

GENEROUS LIVING

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	\$1,051,560	\$ 1,060,356	-0.8%
Imagine the Potential, cumulative		\$ 1,959,650	
Total Project Cost		\$ 2,336,792	



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“The Gift of Tithing”

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VISION
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2019-2020

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

Adult Bible Fellowships and Sunday School meet at 10:00 a.m.
Discovery Class on the Life of Jesus is at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
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 5:00 p.m. in room 101.
The Barlow Prayer Group meets at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Brent and Cheryl Sandy (2598 Liberty Dr., Winona Lake).
1st Sunday Prayer Gathering meets at 5:45 p.m. in room 103.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.
Women of Grace for Missions Day: See listing.
ENL (English as a New Language) meets at the YMCA from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Last class for the school year.
Women's Bible Study meets at 7:00 in the Gathering Space at The Hub.

Wednesday

SPLASH (for kids in kindergarten-6th grade) meets from 6:45-8:15 p.m.
Epic for students in grades 7-12 is from 6:45-8:15 p.m.
Midweek Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in Pastor Bruce's office.

Thursday

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

Parent-Child dedication is planned for next Sunday, May 12, during the morning worship services. Please complete a registration form on the church website at www.wlgbc.com if you are interested in participating.

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. They are beginning a two-year assignment as members of the Strategic Initiatives Team, developing new ways of engaging with language communities spread across the globe. The Decks have three children: Asha, Isaac, and Eden. Trevor is the son of Mike and Bev Deck and brother to Nick Deck and Celeste Yeiter.

1st Sunday Prayer Gathering is tonight in room 103. Because the Grace musical group going to France is giving a concert at 7:00 in the Worship Center, the start time has been moved to 5:45. The first part of our prayer time will focus on the ministry of the Grace students leaving for France before praying for local needs of the church. All are encouraged to attend.

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Mother's Day Concert by the No Name Quartet is next Sunday, May 12, at 6:00 in the Worship Center. In what has become an annual event, members of the quartet—Bob Jackson, Tim Yocum, Jeff Secaur, and Mike Yocum—will present a program of quartet favorites and testimonies. All are welcome.

Our next "Ministry Matters" meeting will be held on May 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. You will hear encouraging and inspiring stories about the spiritual impact of your church ministries, starting locally and reaching around the world. The proposed 2019-20 Local Ministry Budget, as well as the Local & Global Outreach Budget, will be presented for your vote. Additionally, those recommended by the nominating committee to serve on the Board of Overseers and on the Business Commission will be introduced for an affirmation vote. Packets with the proposed budgets are available this morning. Next Sunday, May 12, overseers and members of the Business Commission will be available to answer your questions on either the Local Ministries or Local & Global Outreach budget proposals. You can chat with them in the courtyard before and after all three hours.

College Graduates: If you (or your son or daughter) would like your information printed in next month's Family News, please send name, degree, and school to Bonnie at bnieter@wlgbc.com.

Life isn't easy. Sometimes you just need someone to talk to. We have men and women ready to listen, pray, and look at God's Word as together we find answers. Need help? Contact Rhonda at the church office at 267-6623.

New Church Directory: If you haven't picked up your new church family directory, stop by the Info Center for a copy—one per family, please.



May is National Foster Care Month: As Christ-followers, we're called to "look after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27) and to help "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). Our church's foster care/adoption ministry, Room at the Table, will have a table in the courtyard during the month of May with two ways the WL family can participate: 1) Donate an item to the Room at the Table closet that loans items to families receiving foster children. Take a card with a suggested donation item and place the purchased item in the Pack 'n' Play next to the table; 2) Provide a cash donation toward the final costs of the adoption journey for the Barnabas and Marissa Brown family.

A donation jar is available at the table in the courtyard on Sunday mornings or take a Room at the Table envelope at the table and drop it in the brass envelope slot at either entrance to the church offices. Another option is to pre-order doughnuts for the annual "Raise the Dough" adoption fundraiser (June 7), benefitting eight families in our community—one of them being the Brown family from WL. For more information, visit the website at www.raisethedough.org.

Women's Ministries

Women of Grace for Missions is Tuesday, May 7. *Europe/Great Britain Circle* meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Charlene Caron (3317 E. Pierceton Rd., Warsaw). Athena Deck, wife of youth pastor Nick Deck, and Sherilyn Rank, wife of Pastor of Community Impact Dave Rank, will be sharing. *North America/Asia Circle* meets at 10:00 a.m. at the Grace Village Rec Center (note location change) with speaker Peggy Owens. *Africa Circle* meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Bowdler (1977 Troon Rd., Winona Lake) with our very own Deb Schirtzinger sharing about her trip to South Africa and the ministry in which her son is involved in there. All ladies are welcome.

Sidney GBC Reunion: Members and attendees of the former Sidney Grace Brethren Church are invited to return to the church to commemorate the ministry of the church across many decades with a carry-in meal next Saturday, May 11. Contact Brent Sandy at sandydb@grace.edu for details.

WL Young Adults

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



If you are a young adult in our church family, we want you to know that YOU MATTER and YOU BELONG! If you're a **young adult** interested in being **adopted** or being **mentored** (or if you're an **adult** looking to provide that to someone younger), please fill out our online form and someone will contact you to help you get connected. Use the QR code or bit.ly/WLYAadoption.

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, Instagram or WL Parents on Facebook, or contact Cindy at cyocum@wlgbc.com.

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 Kids Worship part-way through



Right Here! WL kids entering 4th-6th grade next year, mark your calendars for June 11-13! We're planning a "stay-local" mission trip for you. From 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on those days, we'll meet together to learn about God's call to make disciples and care for others. There will be team-building activities, Bible lessons, lunch, and a big part of those days spent at local agencies that help people in need. Pick up a registration form at the WL Kids registration table. Interested in helping with this event, please contact Mindy Bloomfield at mbloomfield@wlgbc.com

WL Family Camping is coming soon! June 21-23 are the days we have spots reserved at Chain O' Lakes State Park. A limited number of electric and non-electric sites are still available. Reserve your campsite by calling the church office or contact Mindy Bloomfield at mbloomfield@wlgbc.com



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Reading Guide

Jesus on Money and Stewardship

<i>Monday, May 6</i>	Luke 12:13-21
<i>Tuesday, May 7</i>	Luke 12:22-31
<i>Wednesday, May 8</i>	Luke 12:32-48
<i>Thursday, May 9</i>	Luke 16:1-9
<i>Friday, May 10</i>	Luke 16:10-15

My Journey

These aren't the reasons you're looking for

“Budget Basics” Help Sessions: Do you want to take next steps in tithing and generosity but feel stuck and unsure where to begin? If you are among the 59% of Americans who have no household budget or among the 75-80% in our county who live paycheck to paycheck, help is available. You'll find some practical help to get unstuck and break through some barriers in personal and household finance at these help sessions. Find out where your money is going. The hour will include some budget basics and then one-on-one help:

- **Sunday, May 19**, at 6:00 p.m. in room 103/104
- **Sunday, May 26**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center

Tithe Details

Barriers to Tithing

Now what?