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By His Grace For His Glory

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FORWARD: By His Grace, For His Glory

Dear Friends,

As we look forward, we believe further development of the Wellington ministry will serve as a launching pad for regional and global proclamation of God's word, as well as foster Biblical relationships within our local church.

FORWARD: BY HIS GRACE FOR HIS GLORY is about relationships: being in a personal relationship with Christ and growing through our relationships with other believers as we actively promote the gospel through relationships with unbelievers.

We believe the Lord is leading us to expand our current facility which serves as a tool for accomplishing the biblical vision we have had from the beginning for global, regional and local missions.

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number became obedient to the faith. - Acts 6:7

Our vision includes:

1. Equipping every Christian at Wellington to share the Gospel through every day events of life and increasing our geographical base for small group ministry.

2. Planting additional churches throughout Central Kentucky and beyond as we continue to develop young men for pastoral ministry, in part, to provide the personnel needed for new congregations.

3. Increasing our commitment to global ministries as our staff continues to expand the number of pastor's conferences worldwide.

4. Promoting Bible study through reconfiguring our current building to substantially increase the number of classrooms students and adults will have available for fellowship and instruction.

5. Nurturing the spiritual growth of the next generation by increasing the size and number of rooms for preschool and grade school children.

6. Enlarging our capacity for others to join us in worship as the 1,200 seat auditorium will enable us to not only accommodate more on Sunday mornings, but will provide a wonderful venue for conferences, musicals, and Bible-based programs.

7. Enhancing fellowship through the construction of a large lobby that encourages members and visitors alike to enjoy our unity in Christ that we've come to treasure and expect at Wellington.

-Wellington Church Leadership Team

A Letter from Wayne

Dear Friends,

In 2018, Wellington will celebrate its 20th anniversary. We look forward to this exciting and noteworthy milestone with an ever-deepening sense of our Lord's goodness.

The Lord placed a vision for this ministry in the hearts of a handful of individuals in the fall of 1998; a ministry that would honor Him through the expositional teaching and preaching of His inerrant word. Through that small group the Lord provided our current location and versatile facility that has become a blessing to hundreds of families who are benefitting from their dedication and commitment. We will forever be grateful to the Lord for those who are no longer with us, but upon whose faith we continue to build.

As you read through this material, I hope you will be encouraged to consider what might be as we look to the Lord to do far more than we could ever ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

On behalf of our staff, elders, deacons and other members of our leadership team, we encourage you to join with us as we seek to be found faithful to the end and leave a legacy for the next generation.

-Wayne Holcomb, Pastor

Original members praying prior to groundgreaking of Phase I

Lobby area of Phase II

Construction of Phase I

Student meeting area of Phase II

God's Faithfulness in the Past

The commitment to teaching God's Word is a hallmark of Wellington Church today and serves as our guidepost for running the race the Lord has marked out for us.

Eighteen years ago, a small group of believers, committed to the expository preaching and teaching of God's Word, began meeting in an elementary school for worship. This devoted group of believers faithfully served Christ and set in place convictions upon which our current church now stands.

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. -Acts 9:31

Our pastor, Wayne Holcomb, first began meeting with a small group of believers at Jessie Clark Middle School for worship and Bible study before moving to Rosa Parks Elementary where the first leaders were discipled in God's word. Plans to purchase land and build a multipurpose facility came together after extensive prayer.

Jessie Clark Middle School

Rosa Parks Elementary School

Six-acres became available just south of Lexington near Brannon Crossing and this small but dedicated nucleus of believers were able to pay for the land in cash. Construction of the Family Life Center began. The following year Kevin Cooper was added as a full-time youth and music pastor.

Beginning groundwork of Phase I

Beginning construction of Phase I

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After 4 1/2 years of meeting in a rented gymnasium, Wellington's multipurpose facility was completed and the first worship service was held in November.

Wellington partnered with TMAI to further the teaching of God's word in Honduras.

A men's Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 was started at Panera Bread to promote fellowship and training in God's word.

Our pastor, Wayne Holcomb, began a Pastors' Conference in Aurangabad, India that has provided more than 800 pastors the opportunity to further their education and training in the expository teaching of God's word.

The Awana ministry was added for the purpose of encouraging Bible memorization among our young people.

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A decade of steady growth in the Sunday morning worship service, combined with the increasing number of ministries, has left a strain on the current facility that can no longer be ignored. Plans have been made for adding an additional time of worship to provide more opportunities for those the Lord brings to Wellington, but this temporary solution fails to address the number of rooms needed for the growing number of young people, plus we have no appropriate area for our current student ministry that has tripled in size over the past 3-4 years.

Consultations with an architect have produced renderings for Phase II that would include a two-story addition for children's ministry, a spacious lobby, and a more accommodating auditorium for worship and special programs. Renovation of our current facility will also provide badly needed space for our student ministry, four large classrooms for adults, and several more rooms to accommodate small groups and ministries such as Awana and Overstone Co-op.

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Outside Entrance and Lobby Area

Sanctuary

Lobby/Fellowship Area

God's Faithfulness in the Present

As we ask for the Lord's wisdom in determining the best path for our church's future, we would like to share several observations of His faithfulness in our current season of ministry.

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.
-Acts 12:24

Gospel Impact in Our Community

The Lord has blessed our congregation in numerous ways through the expansion of ministries at Wellington over the past 18 years. The ability to develop various ministries within the Central Kentucky community has been an answer to prayer and the result of faithful service.

The following factors have combined to give us a sense of confidence moving forward:

1. Our senior pastor, Wayne Holcomb, clearly understands our Lord's calling and is committed to leading through the next decade of Wellington's spiritual growth, with the training of younger pastors for future decades as a primary focus.

2. Wellington enjoys uncommon unanimity resulting from the spiritual maturity of our elders, deacons, and ministry leaders who all recognize Christ as the head of the church. We are blessed that trained leaders and interns through the pastoral development ministry within Wellington continue to grow and increase in complete harmony.

3. Our student and young adult ministries continue to grow and would greatly benefit from this new construction and renovation of the current facility.

4. Our land was purchased in cash and the debt on our current building has been paid down from $2.3 million to under $700,000. This past year, through faithful giving we were able to reduce the principal balance by $300,000.

5. The past twelve years have brought significant commercial development to the once semi-rural surroundings with the establishment of major retailers in Brannon Crossing and the south end of Lexington.

6. The Lord continues to provide the necessary finances to support this growing ministry through the faithful giving of His people, honoring Him with their first fruits. The annual operating budget has increased from $150,000 to over $700,000.

Drew and Andrea Gilliam

Wellington Church is a body of believers that exists to glorify God, proclaim the gospel of Christ, and faithfully make disciples. By God's grace alone, Wellington's impact on the local community is deeply rooted in the expository teaching of the Bible, holding fast to the sufficiency, inerrancy, and absolute truth of God's Word. Wellington rests firmly in the redemptive message of hope found only in Jesus Christ; the magnificent story told throughout scripture! God has provided ministries at Wellington such as Foster Parents Night Out, which allow us to serve as a family, and dig deeper into the community with the gospel message, proclaiming the life-changing truths of God's grace and mercy.

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Gospel Impact in our Region

The Lord has grown our regional presence in Central Kentucky with families from 15 counties now worshiping and serving at Wellington. The leadership team has discussed the desire to plant additional campuses throughout Central Kentucky to eventually become independent Bible-teaching churches who share our conviction and confidence in the authority and sufficiency of God's Word at all levels of ministry. We believe our current growth at Wellington is a first step in making that vision a reality.

Kevin and Carla Stamper

When we came to Wellington three years ago we had the intention of visiting several churches in the Lexington area before deciding which one to make our home. After Sunday morning Bible study and hearing expository preaching for the first time the Lord made it clear this is where He wanted our family to worship. Our drive from Paris never gets burdensome because we know truth will be taught and preached which is important to our family. We are so thankful for this body and we look forward to how God will impact our communities through Wellington.

Gospel Impact in our World

The Lord has amazed us over the last decade in how He has used Wellington to train pastors in the word in Honduras, India and starting in 2017 in Puerto Rico.

India Pastors Conference

Every year since January 2006 Wellington has been sending their pastor, Wayne Holcomb, to Aurangabad, India to provide biblical training for Indian pastors in the state of Maharashtra. These pastors have a Bible College education, but cannot further their training at the seminary in Pune because they do not have a strong command of the English language. Our pastor, through the use of a translator, teaches advanced Bible Survey courses, as well as in-depth studies of individual books of the Bible, and other general courses that are necessary for fully understanding the foundations of the Christian faith. These pastors appreciate this support in a culture that is primarily Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim. Some of the pastors travel as many as 18 hours to attend the conference each year.

God's Guidance for the Future

As we look to the future we believe the best is yet to come for us as a church throughout Central Kentucky and globally.

So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. -Acts 16:5

Gospel Growth in our Community

As we envision moving Forward By His Grace For His Glory, we believe improvements can be made to our current facility that would enable us to better fulfill our church's mission. As our diverse spectrum of local ministries increases, the development of a new addition will support those efforts by incorporating a welcome lobby, dedicated children's facility and new worship center. In addition, our current building will be renovated and customized to better accommodate our student ministries and provide more functional spaces for adult Bible studies.

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Forward By His Grace For His Glory also includes taking additional steps along the journey of reaching out to Central Kentucky with the development of additional regional church plants.

Gospel Growth in our World

Our global emphasis for Forward By His Grace For His Glory will build upon what we've learned over the past 18 years as we've pursued our worldwide mission to see unbelieving people become committed followers of Christ. It has been our experience that the greatest opportunities for spreading the Gospel abroad involve the identification and training of indigenous believers. In the mission field, we have seen dramatic Gospel growth by equipping local pastors who have been trained by our pastor. We believe the technical enhancements planned for our new worship center will enable us to broadcast and distribute our locally-based Bible teaching to our mission partners and their congregations worldwide.

View of sanctuary and baptismal

View from second floor worship entrance

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As an active Wellington participant, we humbly ask you to pray as we seek God's wisdom and guidance to work out the details and provide the necessary resources for this bold vision. Along with your prayers, we invite you to participate by providing the church with a good faith estimate of your giving intentions over the next three years. Whether it is $10 or $10 million, your partnership with us is vital.

The estimated total cost associated with fulfilling this vision is $7.5 million. The Lord provided through a much smaller group of dedicated Christians to build this first phase so we have every reason to believe He will provide for this second phase if everyone participates. Our plan is to pay down our current debt and initially build the shell, with a 6,000 square foot basement, which will cost approximately $3.5 million.

Then we are hoping to finish the lobby and children's wings, with the worship center being the last area to be completed, as we can make room for new families by adding an additional worship time to meet the current need.

Children's Check In Area

Children's Worship Area

We are praying for the Lord to provide an additional $4.5 million over the next five years. While this is very doable for a congregation our size, it will not be possible unless everyone participates.

Phase I and Phase II

Additional Phase II Pictures

Toddler Room

Outside Playground

Student Gathering Area

Student Gathering Area

Sanctuary - 1200 Seat Capacity

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