

West Waynesboro Church of Christ
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God Loves



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2019

West Waynesboro Witness



July 21st - 25th

6 PM - 8 PM

A small meal will be served at 5:30 PM.
If you would be willing to help, contact Conner.

**Deacons & Elders
will meet
July 2nd
6:30 PM & 7:00 PM**



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**NEW SERIES BEGINS
Sunday, July 7th**

TOP 10
A SERIES ON THE
10 COMMANDMENTS

From Good To Great

At our recent annual congregational meeting, I reminded those in attendance of something that I had said not long ago in a Sunday morning message. The statement was that I believe WWCC is a good church and that I'm so thankful for the many sacrifices, the selfless service and the acts of generosity by people like you, that make it good. However, though we are a good church, we are not a great church, but I believe and more importantly God knows that we can be a great church. So, for all of us at WWCC who care about our church and desire for us to be a great church, the question that should immediately come into our minds is, "What does it take to become great?" For the benefit of those who were not at the annual meeting or those who might just need a reminder, I share with you the three big things that require our commitment, if we are to become a great church.

#1 - CONTINUED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. As a church we must continue to have a desire to want to #BeTheChurch, that is to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. This is the reason why we do things like prepare and serve meals, open our food pantry twice a month, Walk for Life in support of the ministry of Comfort Care Women's Health, ring bells for the Salvation Army and give out free bottled water and Cotton Candy at a community festival. I am so grateful for those at WWCC who have already committed to bringing the presence Christ into our community through simple acts of love and kindness and there's no doubt that there are many more ways that we can continue to shine the light of Christ, but truth be told we need a wider involvement, with more of our church family participating. At present, we are not in a position to add more community outreach opportunities, because to do so would be to just overwhelm those who are already serving. We need everyone who calls WWCC to develop the desire to be personally engaged in community outreach and involvement.

#2 - AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WHERE WE ARE CURRENTLY AS A CHURCH. If we are to move from good to great, we must be willing to acknowledge that we are a declining church. The aging of our congregation and the rapid loss of once faithful members to homebound status, nursing homes and death, over the past several years, has led us to where we are now. While we have been able to add some new people to our church over that course of time and have even added a few younger people, the fact remains that we simply are not adding new people fast enough to keep up with this natural attrition. We will not reverse this trend of decline, without a great deal of effort, change and personal sacrifice, and this brings me to the final point of what will allow us to become great.

#3 - AN ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE. It's no secret that as human beings we don't like change and will often opt instead for what is comfortable and familiar. However, the reality of life is that nothing stays the same and whether we like it or not, we live in a rapidly changing world. If a church, any church, refuses to adapt and change with a changing culture, it will soon find themselves irrelevant and obsolete and this is in fact what we see happening to the vast majority of churches who find themselves in a state of decline and many that have already died and permanently closed. Make no mistake about it, the one and only thing that must never change, is the truth of God's Word, but we must be willing to accept that anything and everything else may need to change, in order to reach people of a new generation that need Jesus. If we do not accept change without complaining, WWCC will continue down the painful path of decline and eventual death.

My hope and prayer is that you personally will recognize where we are, what it will take to move forward and that you will positively act upon this revelation.

Committed to the Cause,

Chad

In case you were not able to make the Congregational Meeting last month, here is what I presented.

This month marks my 8th month here. Thank you for being so accepting of me and my family. I want to also thank you for your grace and flexibility with me. I know I have done some events differently than you might be used to in the past and I am thankful that you are a church that has been willing to support my decisions. I feel that they have been the right changes to make and I hope you will continue to have the same demeanor as we move forward.

I have noticed increased consistency among both the kids and students attendance throughout the weekly events along with special event attendance. My main concern has been and will continue to be pouring into the kids and students that are here and that do come on a consistent basis. In order to build upon the ministry that is in work here, there needs to be a sense of community and enjoyment that will draw them to include others. This summer's events aspire to do those things.

Check-in processes have proceeded well. I have finally added "Cheat Sheets" at each check in station for members or first time guests. They should help you check in if you are not familiar with the process. Please don't forget to always check in your child. It is not only a matter of security, but it also helps me track attendance.

We have 6 high schoolers attending CIY this July. Please pray for them that this will be a life-changing week for them. I know the impact these weeks have on students, so please join me in praying for them.

VBS is also this July. I have very high expectations for this event, not just in attendance, but also in church participation. There is a way for you to contribute to VBS both directly and indirectly. We need you to help us make this event something this community will notice. This is not a 5 night, day-care. This is the mission field coming to us and it needs to be treated as such. I have been praying that we have kids come to our church and hear about Jesus for the first time. What an amazing thing to be a part of. We need to be praying for this event and we need to join together and make it great.

I want to take a second to publicly thank all our wonderful Sunday School teachers, and Wee-Worship volunteers. A lot of them have been willing to jump in at the last minute and have been very adaptive and gracious with me. So thank you. We are very much in need of more volunteers for our kids services. Some of these helpers are having to be called on multiple times, so adding more people into the mix will only help lighten the load on the whole group. We still have unfilled spots on our wee-worship schedule for this year. If you are willing to serve in this ministry, please seek me out or let someone else know so I can seek you out. Your help is greatly appreciated and you make a lasting impact on these kids lives.

Finally, changes are coming. The new Student room will be completed this month in time for a relaunch of the Student Ministry as a whole this Fall. The Student Ministry will have a new identity that will hopefully Uplift and Unify the group and encourage others to be a part of it. Be looking for that, this coming fall.

Plans are in the works to update the Children's hall to make the space more inviting and exciting for kids to come into. With the new interior design will be a new logo and identity for them as well. These changes might not be seen until 2020, but they will be a tool to help us revitalize that space.

As always, please pray for our kids ministry and our student ministry. They are not just our future church but they ARE the church.

Thank you.

*In Christ,
Conner*



ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

ENGAGE
(Elementary Kids)
Sundays @ 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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

*No Youth Groups on July 7th & 21st
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
(Unless there is no EQUIP U)

Camp Rudolph Registration is now open.

The dates for camp are:

- High School (Grades 9-12) - June 30 - July 5
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) - July 7 - 12
- JR Wilderness (Grades 6-8) - July 14-17
- First Chance 2 (Grades 2-3) - July 17 - 20
- Junior Week (Grades 4-5) - July 21 - 26
- Wilderness Extreme (Grades 9-12) July 28 - August 2

To register or to view the complete schedule, please go to www.camprudolph.org.

Questions? Contact Conner.

*If you or your Sunday School Class would like to help sponsor a camper, please make checks out to "WWCC" with "Camp Rudolph" on the memo line.



Free Daily Devotional Books

The current quarter of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional books are available at the Information Counter/Mickey Center. For a daily blessing from God's Word, pick one up and enjoy!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday School Promotion

On Sunday, July 28th, youth that are moving into a new age group will be promoted during the service. On Sunday, August 4th, all youth will go to their new classes.



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.



The West Waynesboro Gospel Group In Concert
Sunday, August 11th
@ 7:00 PM



A love offering will be collected to benefit the Waypoint Church Partners project to plant 21 new churches around the globe, in conjunction with the International Conference on Missions (ICOM).

Prayer Breakfasts
Saturday, July 20th



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

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



Ladies Bible Study
A New Study will begin on Thursday, September 5th.

All ladies are invited to be a part of this group that meets in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 A.M - 12 Noon.



SERVING OPPORTUNITIES
USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS
- 1 PETER 4:10 -

Interested in serving others at WWCC?

If you would be willing to serve on sound or video, contact Al Taillon for sound or Teresa Wilt for video.

If you would be willing to serve in the nursery, contact Debbie McCracken.

If you would be willing to serve in our youth or children's ministry, contact Conner.



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



2019 Faith Promise Mission Pledges

Thank you to everyone who made a Faith Promise Missions Commitment for 2019!
Total committed is \$34,510.00.



HANDICAPPED PARKING

To ensure that handicapped parking is available for those who need it the most, we ask that only those with the proper handicapped parking credentials use the designated spaces in the front of the building, during our times of gathering.



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 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,"



Looking to Connect?

Are you ready to connect with others? Whether you are new to WWCC or been around awhile and are ready to take your next step, we have small groups and classes that can help you to connect. A list of connection opportunities is available at the Information Counter/Mickey Center in the lobby.

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

Patsy Ferrier

USHERS

Bob Rickard & Jeff Gurkin

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Greg Mabry & TBD

SECURITY

Paul Gochenour

GREETERS

Carrie Leeson & Maryam Gordon

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

TBD

Wee Worship 2 (Pre-K & K)

Tina Critzer & Rodney Yankey

CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPER

Nathan Ramsey

IN THE NURSERY

7 Sunday School
 Worship Debbie McCracken
 Drema Rickard &
 Tammy Wood

14 Sunday School
 Worship Debbie McCracken
 Susie & Jim Kitchen

21 Sunday School
 Worship Debbie McCracken
 Barbara Zimmerman &
 Miranda Harris

28 Sunday School
 Worship Debbie McCracken
 Brenda Billings &
 Chastin Moser

CONNECTION CAFE

Lewis & Margaret Gurkin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Camp Rudolph (Grades 9-12)		6:30 PM Deacons meet 7:00 PM Elders meet	Independence Day Office Closed 		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Camp Rudolph Middle School Grades 6-8		CIY Move (High School)				
8:45 AM Connection Cafe 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	9:30 AM Food Pantry 	move	move	move	move	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Camp Rudolph JR Wilderness Grades 6-8			Camp Rudolph First Chance 2 Grades 2-3			
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM CONNECT (Middle/High School Students) 5:30 PM ENGAGE (Elementary Kids)						8:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Golden Corral 9:00 AM Ladies Prayer Breakfast @ Panera Bread
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Camp Rudolph Junior Grades 4-5		GospelTopia Vacation Bible School - 6 - 8 P.M.				
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 	9:30 AM Food Pantry 					
28	29	30	31			
Camp Rudolph Wilderness Extreme Grades 9-12						
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Newsletter Preferences

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 or indicate your desire on your Connection Card.