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October 15, 2025

Church Family,

On Friday morning, an Accurate Energetic Systems building exploded near the border of Humphreys and Hickman Counties. The final count is 16 deceased people. 16 is the same number who died in another explosion in this county in 1978. Once again, our community is touched by mass tragedy. Officials are recovering remains and taking DNA samples. The list of names was released Monday afternoon. This tragedy affects many in our community and our church. The mother of one who died is a member of WCN. Some of us are co-workers of the deceased. Some are first responders and emergency personnel. Most of us either knew someone who perished or we are connected to someone who knew them. Such is small town life.

What are we doing? We are praying and feeding families. We are on a waitlist to feed first responders and site workers. Agencies have asked to use our building as a meeting place. We will serve however we are needed. We are better at this work than we want to have to be. As darkness treads on our town once again, we bear light.

Eugene Cavness and Jamie Simpson were married on Saturday, October 4th in WCN's Center. Dakota Cavness was the best man. We celebrate with the Cavnesses on their new married life together in Christ.

McKenzie McBride and Sarah Palk were married on Saturday, October 11th in Dickson County. Emily Palk, Alexis McBride, and River Hargrove were in the wedding party. Congratulations to the McBrides as they live into Christian covenant.

Thank you for coming alongside of Waverly Elementary School for their annual Fall Festival. It is tradition for WCN to run the cake walk. We asked for 50 cakes. You got us 51. It was a hit. People from WCN led games and activities. They put me in the dunk tank. Hadley Thomas dunked me first. Some other friends who took aim at me are Sammy McLeod, Jaiden McLeod, Sylar Purcell, Gabe Friedley, and Caden Forester. I still love them all. The Fall Festival raised about \$5,000 for the Parent Teacher Committee.

Speaking of coming alongside WES, Pastor Mary got to hand out checks to teachers from WCN. They purchase classroom needs with their own money. This helps. It's what we've done for years. And we get

to keep doing it, thanks to your faithful giving.

For the primary special election on October 7th, we shared our space and provided food for election workers. Many thanks to Julie Einerson, Brendlyn Durham and Lendia Buchanan for being agents of hospitality.

Teens continue to raise funds for next summer's Nazarene Youth Conference in Salt Lake City. WCN hoodies have been ordered. We sold out of WCN hats on the first morning. We ordered more. They'll arrive soon. The Fish Fry is this Saturday. 10am-4pm. Karl Dellinger and Eugene Woodside know how to fry fish. Come by WCN and get some fish plates. Donations per plate. Eat here. Take some with you. Encourage others to come. Help us circulate flyers on social media. Let people know. Let's get these kids to Utah.

WCN's fall workday is Saturday October 25th. Everyone is encouraged to join us, beginning at 8am, for maintenance, repair, organization, and deep cleaning inside and outside. If you can't come at 8, come when you can. As the date draws closer, Julie will have a list of projects. You may contact her ahead of time to find out what tools may be needed. There will be work for all ages and skill levels. Thank you for caring for these grounds.

Since my arrival in 2001, we present one *Distinguished Service Award* annually. Each award is given on Vision Sunday in the spring to someone who has given a lifetime of service to God through WCN. Years ago, we gave a local name to the award: *The John W. Adams Distinguished Service Award*. A pool of previous recipients selects each year's recipient. This year, the group approached me with a good problem. Our church now includes many more people. If we continue to give one DSA per year, then many deserving servants will miss out. We brought the dilemma to the board, which unanimously decided that we should begin giving two DSA's per year. One in the spring and one in the fall. Every time someone receives the award, a gift is given toward missionaries' medical expenses in their honor. So we are doubling our number of recipients, and doubling our contribution to medical care for missionaries. Good news all around.

Our Story Sunday: From Memory to Movement will be Sunday, November 2nd. Dr. Larry Leonard, former MidSouth District Superintendent and member of WCN, will preach. We will lean back into our beautiful story and we will lean forward into God's mission. In this service, we will present the Fall 2025 *John W. Adams Distinguished Service Award*. After the 11:00 service, we will eat. Bring food. Bring lots of food. Let's look forward to the big day.

FUELfest is set for November 8th. This is our major fundraiser for FUEL, our ministry to feed kids through local schools. We will have face-painting, hayrides, a Chili Challenge, and a cornhole tournament. 11am to 2pm. Bring your best chili for the Chili Challenge. Get some chili for lunch. Sign up for the Cornhole tournament at wcntn.com or at the Connection Station. Winners get custom boards made by our own Jack Hayes. The only things that cost money are donations for lunch and \$30/team for the tournament. Bring lawn chairs. Come and visit. Invite friends. Support this great cause.

I am instructed to remind you that October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Baskets are on a table in the lobby. Thank you for loving on your pastors.

I am glad that I belong to you and you belong to me. Know that you are loved and prayed for. Let's keep doing this holy life together.

-Pastor Daron

Upcoming...

- Oct 17-19: District Women's Retreat
- Oct 18: Fish Fry fundraiser for NYC, 10-4 at WCN
- Oct 25: Church Workday, 8am
- Nov 2: *Our Story Sunday*, worship and meal
- Nov 8: FUELfest, 11am-2pm
- Nov 9: Come to the Waters: an Intro to WCN, 4-7pm
- Nov 21-23: Teens: Momentum
- Nov 23: Community Thanksgiving Service, 6pm
- Nov 29: Hanging of the Greens

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

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