

# PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Stories to Live By

## 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	\$1,1175,539	\$ 1,180,851	-0.4%
Imagine the Potential, cumulative		\$ 1,979,623	
Total Project Cost		\$ 2,336,792	



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## “Worth Everything”

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The logo for 'Right Here' features the words 'Right' and 'Here' in a stylized, blue and green font. The word 'Right' is positioned above 'Here'. A small red circle is placed above the letter 'i' in 'Right'. The background is a green geometric pattern.

# 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](http://www.wlgbc.com) or call Tim Wright, Discipleship & Adult Ministries Pastor, at 267-6623.

# This Week at WL

## TODAY

*Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships* meet at 10:00 a.m.  
*AWANA Awards Celebration* is at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center.  
*The Living Room* is our alternative worship service that meets at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday at The Hub.  
*The England Prayer Group* meets at 5:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

## Tuesday

*Men's Bible Study* is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.

## Wednesday

*Epic* for students is from 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
*Midweek Prayer Group* meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

## Thursday

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

# WL Ministries

***Our Global Teammates of the Week*** are Jason and Crystal Horner and their son, Lucas, who serve in Frankley, England. Their work is in two main areas of church-equipping and outreach. Jason is involved in discipleship, leadership development, and outreach in the Frankley church. Crystal serves in community outreaches and church discipleship as well as in music ministry.

***Our Local Outreach Partner of the Week*** is "All Things New," dedicated to life-change for individuals struggling with addictions. The program consists of three phases, addressing spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, and relational issues. Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of areas. Go to <https://allthingsnew.us/get-involved/volunteer/>

***CareGivers Group*** meets next Sunday, June 16, at 10:00 in the café area of the Fellowship Hall. 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](mailto:gdeloe@gmail.com) if you have questions. The group will not meet in July or August.

***WL Family Camping*** is June 21-23. We have spots reserved at Chain O' Lakes State Park, and a few non-electric sites are still available. Reserve your campsite by calling the church office or contact Mindy Bloomfield at [mbloomfield@wlgbc.com](mailto:mbloomfield@wlgbc.com).

***Finish the House:*** Habitat for Humanity's house build for Jim and Tina Bauer is entering its final phase. We don't want to miss out on helping complete the project! There are opportunities for up to ten volunteers a day to help with interior painting and other indoor projects from Tuesday, June 25-Saturday, June 29 (8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). All painting equipment will be provided. Serve together as families, Life Groups, or ABFs. Contact Pastor Dave to schedule a time. Funds are still needed to complete the project. Donations may be made directly to Habitat for Humanity at <http://kosciuskohabitat.org/>

***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.

## Missions and Evangelism

**“Encounter Columbus” Cross-Cultural Ministry Trip:** “Encounter Columbus” is an opportunity to encounter the beautiful diversity and complexity of culture, to learn how to share your faith with Muslim friends and neighbors, to engage God’s heart for the nations, especially the least reached, and to consider how you can be a part of God’s plan to reach the nations! Sponsored by Encompass World Partners, this cross-cultural encounter takes place August 2-4 at Polaris Grace Brethren Church in Columbus, Ohio. This experience is for families, individuals, college students, and small groups. Cost is \$120 per person. Pastor Kip will be leading the team from WLGBBC. Sign up online at [www.wlgbc.com](http://www.wlgbc.com) and click on the “ministries” tab and then “Reaching Our World Globally.” Under “short-term missions,” fill out the “short-term missions application.”

## WL Young Adults

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

## WL Students

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

**Epic Wednesday** is from 6:45-8:30 p.m.

Stay connected @WLSstudents on Facebook, Instagram or WL Parents on Facebook, or contact Cindy at [cyocum@wlgbc.com](mailto: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 the service.

**AWANA Celebration:** This morning at 10:00 in the Worship Center, we are celebrating the hard work of our children through the AWANA program. Families are welcome to come hear from the students and celebrate the different awards earned this year in AWANA.

**Right Here!:** WL kids entering 4th-6th grade next year will be participating in a “stay-local” mission trip next week, June 11-13. From 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on those days, students will 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 will be spent serving at local agencies that help people in need.

## Women’s Ministries

**Ladies, mark your calendars** for “Revive 2019: Seeking Him,” September 27-28. We’ll join with ladies from other churches in our community to simulcast the “Revive Our Hearts” conference here at WLGBBC. Speakers including Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Mary Kassian, Dannah Gresh, and many more will open God’s Word to reveal the heart of true revival on Friday evening and all day Saturday. More details to come. Contact Rhonda Raber at [rraber@wlgbc.com](mailto:rraber@wlgbc.com) if you have questions.

## Community News

**Blackburn Run for Others** 10<sup>th</sup> annual 5K run/walk and 10K run is Saturday, June 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Winona Lake. Every \$5 raised provides a year of clean water for one person in the Central African Republic. Register online at [www.waterforgood.org/blackburn](http://www.waterforgood.org/blackburn). Fee is \$28. For more information, call Doug Koontz at 574-551-1011 or e-mail to [winonarunforothers@gmail.com](mailto:winonarunforothers@gmail.com).



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Matthew 13:44-52

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### Parables and the Kingdom of God

#### The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price

*The kingdom of God is worth everything.*

Observations:

#### The Net

Observations:

#### The Owner of the House

*Have you understood all these things?*

*The kingdom of God is worth everything and gains us everything.*

### Questions to discuss with your prayer partner, spouse, or Life Group:

1. Re-read Matthew 13:1-52 together.
2. If you are in a group, briefly share your story of faith in Jesus and taking hold of His kingdom. At the time, what did you understand it was costing you?
3. How have you found the Christian life to be a long battle of surrender and submission? How is God currently working in you in this area?
4. Read Matthew 16:24-27. How would you describe to someone searching for the kingdom of God that it is worth it to lose everything for the sake of Jesus? How would you describe what is gained in following Jesus?

### Reading Guide: “Parables of the Kingdom: Stories to Live By”

June 10-14: “The Unmerciful Servant”

“. . . forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32b).

Monday, June 10

Matthew 18:1-14

Tuesday, June 11

Matthew 18:15-20

Wednesday, June 12

Matthew 18:21-35

Thursday, June 13

Matthew 6:9-15

Friday, June 14

Ephesians 4:29-32; Colossians 3:12-14