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August 20, 2025

Church Family,

On Sunday, August 10th, WCN was introduced to Pastors Eddie and Lorin Stuart and Gracie, Anna, and Samuel. The Stuarts are our pastoral family to plant in Jackson. Thank you for welcoming them warmly and continuing to pray for them. Make the opportunity to meet them personally if you have not already. They drive to us from Memphis. They will soon drive to us from Jackson. Invite them to lunch. Spend time with their beautiful babies.

Our Men's Ministry has been building more ramps. We built ramps on Murphree and Sycamore for families in need. Many thanks to Darrel Shanks, Kendall Brown, David Frazier, Duane Pine, Eugene Woodside, Nathan Lill, Dana Gonsalves, Justin Ireland, Richard Horner, Daren Hamm, Jeffrey Mathis, and Tony Plant. Let me know if you are not on the ramp-building radar and would like to be. We welcome donations for the ministry. Materials for each ramp costs approximately \$1,500. We do not charge families who need ramps. This is Kingdom of God work.

Clint Rawls has been instrumental in our church, schools, and community for 15 years. Clint came to us fresh out of college. He taught music at WJHS, directed multiple bands at WJHS and WCHS, and drummed regularly in WCN's services. Clint has taken a position as Band Director at Nolensville High School. I joined the praise team for a farewell dinner at the Langston home to bless Clint in his transition. Thank you, Mr. Rawls, for your investment in us. We love you. Visit often.

Let's talk global missions. We welcomed the Hauns from Bulgaria a couple of weeks ago. It was an amazing service. I hear we may have a friend from Spain coming to us soon. September is *Alabaster* month. A box in *The Center* (and one in the *D-Zone*) will collect offerings to build buildings (church buildings, pastors' homes, hospitals, missionaries' homes, schools, compassionate ministry centers) for Christ around the world. Kids will have their own personal Alabaster boxes to take home. September 14th is *Faith Promise Sunday*. We will celebrate, pray for, and support missions. Global missions is an important part of our Nazarene identity. Let's keep leaning in.

New Immerse Groups begin this Wednesday! Nursery. Kids. Teens. And six adult group options. Great things happen on our campus on Wednesday nights. Join us at 6:30!

Pastor Chuck Ellis will return to WCN this Saturday to lead a seminar on *Managing Emotions*. Pastor Chuck is ordained in The Church of the Nazarene and a clinical counselor with experience in recovery and anger management. The seminar will be from 10am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided. No cost. Those who attend will receive a certificate of completion. Join us. Help us get the word out.

WCN will host a preaching workshop on Saturday, September 6th. The workshop is co-sponsored by Trevecca Nazarene University's *More and Better Preachers Initiative* (a Lilly Foundation Endowment) and the MidSouth District Church of the Nazarene's Clarksville Mission Zone. The workshop is titled *The Whole Story of God for the Whole People of God*. Although it is a preaching workshop, as the title suggests, it is not just for preachers. The presenters will teach about the collaborative work of preaching between preachers and laity (that's you!). The cost is \$20. The time frame is 10am-3pm. The presenters are Dr. Michael Jackson (Professor of Preaching and Hebrew at Trevecca) and Dr. Craig Shepperd (Associate Professor of Youth and Family Ministries at Trevecca). You are welcome and encouraged to attend the workshop. We will also need people to help with hospitality and food. Please contact Julie in the church office if you are interested.

After the workshop, Dr. Mike Jackson will remain with us for our annual *Week of Renewal*. Services will be Sunday morning, then Sunday through Wednesday nights. Pastor Rachelle Clark will lead kids services. Pastor Merrill Chaplain will lead music. Fundraiser meals on Monday and Tuesday nights. Would you block the times on your calendar? You need renewal more than you realize.

In my last letter, I had much to say and little space to say it. Two people who blessed me (and us!) during *Mission: Spain* were Pastor Jancie Rudolph and Marti Harris. Pastor Janice is retired and no longer on payroll. We offered to pay her for preaching. She insisted that she not be paid. It was her contribution to the mission trip. Marti Harris filled in for my Wednesday night class more than I intended. I had sickness, travel, meetings, and the mission trip. Each time, Marti stepped up and served well. I am grateful for good ministry partners.

Our services are uploaded, thanks to Zach Hildreth, on tablets in jails across the country like scattered seed. You never know when something might sprout and take root. Last week we received a postcard. He shares his name. Then he says:

I'm currently in North Carolina, but I am from Humphreys County. I went to McEwen High School. I've been estranged from the Lord since I was 13. I'm 28 now. However during this time in jail I read the whole New Testament, and I found your videos on our jail tablets. I couldn't believe somewhere from home was on there. I've found my way back to the Lord, and I see him working in my life daily... Thanks for all y'all do.

Thanks be to God.

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Aug 20: New Immerse Group term begins, 6:30
- Aug 23: *Managing Emotions* with Pastor Chuck Ellis, 10am
- Aug 24: Pastor Kelsey Sending Celebration, 5pm
- Sep 6: Preaching Conference at WCN, 10am
- Sep 7-10: Week of Renewal
- Sep 12-13: District Men's Retreat
- Sep 14: Faith Promise Sunday (world missions)
- Sep 27: SAGE (senior adult) bonfire, 5pm
- Oct 17-19: District Women's Retreat

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Worship:

8:30 & 11am

Engage Groups:

10am

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