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# August 2017 West Waynesboro Witness

God Loves



West Waynesboro Quartet  
August 15th @ 8:00 PM  
Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand,  
Staunton, VA



Everyone is invited! Please bring your lawn chair for a night of worshipping and fellowship.

Deacons & Elders  
will meet  
August 1st  
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM



Hosts: Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

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## End of Summer Bash

Make plans to join us for this community event. Be sure to invite your family and friends,  
**Saturday, August 19th**  
from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
for a great time of food, fellowship and fun.

*\*There will be sign-up sheets going around to all the Adult Sunday school classes for donating the items to make this day possible!*



## Church Picnic

@ the Dunlaps  
Wednesday, August 30th  
@ 6:00 PM - ?

Pool will be open.  
Bring a swimsuit, a covered dish, lawn chairs and your favorite lawn game! Get directions at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

## Continue The Journey To BE THE CHURCH!

As I write this article, I am preparing to teach the second to last message in our “Be The Church” sermon series. While it concerns me that there may still be some who still don’t understand the importance of the Church being more externally and outwardly focused, I have to personally acknowledge that there will always be some people who want to make things more about themselves, rather than live selflessly for the cause and mission of Christ. Sadly, there will always be some people who will value having what they want and having their needs met, over the God given mission and purpose that each of us has been entrusted with. What concerns me even more than this, is that as we conclude this sermon series, that we as a church might some how think that we no longer need to be looking for ways to actively and intentionally be the church, meeting needs and making a difference in our community. On the contrary, just because this sermon series is coming to an end (and will have ended by the time you read this), our journey and mission to be the church, must never come to an end. A more external and outward focus, in which we prioritize those who are not yet a part of the family of God, over those who have already been saved, must become a part of our DNA, at the very core of who we are.

I recently read an article in the June 2017 issue of the “Christian Standard,” about how churches grow large, despite being located in small towns. One of the points that was made, is that these churches engage the community. Here’s in part what it said: “Large churches in small towns have an active presence in high school athletic events and at county affairs for example. If the church sets up a booth at an event, there won’t be a sign that says, 'Ask me how much Jesus loves me. I’ll tell you.' **Instead, in big and small things, the church will show it’s love for the community through selfless service.**” This is what it means to BE THE CHURCH, to show our love, as an expression of God’s love, to the people in our community, through small and big things that demonstrate selfless service.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, to each and every one of you who has been actively and intentionally serving, loving and building relationships with people in our community. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert each week and anonymously telling us about what you have been doing. Your willingness to do so has been an encouragement to me and many others. Thank you for being the church! Please, never forget that your continued commitment to BE THE CHURCH, is absolutely critical to the future of WWCC. Stated plainly, there is no way that our church will thrive or perhaps even survive, without more selfless living, that prioritizes reaching and loving our community over the selfish and internally focused mindset.

Continuing The Journey,

*Chad*

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped out with VBS this year. Whether you donated items, prayed for the week, invited kids, came during the week to help, you are all very much appreciated. This week could not have been pulled off without all of you!

A couple of years ago, Laura and I were traveling home from somewhere, and we decided to stop in Cincinnati to see Great American Ballpark where the Cincinnati Reds play. When we got there we had to go in and pay to go into the Hall of Fame and to take a tour of the Ballpark. It was raining while we took the tour, but it was still really neat. We got to see where Marty Brennaman, the voice of the Reds sits while calling the games. We got to go into the press box, which had a great view of the playing field; we could see the whole field very easily. But the best part of the tour was going into the dugout where the Reds players sit during the game, we even got to see where players like Joey Votto, Jay Bruce and Brandon Phillips put their batting helmets and bats. Laura even took my picture standing by the batting rack and sitting on the dugout bench. Talk about cool! The only thing we couldn’t do was go out onto the playing field. After the tour of the stadium we walked through the Hall of Fame seeing all kinds of memorabilia from past Reds players to Johnny Bench and Pete Rose all the way up to present day players. Some of the best players to ever play the game of baseball are located in the city of Cincinnati.

After we got home I called my mom to tell her that we had made it home and she told me that my dad was a little jealous that we got to do that, because he is a big Reds fan also. I probably got to do something that a lot of people do, but it was still special to me because it was something that I had never done before. Although on our honeymoon we got to take a tour of Lambeau Field in Green Bay, but that was not as cool as going to Great American Ballpark and going into the dugout where all of the players get to be.

This is probably the closest I will ever get to being a professional athlete or being inducted into a Hall of Fame of any sort. But thinking about all of the things we saw, reminds me that we all have something better than all of the millions they make just to play a game for 3 or 4 hours. We have an eternal salvation with Christ and that is better than anything we could ever have on this Earth. It is great to remember people of the past, but if they die and aren’t Christians we will never be able to meet or see them again, but if they are, then we have the hope of seeing them all again. We all have that same hope of eternity with Christ if we have made that decision to follow Christ. Jesus told us in the Great Commission before He went up to Heaven, to GO and MAKE disciples! I for one know that I am not very good at this, but I am working on getting better at what God wants me to do, and how I can be better at reaching people for Him! I hope that you all can admit this same thing and are willing to take that next step in winning people and saving them from an eternity apart from God!

## ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS



**ENGAGE**  
(Elementary Youth)

Meets @ 5:00 PM

**CONNECT**  
(Middle/High School Youth)

Meets @ 6:15 PM

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.



**A big thank you**  
for all your help and support.



I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of you that helped out with VBS, whether it be actually helping during the week or bathing the week in prayer. We could not have pulled off this awesome week without all of you.

-Andrew



**New Sermon Series Begins**  
Sunday, August 6th

*A Study of the Prophet Joel.*

### Sunday School Promotion



On Sunday, August 13th, youth that are moving into a new age group will be promoted during the service. On Sunday, August 20th, all youth will go to their new classes.



### Middle/High School Camp Out!

Friday and Saturday, August 4th & 5th, from 6:00 PM - 9:00 AM, in the backyard of the parsonage. Please bring a tent, if you have one, a change of clothes, swim suit and a snack to share.

Invite a friend!



Our youth will be returning to school Tuesday, August 8th, please pray for them and the faculty for a very successful year.

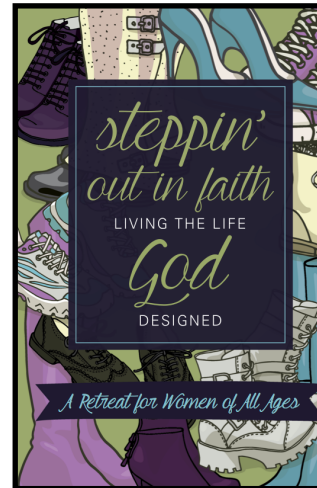


### Prayer Breakfasts

Saturday, August 19th

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.

### 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.



### 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,”

### Valley Mission Meal!



We will be preparing & serving Taco Salad, Black Bean & Corn side dish and watermelon and/or cookies at the Valley Mission on Saturday, August 12th @ 4:00 PM. A list of needed items can be found at the Information Counter/Mickey Center in the foyer. Please, sign-up for what you will bring & have all items in the church kitchen by no later than Thursday, August 10th @ 5:00 PM.

### “Glorious Christmas Nights”



A trip to Richmond to see “Glorious Christmas Nights” at the West End Assembly of God Church on Saturday, December 2nd is being planned. The group will leave the church at 8:30 AM, attend the 10:30 AM performance, have lunch in Richmond and return in the afternoon. The cost will be \$25 for play and transportation. Lunch is extra. Money must be given to Lyle or Carolyn Fitzgerald by September 3rd, so that tickets can be purchased.



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If you miss a sermon,  
you can listen to or download  
it on our website.

# August

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 August?

### PREPARING COMMUNION

Paul & Susan Gochenour

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Tim Simpson & Jim Hayes

### USHERS

Jim Hayes & Lyle Fitzgerald

### SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

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

Paul & Susan Gochenour

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

August 6th & 13th - Heather Newcomb

August 20th & 27th - Diane Spurlock

### GREETERS

Randy & Bea Benson

### IN THE NURSERY

6 Sunday School Debbie McCracken

Worship Amy Emerson &

Katilyn Duggins

13 Sunday School Debbie McCracken

Worship Robbi Blackburn &

Angie Critzer

20 Sunday School Debbie McCracken

Worship Ashley Gaudin &

Teresa Gaudin

27 Sunday School Debbie McCracken

Worship Donna &

Paul Crosby

### CONNECTION CAFE

Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet	2	3 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	4 Middle/High School Camp Out - 6:00 PM - 9:00 AM	5
6 Camp Rudolph Solid Foundations (Ages 7-12) 8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth)	7	8 School Starts Back to School	9	10 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	11	12 4:00 PM Valley Mission Meal BE THE CHURCH THE BODY OF CHRIST IN ACTION Feed the Hungry
13 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Youth) 6:15 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Youth) PROMOTION SUNDAY	14 9:30 AM Food Pantry	15 8:00 PM West Waynesboro Quartet Praise in the Park	16 10:00 AM Deadline for Newsletter Information	17 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study	18	19 8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread 4:00 PM End of Summer Bash
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## 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.