

Kingdom Focus

Kingdom Focus in a Political Context
Matthew Barns, Chaplain Indiana Statehouse

In the fall of 2004, God placed a burden on Matthew's heart to begin a ministry in the Indiana Statehouse. Since then, God has provided Matthew with incredible opportunities to lead Bible Studies, Chapel Services, Annual Statehouse Prayer Services, Prayer Breakfasts, and Pastors' Statehouse Days. These events, combined with faithful interaction within the capitol community, have opened many doors for sharing the Good News and testimonies of God's faithfulness. In addition to his work at the Statehouse, Matthew encourages local churches to gain a passion for ministry to their individual elected leaders through prayer, encouragement, and the Word of God.



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Welcome! Thanks for joining us today.



New to WL?

We'd love to meet you! **Stop by the Connections Desk in The Commons** (right across from the café). We're here to answer any questions you have about WL—and we have a welcome gift just for you.

Got Kids?

Kids from **infants to 6th grade** have classes available during both **services**. Students in **grades 7-12** meet in **The Hub at 10am**.

Ways To Connect



Connect Card

If you're new today, have recently moved, changed your email, or just want to connect, please scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Desk across from The Café. We want to help you connect at WL.



Thank you for your generosity!

There are three ways to give: On our website at wlgrace.com/give, through the Church Center app using the QR code, or in person using one of the black giving boxes throughout the building.



Serving Opportunities at WL

We'd love to help you step into serving at WL! One of our values at WL is, "Everyone has a part to play." Let us know how we can help you find your place.

Other Ways to Connect...

You can find more information about us and ways to connect at wlgrace.com, Winona Lake Grace Church on Facebook, and [wlgracechurch](https://www.instagram.com/wlgracechurch) on Instagram.





New Service Times Beginning Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, August 16, we will return to three services on Sunday mornings, 8:30, 10, and 11:30am. We are so excited to see how God has been working in and through WL this past year. As the new school year begins, we look forward to many guests joining us on Sundays. Because the 10am service is a sweet spot for a lot of people, it is bursting at the seams.



Let's make room for growth together. Isn't this a great problem? If you have flexibility in your Sunday schedule, we invite you to join the 8:30 or 11:30am service to allow guests to join at 10am. Let us know if you can help create additional space by using the QR code.



Church at the Park - Save the Date!

Nothing says family like a picnic at the park! Add church, music, baptisms, and food, and you've got a **Church Family Celebration!** Mark your calendar now for **September 13**. More details to come.



The Gathering is WL's **young adult ministry for ages 18-28**. We're back this week for another Summer Hangout! Contact Blake at bburns@wlgrace.com for location. We can't wait to see you. Stay connected and get updates by following our Instagram page @thegatheringwl.



Marriage Foundations Begins September 6

Marriage Foundations is designed for married couples no matter how long you have been married, as well as for couples who are engaged or are thinking about marriage. There will be two 5-week sessions this fall beginning on September 6. These sessions will cover the foundation needed for a Christ-centered marriage. We'd love to have you join us at 10am for Marriage Foundations. Would you please register if you plan to attend?



MEN - Save the Date! Our WL Men's Retreat will be **September 18-20**. Mark your calendar and prepare to be challenged to take the next steps in your spiritual journey **WITH Jesus**. Registration is open!



Sign Up Now for Fall Huddles! Registrations are now open for Fall Huddles. Huddles are short-term groups, making them an easy and approachable way to step into community. Whether you're new, feeling disconnected, or longing to grow deeper in your faith, Huddles are a place to belong and grow – together.



God Calls Us To ...



WL Cafe and the Playspace Beginning August 17



WL Cafe

Mon- Thurs 7am-5pm
Fri & Sat 8am-12pm

the Playspace

Mon- Thurs 9am-12pm
afternoon Tues & Thurs 3pm-6pm
Sat 10am-12pm

New Office Hours

The church offices will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm.



Interested in joining a Group? We'd love to help! Groups come in all shapes and sizes and meet at all different times. There are groups for men, women, different seasons of life, and interests. Are you interested in joining a group? Let us know. At WL Central today, there are people who can help you find out more about joining a group, or use the QR code.



Serving WITH others. We have lots of ministries at WL, that means there are lots of ways to serve. Now is the time to discover ways to serve. Interested? At WL Central today, there are people who can help you find out more about serving, or use the QR code.



WL MINISTRY FUND

Month End	FY Giving To Date	FY To Date Budget	Difference
July	\$168,919	\$196,704	-\$27,785

25-26 Fiscal Year Summary reports are available at WL Central today.