

WORDS FOR WAMC



Four Visions – Jeanie’s Visions

[Jeanie has been a powerful and loving intercessor for this church and community for many years. She has served wholeheartedly within our church and school in many different capacities.]

“I had these visions years ago, but they have continued to come to mind often. Our church has prayed fervently for many years for the transformation of our community and city. It is a place that Jesus wants to transform!”

Vision 1 – A cavalry of horses was marching down Wilkens Avenue. Riding out in front was King Jesus. As he advanced, he was looking to the left and right toward the houses and calling the names of people inside. Doors were opening and people were looking out to see what was happening.

Jesus knows the names of each person and each circumstance in each house and he calls them to himself. He wants to reign and rule in our community.

Vision 2 – Again on Wilkens Avenue, directly across from the church there were people lying face down in the street. They were not lying there because they were drunk or unconscious or anything like that. They chose to lie in the street. There was some fear among the people that a car might come, not be able to stop in time, and crush them all; but they continued to lie there.

In the story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, people threw down their cloaks and garments in an act of honor as he entered the city. It occurred to me that the way Jesus enters our community is as we, his people, lay down our lives for him and the people he has sent us to serve - even if it means giving up our lives.

Vision 3 - There was a huge net over our streets and over the tops of the houses and trees - like the kind that traps birds. There were holes in the net and a few birds were escaping. As they went out, the holes got bigger and more birds were able to escape.

We have been praying for people to be freed from their bondages. As the first few become free, others will have hope and will follow to freedom. After a while the holes will be so big that the net will be useless!

Vision 4 - As we were praying, I saw a large group of horses, ready and waiting for riders, standing in the shadows. This is the word that came to me: "These horses are like my angels, waiting to obey my command. They are waiting for you, by your prayers to send them into specific areas of battle. They will carry my angels and my Spirit to fight for you wherever you send them."

2009 – Amy’s Word (Isaiah 62)

[Amy is our former youth leader and a current teacher at our school.]

At the end of one of our Truah prayer/praise services, Amy was walking out the door and said, “The Lord just told me that Isaiah 62:8-12 is for the church; I have no idea what it says.”

Isaiah 62:8-12:

8 The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:

“Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled;

9 but those who harvest it will eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather the grapes will drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.”

10 Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations.

11 The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.’”

12 They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.

Note: In hope, we hold on to the promises that our harvest (what we sow and reap) will not be stolen, that kingdom fruitfulness will abound, and as a result increased enjoyment will come. And, in hope, we continue to do what we believe is our church’s part to help prepare the way for the Lord.

04/02/2009 – Todd’s Dream (The Spring of Jesus & The Detention Center)

Dream highlights:

- I was walking the streets of a city and wandered into an old, dirty, abandoned building. Inside, I found people from our church swimming in the flooded basement. I could see the water source was a churning spring that was clear, pure, and refreshing. As I looked deeper into the water, I saw Jesus’ face. Those from our church were being spiritually refreshed by the water and were asking me to refresh them too.
- Upon leaving the building, Mike Bickle appeared to me and exhorted me to lead our church to a detention center. I could see the detention center in the distance; it was run-down, abandoned, with all the windows broken out and very dark inside.

Thoughts:

- In the most unexpected places, God will provide strength and power to do his work. He will refresh us with his “living water.” By the power of the Holy Spirit, we also need to refresh each other.
- I believe the detention center symbolizes the strongholds of Satan and the grip he has on others. It is the place where Satan holds others captive. It’s an unlikely, ugly place. We are called to go to the dark places and set people free by the blood and power of Jesus, and to proclaim the salvation and favor of the Lord.
- I believe Mike Bickle (International House of Prayer) represents prayer and praise and inviting the presence of God. Interacting with God through prayer and praise will be a key component of our church fulfilling its purpose. During these encounters, the Holy Spirit will rest on us. We need the mindset of Moses found in Exodus 33:15 where, before encountering the glory of God, Moses said, “If your presence does not go with us, then do not send us up from here.”

2010 – Eboni’s Vision (Psalm 125)

[Eboni is a former member, former worship leader, and former principal of our school.]

I saw a mountain range of three big, beautiful, snow-covered mountains. In front of the mountain range, lay a valley that was green but sort of barren. There weren’t any trees or houses in the valley. In front of the mountain range was a gray storm cloud delivering great streaks of lightning. It began to rain in sheets and then a torrential rain swept over the valley. The rain began to fill the valley until the valley was flooded with water. At this point, I began to feel anxious and wondered “Well, isn’t this water going to drain? Isn’t God going to remove the water?” But then I felt the Lord telling me to “stay with the image”, so I did. Then the rain ended and the flood waters settled. I looked above the water and I saw that the image of the mountains was reflected in the water. The reflection was not a perfect image because the water was moving, but it was a clear image of the mountains. Then I looked under the surface of the water and a transformation had happened in the valley. The valley now looked like a tropical rain forest with large plants growing everywhere and of every color. The plants were moving with the movement of the water. The valley was now full of life.

I believe that the three mountains represent God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The valley represents Baltimore City. The flood waters are the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the city, and the plant growth represents the spiritual life and physical renewal of people who come to know Christ, mature in faith, and are freed from the barrenness and death of sin. My anxiety represents the fear of confusion Christians develop when we don’t know what God is doing and it’s not what we expected. And I believe the storm cloud is the difficulties of life and obstacles to trusting God.

2010 – Gwen’s Word (The Coming Harvest)

[Gwen is a former worship leader, an intercessor, and the current principal of our school.]

We will be amazed in eternity at how we were used by God in people’s lives.
Don’t give up and keep fighting.
God says, “I can turn everything to gold. But if you give up I can’t work through you.

The coming harvest is four-fold: Harvest among those with addictions, greater harvest among African Americans, harvest among Latino population, harvest among young adults.

We will not compare our group with others, but will rejoice in the success of other groups.

2010 – Marita and Arlene’s Word (Spiritual Sons)

[Arlene is former Care Group leader, an intercessor and prophetic voice in our church]

There are spiritual sons around the corner, but at times it will be messy.

2011 – Marita’s Dream (Youth Hearts for Revival)

I had a dream where I saw the youth at the school riding bikes in a pack through the street singing “Revival!” It sounded beautiful and I could sense their excitement and love for the Lord. They rode down to an outdoor gathering place where it seemed like the worship service was going to continue.

There was a warning in this dream about how distractions and love of the things of this world can suffocate worship to God. Let’s pray for steadfast, worshipping hearts.

2012 – Linda’s Vision (A Call to Disciple)

[Linda is an intercessor, a current Care Group leader, and prophetic voice in our church.]

During one of our Truth Prayer and Praise services, Linda had a vision and saw our sanctuary full of those who had been bound by addictions and had been set free. God said, “What are you going to do with them?”

07/15/2013 – Todd’s Dream (The Golden City & The Golden Eagles)

Dream highlights:

- I was riding a large golden eagle high in the sky. We flew over a mountain, which had RKK written on the side, and the eagle set me down on a street in a city of gold. The city buildings radiated with a golden glow.
- Suddenly, other golden eagles swooped down from the sky and began removing the enemies of God from the city.
- As the city was purged and cleansed, its glow became so bright that it was almost blinding yet it was so glorious to behold.

Thoughts:

- I believe the mountain, and the writing on the mountain symbolize Jesus’ presence over the city and his authoritative claim to the city as the King of Kings. RKK is my place of employment and in 2012 Marita and I had dubbed it, “ou**R** King of **K**ings,” as praise to God for an answer to prayer about me securing a new job.
- I believe the city is Baltimore.
- I believe the enemies of God are demonic forces, demonic principalities, and evil strongholds (houses of thoughts).
- I believe the gold and the glow are the glory of God.

01/22/2014 – Todd’s Vision (Open Doors & Semaphore)

Vision highlights:

- On this day I was praying about us being a church with authority from God over the territory of Baltimore, and being one used by God to dictate what comes into and goes out from Baltimore in the spiritual realm.
- While praying, I saw people from our church in a desert-like place using hammers to break free from shackles and chains that bound them to tree stumps. Once free, they each ran through a door and took flight and their bodies turned bright white with a trail of white flowing behind them. They flew into the surrounding darkness and all gathered at a giant black ball. They worked collectively to push the ball and uncover an opening through which bright light shined into the darkness around them. The people then spread out and came to rest on surrounding hilltops and let the light shine on them and refresh them; their faces were so bright with light! After this, they flew back to the desert-like place from where they had come, which was now full of the bright light. Each person seemed to have a renewed hope, a strengthened faith, and an excitement that victory over darkness was here!
- After seeing this vision, the word “semaphore” came to my mind.

Thoughts:

- I had to look up the word “semaphore”, and I found that it means:
 - A method of visual signaling with flags, lights, or mechanical arms. Before radio, a semaphore system was widely used to send messages between

ships. Modern semaphores include moveable arms or rows of lights mounted on towers used to signal railroad trains (Concise Encyclopedia).

- God desires breakthrough in our lives, and wants to bring us into a place of freedom and a place of confidently abiding in him.
- God desires to use us to push back the darkness that has asserted itself over our city.
- God desires to bring us into a place of authority to receive directions from him and signal (communicate) his plans to other churches. Also, he'll give directional advice (words of wisdom and knowledge, etc.) to the leaders and mentors among us in order to help others on their faith journey with Him.
- We are to receive his light, reveal his light, and shine his light!

09/03/2016 – Travis Spann at Camp Andrews

- John 2:1-5 – From the story of Mary at the Wedding at Cana: Be a dreamer! Don't let the voice of Satan or the World distract you; let the Spirit well up inside of you and burst forth. The suddenly of God broke in through Mary. Let the suddenly of God break through in you.
- God said, "These [Wilkins Avenue church body] are my [Jesus'] brothers sisters and mother. This is my family." You can be encouraged by this! Also be sober about it, because of whom much is given, much is required. With this label from Jesus, obedience is necessary. You've been praying for a long time together; answers are coming from Heaven and you're going to have to obey together. Commissionings are coming; corporate commissionings are coming; there's going to be order in it; there's going to be leadership; it's already in place. In this coming time, you can't rely on your brain [your own rationale/wisdom]; don't try to shut Jesus' ministry down. God said, "This church is one that does my will." Be a people that do his will.
- Just like Jacob had an encounter with God that changed his life, there are encounters coming for you corporately and a plan of God is going to unfold; a game-changing world-changing plan. Be encouraged as He will reveal it to you.
- He sees you as a people of His presence but He wants to raise you up to a greater place of being a people of His presence corporately. And, He wants to raise individuals up here to persons of His presence. To be a people that God says, "I'm with that person."

05/29/2017 – Todd's Vision (Golden Army)

In this vision I scurried up a hill, while carrying a torch (which also sometimes turned into a whip) in my hand, and looked out over a vast open field filled with beautiful tall green grass with white and yellow flowers that were gently waving in the wind. I looked closer and realized that the yellow flowers were actually golden warriors that were marching towards me. I thought to myself, "Yes! They are here to help me!" I thought I would lead them with my torch. But as they approached me they marched right around me. I stood in the middle of them staring, wondering what they were doing and where they were going. Soon, they were all ahead of me, and my torch/whip turned into a sickle. The Lord spoke to me and said that I needed to understand what He was doing and follow in that way; to align myself with His purposes. It was like a Joshua 5:13-14 moment. I felt invigorated and ran to catch up to the golden warriors while imagining using my sickle fiercely and courageously in the coming victorious harvest.

Note: Around this time, God also spoke to Marita and said, "Pray for the next Great Awakening."

06/08/2017 – Todd’s Encounter at Truah (The 4 Keys)

During one of our Truah prayer/praise services, Linda and Arlene were prophesying and proclaiming us moving in power with the “swords” we have been given. As she picked up her Bible, Arlene shouted, “Everyone pick up your swords as we pray!” When I picked up a Bible off a nearby chair, four keys fell out of it into my hand. The flat part of one key was blank, but the other three had these inscriptions: “24-7-365”, “12”, and “Believe.”

I believe the keys symbolize the following:

- Blank – When there is a need, in accordance with God’s will, call it out in faith. God has given us authority to frame things up with our prayers and call forth the things of God into manifestation. We will increase the Lord’s voice by speaking out.
- 24-7-365 – A call to around-the-clock prayer, praise and worship.
- 12 – An apostolic commission is on us. That means we are called to start new ministries and churches, go to places where the Gospel is not preached, and raise up and develop leaders. It is a call to be servants, to be unselfish, and to share in Jesus’ sufferings.
- Believe – A key of faith to call forth the 24-7-365 activities. Also to call forth the things of God in our region.

2018 – Amy’s Vision

[Amy is our former youth leader and a current teacher at our school.]

It was seven or so years ago at a Truah prayer/praise service. I (Amy) didn’t want to share it at first because the vision I got was an empty church and most of the adults we had at the time had left or were leaving and I felt so sad and didn’t want to discourage Marita or Todd with this vision so I just sat quietly and kept asking for the rest of what God wanted to say and a verse. Then God showed me all these prodigals from years before and new youth filling in the seats and preaching and leading. I felt like there would be a time of mourning as a church and worrying because “everyone” was leaving, but God brought in young people and those we trained before to minister to those who were broken. The church was packed with people caught up in things like prostitution and drug addiction and they were being delivered by all these young people. The verses God gave me were Jeremiah 30:18-24 and it was confirmed by Linda and Arlene. A few months ago my son said, “Mom I feel like there is going to be a revival and all the people down here (in the church neighborhood) are gonna start following God. Even those dealing drugs believe God exists and they are gonna start following Him.”

01/06/2018 – Erma Zimmerman’s Dream

[Erma and her husband Lester are former leaders of our church. Their church, Petra Fellowship now facilitates our Harvest Time vegetable distribution ministry.]

I was with a group of people at a city “stadium” waiting to hear the music group Delirious – I don’t know why it was Delirious! Prophetic significance?
As I was waiting, I wanted to find my car which I “knew” was several blocks away. When finding my car it was a gold/butterscotch Dodge Dart with black vinyl roof. (This was my car when I lived in Baltimore!) I then started looking for a “door,” drove several blocks, found it on the end house of a row of houses. As I got out of the car to get the door, a young man tried to assault me but shouting the name of Jesus, I overcame him. I got the door but knew it needed a foundation. A foundation was brought and the door was placed in the foundation and it clearly fit. I woke up.

Interpretation:

- I believe this dream is for Baltimore because of the car, which I used when I lived there.
- I also think the “door” represented outreach and the foundation of WAMC.
- The fact that a “young man” tried to hinder me from getting “the door” could signify opposition to outreach, but he surely didn’t prevail and I clearly remember calling on the name of Jesus.
- It seems there is clearly a door for outreach “resting” on a firm foundation.
- I was also wondering if there won’t be some type of large gathering in the city. It was about to happen, but we were in the “waiting mode”.
- Be encouraged, the message of Jesus will prevail. No weapon forged against you will prosper!

04/22/2018 – Gwen’s Word

[Gwen is a former worship leader, an intercessor, and the current principal of our school.]

The Lord says that Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church is a boot camp. You have trained many thousands to fight in the army of the Lord. You will be amazed in Heaven at all of those who were trained at Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church.

You have trained people to be faithful in the small things. This is very important to me says the Lord. No one can do great things for me if they ignore being faithful in small things.

You have been honest about your struggles and sufferings. Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church is genuine and has held onto my name in the midst of great suffering.

You love me, says the Lord and you train others to love me. There is nothing more precious than really loving Jesus.

You honor and submit to leaders. You move in and out of positions of authority. When Jesus walked the earth he moved in absolute authority, but he also humbly served everyone. My people need to carry this same anointing of submitting to leaders, serving others, but also walking in Godly authority.

Everything you do at Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church you do as unto me (the Lord). You seek my face in all things. This is very precious in my sight.

You’ve seen most of those you’ve trained leave for other places. I say that those you train now will remain to lead a revival in the city of Baltimore. You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things says the Lord.

06/02/2018 – IHOP Prophetic Ministry Time.

[During prophetic ministry at the International House of Prayer, Todd was told these things.]

The suddenly of God – be aware of the suddenly of God. He can change things in an instant.

09/07/2019 – John Harris’ Word (A Great Door for Effective Work)

Just like Paul says in 1 Corinthians 16:9 (about staying in Ephesus), there is a great door for effective work that has been opened for our church. There are four main adversaries behind the door trying to keep us from stepping into this work. God is allowing the adversaries to be there because he wants us to pray through them and walk in the power He’s given us. The four adversaries are:

Adversary #1 – A resistance to God’s truth.

Our spiritual enemies want to create a “mixture” in the church and water-down God’s truth. This involves a deception to change God’s word to our liking. A deception to embrace sin (to call darkness light). This would put our authority above God’s authority. This also involves a deception to move forward in actions that God has not ordained. Everything we do needs to be grounded in truth and God’s word. We need to pray that God’s holiness, righteousness, truth and love prevail in the church.

Adversary #2 – A resistance to new beginnings in the church.

The goal is to cause the church to become stagnant, and not able to move forward into new things. Our spiritual enemies use intimidation and fear as tactics. A spirit like that which controlled the religious leaders of Jesus’ time, which manifests in multiple ways, tries to coerce people through pride into resisting change.

Adversary #3 – A resistance to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the fire of the Holy Spirit, and the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The goal is to cause the church to be powerless, using fear as a tactic. Our spiritual enemies do not want our church filled with God’s fire, love and power. We should position ourselves towards God with open hearts and minds to receive the outpouring of his power and his gifts. Pray that people will desire the baptism of the Holy Spirit; pray that God will send his fire upon us; pray that people will desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit; pray that God will increase his outpouring of speaking in tongues, and his diversity of speaking in tongues.

Adversary #4 – A resistance to God’s apostolic government.

The goal is to keep the church from spreading and influencing. Apostolic government refers to a New Testament pattern of church leadership that helps facilitate advancing the Gospel of Jesus by raising up and training people and sending them out in power. Pray that the enemy trying to keep God’s apostolic government out of Baltimore would be pushed away from the open door.

Like the Church at Philadelphia

Over the last 10 years, these verses have been spoken over our congregation several times:

Revelation 3:7-13

“7 To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

12/2023 – Dream of Jermaine Shannon

(Jermaine became an Assistant Pastor of WAMC in 2024)

In the basement of our church were the abandoned, the forgotten, and the addicted. They were all drowning under the water. But our church became like a safe haven for them. We were able to resurrect and bring life back into the community.

Thoughts and Interpretation:

- In what might seem like a desolate place, even Hell on Earth, God has refreshed us and equipped us for the task at hand. I believe the different examples of people were a picture of this community we are in, the community that we serve.
- People are drowning under the weight of the pressure. They are being held down by Satan, falsified as the good life, and are pouring into our church for a way out.
- The Lord has given us the tools to go to battle with Satan and offer a freedom only He can give – to take back our community and give people new life and new reality.
- Note: Jermaine felt that this message was very powerful and he was going to speak about it. But at that time he felt Satan's attack with the car accident. So there is the element of spiritual warfare that we need to be praying about.

6/20/2024 – Dream of Lavinia Rowell

(Lavinia is a faithful prayer intercessor in our congregation)

I had a dream with a vision of WAMC. In the dream there was a Truck Crane with a ladder at the back (see picture for the type of crane). The ladder attachment loosened and fell off from the truck. I was in one of the two vehicles behind it. The loosened part fell in front of the vehicles, but not on their roof and no damage was done. There was no visible damage. This was a miracle of the Lord's protection! The Lord revealed himself as a God who performs miracles.

Next I saw the church congregation came together to worship, sharing God's goodness, lifting hands, and giving testimonies. The sanctuary was so packed with no empty seats between them. I feel the song "Million Little Miracles" aligns with this vision.



