



# WL Family News

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

## **Church News**

● **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Whether you've been here for two Sundays or twenty years, you're invited! On **Sunday, September 30, WLGBC is officially celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as a family of Christ-followers in our community. "Homecoming" is what we're calling this spiritual family reunion. Ed Lewis, Mark and Robin Penfold, Ron Manahan, and John Teevan are some of the former pastoral staff who will be participating in the celebration service which will take place at **10:00 a.m. at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center**. The service will highlight how God has used our church family to equip and send people into all kinds of ministry, both globally and locally. Childcare for infants through kindergartners will be provided at the MOCC. The celebration will be followed by a free meal at the MOCC. After the meal, tours of the WLGBC facilities, a presentation on the history of WLGBC by Terry White, and an old-fashioned ice cream social will top off the day.

● **The list of birthdays** for September/October in our church family is available at the Info Center. If you would like to be added to the monthly lists, contact Bonnie at the church office at [bnierter@wlgbc.com](mailto:bnierter@wlgbc.com) or 267-6623.

● **Thanks:** "WLGBC staff and church family, Thank you all for the card and the prayers on the recent homegoing of my mother. God is daily answering prayers for comfort and strength through brothers and sisters just like you. Keep up the good fight—your labor is not in vain and does not go unnoticed."  
— *Scott Seney and family*

● **Congratulations to** Lloyd and Chayla Adams on the birth of their son, Harrison Lloyd, born on August 13. Harrison joins siblings Jackson, Reagan, Kennedy, and Lincoln at home.

● **Congratulations to** Drew and Catey Etner on the birth of their son, Deklin Asaiah, on August 26. Deklin weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21" long. He joins siblings Aiden, Tristan, Ariana, Catia, Alexa, and Landyn at home.

● **Sympathy is extended** to Dewey Melton whose wife, Bev, went to be with the Lord on August 24. Bev was a long-time member of WLGBC and served faithfully in children's ministries.

● **ENL (English as a New Language) classes** are starting up soon! The class offered at the YMCA begins Tuesday, September 11, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. and the class offered here at WL begins on Thursday, September 13, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Child care will be available at both classes. If you are interested in helping in classes or with child care, contact Cassie Wanty, church coordinator, at [cjwanty@gmail.com](mailto:cjwanty@gmail.com) or Emily Austin, YMCA coordinator, at [emmeart@me.com](mailto:emmeart@me.com).

● **Shepherding Seminar:** Save the date of Saturday, October 13, for a one-day shepherding seminary from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Guest presenter will be Lee Morrison. Lee is the leader and teacher of a large young adult ABF at Faith Church in Lafayette and is a part of their community counseling team. He works in Residential Life at Purdue and is responsible for crisis intervention and Title IX for 13,000 residential students. This day is our Shepherd Training for this year for all who are in shepherding roles in our church family. In addition, it is open to all of the WL church family.

● **Worship Arts students:** As a church committed to equipping and sending out disciples into ministry, we're thankful for a partnership with Dr. Wally Brath and the Grace College Worship Arts program. Several Sundays this fall, Wally and some of his students will be leading in our worship services. This will be a mutual blessing. We will benefit from their gifting, and they will have opportunity to develop their abilities in ministry. Let's welcome and encourage these students who want to serve the church.

● **Mousey's Mailbox:** If you know of someone in need of a special homemade card to be sent to them, reminding them that God is faithful, please stop by the mailbox in the courtyard and fill out a "card request."

## **Pray for the health needs of:**

Ray & Carol Maurer  
Leila Humberd  
Wayne Snider  
Mark Sharp  
Charles & Alice Koontz  
Ann Lakes  
Jim Dougan  
Art & Nancy McGinness  
Roseann Heisler  
Charlotte Austin  
Michael Marsh  
Phyllis Roberts  
Betty Walker  
Carolyn Brady

Larry Unruh  
Jonathan Walter  
Millie Pacheco  
Joyce Loebis  
Nancy Zellner  
Jim & Tina Bauer  
Jim Morrison  
Paul Wright  
Bethany Fluke  
Claudia McCray  
Jean Wallace  
Miriam Bryant  
Annette Coenen  
Rosalie Neiderhouser

## Children's Ministries

● **Praying for your teachers** is by far the best gift you can give them throughout the school year! Sometimes it's easy to forget to be praying for our teachers—I mean, who really wants to pray for the person giving out spelling homework, right? BUT, praying for your children's (or grandchildren's) teachers is something we must do. Praying, as a family, for our children's teachers sends a powerful message to our children. It tells our children that we are supporting their teacher and we understand that our teachers are on mission each day. When we pray for our teachers, we acknowledge that God has specifically placed our children with the teacher He wanted them to have.

Here are some specific ways to pray for teachers this year: ● Pray for their strength (emotionally and physically). ● Pray for them to have wisdom and insight into the needs of their students. ● Pray that they will show Jesus' love to their students. ● Pray that they will have courage to stand up for their beliefs. If your child's teacher isn't a believer, pray that your family and child will be able to show God's love to the teacher this year. Ephesians 3:16-17 are good verses to pray over your child's teacher, too. *"I pray that he will use his glorious riches to make you strong. May his Holy Spirit give you his power deep down inside you. Then Christ will live in your hearts because you believe in him. And I pray that your love will have deep roots. I pray that it will have a strong foundation."*

## Student Ministries

● **Epic for Students:** This year at our Wednesday night youth group time, Epic, we'll be exploring a variety of topics, but we will keep answering four big questions:

Who is God?

Who am I?

How do I relate to God?

How do I relate to others?

We're focusing on these four questions because students today want to know and understand the truths that are behind these questions. They want purpose and are driven to seek these answers out, so we will be pointing them to Biblical truth to find these answers. Small groups begin on September 12.

● **Please be praying** for wisdom with the creation of our student small groups over these next few weeks and the start of them as well. Pray that relationships would be quick to form among the students and youth staff and that they would lay a strong foundation that we can use to share truth into the lives of students throughout this school year.

● **Thank you, church family,** for all of your help and support with the mum sale! Because of your generosity, we will be able to make sure students can attend events that they might not otherwise be able to due to financial constraints. Thank you for all that you do and how well you invest in and love the younger generations.

## Women's Ministries

● **Moms' Connection** starts back up on Tuesday, September 11, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. and is for mothers of preschoolers who are looking for encouragement and connections. The focus this school year will be on leaving a legacy within your families and community. Online registration is now open, and further details can be found at [www.wlgbc.com](http://www.wlgbc.com). If you have questions, contact Carrie Henthorn at [carriemichelle03@gmail.com](mailto:carriemichelle03@gmail.com) or Jackie Zuercher at [jackiebashop@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebashop@gmail.com).

● **Widows' Tea:** All widows of WLGBBC are invited to a Scottish tea at the home of Cheryl Sandy (2598 Liberty Dr., Winona Lake) on Saturday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy some treats of Scotland and learn about Edinburgh from Cheryl's recent trip. Call 574-268-1844 by October 1 to make your reservation.

● **Single Women's Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Night Gathering** is September 8 at 5:00 p.m. at The Hub. SWG is for all single ladies of the church who are out of high school. You are invited to play games or just talk with others and snack. Bring something to share to eat and a favorite game if you like. Questions? Call Brenda Wilcoxson at 574-269-6991.

## Community News

● **Right to Life's** annual fall banquet is Monday, September 17, from 6:00-8:45 p.m. at the Manahan Orthopaedic Capital Center on the Grace College campus. The main speaker will be Lt. General (Ret.) Jerry Boykin who is now Executive Vice President of the Family Research Council. The emcee will be WOWO Radio's Pat Miller. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.ProLifeBanquet.com](http://www.ProLifeBanquet.com) or call 574-306-7406.

● **Creation Bible Conference:** Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego is hosting a Creation Bible Conference September 21-23 with Danny Faulkner who works as a researcher, author, and speaker for Answers in Genesis. Brochures are at the Info Center. Pre-registration is required. Contact the church at [cbcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cbcoffice@gmail.com) or call 574-453-4786.

● **Ark Encounter Trip:** Grace Alumni and Friends is planning an Ark Encounter Trip November 5-6. RSVP by September 28 (payment must be made in full). Register at [www.grace.edu/ark](http://www.grace.edu/ark) or for questions call 800-544-7223, ext. 6127. Limited to 40 attendees so register early. Tour host is Dr. Don DeYoung.