

## Wellspring Preparatory School

Wellspring Prep will be renting a couple of children's classrooms at Oakland during the week. This rental will start with a trial period which may turn into a year-long partnership.

*Here is an introduction to Stephanie Van Horne from WPS's website:*

Stephanie Van Horn has been a passionate advocate for education in the state of North Carolina since 1994. She honed her dynamic teaching skills in kindergarten, second, third, and fourth grade classrooms. As a lifelong learner, Van Horn earned her Master's degree in Elementary Education in 2002 and went through the vigorous National Board Certification program in 2000, 2010, and again in 2020. Aware that her students were watching her chase knowledge gave Van Horn a great sense of accomplishment. As a result of Van Horn's scholars having consistent high academic and behavioral growth, she was promoted to serve in a leadership role as an Expanded Impact Teacher in the second largest school district in the state, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, during the height of the pandemic in 2020. This leadership role gave her the opportunity to positively impact students beyond her own classroom setting. She taught and monitored learning in five hybrid third grade classrooms. She also supported their teachers by utilizing and modeling best practices in the educational setting.

Van Horn is excited and equipped to expand her ability to serve students through Wellspring Preparatory School in a way that will enable the world to shine. Wellspring Prep is an innovative micro-school created to move students to higher levels of excellence. As an educational entrepreneur Van Horn has taken the best of public schools and the best of homeschools and created space for pupils to thrive. WPS stands out for several reasons. First of all, it is a place where innovative research based curriculum will be used in a personalized authentic learning environment. In addition, due to the small size of the facility, the staff are in the perfect position to adapt nimbly to meet the needs of scholars on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, WPS is thrilled to be an integral part of the community. Numerous opportunities will be integrated within the school year for families and community partners to enrich the educational and personal journeys of the scholars. Finally, we are proud

to join the micro-school movement with the unique twist of doing it in a rural area. We firmly believe that all children deserve the best in education. Van Horn's vision for WPS is that it will hold fast to traditional values that America was built on, while providing an innovative curriculum that will cause them to thrive. Ultimately, Van Horn is focused on preparing her pupils to thrive as leaders in an ever growing, complex world. Van Horn has gained the wisdom to realize that this opportunity to serve children in this new chapter of her career is both a privilege and blessing.



**June 23, 2024**

*Now if you obey me  
fully and keep my  
covenant, then out  
of all nations you  
will be my  
treasured  
possession.*

Exodus 19:5

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### Sunday, June 23 2024

God's Promise to Make a Holy Nation

Exodus 19:1-8

**The Point:** God's promise to set apart His people was conditioned on obedience.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Like it or not, rules are a part of life.

Most of us as children probably had to hold a parent's hand when we walked across the street or through a parking lot. Our parents had rules for us because they wanted to keep us safe. At the time, we probably thought of the rules as limiting our freedom. I remember the day when I didn't have to hold my mom's hand anymore when I crossed the street.

Many aspects of our lives come with rules. The places we work have procedures to follow. We have traffic laws that tell us how fast we can drive on roads, when we need to stop, and more. Sports in which we engage, such as baseball or soccer, also have rules.

People sometimes grumble about rules, but they still obey them because they know they must for life to work the way it should.

If we're honest with ourselves, we probably consider some of life's rules as a bit restrictive or confining. Sadly, when it comes to one's relationship with God, too many people view His commands as outdated, or as mere suggestions. However, God intends His commands for our blessing, and when we obey them, we experience life to the fullest, as it was meant to be.

**Live It Out:** List at least four ways God has worked to bring you to Himself. Spend time in prayer, thanking Him for carrying you throughout your lifetime. List at least four ways you can live as God's priest in your world today. Commit those ways to God in prayer, submitting to His plan and power. Remember that God's covenant requires our obedience. We can't keep God's commands perfectly; all of us need Christ's sacrifice for our sin. However, ask God to help you identify areas of your life where you need His grace to live better as His witness to the world.

### Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

#### Special Focus

Sunday, June 30

Praying for Our Nation

(2 Chronicles 7:1-3, 12-20)

#### Promises We Can Count On

Sunday, July 7

God's Promise of a King

(2 Samuel 7:8-16)



### Opportunities for Ministry & Service

#### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

#### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 6/26

#### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Pregnancy Center in Monroe

The Help Pregnancy Center is hiring for the position of Development Coordinator. If you are interested, check out their website: [Monroehelp.com](http://Monroehelp.com) for more information!



### Service Attendance

Sunday, June 16

Indoor: 62

Online: 75



Wednesday, June 19

Online: 41

Youth: 15

### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



June Offering

To Date:

\$10,203.00

### Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Peggy Dean

Sam Goodwin

Christine Hinson

Rodney Johnson

(Renee Helms' Son)

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

### Youth Movie Outing

The youth are going to see Disney's *Inside Out 2* today at 2:50 PM. Meet at NCG Cinema by 2:30 PM. Approximate parent pick up is 4:40 PM.

*OBC will cover the ticket cost for regular youth attendees.*

