



WL Family News

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Church News

***“To Serve and to Reach Our Community
and Our World”***

In the worship services on February 3, the pastors, overseers, and some ministry team leaders gathered on the platform to pray for and commission Pastor Dave Rank to the new role of Pastor of Community Impact.

Here is an excerpt from the ministry description, outlining the focus of Dave’s ministry to and with us: *The Pastor of Community Impact will guide and oversee current and future efforts to serve and impact our community. The efforts will include individual, Life Group, ABF, and all-church volunteer service opportunities. From all-church community events like We Care Warsaw and the Neighborhood BBQ to Life Group volunteer service, to individuals volunteering with our local ministry partnerships, the goal is to serve, love, and share the gospel in order to impact our community and our world.*

He will assist the church family in focusing outward, with an emphasis on the third part of our mission—“to serve and to reach our community and our world.”

He will be the primary liaison between our church family and our local ministries partnerships. He will be the primary developer of volunteer “champions” (defined as volunteers who will be the point person, taking the lead in advocating for an organization and communicating service project opportunities) for our local ministries partnerships.

He will be the primary catalyst in our church family for encouraging, developing, and expanding community faith-driven volunteerism.

Q: When will Dave begin this role?

A: Now.

Q: Is this a full-time role?

A: No, he will continue his work, 40% of his time, at CE National as coordinator of Momentum youth conference. His role here continues to be part-time, 60% of his time.

Q: Will all his ministry be outward-focused, helping us impact our community?

A: No, he will also be responsible for big events in the church, though some of these are still aimed at impacting the community. His role will include using his

organizational and logistics gifting to help us with short-term ministry team logistics and big all-church events (like We Care Warsaw, Communion, Block Party, or BBQ).

Q: The third part of the vision includes reaching our world. Will Dave be involved in our global reaching?

A: A minor piece of his role will be helping with the logistics of short-term teams. But, the Global Team, chaired by Dick Dahlquist, will continue to initiate and oversee our global ministries.

Q: What teams will Dave assist and support?

A: Pastoral Team, Office Team, Care Team, 1st Impressions Team, Safety Team.

Q: What community-impacting ministries will Dave touch in this role?

A: His role includes encouraging, coming alongside, and serving as a support to ministry team leaders of local outreach ministry teams, ENL, Room at the Table, Fellowship Missions, World Compassion Network, All Things New, Combined Community Services, Right to Life and Heartline, Beaman Home, Habitat for Humanity, Community Soup Kitchen.

Dave is eager to help Life Group leaders and ABF leaders identify ways to serve our community ministry partners. Thank you for praying for God’s leading and blessing our efforts “to serve and to reach our community and our world.”

● **CareGivers Group** meets the third Sunday morning of each month. It will meet on Sunday morning, February 17, at 10:00 in the café area of the Fellowship Hall kitchen. If you are the caregiver for a loved one and need some encouragement and support, plan to join this group. Contact Gladys Deloe at gdeloe@gmail.com if you have questions.

● **Special Combined ABFs:** One follow-up to our “Invested” sermon series will happen in March (10, 17, and 24) as we gather for three combined gatherings of Adult Bible Fellowships. Every class from middle school on up will join in these special times of focusing on discipleship and connection in the church family. Details will be available soon.

● **February/March birthday list** is available at the Info Center. If you would like to be added to the list, contact Bonnie at the church at [bnieter@wlgb.com](mailto:bnieter>wlgb.com) or 267-6623.

●**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 entry and fill out a "card request."

●**New Baby:** Congratulations to *Dave and Sherilyn Rank* on the birth of their first grandchild, Winona Willa Wood (named for Winona Lake where Ashton grew up and was married and in honor of her great grandfather, William Smith), born on February 1 to their daughter, Ashton, and her husband, Andrew. Winona weigh 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20" long. Great grandparents are Bill and Phyllis Smith at Grace Village. You may send greetings to Ashton and Andrew, their address is 2174 Burbank Dr., Mississauga, Ontario L5L 2T8 or you can e-mail Andrew at andrew@renewchurch.ca or Ashton at nothsa12@hotmail.com. Andrew is youth pastor of the Renew Church in Ontario in our Charis Fellowship of churches.

Pray for the health needs of:

Carol Maurer	Larry Unruh
Leila Humbert	Jonathan Walter
Wayne Snider	Millie Pacheco
Mark Sharp	Joyce Loebs
Charles & Alice Koontz	Nancy Zellner
Ann Lakes	Jim & Tina Bauer
Michelle Phelps	Jim Morrison
Art & Nancy McGinness	Paul Wright
Roseann Heisler	Bethany Fluke
Annette Coenen	Claudia McCray
Michael Marsh	Jean Wallace
Phyllis Roberts	Miriam Bryant
Carolyn Brady	Dave Phelps
Carole Gordon	Norman Watkins

Missions and Evangelism

●**Encompass World Partners is offering** two great mission conferences at the Wooster, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church. *On Friday, March 8 (from noon-5:00 p.m.)* "7 Keys to Effective Global Engagement" will deal with how churches can be more effective in global engagement (cost for non-Ohioans is \$5.00). *On Saturday, March 9 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)* "Connect and Equip" will be a time to be challenged to global missions (cost is \$45 or \$75/couple). This conference is all day and will include interaction with several world mission leaders. Contact Dick Dahlquist, WL's Global Team chair, for more details (267-4158).

Women's Ministries

●The seven-week Bible study, "Seamless," has been rescheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space at The Hub. Contact Lois Maxson at 269-3194 if you have questions.

Children's Ministries

●**The 2019 Super Sleepover** was exciting and jam-packed with activities, fun, and lots of laughter! Seventy 5th-6th graders (and 20 leaders) invaded The Hub on Friday, February 1. Students began the night with an intense game of Cyborgs, followed by a lesson from Student Ministries Pastor Nick Deck on emotions. Students talked more in their small groups about how God made us with feelings—and feelings are good things. That time was followed by more games, activities, a fashion show, ice cream sundaes, and a late-night movie and popcorn.

After a "few" hours of sleep, everyone was up and at it again. Saturday morning began with pancakes, a dodge ball tournament, and clean-up. Then Nick shared more about how to handle feelings and how God's word can help us regulate our feelings and handle them in appropriate ways. Students shared in small groups again and then finished the event with a wrap-up video.

Thanks to all of you who willingly volunteered to be sleep deprived for the weekend so you could INVEST in the next generation. Thanks for the hours of planning, preparation, and clean-up that went into this year's Super Sleepover. We hope you know how much it means to the kids and their families and, most importantly, to the Lord.

Community News

●**Reaching Our World Locally:** WL's ministry to fostering/adopting families, "Room at the Table," is partnering with a similar ministry from Mission Point Community Church to host a "Parents Night Out for Foster and Adoptive Families" on Saturday, February 16, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. here at WL. Find out more information and/or to sign up to serve by going to <http://wlgbc.com/parents-night-out>.

●**Warsaw Christian School** is hosting an open house on Thursday, February 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. You are invited to come and meet teachers and parents, take tours, and enjoy refreshments. Warsaw Christian School is a faith-based program for students in preschool through 6th grade. This event is open to the public; no registration needed. A tuition assistance meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. The school is located at 909 S. Buffalo Street in Warsaw. Visit their website at www.warsawchristian.org.

●**Are you a woman in the workplace?** If so, you are invited to attend a Roundtable Luncheon on Monday, March 4, at Martin's Teaching Classrooms from 11:45 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Lunch buffet provided. *These events have been made possible by one of the outreach grants from the church.* For more information and to reserve a spot, go to **The Intercession Group**; click on **Events**; scroll down to **Women in the Workplace . . . get tickets.** Space is limited so RSVP soon.