

Prayer

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for.
Keep on seeking, and you will find.
Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives.
Everyone who seeks, finds.
And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

Generosity Report

As believers in Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that all we have comes from God. He owns everything. We manage the assets He has entrusted to us.

	Received YTD	Budget YTD	% +/-
Local Ministries	\$660,406	\$626,574	5.4%
Imagine the Potential, cumulative		\$1,849,635	91.03%



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Roger Peugh

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Communion Service Tonight

Let's begin 2019 by focusing on what's most important. Tonight we celebrate communion beginning at 5:30 in the Worship Center.

Childcare is provided for infants through 5-year-olds.

New to WL?

Please stop by the Information Center for a free gift. For more information about getting connected at WL, visit our website at www.wlgbc.com or call Tim Wright, Discipleship & Adult Ministries Pastor, at 267-6623.

This week at WL

TODAY

Morning worship services are at 8:45 and 11:15. Sunday school and ABF hour is at 10:00.

The Living Room is our alternative worship service that meets at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday at The Hub.

"The Way Home" Prayer Group meets at 4:00 p.m. in room 101.

The Barlow Prayer Group meets at 4:45 p.m. in room 105.

All-church Communion Service is at 5:30 p.m. It will begin in the Worship Center. Childcare provided for infants-5-year-olds. *** If you are able to help with set-up, please plan to come to the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 this morning.**

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant. For more information, see Tom Miller or Don DeYoung.

Moms' Connection is at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women of Grace for Missions Day: See listing of circles.

ENL (English as a New Language) meets at the YMCA from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday

SPLASH (for kids in kindergarten-6th grade) meets from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

Epic for students in grades 7-12 is at 6:45 p.m. at The Hub.

Adult Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Thursday

ENL (English as a New Language) meets from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Global Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

WL ministries

Our Global Teammates of the Week are Trevor and Samantha Deck who work with refugees from all over the world in San Diego, many from unreached people groups. Trevor is the son of Mike and Bev Deck and brother to Nick Deck and Celeste Yeiter. They have three children: Asha, Isaac, and Eden.

The January WL Family News will be distributed next Sunday, January 13. The birthday list and prayer list are available at the Info Center today.

Church offering envelopes: Offering envelopes will be available for pick-up next week.

Communion Service Tonight: We want to begin 2019 by focusing on what's most important. Dr. Roger Peugh leads us in thinking about persevering prayer as a primary expression of faith. Then tonight, we'll celebrate our living faith by remembering and proclaiming what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do for us. Communion will include Foot Washing, the Love Feast, and the Bread and Cup and begins in the Worship Center at 5:30, concluding by 7:00. Childcare is provided for infants through 5-year-olds.

Pictures will be taken for a new edition of our church directory. It will be more of a "look book" format, with casual photos and the emphasis on updated information. *Pictures will be taken before, after, and between services on the Sundays of January 13 and 20.* If you will not be available on those dates, you can submit a "selfie" type shot or use the photo from the 2015 directory (please let the office know if that's the case). But we encourage you to have photos taken especially if your family has changed. Plan to stop by the WL Kids check-in area or the courtyard of the church. If you attend The Living Room at 11:15, please stop by the Gathering Space at The Hub to have your picture taken.

Our next Welcome Brunch is planned for next Sunday, January 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space at The Hub. If you are new or relatively new to the church family, plan to join us for a continental breakfast and a time to get acquainted. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Info Center or RSVP to Betsy Ray at bray@wlgbc.com.

"Connections" Class is a three-week class designed to introduce you to who we are as a church, what we value, and how to get connected. It's the next step after the Welcome Brunch to help you make WLGBC your church home. The class meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the church on the Sundays of January 20, 27, and February 3. For more information, contact Tim Wright at twright@wlgbc.com or Betsy Ray at bray@wlgbc.com.

Women's Ministries

Women of Grace for Missions on January 8: Europe/Great Britain Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Athena Deck (816 Timber Lane, Winona Lake), and Reyna Sandoval and Rita Overmyer will share about their Cuba trip. *Africa Circle* meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Bowdler (1877 Troon Rd., Winona Lake), and Cami Robbins will give updates on Trauma Healing workshops in the CAR. *North America/Asia Circle* will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Grace Village Fellowship Café, and Cami Robbins will share update on Trauma Healing workshops in the CAR.

WL Kids

Sunday school for all ages is at 10:00. Nursery/early childhood classes are available during both worship services; K-6th grade students sit with their parents in the service and are dismissed to children's church part-way through the service.

Kids Chorale begins rehearsals next Sunday, January 13, for their spring musical. "The Big Bible Idea Group" is Sunday evening, March 24, telling the Big, Big Story of the Bible. Practices are at The Link on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Kids Chorale is open to children in kindergarten-6th grade. CDs will be available today at the WL Kids check-in area. Contact director Christi Barlow at bcbarrow@hotmail.com if you have questions.

WL Students

Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. each week at The Hub.

Epic Wednesday is from 6:45-8:15 p.m. each week.

Stay connected @WLStudents on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or WL Parents on Facebook, or contact Cindy at cyocum@wlgbc.com.

WL Young Adults

Young Adult ABF meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the main building.

Community News

Right to Life will be publishing a two-page, pro-life advertisement in the *Times-Union* on Saturday, January 26, to memorialize the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court which made abortion on demand legal in all 50 states. The ad will also be posted at www.nci4life.org. You can help show your support by including your name in the ad. Forms to sign up will be available in ABFs and at the table in the courtyard next Sunday. Suggested donation is \$5.00 for individuals (\$1.00 for students) and \$10.00 for couples and families.

Reading Guide for "Invested" Sermon Series:

"A Sure Thing: God's Eternal Kingdom"

<i>Monday, January 7</i>	Isaiah 11:1-16; 65:17-19
<i>Tuesday, January 8</i>	Matthew 16:13-20; 25:14-30
<i>Wednesday, January 9</i>	1 Peter 3:10-18
<i>Thursday, January 10</i>	Revelation 5:6-14; Ephesians 1:7-10
<i>Friday, January 11</i>	Revelation 21:1-22:5

Questions for Discussion and Life Group:

1. What is the connection between prayer and faith?
2. Considering the context and content of Luke 18:1-8, what should we be consistently praying for?
3. What have you or are you persistently praying for?



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Luke 18:1-8
Roger Peugh
January 6, 2019

To be invested in something means . . .

Jesus' parable in Luke 18:1-8

Introducing the principle 18:1

The Story 18:2-5

The wicked judge 18:2, 4-5

The helpless widow 18:3

Expanding the principle 18:6-8a

The stunning question Jesus asks at the close 18:8b

Compare Hebrews 11:6

The story (parable) and the closing question are an invitation to invest!