

realize the  
**POTENTIAL**  
complete the Link

## 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	\$716,823	\$595,200	20.4%
Total Project Cost		\$2,336,792	
Imagine the Potential Given		<u>\$2,096,786</u>	
Complete the Link		\$240,006	



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*Peace*

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**Glory to God  
in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men**

## 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 and Adult Ministries Pastor, at 267-6623.

## This Week @ WL

### TODAY

*Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships* meet at 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday

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

*Candlelight and Carols* Christmas Eve service at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday-Thursday

*No midweek ministries over Christmas and New Year's.*

***Candlelight and Carols:*** Peace is the theme of our annual Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.. Scripture-reading, special music, and carol-singing will focus our hearts in worship as we remember God's greatest gift to us—His own Son, Jesus the Messiah, our Prince of Peace. Childcare up to age 3 will be provided during the 4:00 service only. If you aren't in need of childcare, we encourage you to consider attending the 6:00 service.

***Live/Indoor Christmas Eve Nativity:*** We're looking to provide a live nativity in the courtyard for 30-minute segments before/after both the 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services. Individuals can be different for each service or help at both. Contact Pastor Dave for more details at [drank@wlgbc.com](mailto:drank@wlgbc.com). Sign up at [www.wlgbc.com/live-nativity.html](http://www.wlgbc.com/live-nativity.html)

***Next Sunday, December 29,*** there will be two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. No ABFs or Sunday school that morning. Regular service schedule on January 5. ***The church offices will be closed*** Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26, as well as on Wednesday, January 1. If you have an emergency need for pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bruce at [bbarlow@wlgbc.com](mailto:bbarlow@wlgbc.com) or 377-0293 or Pastor Kip at [kcane@wlgbc.com](mailto:kcane@wlgbc.com) or 377-2127.

## WL Ministries

***Thank you for remembering*** the "Complete The Link" emphasis in your year-end giving. Our 38-month-long "Imagine The Potential" generosity initiative has been amazing. Anything you give between now and December 31 will reduce the remaining balance on our bridge loan and soon-to-be mortgage.

***Big Night Out: Sunday, January 5, at 5:30 p.m.*** This will be the second bi-monthly evening at WL of worship and stories from three community-impact ministries— *Combined Community Services* (Randy Polston), *Kosciusko County Jail Ministry* (Peggy Owens), and *Habitat Resale* (Matt Abbitt) as well as prayer for the continued impact of these ministries in our community. It starts at 5:30 p.m. in The Hub, followed at 6:45 with a variety of options to connect in a greater way with the WL family while enjoying refreshments and numerous games/activities for the entire family.

### WL Kids

***Sunday school*** 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.

### WL Young Adults

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

● ***The Young Adult ABF*** invites all 20-30-somethings to the home of Doug Koontz (1938 E. Timberline Circle, N., Warsaw) for a New Year's Eve party on December 31 at 7:00 p.m. Come and meet some new people, play some games, eat some food, and count down to the new year! Bring a snack to share if you would like, but it's not required. Questions? Contact Jeremy Robbins, Lucas Cone, Liz Brown, or Josh Lee at [wlyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:wlyoungadults@gmail.com).

### WL Students

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

***Epic Wednesday*** resumes on January 8.

***Stay connected*** @WLStudents on Facebook, Instagram or WL Parents on Facebook, or contact Cindy at [cyocum@wlgbc.com](mailto:cyocum@wlgbc.com).

# WL Reach Our World

**Our Global Teammates of the Week** are Dave and Susie Hobert who have been serving in France since 1980. They divide their time between here and France now, helping with evangelism and church-planting in PARAY-le-Monial, discipling and mentoring believers, and serving as missionaries-in-residence at Grace College and Seminary.

**Our Local Outreach Partner of the Week** is World Compassion Network. WCN assists local churches to reach out to their community by providing experience, equipment, and supplies to victims of disaster. Tyler Snow from WL is WCN's Disaster Relief Coordinator. Watch for updates from him on how to help donate supplies or participate on a relief team. To volunteer, go to [www.w-c-n.org/volunteer](http://www.w-c-n.org/volunteer).

**Courtyard Christmas Trees—Engage with Our Community:** Each tree is identified by one of the community organizations that WL is partnering with for “reaching our neighbor.” The WL family is encouraged to “branch out” and engage with these groups between now and the end of February as together we help to showcase God’s love to our community. Cards are provided at each tree listing several ways you can connect with a community group. *The trees and cards will be available through January 5.*

**All Things New—December project:** All Things New exists to provide hope, a fresh start, and freedom for women struggling with various addictions. You can see a donation/wish list of items to furnish the rehab house for these ladies at the courtyard tree designated for All Things News or on the church website at [www.wlgbc.com](http://www.wlgbc.com). *Please wait until Sunday, December 29-Sunday, January 5, to bring those items (from home or purchased) to a drop-off location at the church.*

**New Year's Eve Fellowship Missions homeless shelter event:** WL is hosting an evening of food, games, and inspirational testimonies from 9:30 p.m.-12:20 a.m. at the homeless shelter. This is a great opportunity for individuals/families, Life Groups, or ABFs to connect with the residents. If you are interested, please contact Judy Yeager at [jayeager@earthlink.net](mailto:jayeager@earthlink.net) or Pastor Dave at [drank@wlgbc.com](mailto:drank@wlgbc.com).



## “Peace Proclaimed”

Luke 2:1-20

Kip Cone

December 22, 2019

1. Where's the peace?

2. What's missing from this scene?

3. What day is it?

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

1. Why didn't Jesus usher in world peace with the first coming? What would that have required? What would that have left out? What would that have meant for everyone?
2. What is the reason for Christ's delay in bringing the Day of the Lord and with it the restoration of peace? (See 2 Peter 3:3-13, particularly verse 9.)
3. While we wait for the return of the Prince of Peace to establish a new order of eternal peace, how can and should we “wage peace”?

**Reading Guide:** “Peace: Promised, Proclaimed, Provided”

**December 16-20: “Peace Provided”**

Verse of the Week: *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand”* (Romans 5:1-2).

Monday, December 23

John 14:1-31

Tuesday, December 24

John 15:1-27

Wednesday, December 25

John 16:1-33

Thursday, December 26

John 17:1-26

Friday, December 27

Romans 5:1-11; 12:17-19; 14:19; 15:13

**Check out** the *Live It!* blog with daily entries for these passages. You can find the blog at [www.liveitblog.wordpress.com](http://www.liveitblog.wordpress.com). If you don't use a computer, a hard-copy booklet of these blog entries will be available at the Info Center in the Welcome Area. These booklets are also for Life Group leaders and Adult Bible Fellowship leaders to use as resources for discussion.

**Get into the Word in 2020!** The new year is a great opportunity to start (or restart) reading your Bible. Here are several resources you could use:

WLGBC Bible Reading Plan and Sermon Blog

<https://wlgbc.com/sermons/reading-guide/html>

<https://wlgbc.com/sermons/sermon-blog/blog.html>

Other plans you might find helpful:

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/bible-reading-plans/> (great guides from the Navigators)

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/4820> (The Bible Project Reading Plan—available on the Bible App)

<https://static.esvmedia.org/assets/pdfs/rp.chronological.pdf> (One-Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan)