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

God Loves



Deacons & Elders will meet February 5th 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM

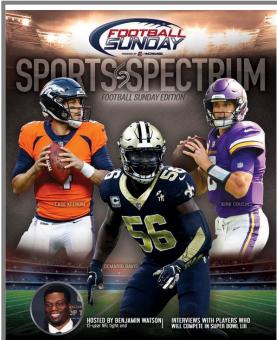


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West Waynesboro Witness

Chad Grondin,
Conner Dunn,
Minister



### Football Sunday

Invite your co-workers, friends, and neighbors to worship with us on Sunday, February 3rd. 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 Information Counter/Mickey Center\*\*\*



"Souper" Bowl Luncheon Sunday, February 3rd 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 bag or bowl in front of your choice. All donations will go to the West Waynesboro Youth

Fund and will be used for this Summer's Christ In Youth (CIY) Conference. If you would like to be a part of the competition, <u>please sign up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center</u>. You may also sign up to bring finger food, sandwiches, crackers, or a vegetable tray.

Questions? Contact Conner Dunn.

### CHAD'S CHAT

Chad Grondin, Sr. Minister chad@westwaynesboro.com

#### ADAPT OR DIE

Seemingly everywhere we look we see signs of a rapidly changing world. Perhaps, this is most evident in the world of consumer behavior and the rise of online shopping, resulting in the struggle of many stores that have filed for bankruptcy, closed hundreds of stores or simply pulled the plug on their whole operation. It's not difficult to find examples of the change that is taking place in the retail world, but an article I read recently, identified Barnes & Noble bookstores as those that are struggling amidst the change in cultural behavior. The once popular brick-and-mortar, big box stores, with Starbucks coffee shops inside, that were once a positive disruptor in the marketplace and had brought about the demise of many independent booksellers, are now scrambling. According to a Wall Street Journal article, the chain is now considered a dinosaur, struggling to survive in a rapidly changing retail environment.

Barbara Kahn, marketing professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania says this, "The problem with Barnes and Noble is that with consumers changing their shopping habits, it hasn't found a strategy that can connect with those customers." Some claim that the success of online retailers like Amazon are to blame for the struggles of companies like Barnes and Noble, however, Peter Fader, professor of marketing at the Wharton School, says, "I don't think that is true, I think it's Barnes and Noble that will drive itself out of business by not adapting to the times and moving with its customers."

I don't think it takes a lot of deep thinking to see how these changes and insights also relate to and affect the local church. Simply stated, we too as the Church, must be willing to adapt or else sooner or later we will die. If you would like to read more on this subject, I recommend you start by reading the entire article that caught my attention, "How Changing Shopping Trends Affect The Church," by Kent Fillinger (December 2018, Christian Standard, P. 20). I will conclude this article by sharing these words from Fillinger, "Over the past several years, I've heard many small-church leaders blame their lack of growth or numerical decline on a nearby megachurch. But I'd echo Fader's words by saying that for most churches that haven't grown, it's because they've not adapted to the times and therefore, they're not relevant in today's culture."

May we at WWCC be willing to adapt to a changing culture, so that we don't suffer the same fate that many churches and retailers have. May we humbly and without complaint, accept and implement change, for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

HIS Will Be Done,

Chad

### CONNER'S CONNECTION

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

As I get older, I find myself having less in common with the students and kids that I teach. While it wasn't too long ago that I was a student, each year I have more responsibilities that continue to separate me from the youth I am here to disciple. One of the areas I see this the most is with technology and social media. Now, I have never been a big user of social media, which a quick look at my Facebook posts will reveal to you, but I did think I was at least knowledgable about which platforms were popular and current. I am now finding that not to be the case. Making the realization that kids don't use Facebook anymore and have since moved on to the likes of Snapchat and Instagram has caused me to look into the relationship between youth and digital media. I have been reading parts of a book by Dr. Kara Powell called, *Every Parent's Guide to Navigating Our Digital World,* that attempts to answer some popular questions from parents about the use of digital media by our kids and how we can better understand what's going on. I wanted to share a section from the book below regarding how to treat devices and maintain a healthily family atmosphere.

"Today's teenagers are growing up twice: once in real life, and once virtually. That's terrifying to think about. The kids in our family, church, and neighborhood are not only navigating the world of face-to-face social relationships we're familiar with as adults, but they also have an added layer of cultivating and curating an online presence, often on multiple platforms.

The goal we all want to keep in mind is that rather than letting media be something that's in the middle and drives a wedge in a family's relationship, we can put relationships in the middle and see media as a way to facilitate that. Research shows that teenagers connect with one another—digitally and in person—because they like being together. Let's help families do the same by seeing these as tools that can build relationships and support friendship.

Most of all, remember that research on the effects of digital media is still very new. In that sense, we are *all* winging it as first-time parents and leaders in the digital world. If you feel like you are pioneering these questions, that's because you are. As you discover new territory when it comes to your kids and digital media, we're glad we're along for the ride with you."

Be intentional about devoting time to focus on the kids in your life. Show them that they are worth your time away from a screen or device. Take an interest in some of the things they do enjoy, whether it be funny pictures online or camera filters that make you wear sunglasses. Help them see technology as a tool to build relationships, not the only source to have one. This month, pray for the parents and grandparents of this generation, in our church and community, to seek out time with their kids.

In Christ, Conner



### ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

#### **ENGAGE**

(Elementary Kids) Sundays @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM \*ENGAGE will NOT meet on February 17th.

#### **CONNECT**

(Middle/High School Students) Sundays @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M. (Unless there is no EQUIP U)



There will **NOT** be Children's Church on Football Sunday, February 3rd.

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



#### **EQUIP U**

Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M. Study: Justice & Mercy

February 6th: "Rejoicing in Restoration" Psalm 34:1-10, Hebrews 2:17-18

February 13th: "Justice & Sabbath"

Matthew 12:1-14

February 20th: "Parables of God's Laws"

Matthew 13:24-33

February 27th: "Jesus Teaches about Justice"

Matthew 15:1-9

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



## 2019 Faith Promise Mission Pledges

Thank you to everyone who made a Faith Promise Missions Commitment for 2019!

Total committed is \$34,510.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Ladies Bible Study**

The Ladies Bible Study Group is currently studying I Corinthians. The group meets on Thursdays, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to be a part of the group.



Sunday, February 17th 5:30pm - 8:00pm

#### Students 6th - 12th Grade

Food, Fun and NERF for students 6th - 12th grade. Bring your own NERF gun or just show up and have fun with multiple different games. Invite some friends to join in on the action.

Questions? See Conner.



### New Children's Check-in Procedure

For the safety & security of our children, we have updated our check-in

process. There are two check-in stations, one is in the lobby at the Information Counter/Mickey Center the other is at the entrance to the children's hall.

If you would be willing to help with the kids check-in process on Sunday mornings, contact Conner.

#### Prayer Breakfasts Saturday, February 16th



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!



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If you miss a sermon, you can watch it on our website.



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.

#### **Work Request Forms**

Work request forms are available on the bulletin board located in the lobby. If you know of something that needs to be fixed, please fill out one of these forms and turn it into the office. Thank you!



There are baby bottles available in the lobby. You can support the life giving ministry of Comfort Care Women's Health by taking one home and filling it with loose change. Once full, return it to the lobby by Sunday, February 17th.



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.



#### 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 <a href="mailto:chad@westwaynesboro.com">chad@westwaynesboro.com</a>, call the church office or indicate your desire on your connection card.

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



#### Widow/Widower Luncheon

Sunday, February 17th, in the Fellowship Hall, following the worship service. Please sign-up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center.

# February

### Who's busy in February?

PREPARING COMMUNION

Brenda Taillon

#### **USHERS**

Lyle Fitzgerald & Lawrence Motley

#### **HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

Tim Simpson & Greg Mabry

#### **SECURITY**

Paul Gochenour

#### **GREETERS**

Robbi Blackburn & Gochenours

#### WEE WORSHIP 1 (2's & 3's)

Carmen Campbell

#### Wee Worship 2 (Pre-K & K)

Teresa Gauldin

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER**

Nathan Ramsey

IN THE NURSERY	
3 Sunday School Worship	Debbie McCracken Robbi Blackburn & Patsy Ferrier
10 Sunday School Worship	Debbie McCracken Tammy Wood & Angie Critzer
17 Sunday School Worship	Debbie McCracken Amy Emerson & Debbie McCracken
24 Sunday School Worship	Debbie McCracken Ashley Gauldin &

#### **CONNECTION CAFE**

Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

#### **Newsletter Preferences**

Teresa Gauldin

This newsletter can be picked up at the Information Counter/Mickey Center in the church lobby, viewed on the church website or received by email. To receive by email, contact the church office.

Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM

Office Hours 9-3

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