



January 12, 2020
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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	\$819,255	\$669,601	22.3%
Total Project Cost		\$2,336,792	
Imagine the Potential Given		<u>\$2,136,275</u>	
Complete the Link		\$137,135	



Our vision is to be a growing family of Christ followers who

worship Jesus
wholeheartedly,

love each other
genuinely,

and share God's grace relentlessly to
reach our world.



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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 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.
The Living Room is our alternate worship service that meets at The Hub at 11:15 on Sunday mornings.
England Prayer Group meets at 4:00 p.m. in the Assisted Living Activity Room at Grace Village.
Kids Chorale practice is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at The Link.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.
Moms' Connection is at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
ENL (English as a New Language) meets at the YMCA from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday

Epic for students meets at 6:45 p.m.
SPLASH meets from 6:45-8:15 p.m. and is for kids in grades K-6th.
Parent Prayer is from 6:45-7:10 p.m. at The Link.
Midweek Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

Thursday

ENL (English as a New Language) meets at 10:00 a.m. at the church.
Global Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Friday

"Living Out Titus 2" is at 6:30 p.m. at The Hub. For all ladies interested in mentoring, being mentored, or learning more of what that means.

Saturday

Pizza and Bingo Night hosted by WLGBBC at Fellowship Missions is at 6:30.

WL Ministries

Our mid-year "Ministry Matters" meeting will take place next Sunday morning, January 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. We'll give a report closing out the 38-month Imagine The Potential generosity initiative. You'll hear stories of ministry impact related to "Invested," our 2019 theme, and hear updates on church security, fiscal half-year finances, what's next in updates to the Worship Center. All members and attenders are urged to attend. The meeting content will be recorded for those who are serving during the 10:00 hour on that Sunday.

CareGivers Group meets next Sunday, January 19, 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 if you have questions.

New to WL: Welcome to the church family! This is a great chance to learn a little about WLGBBC, ask questions, enjoy some food, and meet others who are newer to the church as well. Join us on Sunday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the main building. Please RSVP at <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/events/327444>.

2020 offering envelopes are delayed in arriving. If you normally give by envelope, proper credit will still be given from your check or by using an envelope in the pew.

Women's Ministries

"Living Out Titus 2" Friday, January 17: Ladies, plan to join us at 6:30 p.m. in The Hub for an evening of fellowship with women of all ages. Enjoy the hot chocolate bar as we talk about mentoring, being mentored, and creative ways of mentoring. If you have questions or to RSVP, contact Rhonda at the church office at 267-6623 or rraber@wlgbc.com

Women's Ministries Winter Bible Study is a 7-week study by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore titled "Faithful, Abundant, and True." It begins Wednesday, January 22, and meets in the Fireside Room of the main building from 6:45-8:15 p.m. You will need to purchase the student book before class (ISBN 1415868980). Karen Kauffman will be the class facilitator. Sign up at the Info Center. Call Lois Maxson at 269-3194 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 meets at 6:45 p.m.

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

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.

Kids Chorale practice starts tonight when they begin practicing for the spring program. Practice times will be the second, third, and fourth Sundays of the month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at The Link. Kids Chorale is open to children in kindergarten-6th grade. Contact director Christi Barlow at bcbarlow@hotmail.com if you have questions.

“On-ramp” for Volunteers: Interested in volunteering and working with children and students of any age? Then plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m. in Shawnee B in The Hub. This meeting will present different opportunities to serve and help in our children’s and youth ministries as well as explain the process to become a volunteer. These are *informational meeting* to help you decide if WL Kids and WL Students is a place you’d enjoy serving. You aren’t committing to serve by attending; you’re simply gathering information! Hope to see you there!

Super Sleepover: One of our WL Kids favorite nights is just around the corner! Our annual 5th-6th grade Super Sleepover is set for February 7-8. We’ll enjoy pizza, ice cream, play games, learn more about God’s love for us, and make great memories with friends. **Pre-registration is required.** Cost is \$20 per child and payment can be made online when completing registration. If financial assistance is needed, please contact Mindy Bloomfield at mbloomfield@wlgbc.com. More details are available on the event registration page on the Church Center app.

WL Reach Our World

Our Global Teammates of the Week are Jared and Kim Meidal and their three sons: Micah, Joey, and Koleman. The Meidals serve with Back2Back Ministries in Mason, Ohio, supporting the focus on orphaned children around the world, through trauma competent care and holistic child development partnerships.

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/>

Right to Life will publish a two-page, pro-life ad in the *Times-Union* on Saturday, January 25, memorializing the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision which made abortion on demand legal in all 50 states. The ad will also be posted at www.nci4life.org and on the Right to Life Facebook page. Forms to sign up will be available in ABFs today and at the Info Center. Suggested donation is \$1 for students, \$5 for individuals, and \$10 for couples/families.

January 2020 Serving Opportunities for Reaching Our World Locally:

● **Fellowship Missions (Warsaw homeless shelter):** Saturday, January 18, WL will host a 6:30 p.m. Pizza and Bingo night for the 25+ residents. No advance preparation needed—just come and enjoy connecting with the residents. For more info and/or to RSVP to attend, contact Pastor Dave at drank@wlgbc.com or Judy Yeager at jayeager@earthlink.net.

● **Warsaw Soup Kitchen** is Wednesday, January 29. WL is providing and serving the meal for approximately 100 people held weekly at Warsaw United Methodist Church. Two groups of WL volunteers are needed: (1) purchase and/or prepare menu items in advance; and (2) a group of 6-8 people to help serve the meal from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more info and/or to volunteer to attend, contact Pastor Dave at drank@wlgbc.com

● **Second Wind (Jefferson Elementary):** Our adopted neighboring school will have their monthly “Empowering Parents” class night on Wednesday, January 29, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. WL can be a blessing by helping with games for children in the school gym, along with Pastor Dave, that evening. Interested? Contact drank@wlgbc.com



“Engage”
1 Corinthians 9:19-23
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Remind ourselves . . .

2020 Theme

1) The Desire to _____ Others 9:19
Reach our _____
Reach our _____

2) The People in _____ 9:20-22

3) The Method _____

The Son’s _____ vv. 7-9

1st Quarter of 2020 “Engage” Challenge =

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

- Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. What ideas do this passage and 1 Corinthians 9 have in common? What different words are used?
- Discuss and compose a list of potential common ground you have with friends or co-workers who do not yet know Jesus. What do you already have in common?
- Name the current fields of your life.
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:3-9. Who is responsible for making spiritual fruit grow?

Reading Guide: “Anchored: Solid Ground in a Changing World”

January 13-17: “Anchor” #1: God exists; He is *the* Rock.

<i>Monday, January 13</i>	Deuteronomy 32:1-43
<i>Tuesday, January 14</i>	2 Samuel 22:1-51
<i>Wednesday, January 15</i>	Isaiah 44:8; Isaiah 40:1-31
<i>Thursday, January 16</i>	Matthew 7:24-29
<i>Friday, January 17</i>	Matthew 16:14-20

Check out the *Live It!* blog with daily entries for these passages. You can find the blog at 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.

Missions and Evangelism

Spring break short-term ministry team: A team will be going to serve and learn at Urban Hope in Philadelphia from April 4-9. This is for anyone age 10 or older, families, and students. To express interest or for more information, contact Pastor Bruce at bbarlow@wlgbc.com

Host homes needed: In July, Grace College will be hosting the annual Charis Fellowship National Conference. Would you consider offering your home as a possible host home to those traveling from all over the U.S. for this event? Your only responsibility would be to provide a place to stay. If interested, you can apply at: <https://charisfellowship.us/accesshost>. Contact Sharmion Bowell at sharmion@charisfellowship.us if you have questions.