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*God Loves*

*Happy*  
**Labor Day**  
*Weekend*

West Waynesboro Church of Christ  
Chad Groundin, Sr. Minister  
Andrew Fisher, Associate/Youth  
Minister  
Joann W. Kames, Administrative  
Assistant



# September 2016 West Waynesboro Witness



**Speaker:  
Harry Gill**



**Music:  
West Waynesboro Quartet**

**MISSIONS**  
...at home and around the world

Faith Promise Mission Sunday  
September 18th  
Carolina Christian College  
Tyrene & LaTanya Tyson



## MARK THE DATE!

Friday, September 30th @ 7:00 PM  
Saturday, October 1st @ 7:00 PM  
Sunday, October 2nd @ 10:30 AM

*\*Carry-in meal to follow  
Morning Worship.*

**Deacons & Elders  
will meet  
September 6th  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM**



**Sunday, September 4th @ 8:45 - 9:15 AM  
Hosts: John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse**

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Heraclitus, an ancient Greek philosopher once stated that, **“Change is the only constant in life.”** This is a truth that everyone of us is well aware of, but despite knowing this, the reality is, that none of us likes change. So, we often fight change, as we fight to keep everything the way it is, because it's familiar and comfortable. No where is this more true than in churches, where many will, often loudly, demand their way and fight nearly every change, while the world around us continues to change at an unprecedented level. When churches do this, the result will always be eventual death, as people age and die and resources are exhausted, and most heartbreaking, as spiritually lost and seeking people decide that the Church and even the Gospel of Jesus Christ is irrelevant. George Bernard Shaw once said, **“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”** Like it or not, we live in a rapidly changing culture and the younger generations in society today are not like the older generations, therefore the methods it will take to reach them will require change. While things are certainly different today and continue to change, the truth that progress requires change has always been with us, but just as true, is that people have always had a natural tendency to prefer that which is comfortable and familiar. Let us always remember, that the only thing that does not change, is God and His Holy Word!

Each August since 1998, Beloit College, in Beloit, Wisconsin, has released the Beloit College Mindset List, providing a look at the cultural touchstones that shape the lives of students about to enter college. Students heading into their first year of college this year are mostly 18 and were born in 1998. Among those who have never been alive in their lifetime are Frank Sinatra, Phil Hartman, Matthew Shepard, Sonny Bono, and Flo-Jo. In their lifetimes they have always had eBay and iMacs, and India and Pakistan have always had the bomb. The Sopranos and SpongeBob SquarePants have always been part of popular culture, Gretzky and Elway have always been retired, and Vladimir Putin has always been in charge in the Kremlin. For the complete list of all 60 cultural touchstones on "THE BELOIT COLLEGE MINDSET LIST FOR THE CLASS OF 2020, go to [www.beloit.edu/mindset](http://www.beloit.edu/mindset)). May this list and our constantly changing world, be a reminder to you of the changes that are needed in order to continue making progress in pointing people to Jesus.

Socrates has been quoted as saying, **“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”** The reality is, that the Church of 20, 30, 40, 50+ years ago is rapidly dying out. Like it or not, change is needed. So, what if, instead of complaining about change and fighting change, we worked together to embrace change, so that we can reach and build up a new generation of Christ followers, that will keep WWCC strong for many, many years or until Christ returns? If everyone of us would choose to focus more on Christ, rather than on our comforts and preferences, we would see remarkable progress in our church, all to the Glory of God!

Embracing Change,

*Chad*

Wow, this summer has really flown by and the fall events are going to be starting up soon. We have some fun and exciting events that we will be doing this fall, and you don't want to miss out. Also, invite your friends to come and check out what we are going to be doing this fall.

There are many times where I think we get too caught up in what we are doing and we forget to invite our friends to come and be a part of what Christ is doing in our lives. If we want this ministry and church to grow we need to be inviting people to come and to be a part of this body of believers. I think a lot of times the church as a whole gets a bad rap for being boring and not wanting to have fun, but we need to share Christ's love and joy through having fun. When people see our joy and Christ's love on our faces they will want to know Him too and be a part of the body.

That's why we had the End of Summer Bash at the end of August and why we were asking people to invite their families and friends to this event, so we could get our name out in the community and to show them that we love Jesus and like to have fun.

All throughout the Gospels and in Acts we find people being invited to be apart of something new. Jesus invited all 12 of his disciples to follow him and be a part of something that no one had ever heard of or seen before. And in Acts we find that the churches were growing because people were inviting others to be a part of their gatherings. How come we have made the church something that only Christians can be a part of and we don't really want anyone new to come in to "our church" and sit in "our seat" because we are afraid that we will lose something if we don't get to sit in the same place every week? I would like to encourage each and everyone of us to move to a different seat when we come in to worship. We might meet someone new, or talk to someone that we haven't talked to in a long time. Also, don't forget to keep inviting people to be a part of something special, coming to know who Jesus is!

# Youth News

Elementary & Middle/High School Youth Groups



Remember to invite your friends!

## youth group SCHEDULE

### Fall/Winter/Spring

Beginning on the first Sunday in September, Youth Group times will change. The Elementary Youth Group will meet from 5:00-6:00 PM and this meeting time will be called **ENGAGE**, and the Middle/High School Youth Group will meet from 6:15-7:30 PM and this meeting time will be called **CONNECT**. If you have questions, please talk to Andrew.

#### Family Sunday - September 25th

No Children's Church. All children, except Nursery & Wee Worship, are to remain in the Sanctuary.



#### Youth Council Meeting

TUESDAY, September 20th @ 7:00 PM

### Richmond Squirrels Game

Saturday, September 3rd

Game time is 6:00 PM, and we will be leaving the church building at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 each. Please give money to Andrew when you sign-up.



**Middle/High School Youth**  
Friday, October 7th thru Saturday, October 8th

We will be joining with the Staunton Church of Christ for a Rolling Lock-in. Cost for this event is \$25, and a ticket is required. You will not get the ticket until you have paid. Please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Questions? Contact Andrew.

#### Youth Ministry Shirts



We have 180 Student Ministry shirts still available, if you would like to purchase one, please contact Andrew.

# What's Happening

#### Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study



Begins Thursday, September 8th at 10:00 AM, in the church fellowship hall. We will be studying Galatians. Please, see Carolyn Fitzgerald to order your workbook.

#### Men's Bible Study



Begins Thursday, September 15th, at 6:30 PM. Questions? Contact Tim Simpson.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast



Saturday, September 17th @ 8:15 AM  
All men are invited to join us at Golden Corral.

#### Ladies Prayer Breakfast



Saturday, September 17th @ 9:00 AM  
All women are invited to join us at Panera.

#### Free Daily Devotional Books



The new quarter of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional books are available at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. For a daily blessing from God's Word, pick one up and enjoy!

#### CHOIR PRACTICE



Calling all people who would like to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Choir practice will begin Wednesday, September 21st at 8:00 PM. Anyone who is interested, is invited to join us. Please contact, Diana Kincaid.

#### CHURCH LAWN MOWING



We are looking for eight people, to form four mowing teams. If you are available one Friday afternoon or evening per month, please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Questions? Contact Jim Hayes.

**EQUIP U STARTS**  
Wednesday, September 7th @ 7:00 PM

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:**

**"WAR ROOM"**

Popcorn & water will be served.



### EQUIP U Study

**Colossians:**  
**"Discover the New You"**  
Begins Wednesday,  
September 14th @ 7:00 P.M.

**Ladies Fall Retreat**  
**Blessings Lodge**  
Oct. 14th -15th

Registration is Now Open  
Cost is \$85

Please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. If you have questions, please contact Diane Spurlock.

*Sweet Life Cafe*  
Where Women Savor Time With God

# September

Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Equip U Wednesday 7:00 PM (Sept. - May)  
Office Hours 9-3

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# 2016

## Who's busy in September ?

### PREPARING COMMUNION

Paul & Susan Gochenour

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Paul Gochenour & TBD

### USHERS

Greg Mabry & Tim Simpson

### SECURITY

Al Taillon

### WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

TBD

### WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Roger & Marsha Mathias

### GREETERS

Diane Spurlock & Dylan Seal

### IN THE NURSERY

4 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
Barbara Zimmerman & Miranda Harris

11 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
Debbie & Bob McCracken

18 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
Lisa Moneymaker & Amanda Estes



























25 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker  
Angie Critzer & Marsha Dean

### CONNECTION CAFE

John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse

## Newsletter Preferences

This newsletter can be received by postal mail, email, viewed on the church website or picked up from the Mickey Center/Information Counter in the church foyer. In an effort to be better stewards of God's resources, if you would like to opt out of receiving it by postal mail, please notify the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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