



The Plumbline

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From the Pastor's Pen

By Daryl Diddle

Some Thoughts on ISIS, Islam and the Church

It seems like every time we turn on the news these days, we hear about another atrocity committed by ISIS; and they are often, but not exclusively, committed against Christians who happen to be living in their path. Slaughtered families and neighborhoods, beheadings, the burning of churches and homes and even people...

these are the kinds of things being reported.

For many Western Christians, and especially for American Christians, these images and reports are almost too much to believe. Riding, as we are, on the coat-tails of our formerly faith-filled culture, it's hard for us to imagine this is actually the reality for thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters, not just in the Middle East, but all over the world. Our very comfortable co-existence as Americans and Christians allows us to turn off the news when disturbing reports like these come on, and so remain insulated and blissfully ignorant of these happenings.

In the face of such disturbing things, it's tempting to take the easy road of covering our eyes and ears and asserting, "It's not happening here, so why should we care?" The problem, of course, is that faith in Christ does not allow us to remain intentionally ignorant of the sufferings of others, and especially those of our extended Christian family. Yet even if we open ourselves to these realities, the questions remain, "Why is this happening? How do we respond? What can we do?"

Toward answering questions like these, and for the sake of a more engaged and informed church regarding Islam in general and ISIS in particular, WFMC is presenting a Saturday Seminar entitled, "Islam...Through Our Eyes" on April 25. You can read about the details elsewhere in this issue, but by way of introduction, let me make a few important pastoral points to help guide our thinking about this provocative subject.

The Danger of Sliding Too Far to One Side

As in just about any situation, there always exists the danger of allowing our thinking to slide off the road, so to speak, on one side or another of the issue. The issue of Islam, in general, and ISIS, in particular, is no exception.

On one hand, there exists the thinking in today's church and world, that the god of Islam and the God of Judaism and Christianity is one and the same. We've all heard it said: "Islam (or Buddhism or Hinduism or just insert the faith of your choice here) is just another way to God."

Asbury Seminary president Timothy Tennent explores this idea in his book, "Theology in the Context of World Christianity." For a more complete treatment of this issue, pick up a copy. To offer a drastic summary, I'll just say that he concludes that, while Christianity and Islam do share some common elements (a monotheistic nature, for example), for a number of reasons (including Christianity being transformative in nature and the relatively recent changes in the development of the word, "Allah,"), it would be errant to conclude that the "Father of Jesus Christ is the God of the prophet Muhammad." There are simply too many things that define Christianity that do not define Islam, and vice-versa. To say, therefore, that Islam is simply another way to God is to fall off the generous side of the road into theological and spiritual error.

On the other hand, there also exists in the Church today the thinking that Islam is the embodiment of Satan himself and that all who practices Islam and / or the atrocities of radicalized Islam must be wiped from the face of the earth.

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Now, there is no doubt that Satan is behind these atrocities; he is hard at work in our world and his involvement in these events must be recognized. Also, world governments certainly have the moral authority and duty to protect their citizens from evils like ISIS is systematically committing.

However, there remains a human element that the church cannot and should not ignore: those individuals who follow the tenants of Islam...even those who are themselves committing these atrocities that take away our breath...they are souls who are valuable to God and whom Jesus died to save. They are redeemable, not disposable, and the Church dare not lose sight of the grief of God over their eternal destiny should they not repent and follow the true Savior.

In discussing these kinds of things with Dr. Tennent recently, he made the point that the Apostle Paul himself was guilty of committing similar atrocities against followers of Jesus, yet he was thoroughly transformed and redeemed to the extent of becoming the world's greatest missionary.

That makes me wonder...could there be another apostle Paul hiding behind the masks of today's ISIS victimizers?

If God could redeem a Saul of Tarsus nearly 2000 years ago, can He redeem someone like a Jihadi John?
Yes He can.

This is the word of faith, standing against the practice of evil, yet standing up for the lost souls which are held captive.

It is for faith like this, and perspective like this, that we stand in awe of the martyr Stephen, who responded to the atrocity committed against him with a hopeful and forgiving heart. When followers of Christ today do otherwise and wish evil upon those who do evil to us, we do not stand in the line of Christ. We fall off the other side of the road, again into theological and spiritual error.

Asking the Right Questions

All of this leads, of course, to Christians asking questions seeking, not revenge, but understanding that leads to the salvation of those desperately lost souls who harm in the name of any person, cause or religion. Regarding Islam and ISIS, we ask questions like:

What exactly is "ISIS" and "Caliphate?"

What really is happening to Christians in Muslim nations today?

What is the theology behind radical Islam, and how did it come to be?

Is "Allah" just another name for the God of the Jews and Christians?

How is the history of the Church being destroyed in Syria?

How might the Church worldwide properly respond to ISIS?

How can Muslims be reached for Christ?

Certainly we want to work toward the safety of our brothers and sisters who find themselves in the cross-hairs of ISIS, and we have a just expectation that world governments do all they can to rightly understand the entirety of this very spiritually-steeped situation. As believers, however, our greatest concern must be for the souls of the lost, just as Stephen's was so long ago. As we pray for our suffering brothers and sisters, so must we also pray that the Father would forgive those who are causing their suffering, for truly, they know not what they do.

Free Methodist History and Polity Class

History and Polity, a requirement for ordination in the Free Methodist Church, will be offered at WFMC over two Saturdays, May 2 and 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a 2 credit hour, masters level class, but is also an excellent review of our FM heritage, theology and vision. E-mail the church office for syllabus and registration. Cost is \$100.00, 50% of which is due at registration, and full payment by April 15. Instructor: Dr. E. Dean Cook.

WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"

Important upcoming dates to remember...

April 12th	6:00 pm	Youth Musical
April 20th	7:00 pm	(Monday night) Spring Ring XII, Handbell and Handchime Concert, featuring music inspired by and for children (or the child within!).
May 3rd	8:30 am 10:50am	Musical presented by Heaven's Harmony, entitled: "Discovery at Camp Wise-N-Up." This musical is a delightful adventure through which you will discover the wisdom found in Proverbs. Join the "campers," Sol (your crocodile hunter from way-down under) and a group of not-so-lazy ants to learn important lessons about following God's path for your life.
May 10th	6:00 pm	Singing Celebration: The Sanctuary and Youth Choirs unite again to lead us in celebrating God's gift of song to His body. We will worship together through song; celebrating the hymnody of John and Charles Wesley.

For Your Information...

- There will be large-print versions of the music inserts that we often use on Sunday mornings available in the weeks to come. These can be found inside the main entryway to the Sanctuary next to the children's bulletins. If you have difficulty seeing the regular music inserts in the bulletin, please feel free to use the special large-print editions in the back.
- Sometimes we get so familiar with the "way we do things" that we can forget that others, especially visitors, may not be so familiar with the way we sing, etc. If you notice folks around you who may not be familiar with, or used to, using a hymnal or worship guide/insert, please help them out, show them the hymnal, the worship supplement, offer an encouraging word, and a smile! We want everyone to feel free to participate in corporate worship, no matter their background. Thanks for your help!

Please contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans if you have any questions regarding the music ministry at WFMC or 1) if you are interested in being a soloist for music ministry, 2) on a music team for worship services, or 3) in a music ensemble. Let's continue to "sing and make music to our Lord!"

WFMC Core Values

- True Worship:** We believe that worshipping Christ truly has not so much to do with our liturgical and musical forms, styles, and preferences as it does with the condition of our attitude and heart as we come before our holy God as His people to adore Him. We seek holy hearts, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, that our worship may be true.
- Full Obedience:** "To obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Sam 15:22). In order to please God, He asks us to listen to His voice, discern His will and obey Him fully, in every area, with no hesitation. Full obedience to His Word in all things is our goal.
- Joyful Service:** Joyful service to God is evidence of a living faith and of a heart warmed by the Holy Spirit. Joyful service is also the way we work out our salvation. Whether it's service to one another, to the church, or our communities, we seek to serve wherever and however our Lord calls us, with joy. We are a church who serves out of love for Christ.
- Eternal Perspective:** We have a sure hope for the future, and so we watch expectantly for Christ's return to earth to declare final victory over the powers of sin and death (Rev 22:12). God has given us power to live victoriously over the present entanglements of sin, yet there is coming a day when His glory will be revealed and everyone will see that Christ is King. We watch for that day.
- Christ's Presence In The World:** This is the charge we were given until Christ returns – feed His sheep, take care of His lambs, and tell others about God's great love and mercy. We are to be light in a dark world, salt in a tasteless land – as Jesus was while He walked with us here on earth. The presence of a Christian should reflect the presence of Christ – toward this we strive.



CONSTRUCTION PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

By Royce Bourne, Architect

GOOD NEWS! The pace of the new building assembly is picking up. In the past several months the tempo of construction has been hampered by weather conditions and as we experienced last week, construction was stopped the entire week due to the snow and extremely cold temperatures.

While the weather has played a role in setting the cadence of construction, the major contributor to the delay has been the Subcontractor's limited crew assignments. In spite of our Contractor's on-going insistence, the urging of the Architect and the expressed dismay of the church, the Subcontractors have not manned their respective crews sufficiently to permit the speed of construction to keep pace with the previous schedules and overcome periodic weather-related delays and slowdowns.

Having visited the site this morning it appears more subs with more crew members are on site working, thus giving hope that the delays of the past are behind us. To borrow a phrase from our attorney friends: "There is a convenient convergence of objectives, rearranged in time and purpose so as to accommodate all parties without conflict." The weather has warmed, the subs are active, everyone is happier and the Project is moving nicely – the squeaky wheels are finally getting some grease. I am pleased to report mechanical units and ductwork are on site and are being installed, plumbers are accomplishing rough-in work, electrical is busy installing device boxes and flex, and the steel studs for interior partitioning is moving forward. In addition, most of the windows have been installed, exterior sheathing is being taped and sealed, weather barrier is being applied, and vinyl siding is scheduled to commence. If all goes as currently planned, drywall will be delivered for the Ground Floor and installed after partial certificates of inspections are received for the plumbing and electrical. Thanks to the Décor Team, carpet types and colors have been determined and orders have been placed for most of the carpet. The Décor Team remains busy finalizing some of the remaining finish materials and colors.

The current best guess for occupying the new Education Building is now the first of July. This projected move-in date will allow VBS to occupy their same spaces in the Sanctuary Building and the CMC Building. I am not sure if this is a blessing or not, but it permits the VBS Team and others more certainty about the space they have to occupy as they plan long term over the next few months.

Thanks are in order for the WFMC ministers and staff for their patience as they continue to function each day as the noise and activities of construction churn around them. Our thanks are also due them in the ways they somehow make the time to accommodate the Architect's inquiries and impromptu meetings with the Owner Representative - all the while providing wise counsel.

So as you walk past the new building to attend worship and Sunday School, be looking for significant changes over the next several weeks; and as you pass by, stop a moment and pray. Pray as you are led, but please be sure and pray for the many, many men and women whom you do not know and whose names you will never hear that are involved in the construction and behind the scenes that are striving to make this building a reality.

For more construction-related photos, please visit www.wilmorefmc.org and click on CONSTRUCTION UPDATES.



Marriage Ministries

Faith Legacy for Couples: Seven Values to Shape Your Marriage by Jim and Jerolyn Bogear

"In a healthy marriage, the paths of two people travel side by side for as long as they live; nothing and no one will ever come between them. A biblical, covenant marriage is one man and one woman agreeing to a non-negotiable, bomb-proof, never-ending, no one, no-how coming between us, I will grow old with you in the nursing home, I will stand by you in a wealthy country club or in the soup line, stuck to you, laughing and crying with you forever kind of covenant marriage. This is a marriage that is surrendered to Scripture. One spouse trusts the other who handles the family finances. One spouse trusts the other who makes the decisions regarding the direction the family will take (or both deciding together). Each spouse trusts the other to live by the values they have agreed to embrace. They trust one another to raise their children as they have agreed to raise them. They trust that, even though temptations may abound in the workplace or elsewhere, both will remain faithful to one another. They trust that someday they will be sitting next to each other in matching rockers, growing old together.

That kind of trust is not earned in a moment, but every day, through seemingly small, insignificant actions that build a foundation of trust on which the marriage can stand."

This excerpt from their latest book is an inspiration, with a little humor, for us to take and run with in our own marriages. The commitment is a decision, not a feeling, which will build the trust needed to carry us through.

Glen Ellwood, Marriage Ministry Team

Benevolence Team

Rachel Powdrill

Our church has a benevolence team that helps local people during financial and stressful situations.

We are in need of some volunteers to continue this ministry. Our weekly activities include: interviewing those who request help, praying with them, helping them to find jobs or other local resources, delivering bread, and following-up for encouragement.

If you are interested, please indicate this on the communications card on Sunday morning or call Pastor Reed at the church office or Rachel Powdrill (859-553-0701).

Overseas Fellowship

Servant Missionaries

By Doug & Carol McGlothlin

On the evening of Friday, April 10, the Overseas Fellowship will meet for the second time this year. We will have the privilege to hear from Andy Bowen, our missionary to Paraguay. Following a covered-dish dinner at 6 pm the program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Andy has chosen to share with us concerning humility, sacrifice, and incarnation. Considering the words of First Corinthians 2:2 he will focus on the vulnerability and submission of a servant.

We welcome all who have an interest in the international experience and a desire to hear from those who serve overseas.

Women's Ministries

Plans for Spring 2015!

As spring becomes evident, and snow becomes a memory, we are excited to plan special events for WFMC ladies. Plan for a new blossoming of your spirit as we embrace the seasonal changes in our lives. The Progressive Dinner was held March 26. We hope you were able to be part of that.

Plan now to attend our special events for the month of May. The very first weekend, May 1-3, we will be joining the New South Conference women in Sevierville, TN for a great time of refreshing and renewal. Our speaker, Sarah Ricciardi, will be speaking on finding our true worth and beauty in Christ. Information will be coming in the next few weeks as we prepare for our time together in Tennessee.

Our final activity of the year is our Ladies Spring Tea and we plan to include you. This will again be held in the CMC, as a time of celebrating our multi-generations of women. Watch for the signup sheet and information at the beginning of May.

It is not too late to make sure you take part in the Annual Fall Wilmore Ladies Retreat. We will be going back to Aldersgate Retreat Center in Rowena, KY, September 25-26. This is an overnight outing for our local church ladies. Here is our special time to get away as the school year is in full swing, before the holiday rush is upon us. If you haven't participated before, put this on your calendar! We want to embrace each woman in our community of believers.



Ladies, Save the Date!

We invite you to join us Saturday, April 18, for IF:Gathering. IF:Gathering is the unifying of the women in our church and community as we come together to humbly seek God, and leave better equipped to live out our callings. You won't want to miss this day full of passionate speakers, discussions of faith, and encouragement.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for details and registration. Questions? Call Rachel Weinberger 859-576-0397.



Breathe: A 5-Week Women's Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer

April 20-May 18

Monday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
At the Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Drive

We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. We miss the moments because we rush ahead to the next thing.

It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life.

A book for homework will be available (but not required) for \$10 at the first meeting.
Call Judy Metcalf (858-4063) for more information.

April and May Seniors Luncheon

Seniors age 60 and “better” are invited to the Senior’s Ministry’s Monthly Lunches for good food and fellowship. No reservations required—just bring some friends and come at noon.

On Friday April 10, we’ll welcome Pharmacist Sue Wiggam to the CMC, who, after lunch, will present some information on pharmaceuticals and also answer your questions.

Friday, May 1 is the end of the year picnic on the green in downtown Wilmore. Bring a dish to share.

Questions? Contact Patti Fiskeaux,
Senior’s Ministry Team Leader

Free Methodist Foundation Visit

Steve Macaluso, our representative from the Free Methodist Foundation, will be with us to speak on May 17 and taking appointments over that weekend. If you have questions about wills and trusts and financial planning for the future, the Foundation offers many free and steeply discounted services to Free Methodist church people.

Contact the office for an appointment.



Friendship Sunday

On April 26th we will welcome a group of internationals visiting with us in the 10:50 am service. They are being invited by the 15+ members of our congregation who are volunteers with *Friendship International*, an outreach ministry in Lexington to internationals living in the area. Last April we observed Friendship Sunday for the first time at our church. It was a wonderful celebration. Everyone at

WFMC was so warm and hospitable that our guests are still talking about it. In the past year, some have come to faith in Christ. Many of the internationals are not Christians, so for some it will be the first time ever to attend a Christian worship service. We have these requests:

- 1) Join us in praying that they (and all of us) will experience God’s presence through the worship and time of fellowship.
- 2) Please extend a special welcome to them—even those who do not speak English will be able to sense your warmth and your welcome. Our visitors might not feel comfortable leaving their children in the nursery. Please be especially gracious regarding any possible distractions during the service that their children might cause. There may also be simultaneous translation going on.
- 3) We invite (and encourage) your family to join us in the CMC for a potluck lunch at 12:15 pm. We would love to have WFMC Christians at each table to interact with our guests. Please bring more food than you normally would since we will not ask our guests to bring anything. We wish you could have seen their eyes last year when they entered the CMC and saw the long tables filled with food! This is a great opportunity not only for a cultural exchange, but for you to step into a mission field without leaving Wilmore.

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390		1 B—Cesario Elliott Clay Whitaker	2 B—Donna Flanigan Glen Flanigan, Janis Riffell, Lenora Yanosh Deano Sarantakos Maunder Thursday 8am-9pm Communion—Come any time	3 Good Friday 7 pm Worship Service	4 B—Darla Kidwell Hannah Goshima A—Jesse & Letha Jones
5 B—Cheryl Schell Resurrection Sunday! No Evening Worship	6 B—Joshua Toso Joyce Underwood Lora Prochina	7 B—Mattie Stinnett Kim Barnard	8 B—Charlie Denger Bonnie Descoteaux Richardo Gomez	9 B—Kyle Lovell	10 12 Noon Senior Adult Lunch 6 pm Overseas Fellowship Potluck	11 B—Renne Riffell
12 B—Dexter Cannon 6 pm Youth Choir Musical	13 B—Jonathan Goshima A—Ron & Nancy Johns 4:30 pm Parents' Support Group	14	15 B—Kyle Miller, Isaac Madill, Jay Dargan, Levi Branan, Steven Lane	16 B—Carol Cowart A—Bob & Norma Jean Emry	17 B—Bettie Cook	18 B—Bee Chew Men's Third Saturday Breakfast
19 B—Neil Anderson Sarah Blankenship	20 B—Micah Kidwell, Warren Brude A—Peter & Amy Cooper 7 pm Spring Ring XII Sanctuary	21 B—Tim Bickert Jed Chew	22 B—Grace Yoder Andrew Wittenberg Melyssa Wittenberg Rachel Wittenberg	23 B—Caleb Blankenship	24 B—Jonathon Miller, Bob Moody A—Ray & Nancy Fellows, Duane & Patty Brown	25 Islam Seminar
26 B—Stephen Wright Friendship Day	27 B—Keith Madill Brinn Denger	28 B—Chase Padgett	29	30 B—Steve Liversedge	Quizzers to Vincennes, IN	

May 2015

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 <p>Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390</p>						
<p>3 B—Carson Roberge A—Charlie & Patti Fiskeaux AM Worship Children's Musical 7 pm Society Mtg</p>	<p>4 B—Hope Branan</p>	<p>5 B—Heidi Wheelock Evan Cook, Kimberly Thomas</p>	<p>6 A—Chuck & Lynne Fuller</p>	<p>7 B—Don Roxberry A—Jeff & Pam Hiatt National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>8 B—Cindy Peterson, Sam Long, Beth Gomez, Carolyn Hale Amanda Warren A—L & L Neymann</p>	<p>2 B—Bryan Blankenship Kay Bickert Sharon Madison Fern Sale 9 am Membership Class</p>
<p>10 B—Cathy Bickert, Lucas Weinberger, Miriam Powdermill, Renae Thompson, Glenn McGlothlin Mother's Day 6 pm Singing Celebration</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 B—Roberta Zent Pat Gilmore</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Ladies' Tea</p>	<p>15 B—Christy Liang John Henry Schaefer</p>	<p>16 B—Rhoda Wilkerson Tehya Sidler, Bette Crouse, Kristina King Men's Third Saturday Breakfast</p>
<p>17 B—Wesley Folsom A—Caleb & Cholie Blankenship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 B—Scott Wright, Ben Randall A—Don & Roberta Zent Bill & Karen Jamison Derik & Kim Heumann</p>	<p>20 B—Jeri Roller, Arlene Allen</p>	<p>21 B—Naomi Arthur A—Annette & Chris Wittenberg Jerry & Katie Diddle</p>	<p>22 B—Carolyn Swaim</p>	<p>23 B—Chuck Long, Reid Gouge, Calvin Wright, Chuck Brock, Leonard Fitch, Dillon Bickert, A—Glen & Lisa Sidler; Bonnie & Paul Lashbrook</p>
<p>24 B—Jan Snyder, Naomi Williamson, Ron Welling, Grace Wilson</p>	<p>25 B—David Coulliette A—Dick & Mary Ann Crane Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p>26 B—Jody Zweifel, Dickie Lee Porter, Jonathon Kellogg, A—Steven & Mandi Lane Ben & Emily Randall</p>	<p>27 B—Cliff Swaim, June Eisemann A—Dean & Ruth Cook</p>	<p>28 B—Bruce Branan, Josiah Saunders, Abby McGimsey A—Tim & Cathy Bickert</p>	<p>29 B—Lindsay Arthur A—Ken & Christina Proctor</p>	<p>30 B—McKayla Kidwell Autumn Hersman</p>
<p>31 B—Jemi Chew</p>						
<p>Quizzers to Indianapolis, IN</p>						

Bible Quiz Team Update



The fifth monthly Bible Quiz meet of the 2014-15 season was held at the Columbus FMC in Columbus, IN on Saturday, February 7, 2015 and included teams from the New South and Wabash Conferences of the FMC.

Wilmore took nine (9) teams, consisting of 28 quizzers, to the meet in the following divisions (with the trophy positions indicated in parentheses):

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| Senior Teen Veteran A - 2 teams (2nd & 3rd places) | Young Teen Veteran A - 3 teams (1st place) |
| Senior Teen Veteran B - 1 team (1st place) | Young Teen Veteran B - 1 team (2nd place) |
| Senior Teen Rookie - 1 team | Young Teen Rookie A - 1 team (1st place) |

In Individual quizzing, 14 quizzers reached the final round (i.e. the top six) in their respective divisions, with the following 8 quizzers placing in the top three (which were the trophy positions):

- STVA: David Madill - 1st place; Tyler Thompson - 2nd place
 YTVA: Evelyn Madill - 1st place; Lora Prochina - 2nd place; Paul Robert Stackhouse - 3rd place
 YTRA: Ben Diddle - 2nd place; Nathan Riffell - 3rd place
 YTRB: McKayla Kidwell - 1st place

Another HUGE thank you to the entire coaching staff and parent volunteers who attended this meet and who make this ministry not just happen but flourish!



The sixth monthly Bible Quiz meet of the 2014-15 season was held at the Greenville FMC in Greenville, IL on Saturday, March 7, 2015. This regional quiz meet included teams from the Gateway, Great Plains, New South and Wabash Conferences of the FMC.

Wilmore took seven (7) teams, consisting of 22 quizzers, to the meet in the following divisions (with the trophy positions indicated in parentheses):

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| Senior Teen Veteran A - 2 teams (1st & 3rd places) | Young Teen Veteran A - 2 teams (1st & 2nd places) |
| Senior Teen Veteran B - 1 team (1st place) | Young Teen Rookie A - 2 teams (1st & 3rd places) |

In Individual quizzing, 12 quizzers reached the final round (i.e. the top six) in their respective divisions, with the following 7 quizzers placing in the top three (which were the trophy positions):

- STVA: Jonathan Liversedge - 1st place; David Madill - 2nd place
 YTVA: Evelyn Madill - 1st place; Lora Prochina - 2nd place YTVB: Ryan Padgett - 2nd place
 YTRA: Ben Diddle - 3rd place YTRB: McKayla Kidwell - 2nd place

God has been so good to us over this past decade in the thousands of miles we have traveled in the bus and the vans, and we are grateful for his gracious providence to us!



Bible Quiz Nationals Team ~ Hanging Fern Sale

The nationals team invites you to come out May 2nd and purchase one or more beautiful hanging ferns for \$15 each, proceeds of which will benefit the Bible Quiz Team.

The sale will be 8 am—noon on May 2nd.
 If it rains, the sale will move inside the CMC.



Mission Medellín, Version 2.0

Max Boileau

"It's the most amazing thing, to have a plan all worked out that is intended to glorify God and then all of the sudden--BOOM!--He goes and does something so unexpected and amazing that you never even thought of it!" said my mother after our last team meeting. See, after several month of preparation, we received some news that completely altered our plans. No longer will we be renovating a gym for the Seminario Bíblico de Colombia because, half a block away, the city of Medellín is not only building a gym but also employing workers!

(Our Fearless Leader) O.F.L. Caleb, Andrea, and the Gomez's already had new things for us to do: create a student center in the Seminary and work with children at Medellín's first-ever Free Methodist Church!

Quite literally we lift off from the Miami airport on August 5th. Figuratively, though, we are already on the runway. Please, even in early March: pray, pray, and then pray some more! We need God to help in the preparations just as much as in the flying and work down in Medellín.

When we travel to Colombia, the Wilmore church and the Medellín church stretch, as the body of Christ, to become one community. This is just as it is intended to be. For this reason, your love, prayers, and support are crucial: this is not just about the 14 people traveling, or the partnership that is being built between our two churches. This is about God working in us and through us to shape us into the people He desires.

*A huge "thank you"
to all who supported the team through the dinner on Saturday night,
March 21. Great fellowship, great food,
and a great time was had by all.*

Library News

Books for the Library

(Loan Period: 3 weeks)

Children's Books

- I'm Thankful for Each Day
- Stanley the Stinkbug
- Danny Orlis and the Hunters
- Danny Orlis and the Ski Slope Emergency
- Runaway at the Running K
- Scotty and the Horse That Wouldn't Die
- Thank You, God, For Mommy
- A Garden for Miss Mouse
- God Bless Our Easter
- Harry and the Lady Next Door
- Everybody Can Help Somebody

Adult Books

- And the Shofar Blew
- Where the Wild Rose Blooms
- Her Mother's Hope
- Who Brings Forth the Wind
- Sophie's Heart

Adult Books (cont.)

- Annie's Truth

Gardenias for Breakfast

Christy

The Lightkeeper's Daughter

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?

On Hummingbird Wings

New DVDs for the Library

(Loan Period: 1 week)

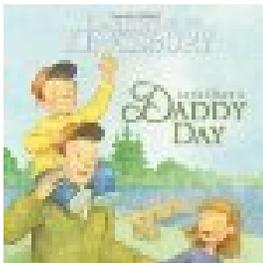
Because of Winn-Dixie

God's Princesses Can Always Trust the King (Sheila Walsh's Gigi)

The Ultimate Silly Song Countdown (Veggie Tales)

Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at 858-3436; or leave a note on the library bulletin board. It is important to return the materials when they are due so that others can check them out.

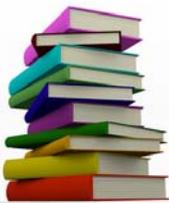


Let's Have a Daddy Day by Karen Kingsbury

I read *Let's Have A Daddy Day*. In the book kids spend time with their dad. They play a game: baseball, catch tadpoles at the creek, and wrestle with their dad. They go to the lake. They see frogs. They start building a playset. They fish for tadpoles. THEY HAVE FUN! I liked the book.

Written by James Evans, 7 years old

Free Korean Books Available!



Retiring Korean pastor, Won Park, in Urbana, IL, has a Korean library of resources that he is willing to give to anyone who would like to have it. It is available now. Pastor Park can be contacted at ph# 217-841-4759 or Pastor1park@gmail.com. If you are interested, you may also contact Conference Superintendent Joe James at 317-797-8985.

Sunday Sermon Access

Did you know that there are now 3 online ways to access sermons from Sunday morning and evening ?



- ⇒ On WilmoreFMC.org under "sermons"
- ⇒ On Truthcasting.com - search for *Wilmore Free Methodist Church*
- ⇒ Now on iTunes Podcasts - search for *Wilmore Free Methodist Church*



SCORE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

Sharon Madison

The game of baseball is a powerful vehicle that interests the youth of many countries. In the past 9 years, Keith Madison, through SCORE International, has reached thousands of Dominicans with various baseball outreach trips. Through short-term mission trips, players and coaches are able to share the riches of Jesus Christ following baseball clinics and team competitions.



In 2003, Keith retired from coaching and began his work with SCORE International where he can combine two of the passions in his life: his faith and baseball. Sharon Madison retired as well in 2004 from teaching high school English. She helps Keith administratively with his work with SCORE.

Both Keith and Sharon reach out to many people in the sports field through bi-weekly devotionals: Keith to hundreds of college and high school baseball coaches and colleagues, and Sharon to many coaches' wives and friends. Since 2004, Keith has spoken to thousands of coaches and players in 16 states and the Dominican Republic. God has blessed Keith with many opportunities to share God's Message of love and reconciliation.



Islam, Through Our Eyes

As you've watched the news lately, have you found yourself wondering:

What exactly is "ISIS" and "Caliphate?" What really is happening to Christians in Muslim nations today? What is the theology behind radical Islam, and how did it come to be? Is "Allah" just another name for the God of the Jews and Christians? How is the history of the Church being destroyed in Syria? How might the Church worldwide properly respond to ISIS? How can Muslims be reached for Christ?

You are invited to a free Saturday Seminar which will provide a primer toward answering questions like these. Please register by contacting the church office.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (free lunch with round-table talk-back session provided)

Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road, Wilmore, KY 40390

Presenters:

Dr. Sameh Lamiy, cardiologist, Lexington, KY. Native of Egypt, follower of Jesus, member of Wilmore FMC. Sam will discuss the history and development of Islam and its relationship to Judaism and Christianity.

Rev. Fouad Almasry, pastor, author, and founder of Crescent Ministries, an outreach ministry to followers of Islam. Fouad will speak on effective means of reaching out to Muslims and speaking to them about Jesus.

Mr. Sarmed Toma, dentistry student, Indiana University, native of Baghdad, Iraq, follower of Jesus. Sarmed will speak to us via Skype, regarding the treatment of Christians (namely his family) in Mousl, Iraq.

Jebreel Saleh, student, Bloomington, Indiana, native of Yemen, follower of Jesus. Jebreel will reflect on his personal journey and conversion from Islam to Christianity.

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

II Kings 18, 19

Dennis Probst

The times were worrisome and unsettling to say the least. Eight years previously, the Assyrian king had invaded, conquered and destroyed the land to the north. He had carried away most of the people of Israel, the northern kingdom, when they would not listen to God's pleading to turn from their rebellion and find Him powerful and willing to save their nation. Now King Sennacherib, full of pride and arrogance because he had already conquered 46 of Judah's cities, was at Jerusalem's gate with a huge army, demanding that King Hezekiah surrender. Following his surrender, the land would be plundered and destroyed. Many thousands of people would be carried far away into a severe captivity.

It was a time of tremendous fear and heart-stopping terror for the people of Judah. Sennacherib's tactics were brutal and cruel to the extreme. After victory, he would proceed, according to his whim, to cut off peoples' arms, legs, noses and ears, gouge out eyes, impale people on stakes, and many other unthinkable tortures. Many soldiers were killed. People burned, and families separated, never to see one another again. Women and girls were made slaves and greatly abused. He cut off heads and hung them around the city to cause great terror. He completely destroyed orchards, gardens and cities. Some soldiers might be selected to fight in his army and then be forced to participate in his brutality.¹

The Jewish people had been well aware of the Assyrian kings' brutality for years. If Sennacherib should take over, it would be totally devastating, virtually unbearable. A huge army of more than 185,000 must be defeated. But Judah was poor and weak. Victory was impossible! The future looked very bleak; the situation for the people, dire.

But King Hezekiah had faith in God. He knew that God is the *God of the Impossible*. Hezekiah reminded God of Sennacherib's great wickedness. He said that he knew that God was the only God in all the earth. He begged God to step in and save the people from this great, looming catastrophe.

God answered with an unimaginable miracle. He told Hezekiah, "You won't have to fight." Then He dispatched His angel who slew 185,000 enemy soldiers in one night. Sennacherib awoke the next morning planning to continue verbally threatening the Jews. But what a shock! His army was dead. Suddenly, he was quite weak. Truly amazing! Surely, the people of Judah honored and worshipped God for His great power, compassion and victory. No doubt they leaped for joy and shouted praises.

In the course of our lives, impossible situations arise. I have had several. In college, I worked a 40-hour-week and studied full time. It was a difficult schedule, but doable until one quarter my professors overloaded me. I was assigned many research papers, books to read, other reports, etc. I tried hard, but with three weeks to go in the quarter, I felt sunk. To finish it all was impossible. It was just too much. Because of my work, I seldom could get to the library. I could only see failure ahead. I was devastated. Desperately and with tears I prayed to the Lord. I don't know how it happened, but as I worked feverishly, God helped me to get everything done. I got no bad grades. I was totally amazed.

We dare not say that God can do anything and then, when the impossible situation arises, suddenly become like a chameleon and act like He is unable. When we are in the crucible, it is a matter of faith and believing His word. He promises to guide us. He promises to lead us into all truth. He holds the whole world in His hands. As the song reveals, one little word from Him will fell Satan. One person prayed 5 times a day for several weeks to get His answer. We can, too. We must seek Him, believe Him, and then, we will see Him make the impossible possible.

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¹ British Museum



Men Who Pray

Dean Cook

As a stream of cars from Wilmore race through the darkness for the "Y", Highway 68 and Lexington, a few have their right blinkers on. They are going to the Tuesday morning, 6:30

am, men's prayer time at the Church. Some of these men are in their work cloths because after prayer they will go on to construction jobs. Others are retired but feel responsible to get up early to help the church with the heavy lifting of prayer. Some are students looking for a recharge or a spiritual boost to help them through a stressful day. As they come in they call each other by name, banter with each other as men often do to relate, and communicate that, "You are my brother and you are important to me and to Jesus." Dexter Porter watches the crowd as they get their coffee, chat and finally take a seat.

He now centers the group on a scripture and calls them to pray prayers of praise to God first. There is little hesitation, no one has gotten up at that hour just to waste time. Praise comes forth quickly and easily and with a variety of thanksgivings to God for the day, our families, our church, our nation, our strength, the gift of His Word, our pastors, our freedoms, our missionaries and schools and sometimes the weather.

When things seem to have finished their course, prayer is ended for the moment and it's time to share needs and concerns. After a large list of concerns are given, again prayer is entered into, but this time it is focused on intercession. During this part of the prayer time, it seems that the Holy Spirit is powerfully present. He is guiding the concerns, the emotions and the words of petition to Christ as He aligns our hearts with God's.

Following an intense and powerful time in God's presence the Spirit draws our time to a close. The men leave the meeting energized, relaxed, and certain that they have been in God's presence and done what God required of them. They warmly pat one another on the shoulders, speak a word of encouragement to each other and disappear out the door and into a less darkened world. That's what prayer does, it pushes back the darkness so the light can dawn. They leave that sacred place, not to cease praying, but to go make their whole day a time of prayer.

We have room for more men to join us. Come pray with us, and get to know other men who are intentional about seeking God together. Come invest your time with friends in His presence to bring God's love and power into the world through prayer.

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A Community that Reflects
Jesus's Vision and Values

Mission Statement

Wilmore Free Methodist Church
will faithfully offer
members and neighbors
the Word of God,
the love of the Father,
the grace of Jesus,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.
We will be Christ's presence
in our world.



The Plumbline

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SonSpark Labs VBS

June 15 - 19 9 a.m. - noon

Come find out what GP4U = J means! We will need Professors and Lab Assistants as we prepare to fire up the imaginations of our little scientists at SonSpark Labs. The sign up for helpers has begun. Don't miss out on this wonderful week at Son Spark Labs!