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September 11, 2024

Church Family,

Charles David Cooke was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, September 1st at six weeks old. Charles was brought forward by his parents, Jack Cooke and Danielle Lee. He is their first. Charles was surrounded by grandparents, aunts, and uncles. The family made vows. The church made vows. Charles belongs to the Lord. Our job is to make sure he knows it.

Larry Hamm passed away last week. After his death, we became aware of a need. Larry's widow, Tammy, lives with the effects of a stroke. The entryway into her home was unsafe, given her condition. I made the ask Thursday night. By noon on Saturday, Tammy had a brand new ramp for her home. Thanks to Darrel Shanks for leading the crew which included Richard Horner, David Frazier, Charles Leighty, Alan Pierce, Clay Hamblin, Eugene Cavness, Dana Gonsalves, and Rodney Haley. These guys are the church doing the work of the Lord.

Russell Harris made some requests regarding his celebration of life service. He requested there be no obituary, probably because he blushed over his mile-long list of accomplishments. He requested a service at WCN's campus, and that a pot-luck meal follow the service. The service will be Saturday, September 21st at 11am. The church is invited. Bring food. We will feed the family and we will eat with them as Russell requested. Furthermore, he requested, in lieu of flowers, that gifts be made to WCN's building fund. He believed in our mission. He was thrilled about our building. Several items on our lists need financing. You may give a donation in memory of Russell.

I was not expecting nearly seventy people to show up for the first *Mission: Spain* meeting (on a holiday weekend nonetheless!). Some of the seventy are prayer partners. But many more want to go. This is a good problem that we are working through. Join me in praying for the team, the missionary, the mission field, and the plans for our trip in July of 2025. Our next meeting is October 20th at 5pm. All are welcome.

21 people met in Jackson on Saturday to pray for—and continue to organize—the church plant in Jackson. Seven churches are co-sponsoring the plant. The prayer /support team is growing. Momentum

is building. The church will have a website soon for online giving. Pray for a pastor. Pray for a location. Pray for the Lord's direction.

Pastor Kelsey is pulling together parents of children on the spectrum this Saturday. There are unique joys and challenges when it comes to parenting these beautiful children. So much good will come from gathering these people together into a tight community of support.

This Sunday is *Faith Promise Sunday*. We will talk about, pray for, celebrate, and make promises to give toward world missions. Be thinking and praying now about how the Lord is calling you to support world missions. At 6pm, we will show *The Jesus Film*, which is a powerful tool for world missions, shown around the globe in 2,100 languages. In the past 27 years, 20 million people have accepted Jesus because of *The Jesus Film*. It is for all ages. Join us Sunday night at 6.

If you are a follower of Jesus and have not yet been baptized, I invite you to a class on Sunday, September 22nd at 10am in my office. No pressure to be baptized. Just come and hear. Children should have a parent present.

I write this letter in the middle of our annual Week of Renewal. Many thanks to our guests, Pastors Daniel, Pastor Dani, Milly, and Westley, Pastor Emily, and Zoe. The theme of the week is about *Going Deeper* in our faith. The Hawks have been preaching powerful messages, calling us to deeper faith. Thanks to Carl and Jana Brazzle for opening their home to house our guests. Thanks to those who participated in the meals Monday and Tuesday nights. Thanks to everyone who supported these great causes. The spirit has been sweet. Help us finish well Wednesday night at 6:30!

Once upon a time there was a church that gathered in a small building. The small sanctuary was maxed out with chairs, leaving little room for people to move around and visit. Most people came in, found their seat, and staved put. The foyer was so small that it was not conducive for gathering. If the weather was too hot, too cold, or too wet, people did not stay around. They just left when services were over. After decades in that building, the church moved into a larger building. The new building had plenty of space for seating and for moving around, and a large fover for gathering. But in the new building, most of the church people kept doing what they had always done. They found their seats and stayed there. They did not hang around afterward. Maybe it was simply habit. Even though they loved one another, maybe they did not realize the extent to which the old building conditioned them. Maybe they needed a pastor to come along and point out what was happening. Maybe they needed to hear that it is good and right to break free of old patterns, move freely, connect, gather, and hang around. The Greek word for this is koinonia. It is usually translated fellowship. But the meaning goes deeper. It is about sharing life together as brothers and sisters in Christ. I thought you might find the story of that church interesting. I'm sure the story has a good ending.

Trey Mann is two years old. He belongs to Kayla Mann, Greg Field, and Jill Field. When they pull into WCN's parking lot, Trey belts out, "WE'RE HOME!" Trey is perceptive at age two. He is at home here. So am I. So are you. Thanks be to God.

I'll see you at home this Sunday.

## -Pastor Daron

## **Upcoming...**

- Sep 8-11: Week of Renewal w/Pastors Daniel & Dani Hawks
- Sep 14: Finding
   Community: A lunch for
   families with children on
   the spectrum, 11am
- Sep 15: Faith Promise (World Missions) & Jesus Film, 6pm
- Sep 27: SAGE (senior adults) Luncheon
- Oct 11: Parents' Night Out
- Oct 18-20: District Women's Retreat
- Oct 20: Mission: Spain meeting, 5pm
- Oct 26: FUELfest:
   Chili Challenge,
   Cornhole Tournament,
   etc

If you have a prayer need please email prayer@wcntn.com

Worship:
8:30 & 11am
Engage Groups:
10am

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