say enough how grateful I am for this praise team and their dedication to each other and to God as we lift His praises.

Transitioning from old to new with the praise team meant a time of transition where some of the technology moved from Main Street to Airport Road for a period of time. That was an interesting, challenging and memorable time for us. An even larger challenge was the actual move and adjusting to a new place and new technology. I can say that it is still a challenge; manageable yes, but we overcome.

The technology team went through these same transitions and did it magnificently. We moved some of their stuff to Airport Road and gave them a patchwork of devices to make work during the transition. I heard several comments about how well the praise team sounded even with stuff missing and much of that goes to the technology team. Well done! The even larger challenge awaited them at Airport Road with new technology. It was a little bumpy to begin with at Airport Road, but they demonstrated their problem-solving skills and now a couple of months in, the techs make sure each service runs smoothly. Their goal is to not be noticed and they do that very well. Take time to recognize and thank them when you see them. They are Kay, Parker, Knox, Nick, Trent, Jason, Alissa, Greg, and Dean. Thanks, guys.

The Easter season is upon us, and with that comes resurrection stories. Each of us can recognize God's hand in our lives, but we don't always see His hand in each other's lives. Many thanks to each of you that, each Easter season, share how God is working in your lives. We need to hear those words of encouragement. Please consider sharing your testimony in a resurrection story. Pastor Mary pieces your words into a resurrection story video that each of us gets to see during the Easter season. Thank you, Pastor Mary for the many hours of hard work it takes to work to produce these videos. Again, it is behind the scenes work but you do it so well.

The first few weeks in our new facilities have been a pleasure seeing you engage in worship as we have sung His praises. I will challenge us not to get comfortable here. God has placed us in this community and in this space to be His hands and feet. Some opportunities will be comfortable; others will not. I look forward to being alongside you as we venture in to God's future for us here at 693 Airport Road.

Terry Langston, Worship Leader

2023/2024 PASTOR OF LOCAL MISSIONS REPORT

WES PARTNERSHIP – WCN has completed 14 years of partnering with WES. During the past year, WCN has provided greeters each morning at the WCHS CTE bldg. in the spring and at the new location on RR St. beginning in August. In May of 2023, WCN delivered a home cooked lunch to WES teachers located in McEwen, WCHS, & Nashville State College. Also in May of 2023, WCN helped teachers move from all 3 locations into their new location on RR St in Waverly. In Sept. 2023, 10 teachers, 5 WES & 5 WJHS, were gifted with a small amount of financial aid to help with needed supplies. Now that grades Pre-school thru 8th are combined under one roof, WCN's school partnership has been extended to include WJHS. Thank you to Pastor Mary Forester for leading this ministry.

FUEL – The FUEL program resumed business as usual with the beginning of the new school year. Candy Lee assumed leadership of FUEL in August of 2023. WCN partners with 3 other churches in Waverly to serve an average total of 115 children with food to take home in their backpacks each Friday during the school year. Thank you to Candy Lee and the amazing FUEL team for their commitment to this ministry & feeding hungry children.

HELPING HANDS – WCN partners with Helping Hands of Humphreys Co. to provide food and financial assistance for utilities and rent to hundreds of families in Humphreys Co. Many of the volunteers and board members attend WCN. Thank you to all who faithfully serve as volunteers for Helping Hands and to all who donate both financially and give food items regularly to help maintain this ministry to families and individuals in Humphreys Co.

GROUP HOME PARTY – WCN celebrated the opportunity in December of 2023 to host the Group Home Christmas Party in person, for our friends with special needs, at the Apex Bank community building. This was WCN's 34th year hosting this special event. It was such a great blessing to get to entertain our friends in person again. We ate, sang Christmas songs, danced, laughed, & hugged. Each guest received a Christmas gift and got to see Santa. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Buddy & Sheila, Kay McGranahan, Pastor Mary Forester and countless others who helped make this special day even more special.

LOCAL MINISTRY – WCN's men have built 2 handicap ramps and practically remodeled the outside deck of another house. Thanks to Darrel Shanks and his team of amazing carpenters for their hard work. WCN Volunteers have helped pack and move two families this past year. Thank you to everyone who helped! This work is so very appreciated!!

LONG TERM RECOVERY – WCN hosted 2 teams in 2023. D1 CON from Decatur, IL, and Grace Community Church from Spring Hill, KS, as flood recovery in Humphreys Co. continues. These teams assisted Appalachia Service Projects and Inspiritus LTR, with building new homes and repair of homes being restored. WCN was so very blessed to partner with these teams in this work.

Mac Anderson presented WCN with a proclamation on behalf of ASP for being a vital partner with them in flood recovery. ASP built 44 new homes in Humphreys Co and WCN has been blessed to come alongside them in their work. Thanks to Mac Anderson for representing both entities.

LIFE RECOVERY – LR is one year old now. I have been blessed to give pastoral oversight to both LR and Celebrate Recovery for the past two years. LR has averaged between 5 and 15 in attendance this past year. Thank you to the great team of leaders who are dedicated to helping others recovery from their hurts, habits, and hang ups. We look forward to another great year.

JAIL MINISTRY – Jail ministry for WCN is still on hold as far as going inside for in person ministry. However, our Valentine Cookie ministry is going strong. We delivered 140 bags of cookies, each containing a handmade valentine, to the inmates and staff at the Humphreys Co Jail on Feb. 14, 2024. Thanks to all who baked cookies, helped pack the bags, and delivered these cookies. We are grateful for this opportunity to shine the light of Jesus into the darkest times of these lives.

Pastor of Local Ministries/Janice Rudolph

2023/2024 PASTORAL CARE REPORT

It is still my biggest blessing to serve alongside Pastor Daron and the Staff of WCN in the role of Pastoral Care. This role takes me to your homes, your hospital rooms, and your lives. It is my special privilege to pray for you and with you, to hold your hands, to wipe your tears, and share laughter with you. Doing life together as a church family and community of believers and growing together in Christlikeness is the best life.

I continue to serve as Board Secretary for the Humphreys Homeless Coalition. This role requires attending to all administrative management details as well as being a case manager to individuals and families. HHC is a non-profit agency that provides temporary shelter to the transient homeless in our county. HHC has also assumed the responsibility of providing deposits plus 1st month rent to Flood survivors as permanent housing becomes available. This assistance is also available to other homeless folks who are trying to get into permanent homes. This aligns with HHC's mission of providing a hand up and not just a handout.

I serve at Helping Hands of Humphreys County in the role of processing applications for assistance with utilities and rent in emergency situations. I also serve on the Board of Helping Hands alongside several others who attend WCN.

I have been blessed to assist Trent Riley in leading the Rolling Stones Engage group on Sunday mornings. In March 2024, I began leading a new Engage group, Everyday Grace. I can't wait to see how God is going to work in and through the group of people He will put together in this new group.

This past year Barbara Horner, Rachel Reynen, and Vernon Costello received their certification as Lay Ministers in the Nazarene Church. Lloyd Ross and Michelle Ross received their renewed certificates as Lay Ministers. I have been blessed to mentor these who have now become CLT Mentors themselves. Alternating with other WCN pastors and lay leaders in leading Wednesday evening Immerse Groups is another role that blesses me. This role stretches me to dig into the word even more because you adult students are well versed in the word yourself and I am gratefully challenged by you. Thank you for listening to me preach occasionally!!

These are exciting days at WCN now that we are in the new building God has provided. I am looking forward to continuing to serve alongside all of you in this coming new year. What tremendous GRACE our God continues to pour out on his people. I love each of you so very much! Thank you.

Pastor Janice Rudolph

Children's Ministry Annual Report 2023-2024

In May 2023, I entered my third year as WCN's Children's Ministry Director. WCN is home to me, and I thank you for your continued support and affirmation. I thank you for allowing me to continue to serve with our kids.

Rachel Reynen was brought on as our Preschool Director in September 2023. She has been and continues to be an amazing servant of God. Rachel is teaching our Littles how to live their lives for God as well. She is intentional. She is loving. She is Christ-like. I am so, so thankful and blessed to have her as a partner in ministry.

This has been a big year for us. The move is a blessing of space and better accommodations for new and old friends, as well as for our friends with special needs. Your kids were remarkable during the transition.

WCN is a church that believes all people are called to belong, believe, and become. God calls all people, including kids. Our kids live this out.

- Belonging
 - Gathering for Sunday worship
 - Gathering for Engage Groups
 - Gathering for Immerse Groups
 - Sending Party for Pastor Jenny and Mr. Wesley
 - Game nights
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - LTR Connects
 - Acts in the Park
 - 18 kids to camp
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Halloween Party
 - Intergenerational Friendsgiving
 - Churchyard Campfire
 - WCN Game Show
 - Yuletide Wingding
 - Christmas Party
 - Open House
 - Sending Party for Timmy and Mason
- Believing
 - Several children participating in a baptism class
 - 4 Baptisms
 - Acts in the Park
 - Back to School Prayer Service
 - Giving to Alabaster
 - Attending Missionary Services
 - Pack and Pray
 - Week of Renewal services
- Becoming
 - Acts in the Park
 - Making cards throughout the year
 - Collecting 516 cereal boxes for Helping Hands
 - Singing and serving at our Group Home Christmas Party
 - Caroling at the Nursing Home
 - Valentine's Day Cards for the Jail
 - Serving with moving into the new building
 - Children leading in various services throughout the year
 - Pack and Pray
 - Crisis Care Kits
 - Helping teachers move in to new school
 - Welcome home baskets

I thank God for everyone who has served in our children's ministry. We wouldn't be able to do it without you. You all are living proof to our kids of God's love. Your impact in their lives cannot be measured.

Thank you, WCN, for loving your kids so well! Thank you for loving me so well! Grace and Peace, Kelsey Elliott

Executive Pastor's Annual Report for 2023-2024

Report

This is my fourth annual report serving as Executive Pastor. It is difficult to share what I do daily because my role is fluid. It changes as our church's needs change. As Executive Pastor, I have four broad ministry goals:

1. Empower Effective Leadership
2. Promote Productive Communication
3. Amplify the Vision
4. Demonstrate Initiative

We are in a safe space! After years of praying and giving! Our God has been faithful to us!

I was blessed to receive 40 days of sabbatical rest (and an additional 2 weeks of vacation time) after serving WCN for 7 years in full-time ministry. The days were a blessing to me and my family, and I am thankful for them.

In the past year we put a period at the end of the sentence that God worked through SBA to give us the loan terms needed to best meet our church's needs. I am incredibly thankful for Doris Pine and Julie Einerson's work with SBA as I was gone for a large portion of the summer on sabbatical. The work is ongoing with SBA and FEMA, and I continue to need and appreciate your prayers.

I am thankful for the opportunities that I am given to lead and preach. This church has equipped and empowered me to lead, and I am thankful. Pastor Daron is a wonderful mentor and ministry partner.

In the past year, I have had the continued privilege of walking alongside of our church's ministries: Children's Ministry Team, Youth Ministry Team, Booth Team, Media Team, Hospitality Team, Stewardship Team, Properties Team, NDI, and NMI. I wish I had the space to thank each one of you who serve individually. Each team has quadrupled in size as our space has increased. The need was there, and you all have stepped up! You have selflessly given and taken on new roles and helped us adapt and change as needed. I am thankful!

Our church served as a Work & Witness site for the Church of the Nazarene again in the past year. Working with Stephen Sickel from the Global Ministry Center is always a blessing. We received two returning teams to our community to help rebuild our community. We are used to *going* as a team. It has been a great blessing to *receive* teams.

One of my primary responsibilities is to ensure that the ministries of the church are aligned with the mission that we believe God has called WCN to faithfully live out in our context. I am certain that all of our staff and our ministry leaders have a deep passion for seeing our community Belong to the Body of Christ, Believe in the Person of Christ, and Become the Mission of Christ. Although our church has grown by leaps and bounds since February, I have never been surer that our church "gets" the mission and lives it out daily. I am so blessed to be a part of our church's leadership team.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Forester Executive Pastor

Report of the Pastor

Church Family,

I bring you my twenty-fourth report at the close of twenty-three years of being your pastor. I find immense joy seeing God work through you. Katie, Kendall, Parker, Macy, and I are grateful to continue to serve as your lead pastoral family. We are blessed to be yours.

In Ephesians 3, the apostle Paul is encouraging the church in its mission when he erupts into praise:

*Now to Him who is able
to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
through all generations for ever and ever! Amen!*
-Ephesians 3:20-21

The church lives at the intersection of mission and worship. Our testimony is this: God is able. God has done more than we could ask or imagine. God's power has been at work within us! We give glory to God in Christ Jesus for what God has done! Our story is a story of answered prayers that have been prayed for many years. We give thanks and praise to God.

We faced many obstacles: the pandemic, the flood, rising costs due to inflation, SBA and FEMA challenges, delays, and a financial gap. We testify that God sees God's people *THROUGH!* God sees God's people *THROUGH* the sea, *THROUGH* the wilderness, *THROUGH* the valley of darkness, *THROUGH* exile, persecution, and even death itself (*He is Risen Indeed!*). God sees God's people *THROUGH*. We have been seen *THROUGH!*

Our transition into the new building was intentional. We honored the past as we moved into the future. On All Saints' Day, we wrote the names of saints on the floor. We held many building update meetings to keep everyone informed and inspired. We had 3 nights of *619 Stories*, *WCN: The Quiz Show*, a sermon series about the Holy Spirit as *The Change Agent*, a *Service of Pilgrimage and Dedication* (we moved the fire!), an Open House for our community, our first Sunday in the new building, and the *Coming Home Celebration*. Many people made this possible. We could not honor everyone, but we specifically honored Terry Langston, Pastor Mary Forester, Don McGuire, Karen Woodside, and Greg Field for their enormous contributions.

The thing for which I am most proud: during our recovery, we did not just focus on us. Recovery dollars came in. We made the decision to give 50% away to survivors in our community. We could have kept it all. Doing so would have made it easier to close the gap. But we are the church of Jesus. We are not wired to just do for ourselves, even in our time of great need. We partnered with ASP to build 44 new homes in Waverly. We did not slow or hold back on WCN's ministries to build this building. You made this pastor proud.

As I write, we have been in our new church home for two and a half months. Our new building is about safe space away from danger, safe space for our children, accessibility for all, more space for more people and more ministry, and multi-functional space for stewardship, creativity, and mission. *The Center* is our multifunctional space that is consecrated to be the center of life for our community of faith (worship, sacraments, meals, recreation, mission) and to point us to our *center*, who is Jesus. In these two and a half months, we have put the building to good use, hosting 6 meals, 2 funerals, and 2 open gyms in addition to weekly worship and groups.

For the reported year, we continued missional efforts which include *Life Recovery*, crisis care kits, flood recovery, building 2 ramps, a deck, and replacing another church's flooring. We expanded the school partnership to include WES and WJHS. We held the 34th annual Group Home Christmas party in person for the first time in four years. We restarted FUEL. We supported *Room in the Inn*. We hosted a Narcan training for our community. We sent 3 people to represent WCN at the Church of the Nazarene's General Conventions and Assembly. We sent 13 teens and chaperones to NYC in Tampa, FL. Our kids collected 516 cereal boxes for Helping Hands. We sent 39 kids and teens to church camps. We launched the SAGE ministry for senior adults. We sent cookies to the jail for

Valentine's Day. We supported a Hispanic church plant in Dickson. We received 3 missionary families from overseas and 2 mission teams for flood recovery. We began a weekly hymn-sing ministry at Humphreys County Nursing Home. We baptized eight. We sent Chuck and Helen Ellis, Timmy and Mason Remagen, J.T. and Lauren Blue, Hunter Elliott, and Samuel Dellinger!

Speaking of sending, it is time for another mission trip. Summer of 2025. The location is TBD. It will be abroad. Anticipate and pray.

We continued to grow as disciples through worship, *Engage Groups*, *Immerse Groups*, *Life Recovery*, *the Season of Emerging Preachers*, *Continuing Lay Training*, Men's Prayer Breakfasts, Women's Prayer Breakfasts, *Women of Waverly*, *New Year's Family Communion*, the Christian Calendar, and other efforts.

For the year, we report 454 members (a record). 32 of them are new members. We averaged 387 in worship attendance (+54 from last year; a record), and 87 in Engage-Groups (+9). Those numbers reflect 11 months on Main Street and one month on Airport Rd with a full slate of groups. We give thanks and praise to God.

I am grateful for our church board. You elect this team to lead, and they lead well. They lead with wisdom, humility, prayer, and mission: Brenda Palk, Terry Langston, Karen Woodside, Rose Mitchell, Greg Field, Robin May, Jana Brazzle, Sarah Shanks, Jane Langston, Kathie McClanahan, Don McGuire, and Trent Riley. Thanks to Sarah and Karen for completing well-served terms. We welcome Robbie Einerson and Betty Hamm to serve in the current year.

I am blessed to serve with an incredible staff team. Julie Einerson is our Church Administrator. Julie is wise and hard-working. She lives with joy. Pastor Janice Rudolph continues to serve faithfully with Pastoral Care and Local Missions. She is a pastor to this community. Pastor Kelsey Elliott is passionate and creative. She cares deeply about reaching and discipling children. Executive Pastor Mary Forester does it all. She preaches, teaches, organizes, and leads. She is smart and faithful. Delilah King is the finest nursery director there is. We added Rachel Reynen as the Pre-K ministry director. She is called to this work. Don McGuire is our Treasurer. He provides trusted fiscal leadership. This is your staff. They are joy to me.

God has provided financially through this transition. Thank you for your faithful giving. To get here, we delayed some purchases. Pastor Mary has B and C lists if you would like to see them and give to specific needs. Your tithes and gifts to the building fund are appreciated. I encourage you to give. Your generosity makes a difference in this community, in this world, and in you.

Every report concludes with a challenge. This one is familiar:

Belong to the Community of Christ (show up, worship, small groups, church life)

Believe in the Person of Christ (know and follow Jesus, grow in your relationship with him)

Become the Mission of Christ (serve in the place that is right for you to serve)

This is the life you were made for. This is the life God is calling us into.

Let us continue to be the church that lives at the intersection of mission and worship!

-Pastor Daron