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May 7, 2025

Church Family,

On Easter Sunday, we had 629 people on campus. Over 100 children hunted nearly 10,000 eggs. As we celebrated the Risen Lord, many people received new beginnings. We had a special Easter choir, which Terry Langston wants to continue on Sundays. If you are interested, reach out to Terry or the church office. We heard three beautiful Resurrection Stories so far. There will be four more the next four Sundays. Many thanks to many people who served in many ways. A special thanks to Van Malone and Tensco for use of their property and Beccie Cochran and CTE students for egg-stuffing.

Adair and Sherry Eaker were married (again) on April 1st. They were previously married to each other, then divorced. Both of them grew in ways they needed to grow. Adair chose April Fool's Day and sang, *Why Do Fools Fall in Love*. Barbara Horner came as their witness and brought a gift for the couple. I am glad be part of their re-married life! Congratulations to the couple!

District Assembly was a full couple of days. WCN received the General Superintendents' Growth Award and the MidSouth District's Great Commission Award. We were recognized for planting in Jackson. Katie Brown was elected to the Trevecca Board of Trustees. I was re-elected to the District Advisory Board and the Trevecca Board of Trustees. Pastor Janice was recognized for her years of service and granted retirement status. Pastor Mary Forester worked hard once again on the assembly tech team. Those who represented WCN are Randy Jones, Grace Jones, Rhonda Moore, Terry Moore, Trent Riley, Belinda Riley, Pastor Mary Forester, Pastor Kelsey Elliott, Brenda Palk, Summer Ford, Dakota Cavness, Eugene Cavness, Marti Harris, Robin Turner, Jane Langston, Terry Langston, Julie Einerson and Delilah King. Those who attended the NYI (youth) Convention are Macy Brown, Madison Gwin, Mikayla Gwin, Brianna Gwin, Jane Langston, Pastor Mary Forester, and Paisley Pickett.

Sunday night was WCN's annual Graduation Celebration. Clay Buchanan is graduating from McEwen High School and is going to Austin Peay for engineering. Zach Reynolds is graduating from Waverly Central High School and is going to college to be a music teacher. Brianna Gwin is graduating from WCHS and is planning to attend cosmetology school. Karson Hedin is graduating from WCHS and will attend college to be an athletic trainer. Kalob Hedin is graduating from Nashville State for a career in

pipefitting. Kendall Brown brought a charge to the grads. Pastor Mary and her team did a great job with the slideshow and the event. Congratulations, Class of 2025!

Ms. Annie is 96 years old. Lisa Ford is her caregiver. Annie has three steps into her home. Lisa called me. I contacted Darrel Shanks. In a matter of days, Annie had a nice looking ramp on her home. Many thanks to Richard Horner, Todd Scribner, Dana Gonsalves, Kaniale Lee, Duane Pine, Fred Perkins, and Darrel Shanks. If you would like to donate to the ramp fund, see me. If you would like to assist with ramp builds, contact Darrel.

On Sunday we recognized four more guys who completed the *No More Tears* 6-month back to work program. They are James Sims, Daniel Harvell, Michael Beard, and Ryan Graham. These guys are sober. They have full time jobs. Their lives are much more stable. They are growing in Christ. And they are all choosing to remain in Humphreys County to live, work, and grow. Thanks be to God!

After we recognized the guys who completed the program, I watched Clarke Lewis approach Michael Beard. Clarke asked if Michael remembered him. Michael said yes. They hugged. Then Clarke turned to me and said, "I arrested this guy a few times." They both smiled. It was a full circle moment. Once again, thanks be to God.

WCN's church board has a new meeting format. We hold business meetings every other month. On the off months, we have prayer meetings, meals, and leadership trainings. Next Monday, May 12th, is a leadership training. Open to all people. I will share my *That'll Do* presentation and we will hear about ministry to the generations. 6:30pm. Join us.

Our annual Vision Sunday is May 18th. We will distribute reports from WCN staff and ministry directors. We will tell stories of what God has done in the past year. We will look ahead to the future. We will present the *2025 John W. Adams Distinguished Service Award*. Make sure to be here on May 18th for both morning services as we celebrate God's work through the church.

The MidSouth District Family Camp is a life-giving family reunion. There will be games for kids and families, tournaments, creek play, activities, Bible studies, and special services. See the enclosure for a schedule. Dr. Scott Daniels will join us at WCN the morning of May 25th. Then he will begin preaching at Family Camp that evening. Services and activities will run through May 30th. Camp Garner Creek is on this side of Dickson. Make plans to attend as much of Family Camp as possible.

A few weeks ago, I directed a new attendee to an Engage Group. This guy has zero church background and is rough around the edges. He is so unchurched that he didn't know not to use four letter words in a Bible study. He used plenty of them. The group leader was gone that day. The group was put on the spot to handle it themselves. They could not have handled the situation better. They were unphased and unoffended. They loved the guy and took a deep interest in him. They called me, not to complain that a guy cussed in Bible study, but to ask me how they can help disciple him. They asked for his number so they can keep reaching out to him. This is the kind of group I want to belong to. These are my kind of people. Thanks be to God.

-Pastor Daron

## Upcoming...

- May 7: WES/WJHS Appreciation Meal & NYC meeting @ 5:30
- May 8-10:: TNT at TNU
- May 17: Jackson Plant meeting
- May 18: Vision Sunday, Baptism class @ 10, Browning Shower @ 2, Spain meeting @ 4:30
- May 25: Dr. Scott Daniels, General Superintendent preaches, 4pm
- May 25-30: Family Camp at Garner Creek
- May 31: Teen Car Wash/ Bake Sale for NYC @ Advance Auto, 9am
- Jun 1: Celebration of Baptism, 6pm
- Jun 2-6: Sr High Camp

*If you have a prayer need please email [prayer@wcntn.com](mailto:prayer@wcntn.com)*

Worship:

8:30 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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