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# June 2017 West Waynesboro Witness


God Loves



HAPPY   
Father's  
DAY  
18th June 2017  



“The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine upon  
you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace.”  
Numbers 6:24-26  
(NIV)

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



**Hosts: John Opstad & Ruby Sprouse**

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**“Lets Go Out to the  
Ballgame!”**

WWCC to Host  
Waynesboro Generals  
Baseball Game!  
Friday, June 23rd

Sign up at the Mickey Center/Information  
Counter to help sell tickets, hand out water,  
do face painting, etc.

Game starts at 7:00 PM, but we will be  
setting up at 5:30 PM at Kate Collins field.  
Put the date on your calendars to  
“...Go out to the ball game.”

**\*We will have a limited number of free  
tickets available on a first come first served  
basis. Contact the office to get yours.**



### Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, June 4th we will be  
honoring the high school &  
college graduates in our  
church. Please, bring a photo  
and an announcement to the  
office, **no later than Thursday,  
June 1st.**  
Questions? Contact Andrew.

Recently, a church member shared a very insightful and challenging article with me, written by Thom Rainer, for Outreach Magazine. I thought that it was too good and important not to share. Below, is that article.

It broke my heart. Another church closed. This church had unbelievable potential. Indeed, it had its own "glory days," but only for a season. But, 10 years ago, few would have predicted this church's closure. Today, it is but another statistic in the ecclesiastical graveyard. I know. We don't compromise doctrine. I know. We must never say we will change God's Word. But many of our congregations must change. They must change or they will die. I call these churches "the urgent church." Time is of the essence. If changes do not happen soon—very soon—these churches will die. The pace of congregational death is accelerating. What, then, are some of the key changes churches must make? Allow me to give you a fair warning: None of them are easy. Indeed, they are only possible in God's power. Here are nine of them.

**1. We must stop bemoaning the death of cultural Christianity.**

Such whining does us no good. Easy growth is simply not a reality for many churches. People no longer come to a church because they believe they must do so to be culturally accepted. The next time a church member says, "They know where we are; they can come here if they want to," rebuke him. Great Commission Christianity is about going; it's not "y'all come."

**2. We must cease seeing the church as a place of comfort and stability in the midst of rapid change.**

Certainly, God's truth is unchanging. So we do find comfort and stability in that reality. But don't look to your church not to change methods, approaches and human-made traditions. Indeed, we must learn to be uncomfortable in the world if we are to make a difference. "We've never done it that way before" is a death declaration.

**3. We must abandon the entitlement mentality.**

Your church is not a country club where you pay dues to get your perks and privileges. It is a gospel outpost where you are to put yourself last. Don't seek to get your way with the music, temperature and length of sermons. Here is a simple guideline: Be willing to die for the sake of the gospel. That's the opposite of the entitlement mentality.

**4. We must start doing.**

Most of us like the idea of evangelism more than we like doing evangelism. Try a simple prayer and ask God to give you gospel opportunities. You may be surprised how he will use you.

**5. We must stop using biblical words in unbiblical ways.**

"Discipleship" does not mean caretaking. "Fellowship" does not mean entertainment.

**6. We must stop focusing on minor issues.**

Satan must delight when a church spends six months wrangling over a bylaw change. That's six months of gospel negligence.

**7. We must stop shooting our own.**

This tragedy is related to the entitlement mentality. If we don't get our way, we will go after the pastor, the staff member or the church member who has a different perspective than our own. We will even go after their families. Don't let bullies and perpetual critics control the church. Don't shoot our own. It's not friendly fire.

**8. We must stop wasting time in unproductive meetings, committees and business sessions.**

Wouldn't it be nice if every church member could only ask one question or make one comment in a meeting for every time he or she has shared his or her faith the past week?

**9. We must become houses of prayer.**

Stated simply, we are doing too much in our own power. We are really busy, but we are not doing the business of God. Around 200 churches will close this week, maybe more. The pace will accelerate unless our congregations make some dramatic changes. The need is urgent. Hear me well, church leaders and church members. For many of your churches the choice is simple: Change or die. Time is running out. Please, for the sake of the gospel, forsake yourself and make the changes in God's power.

In my article last month, I talked about our VBS this year and the theme for the week, and some of the goals that I had for this year. I hope that you are all starting to talk to people about the week and how awesome it is going to be. But I digress.

Recently, I have started reading at the beginning of the Bible, and most recently I just started reading in the book of Exodus. We all know what happens at the beginning of that book, Moses' mom saves him from being killed and sends him down the Nile River in a basket right to Pharaoh's doorstep. But I am not going to talk about that, I want to fast forward to where God talks to Moses from a burning bush and tells him to go back to Egypt to sent the people free and lead them to the Promised Land. I am sure we would all be a little freaked out if there was a bush that was talking to us and not burning up.

But, God lays out all of the plans for Moses and tells him all that he needs to say to Pharaoh, and what does Moses do? He makes an excuse about how he isn't good with speaking and that he is a little slow when it comes to speaking. This doesn't make God very happy and in Exodus 4:11 God says, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not the Lord?" So Moses says he needs help with this task, and God tells him to go and talk to his brother Aaron because he is a better speaker than Moses is.

God knows that Moses is going to be a great leader, but he is not as quick with his words as some people like Aaron are. God uses both of these men and forms a team to go and talk to Pharaoh together. This is what I am getting at, as Christians we are all on the same team and even though I am the Youth Minister here at WWCC I can't do it on my own. No one can do anything on their own, we all need help with something, whether it be putting together a bookshelf or helping someone fix a car. We all need help with something.

Going back to the week of VBS, this week can't be put on by one person, it takes a team of several people, a team, to pull off this kind of week so that we can reach as many people for Jesus as we can. I appreciate all of the helpers, teachers and other volunteers that have been apart of this great ministry. You are the ones that make this Youth Ministry what it is because many times you are the first ones that the kids/students see when they come to church on a Sunday or Wednesday Night. So, again, thank you for all that you do and have done for the Youth here at WWCC!!



## ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS



### Summer Schedule (June & July)

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

**June 11th & 25th**

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

**July 9th & 23rd**

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

### Splash Day (2nd Grade & Under)

June 10th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Please bring a swimsuit, towel and a change of clothes. Pizza and drinks will be provided.



VBS



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24TH - 28TH

The theme will be Wild Wild West. We are still in need of more volunteers, so if you would like to help, contact Andrew.

### Camp Rudolph

Registration for Camp Rudolph is now open!  
[camprudolph.org](http://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  
Solid Foundations (Ages 7-12) - August 6-11

To register or to view the complete schedule, please go to [www.camprudolph.org](http://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.



### Youth Picnic Day (All Ages) June 14th from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Ridgeview Park

If you would like to ride over in the van, please meet at the church building at 9:45 AM. This is open to kids/students of all ages. Please bring your own packed lunch.

### Youth Ministry Activity Calendars



Summer Youth Group activity calendars are available. If you would like one, please see Andrew, or you can pick up a copy from the table, in the Youth Room downstairs (Room #201).



### Youth Movie In Harrisonburg

Wednesday, June 28th  
10:00 AM

"Penguins of Madagascar"

We are going to the Regal Theater, in Harrisonburg, for a \$1 movie. Please meet at the church building at 9:15 AM, if you are riding in the van, otherwise you are free to just meet us there. Bring \$1 for the movie ticket and other money for snacks. The church will pay for the first snack box.



**Ladies Prayer Breakfast**  
We will meet at Stella, Bella & Lucy's  
327 West Main Street, Waynesboro  
Saturday, June 17th @ 9:00 AM.  
All ladies are welcome to attend!

**Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral @ 8:15 AM**  
All men are welcome to attend!

### Finance Committee Meeting MONDAY, June 12th @ 6:30 PM

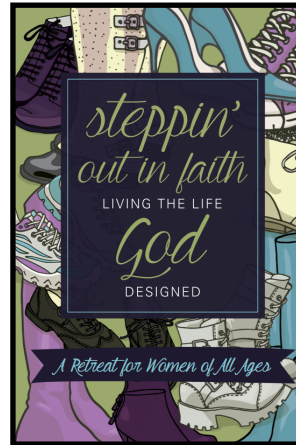


Any departments wishing to request an expense for the 3rd Quarter 2017 are asked to fill out a "Purchase Request" form. These forms can be found at the Mickey Center/Information Counter. Please turn in the "Purchase Request" forms by Sunday, June 11th.

### Ladies Bible Study



Will NOT be meeting again until Thursday, September 7th. We will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel when we resume. Have a blessed summer. Questions? Contact Carolyn Fitzgerald.



### Fall Ladies Retreat Blessings Lodge Keezetown, VA October 13th & 14th

Registration starts June 25th. If you are interested in sharing this amazing time together with fellow sisters in Christ, contact Cathy Hawks VanEpps.

### 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](mailto: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,"



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.



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



**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!

this is for  
**EVERYONE**  
KANSAS CITY NACC 2017

North American Christian  
Convention  
June 27th - 29th  
[www.gotonacc.org](http://www.gotonacc.org)

[www.westwaynesboro.com](http://www.westwaynesboro.com)



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.

### 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.

# June

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 June?

### PREPARING COMMUNION

Bill & Patsy Ferrier

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Dick Moyer & TBD

### USHERS

June 4th - Roger Mathias & Lewis Gurkin  
 June 11th - Roger Mathias & Bob Rickard  
 June 18th - Roger Mathias & TBD  
 June 25th - Roger Mathias & TBD

### SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

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

Kelly Price

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

Tina Critzer

### GREETERS

Rodney Yankey & Tina Critzer

### IN THE NURSERY

4 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Drema Rickard & Marsha Dean

11 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Angie Critzer & Dylan Seal

18 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Susan Gochenour & Carrie Leeson

25 Sunday School Debbie McCracken  
 Worship Ashley Gauldin & Teresa Gauldin

### 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
				1 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	2	3
4 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	5	6 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet 	7	8 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	9	10 10:00 AM Splash Day 
11 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	12 Sr. Minister - Vacation 9:30 AM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting 		14 Flag Day 10:00 AM Youth Picnic Day 	15 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	16 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information	17 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Stella, Bella & Lucy's 
18 Sr. Minister - Vacation Father's Day 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 	19	20	21	22 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	23 5:30 PM Generals Game 	24
25 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	26 9:30 AM Food Pantry 	27 North American Christian Convention 7:00 PM Missions Meeting 10:00 AM Youth Movie In Harrisonburg 		28 10:00 AM Youth Movie In Harrisonburg 	29 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study 	30