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# February 2017 West Waynesboro Witness

hosted by Benjamin & Kirsten Watson  
debuting in churches worldwide on February 5, 2017

featuring stories from  
Anquan Boldin  
Brandon & Michi Marshall  
D'Brickshaw & Kirsten Ferguson  
and appearances by players who will play  
in 2017's Biggest Game

## Super Bowl Sunday

Invite your co-workers, friends, and neighbors to worship with us on Sunday, February 5th. This exciting presentation about the mostly-unseen move of God in the lives of NFL players - including exclusive interviews with guys from both Super Bowl teams - gives us a great opportunity to discuss life in Christ in a context that's highly palatable in our culture today. Even casual football fans celebrate Super Bowl Sunday; let's use the Super Bowl to show the unchurched what life in Christ can be like.

\*\*\*WEAR YOUR TEAM JERSEY OR FAVORITE TEAM ATTIRE!\*\*\*

\*\*\*Invite cards are available at the Mickey Center/Information Counter\*\*\*

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



**Hosts: Lewis & Margaret Gurkin**

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## "Souper" Bowl Luncheon Sunday, February 5th

Immediately following the Worship Service.



Bring your best soup, chili or gumbo, and enjoy lunch immediately following the morning Worship Service. Vote for your favorite by dropping \$1 in the bowl in front of your choice. All donations will go to the West Waynesboro Youth Fund and will be used for different trips and conferences throughout the year. Please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. You may also sign up to bring finger food, sandwiches, crackers, or a vegetable tray. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.

### The Power of an Invitation

Around twenty years ago a very good friend, who still today is more like family to me, invited me to church service. While that invitation was just the beginning of the spiritual journey that I continue on today, it was the beginning of what would eventually lead me to make the most important decision of my life, a decision that would forever change the direction of my life and my eternal destination. Everything that I have experienced in life, as a result of surrendering my life to my Creator and the One who came to earth and died for my sins, was made possible by a simple invitation that my friend lovingly and courageously extended to me. Forgiveness, grace, mercy, peace and the hope of Heaven are all mine, because someone cared enough about me to invite me to a church service, so that I could hear the Gospel message and begin to understand what it means to follow Christ and the difference that this makes in life. A simple invitation has the power to change a life and alter an eternal destiny. Never, ever, underestimate the power of a loving and courageous invitation, especially an invitation that comes from someone whom you have a relationship with.

On Sunday, February 5th, even non-football fans will celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, as it has become an unofficial holiday in our culture. On this Sunday, we have planned a fun football themed experience and I want to encourage you to courageously, lovingly, prayerfully and liberally invite everyone you know and may be even those you don't know, to come and worship with us. We have **INVITE CARDS available in the foyer** at the Information Counter/Mickey Center, please feel free to pick-up as many as you can use. These invitations are about the size of a business card, and will fit easily in your wallet, purse or just about anywhere and are a convenient tool to be used to extend a potentially life changing invitation. On this FOOTBALL SUNDAY, as we gather to worship, we will also have some fun and hopefully show our guests that we Christians are not weird and that we serve a God that enjoys seeing His people have fun. On this day, you are encouraged to **wear your favorite team jersey or other team attire** and we will be challenged by a unique media experience involving the stories of current and former NFL players who have had their lives changed as a result of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Immediately following this FOOTBALL SUNDAY worship experience, we will have a **"Souper Bowl" Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall and everyone is invited to come enjoy lunch together on this Super Sunday. For those who would like to enter the competition (for which a trophy will be awarded to the winner), by preparing your favorite Soup, Chili or Gumbo, you can sign-up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center in the foyer. If you would like to bring something else for this luncheon, you may also indicate that desire on the sign-up sheet or if you would like to help in some other way or have questions, contact Andrew Fisher.

You have heard me say it before, as I have said it at different times and in a variety of ways, relationships and invitations are the primary way that churches today grow. **FOOTBALL SUNDAY, February 5th**, is one of the greatest opportunities of the year to invite people to church, especially people who may otherwise be resistant to attending a church service. Most certainly, this will be your greatest and easiest opportunity to extend an invitation until Easter. So, what are you waiting for? Eternity hangs in the balance. Heaven and Hell are real places, where real people go. What if a simple invitation to a FOOTBALL SUNDAY event could change everything for someone you know!?

Here Because Someone Extended An Invitation,

*Chad*

For my article this month I am going to write about one thing that we are going to do for Youth Group this year that is a little different. For those of you who were at the last congregational meeting I explained a little bit about what we are doing, but for the ones not there I will explain more. We are doing something called an "Invite Night" where we will have food, music and a little more of a laid back atmosphere for the kids. We had our first "Invite Night" on January 15 and it was a success. Only a couple of the kids brought a friend, but everyone still had a good time talking and eating food.

Other than being out in the community and doing other kinds of events, I feel like the next best thing to get the Youth Group to grow, is encouraging the kids to invite their friends to see what our church and Youth Group is all about. This is a way for the kids to introduce their friends to us and we are able to talk with them in a more laid back setting, and hopefully they don't feel uncomfortable about coming back. In fact one of the friends said that she will try to come back to Youth Group (which is awesome!)

For the first night, we talked about friends and building the perfect friend. The majority of the ones there said that one of the traits they would like to have in a friend is Godliness. I was encouraged by this because it means that I am doing something right in the lives of the kids (hopefully). The other answers were just the normal things that any kid would want in a friend, from living down the street to having a good sense of humor. Hopefully this is something that all of the kids get excited for and look forward to every month, so they keep inviting their friends to come and be apart of our Youth Group. I also hope this is an encouragement to you all and you start to invite your friends to come to church and that the church will grow exponentially.

# Youth News



Elementary & Middle/High School Youth Groups



Remember to invite your friends!

**ENGAGE** (Elementary Youth Group)  
Meets from 5:00 - 6:00 PM

**CONNECT** (Middle/High School Youth Group)  
Meets from 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM (unless there is NO EQUIP U)



Youth Group Invite Night  
Sunday, February 19th

**INVITE** your friends and have them come and hang out with us. There will also be food, so come ready to eat and have a great time!



Virginia Preteen Convention  
March 3rd - 4th

[www.vapreteenconvention.org](http://www.vapreteenconvention.org)  
(Grades 3rd - 6th)

Cost: Regular Registration - \$50  
(before Monday, February 13th)  
Late Registration - \$60  
(after Monday, February 13th)

**We also need to know the shirt size of your child.**

This event is at Fairmount Christian Church, Mechanicsville, VA. We will leave the church building at 3:30 PM on Friday, March 3rd.

Please sign-up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter.  
Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.



Youth Sunday  
February 5th  
No Children's Church.

All children, except Nursery & Wee Worship, are to remain in the Sanctuary.

### Youth Ministry Shirts



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



Youth Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 21st @ 7:00 PM



DARE 2 SHARE

[www.dare2share.org](http://www.dare2share.org)

Middle/High School Youth

This year we will be going to the Dare2Share Conference in Washington, DC on March 10th - 11th.

The cost for the Conference is \$59 plus money for food and other souvenirs. Please have your money to Andrew by February 19th, so that we can get the tickets. Please sign up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Questions? Contact Andrew Fisher.

# What's Happening



Ladies Spring Retreat  
"When Life Gives You Lemons"

April 27th - 30th

Ladies, the remainder of your registration payment of \$72.57 is due by Sunday, March 5th. Cathy VanEpps will start collecting this final payment on February 5th. Please make checks payable and direct questions to Cathy VanEpps.

### Widows/Widowers Luncheon



Sunday, February 19th, following the worship service. Please, sign-up at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Questions? See Al Taillon.



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If you miss a sermon, you can listen to or download it on our website. If you prefer a CD, contact the office and we will make you one.



Please email the office or drop off a note with information you would like in the March Newsletter by Thursday, February 16th @ 10:00 AM.



**EQUIP U**  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

David:  
Developing a Heart for God

February 1: "God's Promise to David"  
2 Samuel 7

February 8: "Facing Temptation"  
2 Samuel 11

February 15: "God's Severe Mercy"  
2 Samuel 12

February 22: "Misplaced Trust"  
1 Chronicles 21:1 - 22:1

March 1: "Generous Giving"  
1 Chronicles 29

\*Schedule subject to change due to weather related cancellations.



## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS  
- 1 PETER 4:10

Interested in serving others at WWCC? Please stop by the Mickey Center/Information Counter to sign-up to help prepare communion.

If you'd like to serve on sound during the service, see Al Taillon (280-8880) to learn the system. To help with video, see Teresa Wilt (294-3590).



Our prayer room is located downstairs, in Room #101 and is available before and after services, as well as during the week (office hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM). There is a key hanging on the left side of the door.



# February

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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# 2017

## Who's busy in February ?

### PREPARING COMMUNION

Paul & Susan Gochenour

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Tim Simpson & Roger Mathias

### USHERS

Lyle Fitzgerald & Lawrence Motley

### SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

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

Ruby Sprouse

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

Tina Critzer

### GREETERS

Robbi Blackburn & Lelia Bolton

### IN THE NURSERY

5 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Amy Emerson & Katelyn Duggins

12 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Lisa Moneymaker & Taylor Johnson

19 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Patsy Ferrier & Brenda Taillon


















26 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Ashley Gauldin & Teresa Gauldin

### CONNECTION CAFE

Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

## 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
			1 7:00 PM Equip U 8:00 PM Choir 	2 Groundhog Day 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	3	4
5 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Football Sunday 12:00 PM "Souper" Bowl Luncheon 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth) 	6	7 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	8 7:00 PM Equip U 8:00 PM Choir 	9 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	10	11
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26 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	27 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	28	<p align="center"><b>Winter Weather Cancellations</b></p> <p align="center">With the arrival of winter weather, we want to remind you of our procedure. If Waynesboro schools are closed on Wednesday, then all Wednesday church activities are canceled. If the decision is made to cancel Sunday services it will be posted on WHSV-TV 3 (Harrisonburg), NBC 29 (Charlottesville), CBS 6 (Richmond) and our Facebook page.</p>			