West Waynesboro Church of Christ 2212 Cortland Street Waynesboro, VA 22980

God Loves



Deacons & Elders will meet January 8th 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM



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Ordination Sunday for New Leaders - January 6th Elected leadership 2019 Elders: Frank Dunlap, Jeff Gurkin, Greg Mabry, Roger Mathias, AI Taillon; Deacons: Sam Dunlap, Paul Gochenour, Tim Simpson; Financial Secretary: Amy Emerson; Treasurer: Teresa Wilt; Church Clerk: Angie Critzer; Sunday School Superintendent: Marsha Mathias

May the Lord bless you with the gift of servanthood, revelation, knowledge, wisdom and understanding as you go forth in your leadership roles. May you continue to build relationships and be salt and light in the world.



Growth For A New Year

As I write this we are drawing near to Christmas, our annual celebration of the birth of Jesus. Soon, Christmas will be yet another memory and we will be entering a new year filled with unlimited hopes, dreams and opportunities. I shared recently during one of our "Colors of Christmas" Sunday morning messages, that the color green is exemplified in the Christmas event and specifically in the life of Joseph. We discover through the actions and obedience of Joseph, that he was a growing believer in God. Joseph was growing in his knowledge of God, in the knowledge of God's will and plan and in his understanding of the role that God wanted him to fulfill in that plan.

As we celebrate Christmas and prepare to enter a new year, it would be wise for all of us to consider how "green" we are. Are we growing in our faith and knowledge of God? Are we serving and giving of ourselves in a way that honors God and builds up His Church? Do we have hearts that are open and sensitive to the Holy Spirit of God, that allow God to grow us spiritually, so that He can have His way in us? Are we daily taking up our cross, sacrificing our plans, desires and wills, so that God's greater plans can be accomplished? Your willingness to be a Christian that is on the grow, not only determines your level of peace, satisfaction and experience of Jesus' abundant life, but it also is a great determining factor in how much WWCC grows numerically and the impact that we are able to have in our community and beyond.

I feel confident in saying that everyone who calls WWCC home, wants to see our church grow numerically, reach new people who are far from God and have greater impact, making this world a better place in Jesus' Name. However, in order to see these goals accomplished, it will take personal responsibility on behalf of each and everyone of us to make a commitment to grow. Growth results when we commit to prioritizing worshiping together, studying the Word of God individually and in the community of small groups, serving in order to make a difference and fill needs and giving generously to the work of the Lord.

If you want 2019 to be a year that we as individuals and as a church break out of stagnation and experience more of the blessings that God wants to pour out on us, YOU must commit to taking the actions that are necessary for growth. It's time to stop pointing fingers and blaming others for what they are or are not doing and take personal responsibility for the growth that God wants to bring about in you and through you. The time is now to pray, "God what do you want me to do and how do you want me to contribute?" Instead of complaining this new year or demanding your way or sitting back expecting others to do what you could be helping with, may you choose to grow in your life and faith, as you contribute to the growth of our church and God's Kingdom.

Growing Together,

CONNER'S CONNECTION

Conner Dunn, Associate/Youth Minister conner@westwaynesboro.com

This month, you will notice some changes to our Children's Ministry. We have updated our Check-In process to make things move faster and help us be more secure. There are now two Check-In Stations, one upstairs and another downstairs in the Children's Hall. With these new systems in place, we will be able to track class attendance, monitor who can pick-up kids, and see kids allergies at all times.

When someone is checked-in, it will print out two labels. One label will have the child's name, their allergy information, parent contact information, and a security code. The second label will be the guardian's "Pick-up ticket." The pick-up ticket will have a matching security code to the child's name label. When you are ready to pick-up your child, you will simply present the pick-up ticket to the class teacher and then the child will be allowed to leave the class with you.

Safety and security are some of the biggest concerns for visiting families, so I am excited to see this new process being set-up for our Children's Ministry. Not only will it help us as a church, but it will also reassure families that their children will be in a safe and protected environment while they learn about God's love. The safety of our children and congregation should be a priority in every church, regardless of size.

As with any new system, I am sure we will run into a few hiccups here and there, so I appreciate your patience with us and encouragement while we make sure things run smoothly. If you have any desire to help in these areas, or if you have questions about the new system, please don't hesitate to ask.

In Christ,

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Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M. Study: The Life of Faith Part 4: Transformed

January 2nd: NO EQUIP U Happy New Year! January 6th: "Faith Without Works is Dead" James 2:14-26 January 13th: "A Disciplined Faith" James 3:1-12

January 20th: "Faithful Disciples" Acts 9:36-43 January 27th: "The Good Fight of Faith" 1 Timothy 6:11-21

*Schedule subject to change due to weather related cancellations.

Family Snow Tubing Trip Wintergreen Resort Saturday, January 19th Cost: \$15 per person (Ages 6+) (Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

We will be leaving the church @ 9 AM or meet us there for the 10:30 AM-12:00 PM session.

Please sign up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center and turn in money to Conner by Sunday, January 6th. Questions? See Conner.



Saturday, January 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! Website www.westwavnesboro.com If you miss a sermon, you can watch it on our website. ISE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHER Interested in serving others at WWCC? Please stop by the Information Counter/Mickey Center to sign-up to help prepare communion or serve as a greeter in 2019. If you would be willing to serve on sound or video, contact Al Taillon for sound or Teresa Wilt for video. **NEWSLETTER CHANGE** Due to the increasing cost and continued unreliability of bulk mail, beginning with this January 2019 newsletter, we will no longer send the church newsletter out by U.S. Mail. You will be able to continue to receive it by email, view it on our website or pick up a paper copy at the Information Counter/Mickey Center. If you are a member and a shut-in (someone who for

Prayer Breakfasts

If you are a member and a shut-in (someone who for medical reasons cannot get to the church building), you can request that a copy be sent to you by regular mail, by calling or emailing the office.



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). *Our prayer room is temporarily closed due to water damage.

PRAYER

ROOM



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 <u>chad@westwaynesboro.com</u>, call the church office or indicate your desire on your connection card.

Acts 2:38, "...Repent and be baptized every one of you,"



Are You Missing Something?

If so, it might be in the lost and found located at the Information Counter/Mickey Center. Please, check lost and found to see if anything belongs to you. <u>On January 31st, lost and found</u> will be cleared out, and everything not claimed, will be donated or thrown away.



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For the safety & security of our children, we have updated our check-in process. Please, be sure to read the article in "Conner's Connection."

