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June 5, 2024

Church Family,

Oliver Kirk Sternberg is the newest part of WCN. He actually tried to come to church on Sunday, May 26th, three days before his due date. His mom and dad were at worship. They hopped in a car and drove to Nashville to deliver Oliver. We do lots of labor at WCN. This is the first time I know of that this kind of labor has begun at WCN. Oliver was born healthy. 6 lbs, 15 oz. 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to Cory and Karalee Sternberg and big brother Finn. We celebrate with the Sternbergs!

Eleven people received the sacrament of baptism Sunday night: Aubree Patrick, Daniel Bibby, Maddex West, Emily Stookey, Cameron Costello, Addalyn Mayberry, Hannah McLeod, Mckenzie Jackson, James Branch, Aubry Givens, and Bryce McClanahan! Each of them lives a beautiful story of God's unfolding grace. Each of them declared their faith in Jesus before they were "plunged to victory beneath the cleansing flood!" We celebrate God's work in their lives. We give God thanks and praise!

Nash Vinkler and Ashlyn Thalmann were wedded on May 25th at a beautiful outdoor ceremony in Bono, Arkansas. Nash is the son of Carla Reynolds and Robert Hagewood. He is the stepson of Bryan Reynolds and Francie Hagewood. It was a beautiful day for a beautiful couple who committed to live out Christian covenant. We celebrate with the Vinklers!

So much was so good about the 2024 Family Camp. We celebrated 50 years of Camp Garner Creek. The celebration was big and sweet. Evening services had great worship and preaching. Morning sessions with Dr. Dunning were outstanding. WCN's Kelsey Elliott was the preacher for the kids' services. She preached 11 times that week. There were too many activities to name or count. So much for so many people of all ages. One item of note: Eugene Woodside and Kendall Brown won the 2024 Family Camp Cornhole tournament. The trophy is displayed in the teen room.

We scheduled two days to pick up rocks on our property so the land could be mowed. Both of those days were rained out. The third time was a charm. The small crew worked tediously to get rocks up. Many thanks to Julie Einerson, Robby Einerson, Pastor Mary Forester, Caden Forester, Ainsley Forester, Kathryn McGuire, Adriana Batchelder, Soledad Batchelder, Macy Brown, Parker Brown, Katie Brown, Karen Woodside, and Eugene Woodside. You are wonderful. We are grateful.

Although we are near the three year anniversary of the flood, work continues. Pastor Annetta Sykes's home was rebuilt. Everything is in working order and she has been living in it. But her HVAC unit was installed at ground level. Most of the repaired/rebuilt homes in town have elevated HVAC units to protect against future floods. Enter the church. Darrel Shanks and Duane Pine built an elevated platform for her HVAC unit. One more thing done. Our community keeps getting better. Thanks be to God.

A shortened spring term of Immerse Groups just ended, and it ended abruptly. Bad weather cancelled the last night of groups, leaving leaders without concluding their series. Nevertheless, we had great groups. Many thanks to Karl Reynen, Pastor Janice Rudolph, Pastor Mary, Susie Parnell, Kelsey Elliott, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Rose Mitchell, Rachel Reynen, Brianna Gwin, Addie Irons, Rhonda Moore, Charles Davidson, and Katie Brown. The next round begins this Wednesday. See the enclosure.

High school camp is underway. Middle school camp is next week. Then kids' camps. Let's pray for God to get hold of young lives at Camp Garner Creek. Let's pray for counselors who give time and energy to the spiritual formation of our young people. You can help provide scholarships for camp. The current need is \$1,000. Visit *The Sending Tree* in the administrative hall. Take an envelope. Enclose a gift. Return it through the offering or to a staff person. Few investments are more worthwhile.

This Sunday evening, the Taflinger family will join us for a special missions service. They last joined us in May of 2022. They serve in Saipan. Their home base is our district. Their home church is Clarksville Grace. Come this Sunday night at 6pm and hear the update about what God is doing in Saipan.

Pickleball Open Play is next Tuesday, June 11th. 8am. Open to adults in the area. The SAGE Group is providing refreshments. Bring friends. Even if you don't play, come and enjoy time together.

Linda Nichols has been under hospice care since January when she received a kidney failure report. Since then, her tests show normal kidney function and she is being taken off of hospice! She is starting physical therapy. Linda is feeling and doing better. Don is smiling wider. We give thanks and praise to God for his healing touch.

Vacation Bible School is June 19-22. Wednesday through Friday, 5:30-8pm. Saturday: 10am to 1pm. The theme is *Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid*. Save the dates. Invite friends. Share the promo. Pre-register children with the QR code in the enclosure. Saturday will be an outside water fun day. Contact Kelsey to assist or provide needed items.

In the group of eleven who received the sacrament of baptism, three of them are adults. All three had some degree of relationship with the Lord and with the church throughout their lives. They articulated things like this: *previous churches tried to scare me into baptism, I believed I was not good enough to be baptized, I lived with fear of God instead of a sense that God loves me, I felt shame for waiting to be baptized, and I thought people would see me as a hypocrite*. God's prevenient grace drew each of them forward into healthy, loving encounters with God. These three are brave. They are overcomers. They are growing disciples of Jesus. Maybe you weren't there and you need to know this. Maybe you need them to be models for you as you struggle with similar things. Let them be your models.

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Jun 3-7: Sr. High Camp
- Jun 9: Missionary service: the Taflingers from Saipan, 6pm
- Jun 11: Pickleball Open Play for adults, 8am
- Jun 10-14: Middle School Camp
- Jun 15: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 9am & Kids tie-dye camp shirts
- Jun 18: Ultimate Frisbee, 1pm @ city park
- Jun 19-22: VBS, W-F: 5:30-8pm & Sat: 10am
- Jun 24-28: Tween camp
- Jul 1-4: Elementary camp

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Worship:

8:30 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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