



## INVEST WELL

We've spent this summer focusing on the kind of church family we need to BE to INVEST well. As we plan for many young adults to re-engage with our church in the next several weeks, would you begin to pray about a way you can INVEST in someone farther behind you on the path of faith?

## 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	\$196,353	\$124,000	58.3%
Imagine the Potential, cumulative		\$2,017,631	
Total Project Cost		\$2,336,792	



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“Good Defenses”

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*the*  
**global mission**  
*of the church*  
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# 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.

*AWN* *A begins its new year* this morning with a Back-to-School Bash at 10:00 a.m.

*Church at the Dunes* is this morning for our middle- and high-school students.

*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* will not meet this week. Fall kick-off for Epic is August 21 at 6:45 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 Local Outreach Partner of the Week*** is our "Second Wind" ministry of encouragement to Jefferson Elementary. The global mission of the church begins with our neighbors—and our neighbors include Jefferson Elementary. So we plan to bless them in several ways this year. One way is through a relational ministry of encouragement called "Second Wind." The goal is to connect one WL GBC person with one of the administrators, teachers, or staff at Jefferson for the purpose of encouragement (notes, small gifts, tangible help, but mostly prayer). If you would like to partner in this ministry, please e-mail Carol Allebach at [callebach@gmail.com](mailto:callebach@gmail.com).

***Our Global Teammates of the Week*** are Philip and Beth Bryant, serving in Surrey, British Columbia, as church-planting teammates in Canada with Assist Church Expansion. Philip also serves as Director of Grace Fellowship Canada which includes the discipleship, mentoring, and training of leaders and future church-planters. The Bryants have five children: Lydia, Anastasia, Alissa, Elijah, and Josiah.

***The Gospel Project (new Adult Bible Fellowship)***: There's a brand-new ABF starting next Sunday, August 18! This new class parallels the WL Kids Sunday morning curriculum from The Gospel Project. The class's main focus is to help group members serve God together, to tangibly show love towards each other, and to focus time and energy outside of ourselves. This won't be a parenting class, but it will work hard to help parents and grandparents pass on faith in more effective ways. The class will be led by Roger Grossman. Class location will be posted at the church on the morning of August 18.

***New to WL (formerly Welcome Brunch)***: If you're new to WL or would like to meet some new people, you are invited to join us on Sunday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Space at The Hub for our next *New to WL* event. We'll enjoy some simple food, good conversation, and a chance to hear a little more about Winona Lake Grace. Please RSVP to <http://bit.ly/New2WLAug25> (case sensitive).

**Our next Connections Class** will meet on the Sundays of September 8 and 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the main building. This two-week class is designed to help you get connected, understand the most important things about the church, and to help us know a little more about you.

RSVP at <http://bit.ly/WLConnectionsSept19> (case sensitive).

**Do you have a heart for the nations** and are free on Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings this school year? ENL (English as a New Language) has several ministry opportunities. On Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m., beginning September 10, we're looking for people to help teach English—no prior experience needed! On Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m., beginning September 12, we're looking for childcare workers. In addition to English-speaking childcare workers, we are also looking to find a childcare workers who is fluently bilingual in English and Spanish who could help with Spanish translation. Contact Cassie Wanty at [cjwanty@gmail.com](mailto:cjwanty@gmail.com) or 937-612-3128 for details.

### Women's Ministries

**Ladies, plan to attend** "Revive 2019: Seeking Him," September 27-28, when we will simulcast the conference at WLGBC. This is open to women in the Warsaw community and surround areas. Text REVIVE to 574-635-3100 for registration information or visit [www.revive19.com](http://www.revive19.com) for more information. Contact Rhonda Raber at [rraber@wlgbc.com](mailto:rraber@wlgbc.com) if you have questions.

### 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 6:45-8:15 p.m. No Epic this coming Wednesday.

Fall kick-off for Epic is August 21.

**Stay connected** @WLStudents 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.



**Interested in investing this school year?** We're looking for people who are interested in taking the opportunity to work with our children here at WL! There are many ways you can invest. We need people willing to teach, lead small groups, work with special needs students, help in classrooms, greet children, provide security, listen to Bible verses, and other ways. If you are interested in finding out more about the ways you can invest in the next generation this school year, please contact Mindy Bloomfield at [mbloomfield@wlgbc.com](mailto:mbloomfield@wlgbc.com). We look forward to working with you!

**We're in need of some additional teammates** for our 11:15 a.m. class for Millie, a special needs 13-year-old. This would involve no more than once a month and is very flexible. Please contact Brenda Wilcoxson at 269-6991 or call the church office to volunteer or for more information.

**AWANA Kick-Off:** AWANA books will be available at the WL Kids registration area beginning **TODAY through next Sunday, August 18.** Pre-order books online. Our Back-to-School Bash is this morning **during the 10:00 hour** to kick off a new school year and another year in AWANA. **Official AWANA classes begin next Sunday, August 18.** We'll also have an "Understanding AWANA" class for parents on **Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.** This class will familiarize you with the AWANA program and how you can help your children memorize God's Word in some fun ways.



## “Good Defenses”

Proverbs  
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A person without \_\_\_\_\_ is like a city with broken-down walls. 1:2-3; 4:23; 25:28

● The Invader of \_\_\_\_\_ 14:29; 15:1; 29:8, 11, 22

● The Invader of \_\_\_\_\_ 1:32; 6:6-11

● The Invader of \_\_\_\_\_ 6:17; 8:13; 16:18; 21:24

A person with the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the defenses of the mind (Ephesians 4:17-32).

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

1. Why do we avoid the topic of self-control? In what areas of life do we need to learn more moderation, simplicity, and self-control?
2. In Ephesians 4, Paul gives “working with one’s hands” (v. 28) as an example of putting on the “new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (v. 24). What is the connection between productive labor and righteousness; how is work related to holiness?
3. What nurtures laziness? Conversely, what builds determination, hard work, and responsibility and perseverance?
4. How can we help each other do the work of renewing our minds and rebuilding our spiritual defenses?

## Reading Guide: “Get Wisdom”

August 12-16: **Counterfeit Gratification vs. God’s Genuine Good**

*“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water” (Jeremiah 2:13).*

Monday, August 12

Psalm 19:1-14

Tuesday, August 13

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wednesday, August 14

Proverbs 8:10-11, 19; 9:10-12

Thursday, August 15

Jeremiah 2:1-37

Friday, August 16

Galatians 3:1-14