



# The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

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## *From the Pastor's Pen*

*By Daryl Diddle*

### On Leaving Church

Recently, a year-old blog post by Bill Muehlenberg was forwarded to me entitled, "On Leaving Church." (You'll find a link to it in the News section of our church website.) It describes a growing segment of Christians, primarily in the West, who no longer participate in a local church body. They've not given up on God or faith or Jesus or even Christian fellowship, but on going to church. They are the "Dones," as in, "done" with organized church.

Why is this happening? Muehlenberg cites the comments of sociologist Josh Packard in answering, "After sitting through countless sermons and Bible studies, they feel they've heard it all. One interviewee said, 'I'm tired of being lectured to. I'm just done with having some guy tell me what to do.' They're fatigued by the Sunday routine of plop, pray and pay. They want to play. They want to participate. But they feel spurned at every turn."

Muehlenberg then offers his own assessment of why the ranks of the "Dones" are increasing. These believers are:

1. Growing tired of the celebrity culture in our churches – preachers and leaders that see themselves as "above" others.
2. Fed up with the incessant entertainment and worldly amusements found in the churches.
3. Not being fed from the Word of God.
4. Put off by the attempt to cater solely to youth, while ignoring their needs.
5. Tired of just being bench warmers, with no role to play. They are disappointed by a church culture where only the most trained and talented ever get to speak, sing, lead, teach, govern, create, or actually engage and serve.
6. Weary of the constant need to be "relevant" at the expense of biblical orthodoxy.
7. Looking for a real deal encounter with almighty God, not just a razzmatazz, sharply and timely done stage production.
8. Desiring genuine Holy Spirit revival, not just pep talks, self-help seminars, and a me-centered gospel.
9. Starving for the reality and authenticity of first century Christianity.

I get this, particularly in relation to today's contemporary church. In a church culture where very little is expected of the congregation; where the laity are simply expected to pay professionals to do the ministry of the church – everything from teaching to music to nursery; where the church has bought into our culture's consumer mentality; I certainly understand why people would feel this way. I would feel that way.

Muehlenberg's list of nine items are the responsibility of the organized church to avoid. If a local church is guilty of these, it's the church leadership's problem to repair.

I'd like to respond to each item regarding how I think our church stacks up in these areas and what we're intentionally doing to avoid these errors and bad practices.

1. Celebrity culture of leaders. My hope and prayer is that neither I, nor any of our leaders, are seen as Prima Donna celebrities. Truth be known, speaking only for myself, I often struggle with feelings of

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2. Church entertainment and amusement. I don't think we practice this. Anything we do as a church, whether in corporate worship or in some other venue, is designed for spiritual purposes. I don't see us as being entertaining just for the sake of getting a laugh.

3. Fed from God's Word. From my perspective, all of our classes take this seriously, as do I and all who speak from our pulpit. Our teaching is Bible-centered.

4. Catering to youth. If we were guilty of this, I'd think that at least our budget and our worship services would look very different than what they do. We are intentionally inter-generational. If anything, our attention to youth and their interests and preferences may need to increase.

5. Believers as bench warmers. One of our core values as a church is to provide places for every person to use their gifts in joyful service. Currently, we have over 300 people involved in music ministry of some kind; nearly 60 in teaching roles; another 75 or so in assimilation and care; nearly 130 serving in children's ministry; several dozen in youth ministry; and probably 60 engaged in facility care of some sort. We have nearly 40 persons elected to church leadership positions, not including staff. We have about 65 Team Leaders, all laity, leading teams ranging from Marriage to Hospital Visitation to Communion Stewards to World Missions to Panera Bread pickup to Coffee Preparation to Rest Home and Prison Ministry. We also always have dozens of places where volunteers are needed. From my perspective, there is never a need to default to "bench warmer" status here. If a person wants to serve, there are many, many places to do so.

6. Relevant at the expense of Biblical truth. I hope I, and all who teach, are both. Honestly, I don't see how anyone who teaches in church can be one without the other. The two must go together, or the church is not effective.

7. Real deal encounter with God. Amen to this. We get there through prayer, not through productions designed simply to evoke emotion. Stage shows may result in emotion, but it may not necessarily be God-induced. I believe what we do and how we lead worship is honest and genuine. I wish and pray that God would come in more powerful ways in our midst. Personally, I find that when I'm best prepared for worship, God seems closer. Maybe if we all prayed and prepared thoughtfully...intentionally to worship, God would seem closer to us all.

8. Pep talks. This is funny to me because I've actually been accused of not being encouraging enough, of addressing too many hard subjects, of issuing too many personal, spiritual challenges, and giving a too pessimistic outlook on our cultural future, so I don't know that we fall down here. If anything, I may need to swing my preaching more this way a bit. I'm sure I miss it from time to time, but my intent is to realistically apply Scripture to what's happening in the world around us, so we can live in peace with ourselves, one another, and God.

9. Longing for true community. This is about opportunity for true fellowship: life to life sharing, upbuilding, and committed relationships, and I think this may be the most challenging thing for today's churches to know how to encourage and provide. The church cannot be a "dating" service, so in one sense, people's ability to connect meaningfully with one another must be self-motivated and self-driven, and in our increasingly non-social culture, more and more people don't seem to know how to initiate true connections and friendships. Yet the church must encourage and help provide structures for this. This is probably the item on which your church staff spends more time than any other, and we're not succeeding to the degree we'd like.

Please don't read defensiveness into any of these comments. I'm not intending that tone or tenor here. And, I'm sure other reasons for a rise in the "dones" could be added to this list. I'm simply responding to these in an effort to not be the kind of church from which people drop away due to lack of interest, use, or investment. I want to do all we can, from the church leadership perspective, to keep that from happening.

Now, from a pastoral perspective, I might add a tenth reason to Muehlenberg's list of why the "Dones" are a growing population – a reason that falls on the individual and not on the church, and that is, simply put, personal busy-ness, poor priorities, or even laziness...giving in to our baser nature to let others do for us.

This is something about which church leadership can do little more than warn. It's easy to let every other priority in life take the place of church engagement. We can elevate family time, work, leisure, and hobbies to such a place that leaves no time for church. This is nothing that can be evaluated by anyone but ourselves and God's Spirit's voice in our quiet moments with Him, but investment always requires something – there is always a cost.

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## WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"

If you have not yet been able to join one of our many music ensembles there is opportunity for you to join us in the New Year! Also, if you are interested in using your musical gifts as a soloist, we welcome the opportunity to talk with you! If you are an instrumentalist, please contact Mark Schell and if you are interested in vocal music ministry please contact Rose Evans. Let's continue to offer our musical gifts to the Lord!

Here are some important music dates to remember for the coming months. Mark your calendars now:

<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Tour Homecoming Service
<b>March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7:00 p.m. Wednesday night, Holy Week Concert featuring Greenville College Choir from Greenville, IL
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m. (Monday night) Spring Ring XIII, Handbell and Handchime Concert
<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Children-led Service
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m. Singing Celebration

**Short-term vocal ensemble opportunities!** This spring the Sanctuary Choir will be presenting two anthems for our Easter morning services on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will also be preparing music as part of the "Singing Celebration" on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome singers interested in making a *short-term commitment* to an ensemble to join us as we prepare music for these special events. Be sure to check future weekly bulletins for more detailed announcements regarding rehearsals, etc... Please come and join us!



### Spring Renewal Services, 2016 February 21-24

#### Dr. Terry Faris, speaker

Rev. Terry Faris is a Kentucky native, born in Maysville. He's been married to his wife, Judy, a retired middle school teacher, since 1968. They have two daughters, Tracy (Rexford) and Lori (Fitch), and four grand-daughters, who all currently live in Wilmore.

Terry is a graduate of both Asbury University and Asbury Seminary. He enjoys fishing, tennis, mountain biking, history, and foreign languages.

Terry committed his life to Christ as a sophomore in high school, and began preaching soon afterward, taking his first pastoral appointment in 1964, beginning 44 years of pastoral ministry all over the state of Kentucky. He also served as District Superintendent for the Corbin District of the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. Terry retired in 2008 and now lives in Wilmore.

Terry has taught New Testament Greek as well as New and Old Testament survey classes at Cumberland College and Lincoln Memorial University. He has led mission trips to Costa Rica, Korea and Uganda. His most fulfilling career highlight was uniting of the "black" church (Kynett UMC) and the "white" church (La Grange UMC) in 1995 to become the Covenant UMC, including a relocation and the construction of a new facility.

Sunday, February 21, 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Monday through Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. nightly      Nursery care available



*Continued from page 2* I hope you'll pray and work with me such that WFMC might be a place where engagement is expected and fulfilling, where we celebrate God and His message of salvation for the world, where difference from the priorities and mores of the world is assumed and embraced, and where people only declare themselves "done" when Jesus welcomes them home and declares them "good and faithful servants."

# The Priority of Prayer and Prayer's Priorities

by Dennis Probst

We humans are in the most wonderful situation imaginable. Our great God has given each of us an existence. We have been given life, and life is undeniably an amazing gift. We have a long, long list of enjoyable things such as growing up, learning so many things, playing, interacting with friends, loving others, being loved by others, seeing the world around us both near and far, discovering how things work, solving problems, developing our talents, cooperating to accomplish goals, etc., etc.,...the list goes on and on. Life was made to be very enjoyable and fulfilling. God has made tremendous amounts of things for us to enjoy. Our amazing God wants us to enjoy life to its fullest.

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However, God wants to enjoy us as well. He wants to establish a relationship, a long-lasting, never-ceasing relationship with each of us. But, we were born with a sin nature. Self-centeredness has led us into a life of sinfulness, and our continual sins have made us filthy in our holy Creator's sight. Absolutely, under no circumstances will God, Who hates sin and Who cannot sin, tolerate our sins. We can only ever have fellowship with Him if we are like Him, that is, if we are clean and pure. So, God wants a relationship with everyone, but the hindrance is our sin which prohibits that relationship.

Luke 19:10 teaches us that the Father sent Jesus to "seek and save" everyone who is lost. The word "seek" does not mean that men are where God doesn't know they are, and Jesus came to locate them. No, the seeking has to do with God's most earnest desire to establish a relationship with every individual person, if we will agree.

But people love sinning; often belligerent, obstinate, and determined to go our own way. Anyone who won't change, will, unavoidably, be forever separated from the God Who loves us. Neither sin nor any sinful being will ever enter into the holy place where God dwells.

Jesus came, suffered, bled, and died to save and cleanse every person. After completing His great work, He ascended back into God's Presence in Heaven. But it is His desire that the "seeking" continue, through us as His presence on earth. He has commissioned us as His disciples to continue this most important work (Matt 28: 18-20). But along with the telling, preaching, teaching, and walking out of God's Truth, God desires that we pray for the lost (I Tim. 2: 1-4). God is not willing that even one person should perish but that all should be saved. But, in partnership with God, it is extremely important that we pray for those who do not know Christ. It is God's way to reach them, that they may be convicted of their sins, repent and be saved.

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Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Before He ascended back to Heaven, He instructed that his followers were to tell the world about His great work of creating an incredible path so that all can reach Heaven. But the Bible also states that we must pray. If the Lord states that the most important thing to Him is the salvation of His created beings, then it follows that the most important prayer that should be offered is the prayer for the salvation of precious souls of the lost. John Wesley said that "God does nothing except in answer to prayer".

An example of the efficacy of prayer is the prayers of my mother for her brother, Paul. Paul, though brought up in the church, resisted the Lord throughout his life. He worked very hard and became quite wealthy. But all attempts to bring him to a relationship with Christ failed, He rejected them time and time again. Eventually, he had "more money than he could ever spend." His body weakened. He had to have oxygen. His wife passed away. One Sunday morning, his birthday, he awoke and suddenly decided that he would go to church for the first time in many years. He locat-

ed the church and as he sat and listened, God moved on his heart and answered 50 to 60 years of prayers. He proceeded to confess his sins and allowed the Lord to save Him.

When he returned home, he called my mother who was living several states away. His first words were, "Lorraine, I know where I'm going when I die." This sudden and strange comment from her supposedly ever-unreachable brother surprised and startled her. But as she talked to him, she began to realize he had truly repented and given his heart to the Lord. Of course, her joy could know no limit.

Uncle Paul not only was saved, but he set out to serve the Lord like few others. He traveled across the country to tell those he knew about the love and salvation of Jesus. He served in the church in every way possible. He dreamed up ways to get tiny tools made that would tell others of the love of Jesus. At his funeral, his pastor stated that in 30 years of pastoring, he had never seen anyone who was a better example of what a Christ-follower should be than Uncle Paul was. When Uncle Paul began his relationship with God, he really went deep with the Lord. Prayer was vital in his salvation. What a tragedy if my mother would have given up on praying for Uncle Paul!

Prayer, continual communication with God, is a priority in our relationship with Him, and when we pray, prayer for the lost is the priority over all other prayers that we might offer. May the Lord help us to be the best prayer warriors we can be!



## Parent Prayer Group

The Parent Prayer Group gathers once a month to pray for the youth of our community. Each meeting begins with coffee and a short devotional, followed by a time of prayer.

Parents share praises and concerns for our youth, our youth leadership, and our various youth ministries. Requests are kept confidential within the group.

Occasionally God meets our concerns with the experience and wisdom of other parents. Always, we are met with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, "For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

We welcome you to join us on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-8:00 p.m. in the CMC.

Questions? Contact Eileen Wright at [eileenwright@yahoo.com](mailto:eileenwright@yahoo.com) or (859) 321-1169



## PRAYER SHAWLS

Common Threads will resume their Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursday morning, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on February 4, in the Fellowship Room (Room A114). We design and construct beautiful prayer shawls for you in our congregation to choose from and give away. We welcome interested people

(novice and experienced) to join us. It is a fun two hours each week that we look forward to, spending time with each other, creating, laughing, sharing, and praying for the recipients of the shawls. Come, try something new this year of 2016, and be part of this creative ministry!

# WFMC Marriage Ministries

by Ron Johns

Twenty-five people gathered at our initial Marriage Ministries meeting entitled *Growing A Strong(er) Marriage*. It's exciting to anticipate what God will do through this opportunity to grow together! We're encouraged to watch "new shoots" come up in our marriages as we put new "bulbs" into some committed, fertile "ground" in our lives and watch them grow. Thank you to each who came and joined us in the challenge to grow our marriages.

Our opening meeting (in Room A6/7; from 7 to 8 o'clock; Wednesday evening) was a video introduction to a series of topics by six couples who are well-known as authors and counsellors in the field of marriage. (John Eldredge, who has written the well-known book entitled *The Sacred Romance*, is one participant you may have heard about). The theme for this meeting was to learn how the interviewees met... "warts and all". We looked briefly at God's design for marriage; watched the interviews of the couple; and then had some brief sharing time regarding how WE met, what our expectations of marriage were at that time, etc.

Our concern is to help one another grow in our marriages. It is NOT intended to be a "teach-in", rather we are all encouraged to be teachers of one another... "warts and all". Twenty-five (or more) teachers, watched the video of interviewees, then discussed the topic during the hour long class time. "Cultivation-time" comes as we take our Manual home, with any notes we might have written, for each of us and our spouse to think and pray about. Let's all pray for a harvest of "strong-er" marriages.

Other marriage-growth topics in the series:

Moving into Oneness

Paths to Christ in Marriage

Identity in Christ

A Wrap-Up Time

What a great opportunity to "fine-tune" our marriages to make them strong-er. Engaged or soon-to-be engaged couples are invited to attend the current and future Wednesday evening classes. We will be offering this series again, along with others, throughout this new year of 2016! This group provides great support in growing our marriages as we walk together in community.

Your WFMC Marriage Ministry Team



## Prime Timer News



### Monthly Luncheon

Friday, February 5, 12 noon

We did not have a January meeting because of its proximity to the Christmas holidays, but our February Senior Adult

Lunch will be in the CMC on Friday, February 5. Annette Diddle, Kelly Winter and friends, are preparing a memorable fun time for all of us with food and Valentine games.

### 2015-16 Prime Timer's Project

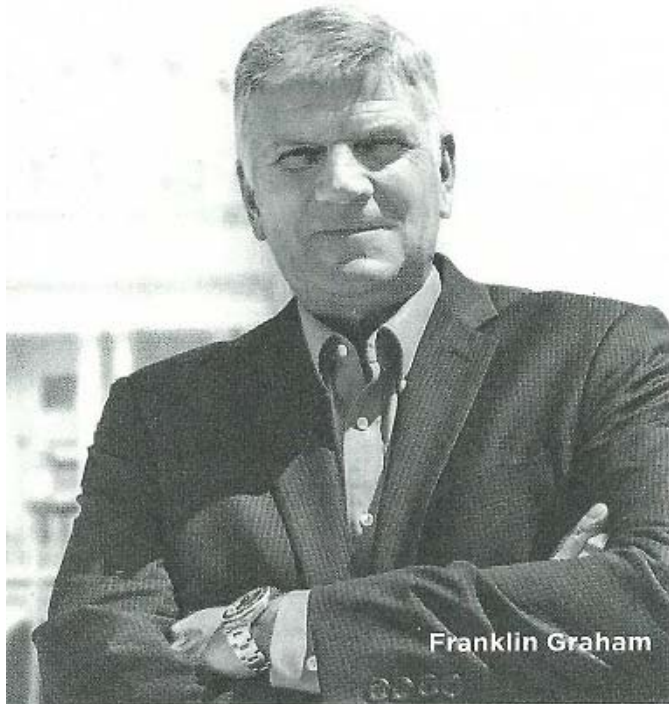
This year the team has chosen the Camp Scholarship Fund for our project. Our giving will make it possible for our children and young people to have an experience of camping that could change their lives forever. Look for a basket for your offerings at each meeting if you'd like to contribute to the fund. We already have a wonderful start after collecting contributions during the previous two meetings.



# THE DECISION AMERICA TOUR

## BEGINS IN JANUARY.

“America is in trouble, and the only answer is found in Jesus Christ. During 2016 I will travel to the capitals of all 50 states to hold prayer rallies for our nation. I will challenge Christians to pray, to boldly live out their faith and stand for biblical values, and to help turn America back to God (2 Chronicles 7:14). I will also share the life-changing message of the Gospel at each stop. **Will you stand with me?**”



# DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016

with **Franklin Graham**

“Join me when I come to your state capital.”

### JANUARY-MARCH DATES

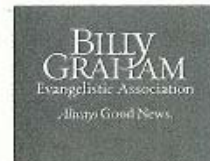
DATE	CAPITAL CITY AND STATE
January 5	Des Moines, Iowa
January 12	Tallahassee, Florida
January 13	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
January 19	Concord, New Hampshire
February 9	Columbia, South Carolina
February 10	Atlanta, Georgia
February 24	Honolulu, Hawaii
March 15	Denver, Colorado
March 16	Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 18	Phoenix, Arizona
March 29	Salt Lake City, Utah
March 30	Carson City, Nevada
March 31	Sacramento, California

### APRIL DATES TO BE RELEASED SOON

For details, visit [DecisionAmericaTour.com](http://DecisionAmericaTour.com).

**The Lord was moved by prayer for the land.**

—2 Samuel 24:25, NASB



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# Library News

**PLEASE NOTE:**

For tracking purposes and the benefit of all who access the Library resources, **ALL** resources from the Library (books, cd's dvd's, etc.), **\*\*\*whether for use during the service, during classes or at home \*\*\* must** have the loan card completed and placed in the "Book Card" file.

**New Books for the Library** (Loan Period: 3 weeks)

**Children's Books**

- Field of Peace
- The Gift of the Christmas Cookie
- Anything Win or Lose, I Love You!
- Love You More Than Anything
- The Animals Christmas Eve

**Youth Books**

- Time Will Tell
- Stuck in the Sky
- Good-bye to All
- Grasping at Moonbeams

**Adult Books**

- The Photography - Beverly Lewis
- Where Honor Dwells - Gilbert Morris
- Together Is All We Need - Michael Phillips
- Witness in Heaven - Gilbert Morris

- Stars in The Courses - Gilbert Morris
- The Pilgrim - Davis Bunn
- Called for Life - Kent & Amber Brantley
- When Joy Came to Stay - Karen Kingsbury
- Halfway to Forever - Karen Kingsbury
- Shadows of the Canyon - Tracie Peterson

**DVDs**

**(Loan Period: 1 week)**

- Paper Angels*
- The Heart of Christmas*
- War Room*
- Summer Snow*
- The Ride*

**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.

## Women's Multi-Generational, M

In *Before Amen*, Max Lucado—a self-professed “recovering prayer wimp”— reveals his personal journey for the pious or the art of a chosen few but a simple tool all believers have been given to harness. The sized prayer that he distilled from the prayers in the Bible, he will lead us in building a pray

We will meet on Monday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. at 20 Veterans Drive, home of Arv & Judy Metzger. We expect this 4-session study to begin on March 7, but because our previous study (see below) will not have an update. An optional study guide (\$10) will be available at the first meeting.

It's not too late  
*Discussing Mere Christianity* Devon Brantley  
 Exploring the History, Meaning and Relevance  
 Meeting Monday morning



# Bible Quiz Team Update

## *Third Annual Bluegrass Open*

January 9<sup>th</sup> found the church bustling with Bible quizzers, coaches, and spectators as we hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bluegrass Open Bible Quiz Meet. We were the official conference quiz for the first time, which caused the number of participants to nearly double from last year. Quizzers traveled from Missouri, New York, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. The teamwork of the quizzing staff, volunteer coordinators, and our church body truly put Jesus' love into action. Teams from out of town found hospitable hosts providing rest and food. Lunch was served to nearly 200, and of course the competition was carried out throughout the day on Saturday. Many, many hours were given in preparation and clean-up of such an undertaking. For that, we thank ALL who helped to make the day a success.



Please continue to keep the Bible Quiz team in your prayers. We will continue our study of the book of Acts, and will attend quiz meets at the beginning of February, March, April, and May. We look forward to the opportunity to travel to Seattle this summer for the national competition. Planning and coordinating that trip is no small job, so your prayers are very much appreciated.



## *Quiz Nationals Fund Raising*

Approximately 20 of this year's quiz team members are planning to attend the Bible Quiz National Finals in Seattle, WA (at Seattle Pacific University) the last week of June. Due to the distance we must travel, the travel costs are significant! The quiz team is prepared to work hard to earn a portion of these costs, and they are available to perform just about any task or job you may have in and around your house. We only ask that you make a donation you feel is appropriate for the benefit received (and your generosity will be greatly appreciated). Checks should be made to WFMC and indicate "Quiz Team Seattle Travel" on the memo line. Please keep us in mind this winter and spring. No job is too big or small...as long as the level of expertise required can be met by teens! Thank you!

## Multi-Cultural Small Group Studies

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## CONSTRUCTION PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

For the first time we are able to see *the end of the tunnel* in our first phase construction project. This time it is not a *train coming toward us!*

At the printing of this *Plum-blinc* issue we should have begun the process of moving in to our new building. Praise be to God! As in all construction projects there will be some punch list minor interior issues to resolve.

Most of the excavation work around the new building and the new passenger drop off drive will be completed during the coming warmer weather.

Once we receive the Certificate of Occupancy for building B renovation work will commence on the sanctuary building.



The renovation work will require patience from all the next few months.

The classrooms and nursery will be relocated in building B. Existing classroom walls will be demolished and the nursery will be reconfigured for the new reception area and staff offices.

We have been informed by our general contractor that the sanctuary building remodeling phase



will take four months....if we do not experience any more *light in the end of the tunnel* issues!

Our architect Royce Bourne experienced a cardiac issue recently. After a brief hospital stay and a successful procedure he has completely recovered. We praise God for answered pray and modern medicine on his behalf. Pray for our architect as he continues to give positive leadership to our second phase construction project. The CPT continues to pray that the Lord will be honored through Royce's efforts and the efforts of so many individuals.



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*"Unless the Lord builds this house, its builders labor in vain." - Psalm 127:1*

For regular construction updates and pictures, go to our church's website, [www.wilmorefmc.org](http://www.wilmorefmc.org), and click on the "Construction Updates" tab.

## WFMC Birthdays

WILMORE  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Regina Dongell, Jacob Miller
- 2 Faye Montgomery,  
Lydia Sweetser
- 3 Mason Berryman, Amie Hall
- 7 Sam Cooper, Paul Hamann
- 8 Christopher Demaray  
Luke Hiatt, Lowell Williamson
- 9 Andy Reynolds  
Howard Snyder
- 10 Patty Brown  
MariBeth Kierstead
- 11 Roy Grammel  
Bonnie Koteskey  
Jacob Schaefer
- 14 David Madill
- 15 Glen Ellwood, Dan Owsley
- 16 Dottie Bowen, Keturah Lovell
- 18 Sammie Moore, John Neal
- 20 Anita Sweetser
- 21 Missy Upton
- 22 Eduardo Angelo  
Jerry Marchal
- 23 Gabe Spencer
- 24 Dean Cook, Alex Hall  
Bethany Ury
- 25 James Evans, Chuck Fuller,  
Dexter Porter, Carole Prochina
- 26 Ruth Hersey, Rachel Powdrill  
Devon Zweifel
- 27 Rebekah Saunders
- 28 Abbie Diddle
- 29 Annette Diddle

### MARCH

- 1 Lori Hall, Brian Kidwell
- 2 Wes Blankenship, Barb Bray  
Joyce Dickinson, Darlene Russell
- 3 Barry Dickinson
- 4 Kenzie Lovell, Glenn Sidler
- 5 Norma Jean Erny
- 6 Smriti Mahendra, Betty Tullar  
Wyatt Weinberger
- 7 Ezra Boileau, Katie Diddle  
Ruth Gouge, Andrew Montoya
- 8 Matthew Branan, Philip Todd
- 9 Maquel Sarantakos,  
Abram Sweetser
- 10 Lyle VanHorn
- 11 Myrna Hale, Ken Proctor Jr.  
Olivia Proctor, Emily Randall
- 12 Joy Branan, Shirley Hamilton  
Henry Proctor
- 13 Nadara Welling
- 14 Wiley Adams, Charlie Fiskeaux
- 15 Ethan Adams, Ron Koteskey
- 16 Alice Crouse, John Schaefer IV
- 17 Darlene Anderson, Nancy Johns  
Peggy Thurman
- 18 Thane Ury
- 19 Eric Brown
- 20 Spencer Hall, Melanie Kierstead  
Joseph Redmon
- 21 Chris Wittenberg
- 23 Duane Cassidy
- 24 Daniel Brabon, Lisa Sidler
- 25 Chris Bauer
- 26 Gwendolyn Crabtree,  
Bobby Livesay  
Margie Swaim
- 28 Davis Tillson
- 29 Larry Moore
- 30 Heather Hall

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## WFMC Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Bobby & Kristina Livesay
- 9 Bob & Cindy Peterson

### MARCH

- 3 Tim & BariKay McMillen
- 8 David & Patti McPeake
- 17 Glen & Nancy Ellwood
- 25 Wes & Susan Folsom
- 29 Richie Feng & Molly Ye

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## Wilmore Free Methodist Church

### Vision Statement

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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## Overseas Fellowship

The Overseas Fellowship brings together the wealth of knowledge and experience from those in our midst who have served our Lord overseas. The evening programs held in recent years give evidence to that fact. We have learned of missions in Colombia, Paraguay, Haiti, Hungary, Africa, Taiwan and Korea. We have heard from physicians, educators, pastors and administrators. Current and retired missionaries have inspired us with meaningful insights, deepening our understanding of missions and our involvement in serving our Lord around the globe. Does this appeal to you?



Our purpose for coming together is inspiration, fellowship, and laughter. It is an opportunity for us to broaden our view of missions. The most recent meeting in January featured a panel of missionaries answering questions concerning various aspects of their life in missions. At the next meeting in April we will hear from Ted and Jackie Moon, educators in Korea and Taiwan. We will meet for a meal at 6 pm followed by the program at 7 pm. Watch for details to come about the date and location. See you there!