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April 16, 2025

Church Family,

Dennis Fortner died on April 4th at the age of 67. Dennis connected to WCN when his girls came to VBS twenty years ago. He was a humble, authentic follower of Jesus. He worked third shift on Saturday nights and came to worship every Sunday morning. Dennis's wife Patricia, daughters Chelsea and Haylie, and mother Kathryn remain. Dennis joins his son Matthew who he lost ten years ago. May Dennis Fortner rest in peace and rise with Christ.

When we built the building, we installed showers, laundry facilities, etc with the plan to provide shelter when needed. It was needed during recent heavy rain. One of the *No More Tears* houses sits in a low-lying area. They spent three nights on WCN's campus. You brought sleeping bags, air mattresses, cots, and way too much food for them. The guys expressed their appreciation for your love. Chris grew up a pastor's kid. He said, "I've been in the church my whole life, and I've never experienced love like this." In case you're wondering (and some of you are wondering), the guys left our facility as clean and orderly as they found it.

Chris Pearson and Richard Caksackkar completed the *No More Tears* recovery program. They were recognized on Sunday morning. Chris was baptized months ago and is a *NMT* house manager. Richard was just promoted to VP of Operations for *NMT*. We celebrate these success stories. These guys will remain in Humphreys County, continue their own sobriety journeys, and help others with theirs.

Last Thursday night, Mitchell Ross shared his testimony at WCN's *Life Recovery*. About 80 people came to hear his powerful story. Thanks to Jana Brazzle and Alice Ulman for their great leadership. Then, on Saturday night, *No More Tears* hosted *Humphreys County Stand-Up* on the court square. The event included vendors from various recovery efforts, inflatables, food trucks/stations, and live music. It was a beautiful night of awareness and inspiration.

The district SAGE (senior adults) Retreat was last week. Terry Moore, Rhonda Moore, Pastor Annetta Sykes, Trent Riley, and Belinda Riley attended. Trent taught a seminar on grief. The group says it was another outstanding retreat. Consider joining them in the spring of 2026.

When recent storms passed through, a tornado touched down on Jonathan Proctor's farm. No one was harmed, but it required a lot of cleanup. Darrel Shanks, Richard Horner, Duane Pine, Dana Gonsalves, Kaniala Lee, Charles Davidson, Todd Scribner, and Fred Perkins spent a couple of days on the Proctor farm helping Jonathan remove debris and clean up the mess. Good people. Good work.

Thanks to those who joined us for WCN's spring workday: Delilah King, Alice Ulman Jack Hayes, Fred Perkins, Jana Brazzle, Alan Pierce, Duane Pine, Karen Woodside, Eugene Woodside, Pastor Daron Brown, Pastor Kelsey Elliott, Kelly Bohannon, Ellen Moran, Julie Einerson, Robby Einerson, Betty Hamm, Valorie Hildreth, and Ivy Hildreth. If you were unable to join us and would like to tackle work on your own time, reach out to the church office.

Many thanks to winter Immerse Group leaders: Brenda Palk, Don McGuire, John McGranahan, Pastor Mary Forester, Rachel Bibby, Barbara Horner, Pastor Kelsey Elliott, Pastor Annetta Sykes, Denise Stookey, Lacy Phillips, Charles Davidson, Amy Crum, Rachel Reynen, Eugene Woodside, Jane Langston, Delilah King, Rebekah Scribner, and Sydney Ross. New groups begin next Wednesday, April 23rd. One adult group option. I'll teach *Keeping Company: How and Why We Learn to Pray*. Pastor Mary will lead teens. Pastor Kelsey will lead kids. And nursery care will be available.

WCN high schoolers and parents met regarding NYC 2026 in Salt Lake City, Utah. We will send as many as 19 students and chaperones. Fundraising is already underway. Teens are doing some yard work/landscaping. If you have some work or would like to donate to NYC, contact Pastor Mary.

Next week is District Assembly. Hundreds of Nazarenes from the MidSouth District will meet for worship, vision, business, and connection at Camp Garner Creek in Dickson. District Assembly is a family reunion. You are welcome to attend. The church office has the schedule. Pastor Janice will be recognized as a retired pastor on Friday night, April 25th, at 7pm in the ordination service. Join us to celebrate Pastor Janice's faithful ministry.

Come to the Waters: An Introduction to WCN is a week from Sunday. 4-7pm. Dinner will be served. You are welcome. RSVP with the church office.

Reminders for this week:

- Wednesday, April 16th: no groups, 4pm setup
- Friday, April 18th: Good Friday Tenebrae service, 6:30pm.
- Saturday, April 19th: 1pm setup
- Easter morning: 6:30am Sunrise Service. Pastor Mary preaches.
- 8:30 and 11:00 services in The Center
- 10:15 Easter egg hunt on the lawn across Airport Road.
- More parking at Tennesco. We have permission. Golf carts will shuttle.
- We will begin our thirteenth year of *Resurrection Stories!*
- *The Easter Offering for World Evangelism* will support missionaries and their work in 165 world areas.
- Monday, April 21st, 1pm clean up
- Invest and invite family and friends
- If you serve during a service, we invite you to attend another service. We do not want anyone to miss Easter worship.
- Whether you realize it or not, YOU are part of WCN's hospitality team.
- Pray. Invest. Invite. Serve.

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Apr 16: No Groups, 4pm Holy Week setup
- Apr 18: Good Friday Tenebrae service, 6:30
- Apr 19: Easter setup 1pm
- Apr 20: Easter Sunday
- Apr 23: New *Immerse Group* term begins
- Apr 24-25: District Assembly
- Apr 26: NYI Convention
- Apr 27: *Come to the Waters*, an Introduction to WCN, 4-7
- May 4: Graduation Celebration, 5pm
- May 7: WES/WJHS Appreciation Meal
- May 8-10: TNT at TNU

If you have a prayer need please email prayer@wcntn.com

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

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