



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	\$991,050	\$843,200	17.5%



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March 1, 2020
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The Most Important Conversation



we want to
**take God at
His word**

New to WL

- *Fill out a Guest Card* and turn in at the Information Center for a free gift.
- *To get connected* with groups and upcoming events by going to <https://wlgbc.churchcenter.com>
- *Need more information?* Contact Tim Wright, Discipleship and Adult Ministries Pastor, at twright@wlgbc.com 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.
The Barlow Prayer Group meets at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Brent and Cheryl Sandy (2598 Liberty Dr., Winona Lake).
Big Night Out is at 6:00 p.m. at The Hub.
Life Groups meet at 6:00 p.m. in various locations.
Kids Chorale practice is at 6:00 p.m. at The Link.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.
Women of Grace for Missions Day: See listing of circles meeting.
Gas Card Distribution Day at 1:30 p.m. in the church office suite. If you would like to be part of the team that has one-on-one conversations with guests, contact Pastor Dave.
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.
Women's Bible Study is from 6:45-8:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
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.

WL Ministries

Are you interested in volunteering and working with children and students of any age? Then plan to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m. in Shawnee B at The Hub. This meeting will explain different opportunities to serve and help in our children's and youth ministries as well as the process to become a volunteer. These are informational meetings to help you decide if WL Kids and WL Students is a place you'd enjoy serving. You aren't committing to these ministries by attending—you're simply gathering information! Hope to see you there.

WLGBC Easter Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, March 22, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in room 103. Rehearsals will also be held on the Sundays of March 29 and April 5 (Easter is on April 12). If you are interested in participating, you are encouraged to come to these practice times. Contact Wally Brath at brathw@grace.edu if you have questions.

Interested in playing softball this season? Games are played on Tuesday evenings and run from the end of April through mid-August. If you are age sixteen and older, contact Joel Hocking at joel.hocking@gmail.com or 574-527-1235. Sign-up and payment are due by April 1.

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

WL Students

Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. each week at The Hub.
Epic Wednesday meets weekly at 6:45 p.m.
Stay connected @WLStudents on Facebook, Instagram or WL Parents on Facebook, or contact Cindy at cyocum@wlgbc.com.

WL Reach Our World

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.

Big Night Out is tonight at 6:00 p.m. at The Hub. This will be the third bi-monthly evening of worship, stories from the community impact ministries, and prayer for the continued impact of these ministries. Our local outreach partner this week is All Things New, and Bill Fawley will share about how they are providing shelter and life skills for women struggling with various addictions while, at the same time, fostering dependency on Jesus Christ who makes “all things new.” We would like to continue what we started in December—providing donations to furnish the rehab house. A list of items can be found at the Community Impact Board (near the Info Center) or at <http://wlgbc.com/all-things-new-donation-list>. Afterwards, stay and enjoy some March Mac-ness (mac & cheese) and mint chocolate chip ice cream while connecting with Bill and the WL family.

We're excited to welcome Jason and Crystal Horner (and son Lucas) back to Winona Lake. They live and serve in Frankley, England, and are back in the United States for home ministries. You are invited to hear an update from them next Sunday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m. in King's Company ABF which meets in room 151 of the Gordon Health and Wellness Center.

World Compassion Network Run/Walk for Hunger . . . and help We Care Warsaw: WCN's annual Run/Walk for Hunger 5K is Saturday, March 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Winona Lake Park. All net proceeds go to charities in our community, including our We Care Warsaw community outreach where WCN donates free bags of groceries. Registration is \$20 before March 13; \$25 after March 15. Register at www.w-c-n.org or pick up a form at the Info Center. This is a great opportunity to participate as a family or as a Life Group as we help a great ministry partner in our community.

Operation Barnabas is a three-week ministry training opportunity for high-school students, led by CE National. This summer, we have two students participating: Josh Jones and Joshua Nakasone. If you would like to help contribute toward their support of \$2,325 each, you may give through the church offering or at the church office. *Please include the words “OB TEAM” on your envelope or memo line.*

Reaching Our World Globally: Short-term ministry experiences help to expose participants to various cross-cultural ministries, missions, and modes of life while being equipped to follow Jesus in making disciples. Are you willing to GO? To express interest or sign up, complete the Short-Term Ministry application at www.wlgbc.com/stm-inquiry :

- **March 2** for the **Urban Hope Philadelphia Team** April 4-9 (contact Bruce Barlow at bbarlow@wlgbc.com)
- **March 20** for the **Encounter Atlanta Team** June 22-26 (contact Bruce Barlow at bbarlow@wlgbc.com)
- **March 28** for the day trip to **Southeast Asia Friend Center** in Chicago on April 6 (contact Nick Deck at ndeck@wlgbc.com)

A complete listing of the 2020 short-term ministry experiences is available at the Info Center or go to www.wlgbc.com/ministries/missions/stm.

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 Women

Women of Grace for Missions is Tuesday, March 3. The *North America/Asia Circle* will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Grace Village Fellowship Café. The *Africa/Latin America Circle* will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the church. Barb Wooler will speaker on LEMONS curriculum, bringing children closer to Christ. The *Europe/Great Britain Circle* will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Dougan (1326 Sunset Dr., Winona Lake). Speakers will be Julia Peattie and Laurie Rogers, mother of global teammate Jordan Wong Loi Sing. Julia has served as an intern with the Wong Loi Sings in Spain.



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John 3:1-21

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Who is Nicodemus? 3:1

1) Nicodemus on _____ 3:2

2) Jesus on _____ 3:3-15

3) God’s _____ explained 3:16-21

4) Nicodemus and _____

Our Conversations

Excellent resource for your learning and sharing: the app, God Tools, designed by Cru, or the same content on the website at www.knowgod.com

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

Read and discuss 1 John 5:9-13. Compare and contrast the words and ideas here and those in John 3:16-21.

Tell a story of how you have tried to “break the ice” with a neighbor, co-worker, or classmate. If you haven’t tried yet, develop and share your plan to do so this week.

Read John 7:50-52 and John 19:38-42. What else do we learn about Nicodemus? Did the conversation with Jesus play a part?

Reading Guide: “Conversations: How Jesus Engaged Others”

February 24-28: Jesus and the Samaritan woman

Verse of the Week: “Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

Monday, March 2 John 3:22-36

Tuesday, March 3 John 4:1-42

Wednesday, March 4 John 4:43-54

Thursday, March 5 John 5:1-16

Friday, March 6 John 5:17-47

Community News

Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries Banquet is Friday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Pleasant View Bible Church in Warsaw. If you would like a free ticket to attend (adults only), contact Leo Boyer at 267-3432.

Riley Foster Dodgeball Tournament is Saturday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Warsaw Community High School’s Tiger Den. Donations go toward Riley Hospital and Foster Care in Kosciusko County, including WL’s Foster Family Closet. Registration is \$40 per team (8 members). Contact rfdodgeball@gmail.com with your team name and list of team players (13 years and older). The tournament is double-elimination.