



INVEST WELL

Learn someone's name this week and greet them by name the next time you see them.

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	\$1,263,265	\$ 1,253,148	0.8%
Imagine the Potential, cumulative		\$ 1,989,782	
Total Project Cost		\$ 2,336,792	



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PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Stories to Live By

“Ready or Not”

Kip Cone
June 30, 2019

One of our
INITIATIVES 2019-2020

The Greenhouse leadership development process fully functioning

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

Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships meet at 10:00 a.m.
Global Teammates Jonny & Jordan Wong Loi Sing will be in the Worship Center at 10:00 to share about their current ministry.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.
Open House for our global teammates, J & J and family, is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Hub.
Women of Grace Africa Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barb Wooler (303 Boys City Dr., Winona Lake). Asia/North America and Europe/Great Britain will meet July 9.

Wednesday

Epic for students: *Middle School Ice Cream Dash* from 6:45-8:15 p.m.;
High School Capture the Flag from 8:30-10:00 p.m.
Midweek Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

Thursday

Happy 4th of July! The church offices are closed today.

Did you know that we had eight interns over this past year? We want to take seriously our opportunity to be a **greenhouse for leadership development**, with people of all ages. As we head into a new school year, we look forward to growing this leadership development process even more across various ministry areas.

WL Ministries

Our Local Outreach Partner of the Week is English as a New Language. ENL is a WL ministry to help our Kosciusko County neighbors learn the English language. Classes are held September through May on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Warsaw YMCA and on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at WL. To volunteer, contact Cassie Wanty at cjwanty@gmail.com. To contribute funds, mark your offering envelope as Global & Local Outreach.

Our Global Teammates of the Week are Jordan and Jonny Wong Loi Sing and their three young sons: Alekzander, Malakai, and Keoni. Since 2011 they have lived in Zarautz in the Basque Country of Spain. They work with several other church-planters in the area who share a common vision of seeing a Basque church planted in their town. You're invited to hear updates from our global teammates this summer during the ABF hour. The Wong Loi Sings will be in the Worship Center at 10:00 a.m. *TODAY*. Our friends from West Asia will be in STAT ABF on Sunday, July 28, and in Eternal Perspective ABF on Sunday, August 4 (both at 10:00 a.m.).

Our Global Teammates from West Asia, J & J and family, will be in the area in July. You are invited to an open house for them on Tuesday, July 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Hub. Come greet them and hear an update on their ministry.

"Access" is the annual conference for the Charis Fellowship of churches. It will be held in Auburn, California, July 23-25. If you are a member of WLGBC planning to attend the business session and would be willing to serve as a delegate, please contact Bonnie at the church office at 267-6623 or bnieter@wlgbc.com.

WL Students

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

Epic Wednesday is each week from 6:45-8:30 p.m. This week, July 3,
Middle School: Ice Cream Dash, 6:45-8:15 p.m.; *High School: Capture the Flag*, 8:30-10:00 p.m.

Momentum Youth Conference: July 16-21 at Indiana Wesleyan University Stay connected @WLStudents on Facebook, 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.

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.

Women's Ministries

Women of Grace for Missions: *The Africa Circle* will meet on Tuesday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barb Wooler (303 Boys City Dr., Winona Lake) with guest speaker Reyna Sandoval. **Note change of day to July 9 for the following:** *The Asia/North America Missions Circle* will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Village C Lounge with global teammate, Kim Meidal, who serves with Back2Back Ministries with her husband, Jared. Back2Back serves orphans around the world. *The Europe/Great Britain Circle* will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lee Miller (209 Colonial Dr., Warsaw) with guest speaker Kim Meidal.

WL Night at the Park is planned for Thursday, July 11, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Join us for a time at Winona Lake Park roasting marshmallows and hanging out! Come and go as you'd like. We'd love to have lots of people there so you can meet others from the church and community.

WL Nighs at the Tincaps! Make plans to go to the Tincaps game in Ft. Wayne on Monday, July 29. If you are interested in purchasing tickets (100 have been reserved), contact Mindy Bloomfield at mbloomfield@wlgbc.com. Tickets are \$9 each and are being sold on a first-come, first served basis, *beginning this morning* in the WL Kids registration area before and after services. They will be available on Sundays until the tickets are sold out.

Missions and Evangelism

"Encounter Columbus" Cross-Cultural Ministry Trip is an opportunity to encounter the 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! This cross-cultural encounter takes place August 2-4 at Polaris Grace Brethren Church in Columbus, Ohio, and is for families, individuals, college students, and small groups. Cost is \$120 per person. Sign up online at www.wlgbc.com.



“Ready or Not . . .”

Matthew 25:1-13

Kip Cone

June 30, 2019

Context, Context, Context

A Word to the wise: Live _____ for the return of Jesus.

What does it look like to _____ ?

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

1. In what ways can people deceive themselves into thinking they are ready for Christ's return when, in fact, they are not? In other words, what does it mean to *not* be ready for the return of Christ?
2. What are distractions that endanger our readiness?
3. How can we help each other become and stay prepared and ready for the return of Jesus?

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

July 1-5: “Bags of Gold”

“Whoever can be trusted with very little . . .” (Luke 16:10).

Monday, July 1

Matthew 25:14-30

Tuesday, July 2

Matthew 25:31-46

Wednesday, July 3

Luke 19:1-10

Thursday, July 4

Luke 19:11-27

Friday, July 5

Luke 16:1-15

