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October 16, 2024

Church Family,

Sunday night was so very special. Nine people were baptized. Four children and five adults: Kyle Shelden, Madi Stainforth, Eli Stainforth, Hannah Tate, Lori Roche, Jessie Dreaden, Jaclyn Wallis, Debbie Turner, and Mike Turner. Each of them were loved into life in Christ and the life of the church. Two of them shared stories of sobriety. A couple of them have been Christians for a while. One of them became a Christian the day prior! The church was loud and supportive. We celebrate what God has done, and is doing, in the lives of these amazing people!

Trent Riley and Belinda Woods were married on Saturday, October 5th. Instead of having traditional bridesmaids and groomsmen, their families stood beside them in support. Belinda walked down the aisle with Alissa Waggoner, Liz Waggoner, Lily Waggoner, and Brooklyn Tillman. Trent's sons stood by him: Jacob Riley, Nathaniel Riley, Micah Riley, Seth Riley, and David Riley. The service was filled with joy. WCN watched this couple meet and this relationship grow. We are truly invested in this marriage. Many blessings to the Rileys.

Pastor Kelsey hosted a Parents' Night Out last Friday. She named it *Pumkins and PJs*. Parents got a break, leaving their kids with people they trust. Kids had fun with activities and games. The best thing is that it was *intergenerational*. *Intergenerational* is part of our DNA. Senior adults (SAGE), teenagers, young adults, all ages came to enjoy time with the kids.

Men, we have a prayer breakfast this Saturday at 9am in The Center. Bring some food. Come ready to be around some great guys. You'll be glad.

The next meeting for the *Mission: Spain* team is this Sunday at 5pm. If are committing to the trip, attendance at meetings is necessary. Let me know in advance if you absolutely cannot come. We will update information, discuss the timeline, and pray for the trip. If you are not going, but you want to support us, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

FUELfest is weeks away. October 26th. 11am to 3pm. Cornhole tournament. Open to the public. \$30/team of two. Winners get boards. Sign up at wcntn.com. Chili Challenge. Bring your good stuff. Awards will be given. Come and eat chili. Donations only. Whac-A-Naz. Face Painting. Hayride... and ... inflatables! Bring friends. Spread the word. Money raised will fund our FUEL ministry to feed kids through local schools.

Anyone who works with minors at WCN must be background checked, safety trained, and approved. No exceptions. Every parent should know this. Safety training happens every two years. Our next training is Sunday night, October 27th. Reach out to Pastor Mary or Pastor Kelsey if you are interested.

Thanks for giving \$800 (and then some!) toward renting a shipping container for the Lenoir City First Church of the Nazarene in East Tennessee. The shipping container is what Pastor David Smith said they needed most to store donated items. Any additional giving will be used toward relief supplies.

Thanks to those who gathered a couple of Sunday nights ago for *Prayer and Care*. Pastor David Smith asked us to pray and send cards to area churches that are critical to relief efforts. He told me that they will appreciate our prayers and support because they know that God has brought us through a similar catastrophe. Cards were addressed to pastors and church families. We received several responses of gratitude for the prayers and support. Many thanks to Barbara Horner for leading this vital ministry.

The hurricane relief supplies in WCN's lobby would have filled up our former lobby. We still have much more room in this lobby. Pastors from Asheville NC First Church of the Nazarene gave us the list. See the enclosure. This is what they need for their community. You may bring items to the church until Thursday during business hours. We will be closed Friday and Saturday. You may bring them on Sunday morning. This Sunday night at 6pm, we will have a 'pack-n-pray.' We will sort, pack, and load trailers with items for hurricane relief. We will pray over the load. All ages. First thing Monday morning, the trailers will head to North Carolina. Help me fill this lobby. Feel free to spread the word. You may ask businesses to give items or donations to purchase items. Many relief efforts are legitimate. Some are not. There is assurance that this load is exactly what is needed from the pastors on the ground. The load will go from church to church to need. Thank you for giving.

I write this paragraph with a tinge of reluctance. From time to time, some of you ask how you can pray for me. I am grateful for the care you give to your pastors. Although I do not enjoy asking things for me, I feel the Lord directing me to share my prayer load with you. Here goes. (1) I am searching for a pastor for the church plant in Jackson. (2) I need wisdom for the planning of the Spain mission trip. (3) I need to know what the Lord wants me to preach in my weekly sermons at WCN. (4) In November, I will speak to pastors at a retreat on the Gulf Coast. They will come hungry for a word from the Lord. (5) The weight of pastoral leadership. (6) I need to develop future generations of church leaders. (7) I need to lead WCN's financials to be healthier as we navigate life with a mortgage while continuing vital ministries. (8) My physical, spiritual, and mental health. I am good, but I can always be better. Thank you for praying for me and for your pastors.

We are hitting a really fun stretch of church life. I look forward to the season ahead with you. See you Sunday!

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Oct 18-20: District Women's Retreat
- Oct 19: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 9am
- Oct 20: Mission: Spain meeting, 5pm
- Oct 25: WES Fall Festival, WCN: Cake Walk
- Oct 26: *FUELfest*: Chili Challenge, Cornhole Tournament, etc, 11-3
- Oct 27: NazSafe training, 5pm
- Nov 1-3: Teen Fall Retreat
- Nov 2: Jackson Plant meeting in Jackson, 11:30
- Nov 4-15: United Way Radio Auction

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Worship:
8:30 & 11am
Engage Groups:
10am

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