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July 2017 West Waynesboro Witness

Vacation Bible School

July 24th - 28th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Small meal @ 5:30 PM

Invite everyone you know to this exciting week of adventure, as we go into the Wild Wild West to learn about Jesus.



- *We are still in need of more volunteers, so if you would like to help, contact Andrew.
- * We are also in need of empty paper towel rolls. Please give them to Andrew Fisher.

Deacons & Elders
will meet
July 4th
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM



Hosts: Roger & Nancy Slack

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Community Outreach

Back to School Supplies



Donations are needed for back to school items for kids of families who come to the West Waynesboro Church of Christ food pantry. We would like to collect enough supplies to give out: 1 folder, 1 notebook, 2 pencils, 2 erasers, 1 pen, 1 box of crayons, 1 glue stick, 1 bottle of glue, and 1 marker set or colored pencil set to each recipient. This project will help 50 children, which are in Kindergarten through 12th grade. **If you would like to donate items, please place them in the bin located in the foyer.** If donating money, please see Margaret Gurkin or Kristine Brooks. Thank you for your participation in helping others in need. **Deadline to contribute is Sunday, July 16th.**

BE THE CHURCH

The May 2017 issue of the "Christian Standard," (A magazine available each month in the WWCC foyer), featured the annual survey and report of medium churches, large churches and megachurches. As part of this survey, some of the leaders of these churches were asked some key questions, that pertain to how they are leading their churches towards health and growth. One of the key survey questions was, "How would you assess the current focus of your church and its ministries?" Kent Fillinger, president of 3:STRANDS Consulting and director of partnership with CMF International writes this, "Respondees were asked to use a scale of 0-100 with "0" being "completely focused internally" and "100" being "completely focused externally." Megachurches (average weekly attendance of more than 2,000) registered the highest average score at 65. Emerging megachurches (average weekly attendance 1,000-1,999) were second at 58."

The simple and obvious takeaway from this, is that an external focus has a definite impact on a church's growth and is one of the primary reasons why large churches become large and grow even larger, because, externally focused churches consistently prioritize serving and reaching those outside of the church. Fillinger also states that the survey of these churches and its leaders reveal another interesting insight. He says, "I studied the data and found churches that saw themselves as more externally focused grew less, but baptized more. Megachurches that were more externally focused grew 2.8 percent last year compared with 4.2 percent for the less externally focused. The finding held true for emerging megachurches as well. However, megachurches and emerging megachurches that were more externally focused had better baptism ratios than other churches in their groupings."

In light of this information and a wealth of other supporting evidence, it seems that if we want to be faithful to the mission of Jesus, the Great Commission (Matthew 28) and reach people who are far from God with the Good News, salvation in Christ alone, then we must continue to make strides in becoming more externally focused, that is, being the Church. Perhaps, one reason why some of these large churches who are externally focused, but slightly less than others, grew more, is because of "transfer growth," the process of simply adding people to a local church, who are already saved and once attended a different local church. If we focus on growing simply by the swapping of sheep (church members), facilitated by a desire to be internally focused, in order to keep those already in the Church happy, then what are we really doing to grow the Kingdom of God?

John Maxwell has said, "You can change without growing. But you can't grow without changing." May we at WWCC continue to change and BE THE CHURCH, so that we can shine the light of Jesus in our community and introduce all people to the amazing grace of an amazing God.

Shining His Light,

Chad

This year for Middle School camp I will have the opportunity to preach every night. When I asked what the dean wanted me to speak on, he said that I could do whatever I wanted to do. So I looked at the overall theme for camp this year, and it is about love in 1 Corinthians 13. Throughout the week, I am going to talk about what love is, in the Biblical sense, who we are to love, how we are to love, and how God loves us. Now I don't claim to be an expert on this subject, in fact I am far from it, but I am just going to preach what the Bible says about it, and I should be ok. God is the author and perfecter of love, so I've got a pretty good source!

Loving others how God loves us is kind of a different concept to us. When we think of love we generally think of when a man and a woman get together, fall in love and get married. Now don't get me wrong that is all well and good, but it is different from how God loves us. We find this love of God in John 3:16, 17. We all know what verse 16 says, but we usually stop right there. But verse 17 is just as important in this context. Let me paraphrase verse 16, since many of us know it by heart. It says that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die in our place, because He wants to live with us forever. Now that is what I call love, because it shows that the God of the universe, who created all things still finds time to love the ones that He created.

Moving on to verse 17 which says, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." God is giving us a way out of sin and death through his Son Jesus. If that isn't love then I really don't know what love is. After the fall of man we all deserved an eternal punishment, but God gives us a way to avoid eternal punishment, through the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.

If you know someone who doesn't know who Jesus is, I would encourage you to share this love with them. Show them what God has done in your life, and show them what Jesus did for them. Hopefully through talking with them, you can lead them to have a relationship with Jesus. Remember, Jesus does not tell us to stay in our pew at church so that we can keep His love to ourselves, He tells us to "GO" and tell others about him so that everyone can know the love and words of Jesus.



**ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUPS**



Summer Schedule (July)

****During July, Youth Groups will meet every other week, on the 2nd & 4th Sundays.**

July 9th & 23rd

**ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) @ 5:00 PM
CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth) @ 6:15 PM**

Camp Rudolph Register for Camp Rudolph!

camprudolph.org

The dates for camp are:

- High School week (Grades 9-12) - July 2-7
- Middle School week (Grades 6-8) - July 9-14 Andrew and Laura will be at camp, along with all the students registered to go this week. Please be in prayer for the students as well at the leaders.
- Junior Wilderness Camp (Grades 6-8) - July 16 -19
- First Chance 2 Camp (Grades 2-3) - July 19 - 22
- Junior Week Camp (Grades 4-5) - July 23 -28
- Solid Foundations (Ages 7-12) - August 6-11

To register or to view the complete schedule, please go to www.camprudolph.org. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew.

*The WWCC Youth Budget will pay half of the registration for each camper. If you need additional financial assistance, contact Andrew.



Ready to take the plunge?

Whether you are just deciding to follow Christ or have been following Christ for years, if you have never been baptized, baptism is for you! If you would like to take this next step, come forward during the invitation at the end of the service, email chad@westwaynesboro.com, call the church office or indicate your desire on your connection card.

Acts 2:38,

“...Repent and be baptized every one of you,”



**Wednesday, July 19th
Invite a Friend!**

We will be going to Chuck E. Cheese in Richmond. Please, sign up by Sunday, July 16th, so we can get another van, if needed. Please, be at the church building at 9:00 AM.

Questions? Contact Andrew.



**Ladies Salad & Dessert Social
Thursday,
July 20th
6:00 PM**

All ladies are invited!

Please bring a salad or dessert. Ladies, lets fill the Fellowship Hall by bringing a friend. Let's have an evening full of laughter and fun. Any questions, see Mary Moyer or Drema Rickard.

Please sign up at the Mickey Center/ Information Counter or on the back of your Connection Card.



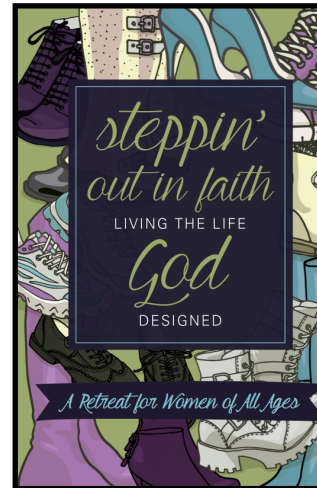
Our prayer room is located downstairs, in Room #101 and is available before and after services, as well as during the week (office hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM). There is a key hanging on the left side of the door.



**Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, July 15th**

Ladies will meet @ Panera Bread @ 9:00 AM. All ladies are welcome to attend!

Men will meet @ Golden Corral @ 8:15 AM. All men are welcome to attend!



**Fall Ladies Retreat
Blessings Lodge
Keezletown, VA
October 13th & 14th**

Registration is now open. If you are interested in sharing this amazing time together with fellow sisters in Christ, please pick up your registration form at the Information Counter/Mickey Center. If you have questions, please contact Cathy VanEpps.

**Baby Shower!
July 15th @ Panera Bread
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**



Heather, Raul, & Lilliana are scheduled to welcome Baby Boy REMI, Sept. 6th. Questions? See Mary Moyer or Stephanie Grondin.

CHURCH LAWN MOWING

If you would like to help, sign up to mow or contract out a week for lawn mowing at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Cost is \$55.00 to contract out a week. The office will call for you to arrange that.



We have been blessed to be blessings to others. As a church we are choosing to share the love of Christ by giving Christmas gifts to our young brothers and sisters who are students at the Mountain Mission School in Grundy, VA.

www.mmskids.org

1. Choose a child's name from the Christmas tree at the Mickey Center/Information Counter, and sign-out your child.
2. Have fun shopping for your chosen child.
3. Prepare your gift by either:
 - a. Placing your gift in a gift bag OR
 - b. Wrapping your gift and attaching a list of contents to the outside of the gift.
4. Attach the child's card to the outside of the bag or box.
5. Attach a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the outside of the package so your child can thank you.
6. Place your gift under the tree by Sunday, July 23rd.
7. Pray for your child.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

(If you wish to donate money for gifts or gift cards, see Stephanie Grondin.)

July

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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Who's busy in July?

PREPARING COMMUNION

Carrie Leeson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Greg Mabry & Al Taillon

USHERS

Bob Rickard & Jeff Gurkin

SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

WEE WORSHIP 1 (Ages 2 & 3)

Hailey Gurkin

WEE WORSHIP 2 (Pre-K & Kindergarten)

Amy Emerson

GREETERS

Brenda Taillon & Lelia Bolton

IN THE NURSERY

2 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Donna & Paul Crosby

9 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Lisa Money maker & Taylor Johnson

16 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Barbara Zimmerman & Miranda Harris

23 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Amanda Estes & Brenda Taillon

30 Sunday School Worship Betty Parker
 Jessica VanDevander & Drema Rickard

CONNECTION CAFE

Roger & Nancy Slack

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
						
Camp Rudolph High School Week (Grades 9-12)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 		Office Closed Independence Day 	7:00 PM Quarterly Congregational Meeting 	7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 		
Camp Rudolph Middle School Week (Grades 6-8)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth) 	9:30 AM Food Pantry 	6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 		7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread 10:00 AM Baby Shower @ Panera Bread  
Camp Rudolph Junior Wilderness Week (Grades 6-8)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 	10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information		Camp Rudolph First Chance 2 (Grades 2-3)			
			9:00 AM Chuck E. Cheese 	6:00 PM Ladies Salad & Dessert Social 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 		
Camp Rudolph Junior Week (Grades 4-5)						
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