



The Plumbline

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From the Pastor's Pen

By Daryl Diddle

This issue, I share with you a true story, passed on to me just a few days ago, that should encourage and challenge us all in terms of hospitality. Maybe you've heard about what happened in Gander, Newfoundland on September 11, 2001, as told by a flight attendant on Delta, flight 15:

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, we were about 5 hours out of Frankfurt, flying over the North Atlantic. All of a sudden the curtains parted and I was told to go to the cockpit, immediately, to see the captain. As soon

as I got there I noticed that the crew had that "all business" look on their faces. The captain handed me a printed message. It was from Delta's main office in Atlanta and simply read, "All airways over the Continental United States are closed to commercial air traffic. Land ASAP at nearest airport. Advise your destination."

No one said a word about what this could mean. We knew it was a serious situation and we needed to find terra firma quickly. The captain determined that the nearest airport was 400 miles behind us in Gander, Newfoundland. He requested approval for a route change from the Canadian traffic controller and approval was granted immediately - no questions asked. We found out later, of course, why there was no hesitation in approving our request.

While the flight crew prepared the airplane for landing, another message arrived from Atlanta telling us about some terrorist activity in the New York area. A few minutes later word came in about the hijackings. We decided to lie to the passengers while we were still in the air. We told them the plane had a simple instrument problem and that we needed to land at the nearest airport in Gander, Newfoundland, to have it checked out. We promised to give more information after landing in Gander. There was much grumbling among the passengers, but that's nothing new! Forty minutes later, we landed in Gander at 12:30 p.m. local time, 11:00 a.m. EST. There were already about 20 other planes on the ground from all over the world that had taken this detour on their way to the U.S.

After we parked on the ramp, the captain made the following announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, you must be wondering if all the airplanes around us have the same instrument problem as we have. The reality is that we are here for another reason." Then he went on to explain the little bit we knew about the situation in the U.S. There were loud gasps and stares of disbelief. The captain informed passengers that ground control in Gander told us to stay put. The Canadian Government was in charge of our situation and no one was allowed to get off the aircraft. No one on the ground was allowed to come near any of the aircraft. Only airport police would come around periodically, look us over and go on to the next airplane.

In the next hour or so more planes landed and Gander ended up with 53 airplanes from all over the world, 27 of which were U.S. commercial jets. Meanwhile, bits of news started to come in over the aircraft radio and for the first time we learned that airplanes were flown into the World Trade Center in New York and into the Pentagon in DC. People were trying to use their cell phones, but were unable to connect due to a different cell system in Canada. Some did get through, but were only able to get to the Canadian operator who would tell them that the lines to the U.S. were either blocked or jammed.

Sometime in the evening the news filtered to us that the World Trade Center buildings had collapsed and that a fourth hijacking had resulted in a crash. By now the passengers were emotionally and physically exhausted, not to mention frightened, but everyone stayed amazingly calm. We had only to look out the window at the 52 other stranded aircraft to realize that we were not the only ones in this predicament.

We had been told earlier that they would be allowing people off the planes one plane at a time. At 6:00 p.m., Gander airport told us that our turn to deplane would be 11:00 a.m. the next morning. Passengers were not happy, but they simply resigned themselves to this news without much noise and started to prepare themselves to spend the night on the airplane.

Gander had promised us medical attention, water, and lavatory servicing as needed, and they were true to their word. Fortunately we had no medical situations to worry about. We did have a young lady who

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was 33 weeks into her pregnancy. We took VERY good care of her. The night passed without incident despite the uncomfortable sleeping arrangements.

At about 10:30 on the morning of the 12th, a convoy of school buses showed up. We got off the plane and were taken to the terminal where we went through Immigration and Customs and then had to register with the Red Cross. After that we (the crew) were separated from the passengers and were taken in vans to a small hotel. We had no idea where our passengers were going.

We learned from the Red Cross that the town of Gander has a population of 10,400 people and they had about 10,500 passengers to take care of from all the airplanes that were forced into Gander! We were told to just relax at the hotel and we would be contacted when the U.S. airports opened again, but not to expect that call for a while. We found out the total scope of the terror back home only after getting to our hotel and turning on the TV, 24 hours after it all started.

Meanwhile, we had lots of time on our hands and found that the people of Gander were extremely friendly. They started calling us the "plane people." We enjoyed their hospitality, explored the town of Gander, and ended up having a great time. Two days later, we got that call, were taken back to the Gander airport, were reunited with the passengers, and discovered what they had been doing for the past two days. What we found was incredible.

Gander and all the surrounding communities (within about a 75 kilometer radius) had closed all high schools, meeting halls, lodges, and any other large gathering places. They converted all these facilities to mass lodging areas for all the stranded travelers. Some had cots set up, some had mats with sleeping bags and pillows.

All the high school students were required to volunteer their time to take care of the "guests." Our 218 passengers ended up in a town called Lewisporte, about 45 kilometers from Gander, where they were put up in a high school. If any women wanted to be in a women-only facility, that was arranged. Families were kept together. All the elderly passengers were taken to private homes. Remember that young pregnant lady? She was put up in a private home right across the street from a 24-hour urgent care facility. There was a dentist on call, and both male and female nurses remained with the crowd for the duration.

Phone calls and e-mails to the U.S. and around the world were available to everyone once a day. During the day, passengers were offered "excursion" trips. Some people went on boat cruises of the lakes and harbors. Some went for hikes in the surrounding forests. Local bakeries stayed open to make fresh bread for the guests. Food was prepared by all the residents and brought to the schools. People were driven to restaurants of their choice and offered wonderful meals. Everyone was given tokens for local laundromats to wash their clothes, since all the luggage was still on the aircraft.

In other words, every need was met for those stranded travelers. Passengers cried while telling us these stories.

Finally, when they were told that U.S. airports had reopened, they were delivered to the airport right on time and without a single passenger missing or late. The local Red Cross had all the information about the whereabouts of each and every passenger and knew which plane they needed to be on and when all the planes were leaving. They coordinated everything beautifully.

It was absolutely incredible. When passengers came on board, it was like they had been on a cruise. Everyone knew each other by name. They were swapping stories of their stay, impressing each other with who had the better time. Our flight back to Atlanta looked like a chartered party flight. The crew just stayed out of their way. It was mind-boggling. Passengers had totally bonded and were calling each other by their first names, exchanging phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses.

Then a very unusual thing happened. One of our passengers approached me and asked if he could make an announcement over the PA system. We never, ever allow that, but this time was different. I said "of course" and handed him the mike. He picked up the PA and reminded everyone about what they had just gone through in the last few days. He reminded them of the hospitality they had received at the hands of total strangers, and then continued by saying that he would like to do something in return for the good folks of Lewisporte by setting up a trust fund under the name of DELTA 15 (our flight number), the purpose of which would be to provide college scholarships for the high school students of Lewisporte. He asked for donations of any amount from his fellow travelers. When the paper with donations got back to us, the total was for more than \$14,000! The gentleman, a M.D. from Virginia, promised to match the donations and to start the administrative work on the scholarship. He also said that he would forward this proposal to Delta Corporate and ask them to donate as well. As I write this account, the trust fund contains over \$1.5 million and has assisted 134 students in college education.

I wanted to share this story because we need good stories these days. It gives me hope to know that some people in a faraway place were kind to some strangers who literally dropped in on them, and reminds me how much good there is in the world. In spite of all the rotten things we see going on today, this story confirms that there are still a lot of good people in the world and when things get bad, they will come forward.

TURNING INSIDE OUT

Peggy Thurman

Recently I was mending a pair of gloves and in order to repair the holes, I turned them inside out. Suddenly, God revealed to me, "This is what you need to do when you pray - turn yourself inside out to me so I can repair the holes in your relationship with Me and with my other children. I created you and I know you better than you know yourself, so turning your inner conflicts, worries and questions to the outside so you and I can see them clearly will enable us to repair the holes together."

David did this as he prayed in Psalms 139:23, 24 - *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.* (KJV)

Jesus also did this in his prayer in Gethsemane - *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."* An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Luke 22:42, 44 (NIV)

He turned himself inside out to reveal his deepest desire as a human - that he wouldn't have to suffer and die such a terrible and humiliating death. But then he ended his prayer with the words "not my will but thine." Through his anguish, God prepared him with strength and courage to meet the soldiers who came to arrest him.

When we turn ourselves inside out before our heavenly Father, he can use us in ways we could never imagine and answer our questions in surprising ways.

One morning, I was reading the Scripture in which a man asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) Later as I was taking a walk in my neighborhood, I was praying Jesus would answer that question for me personally. I came to a steep hill which was across the creek from our house. I had never gone up that hill because it looked too steep for me, but God led me all the way to the top. There I discovered a new house with a car in the driveway, indicating someone was at home. I walked up to the door and knocked, something I never would have done on my own, but I knew Jesus was walking with me. A woman came to the door and I introduced myself, saying, "I am your neighbor." With tears in her eyes, she said, "You are an answer to prayer. I was just praying God would send someone with whom I could share my grief and my loneliness. My mother died recently and I miss her so much and I don't know anyone in this neighborhood. Since I've moved to this house at the top of such a steep hill, I have a beautiful view, but no one has come to see me." My neighbor and I spent the morning together sharing experiences and becoming prayer partners. Both her prayer and my prayer were answered in an amazing way.

Turning ourselves inside out before our Heavenly Father can reveal hidden desires and secret conflicts we haven't faced, but which have made holes in our relationship with Him and others. He can heal those holes when we let Him.

A hymn I love begins, *"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire uttered or unexpressed. The motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast."* And the last verse ends, *"O thou by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way! The path of prayer thyself hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray."* (Text by James Montgomery, 1771 - 1854)



Ladies' Monday Morning Bible Study

April 7-May 19; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

At the Metcalf's home: 20 Veterans Drive, Wilmore

You are invited to join us for Priscilla Shirer's 7-week study of Gideon. You will find a warm welcome from this intergenerational, interdenominational, international group of women.

Gideon: Your Weakness. God's Strength.

Ever feel insufficient? Could it be that your weaknesses are the keys that unlock God's strength? Through a look at the life of Gideon, you can discover that instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, you can see them as the gifts, given specifically and strategically by God to unlock the door of God's strength.

Each Monday morning after a time for refreshments and fellowship, we will be watching a video lesson. This will be followed by a brief discussion period led by Yvonne Moulton. A book for homework will be available (\$12). Homework is optional. Lasting only seven sessions, with a 90 minute investment each week, this is a good opportunity for you to give this a try. God may have something very special for you in this study.

Bible Quiz Team Update



The fifth monthly Bible quiz meet of the 2013-14 season was held at the Columbus FMC in Columbus, IN on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Wilmore took eight teams, consisting of 26 quizzers, in the following divisions (with the trophy positions indicated in parentheses):

Senior Teen Veteran A - 3 teams (1st, 2nd & 3rd places)
 Young Teen Mixed A - 4 teams (2nd & 3rd places)
 Mixed Veteran B - 1 team (2nd place)

15 quizzers reached the final round (i.e. the top six) in their respective Individual's division, with the following seven quizzers placing in the top three (which were the trophy/medal positions):

STVA: Jonathan Liversedge - 1st place; Adam Schell - 2nd place
 YTVA: Evelyn Madill - 3rd place
 YTRA: Ian Wang - 1st place; Anna Blankenship - 2nd place; Jessie Thompson - 3rd place



The sixth monthly Bible quiz meet of the 2013-14 season was held at the Greenville FMC in Greenville, IL on Saturday, March 8, 2014. This was a multi-regional quiz meet with teams from as far west as Kansas, as far north as Wisconsin, and as far east as, well, at least Kentucky! :)

Wilmore took nine teams, consisting of 27 quizzers, in the following divisions (with the trophy positions indicated in parentheses):

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

12 quizzers reached the final round (i.e. the top six) in their respective Individual's division, with the following eight quizzers placing in the top three (which were the trophy/medal positions):

STVA: Tyler Thompson - 1st place; David Madill - 2nd place; Jonathan Liversedge - 3rd place
 YTVA: Evelyn Madill - 2nd place; Lora Prochina - 3rd place
 YTRA: Ian Wang - 1st place; Anna Blankenship - 2nd place; Paul Robert Stackhouse - 3rd place

For this larger, regional tournament, the organizers also held a consolation Individual finals round for the next highest six scorers (i.e. 7th-12th places after the preliminary round). Wilmore had another 10 quizzers qualify for this round, with the following six quizzers placing in the top three (which were the ribbon positions for this round):

STVA: Stephen Wright - 1st place; Kelleyann Stackhouse - 2nd place
 YTVA: Ryan Padgett - 2nd place; Ricky Peter - 3rd place
 YTRA: Kate Madill - 2nd place; Calvin Wright - 3rd place

Next month we will split our program into two groups and send four teams (and four adults) in vans to West Virginia to quiz against some east coast teams and 4-5 teams (and adults) + our 5th grade quizzers (and adults) to the regular Wabash quiz in Vincennes, IN. Please pray for these extra miles and these additional parents who have volunteered to assist with driving and chaperoning.



Building the Church Together

Karen Koehn

The Spirit of God has lead the Building Team, Capital Campaign Team, and the Construction Planning Team, which have worked many hours over the last nearly 8 years in laying the groundwork for the new addition to our campus. These teams have held themselves ready to stop their work at any time following any check of His Spirit. That check never came, so we now stand ready to begin this project under His ongoing direction. How can we as a community of believers join in the spirit of these teams, listening carefully to Him and His direction among us as the work begins?

Remember phrases like: “The sower went out to sow his seed...”; “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho...”; “No one after lighting a lamp, puts it away in the cellar...”; “When you see a cloud rising in the west...”? Jesus used every day experiences to show the kingdom to us.

I have an idea. As we watch the progress of the building, let’s watch for “life lessons” or “sermon illustrations” or “parables” in what we see happening on site of the building project. Let’s ask God to grace us with God-moments that seem like: “Wow! That could preach...” or “There’s a great application that could be made from what I see happening there...”.

Let Pastor Daryl know whatever you’ve seen – nothing is too small or insignificant. He is willing to accept our ideas and insights, then share them with the congregation as God leads, and in that way give any one of us the privilege of sharing the work of His Spirit among us. Each story or parable will lead to our mutual up-building in Christ. Let’s incorporate the work of building into our lives of faith and trust together May God make us a witness to the world of His presence among us and what He is able to do with a people who are willing to follow Him in every circumstance.

“But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:15, 16 (NASB)

Prayer Ideas:

- ◆ God grant empowerment and freedom to the pastoral staff as they seek to maintain their ministry of the Word of God and prayer in leadership of this believing community; enabled by God to keep their spiritual ministry and calling, along with this body, as center focus.
- ◆ Many members of the congregation, through the creativity and clarity of the Spirit of God, seeing many good words/parables of the kingdom for our believing community seen during the work on the building; the body working together causing growth within the body.
- ◆ The church community a strong witness of the love of God through these months to the workers who have a part in this building, and to the surrounding Wilmore/Jessamine County area.
- ◆ Safety for all workers; absence of injury.



Discipleship Building
Ground-breaking Ceremony
March 23, 2014

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 B—Mike Pepper Bari Kay McMillen, Clay Whitaker A—Byron & Jen Skaggs	2 B—Donna Flanigan Glen Flanigan, Janis Riffell, Lenora Yanosh Deano Sarantakos No CLC	3	4 B—Darla Kidwell A—Jesse & Letha Jones 12 noon Sr. Adult Luncheon	5 B—Cheryl Scheil
Public School Spring Break						
6 B—Joshua Toso Joyce Underwood Lora Prochina Communion a.m. 6 pm Youth Choir Concert	7 B—Mattie Stinnett Kim Barnard	8 B—Charlie Denger Bonnie Descoteaux Kathleen Demaray	9 B—Kyle Lovell	10	11 B—Renne Riffell 6 pm Overseas Fellowship Dinner	12 B—Dexter Cannon
13 A—Ron & Nancy Johns PALM SUNDAY 6 pm Community Service—Mt Freedom Baptist Church	14	15 B—Kyle Miller, Isaac Madill, Jay Dargan, Levi Branan, Bill Weigle, Steven Lane	16 B—Carol Coart Richard Apgar A—Bob & Norma Jean Emry	17 B—Bettie Cook	18 B—Jen Skaggs Bee Chew	19 B—Neil Anderson Sarah Blankenship
20 B—Pam Pepper Micah Kidwell, Warren Brude A—Peter & Amy Cooper	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 B—Abraham Snapp	26 B—Aubri Skaggs Stephen Wright 8-NOON Fern Sale BOA meeting 9-NOON Membership Class
EASTER						
27 B—Keith Madill Briann Denger Todd Montgomery	28 B—Chase Padgett	29	30 B—Steve Liversedge	 Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390</p>					
<p>4 B—Hope Branan</p> <p>AM services— Children Led Worship</p> <p>6 pm Communion 7 pm Society Mtg</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</p>	<p>8 B—Sam Long Cindy Peterson, Munene Gatobu, Carolyn Hale A—Lyn & Lynne Neymann</p>	<p>9 B—Beverly Bray A—Glenn & Ruth Weinberger 6 pm Overseas Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>10 B—Cathy Bickert, Lucas Weinberger, Miriam Powdrill, Renae Thompson, Glenn McGlothlin Plumbline Deadline</p>
<p>11</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>6 pm Singing Celebration</p>	<p>12 B—Shannon Anderson Roberta Zent Pat Gilmore</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 B—John Henry Schaefer</p>	<p>Bible Quizzers to Indianapolis, IN</p>	
<p>18 B—Irene Brooks</p> <p>AM Communion 6 pm Seniors Recognition & Social</p>	<p>19 B—Scott Wright, Ben Randall A—Don & Roberta Zent Bill & Karen Jamison</p>	<p>20 B—Jeri Roller, Arlene Allen</p>	<p>21 B—Naomi Arthur, Jacob Eckerley A—Annette & Chris Wittenberg Jerry & Katie Diddle</p>	<p>22 B—Carolyn Swaim</p>	<p>23 B—Rhoda Wilkerson Tehya Sidler, Bette Crouse, Kristina King</p>	<p>17 B—Wesley Folsom A—Caleb & Cholie Blankenship</p> <p>2 pm Homeschool Graduation</p>
<p>25 B—David Coulliette</p>	<p>26 B—Jody Zweifel, Dickie Lee Porter, Jonathon Kellogg, A—Steven & Mandi Lane Ben & Emily Randall MEMORIAL DAY</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 7 pm CLC Awards / No prayer meeting 8:15 pm BOA Mtg</p>	<p>29 B—Lindsay Arthur A—Ken & Christina Proctor</p>	<p>30 B—Charlene Demaray McKayla Kidwell Autumn Hersman</p>	<p>31 B—Jemi Chew</p>
<p>24 B—Jan Snyder, Ron Welling, Naomi Williamson</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>22</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>

Library News

New Books for the Library

(Loan Period: 3 weeks)

Children's Books

Far Flutterby
The Mustang Breaker
Don't Rock the Boat
Down Through the Roof
Martin Luther King Jr.
Project Cockroach
He's Risen! He's Alive!
The Week That Led to Easter
The Christ (Comic Book)
Your Special Gift
God Bless Our Easter
Lily's Easter Party

Adult Books

Faith of the First Ladies by Jerry MacGregor
A Promise for Tomorrow by Judith Pella
Leaving by Karen Kingsbury
Longing by Karen Kingsbury

Living by Karen Kingsbury

Mom's Guide to the Tween Girl's World

by Nancy Rue

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur

You Bring the Confetti, God Brings the Joy

by Luci Swindoll

Echoes of Mercy by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Large Print Books

Sunrise by Karen Kingsbury

Summer by Karen Kingsbury

Someday by Karen Kingsbury

Sunset by Karen Kingsbury

New DVDs for the Library

(Loan Period: 1 week)

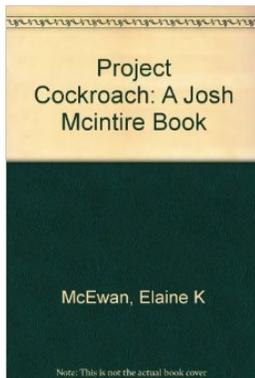
Bonhoeffer, Agent of Grace

Elizabeth's Gift

The Prince of Egypt

Heidi

Veggie Tales-The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything



Book Review: Project Cockroach by Elaine McEwan

In Project Cockroach, Josh, the main character, moves into a weird town, with a weird neighbor, Wendell. Josh's mom wants him to be a good student this year, but he is not that sure he can do that while still getting used to his parents being divorced and the trouble of being homesick

Josh makes some friends on the first day of school - Ben and Wendell. Ben is a popular troublemaker at school. What he does always amuses his classmates, but not his teachers. Once, he stuck a frog in a water bottle and showed it to the girls. Josh was so excited about this new friend, and they even planned to play a prank on their teacher, which they referred to as "Project Cockroach".

On the other hand, Wendell is a boy who wears funky clothes, and carries books around in a plastic bag. Despite his clumsy look, Josh learns that he and Wendell are both bug lovers. Wendell also invites Josh to go to Awana with him. Once Wendell quoted a verse from the Bible that caught Josh's attention. It talks about God taking care of your needs and looking out for you all the time.

Having fun with Ben does get Josh into a lot of trouble. He was grounded by his mom because of the cockroach project. He also accepts a dangerous invitation to play on the train track, where Josh was injured and abandoned by Ben. However, Wendell is always the one who comes to help Josh, even in the toughest of situations.

The Bible say, "One who has unreliable friends come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverb 18:24). Throughout the book, Josh comes to experience the grace that God has given him. He has blessed him by giving him a sincere friend he can always count on - Wendell.

Reviewed by: Ian Wang - 12 years old

Please Renew Items Promptly

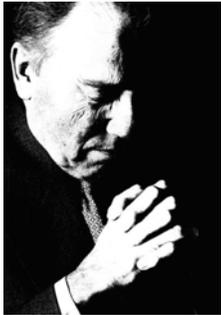
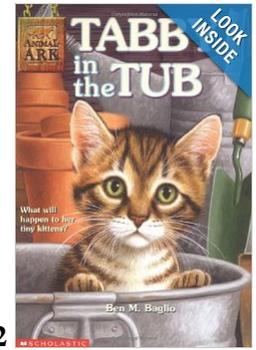
If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at 858-3436; or leave a note on the library bulletin board. It is important to return the materials when they are due so that others can check them out.

*Book Review: **Tabby in the Tub** by Ben Baglio*

Tabby in the Tub is a story about a cat. Her owners moved, and she got lost on the way. Then Tabby became a stray. After a few months she became pregnant. She strolled around Mandy's street. Mandy is a teenaged girl whose mom and dad work at the clinic. The Animal Ark is the name of the clinic. Mandy and her friend James try all kinds of ways to catch the afraid, pregnant Tabby cat.

I read the whole book and thought it was great! The end was good, the middle was good, and also the beginning was so good. I think you will like it if you read it! It was a sad story with a happy ending. I also liked the fact that it had interesting describing words.

Reviewed by: Annesley Daniel, grade 2



Grandparents Who Pray!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: Due to the third Thursday falling during Holy Week and the special services we have at the church, the April meeting of "Grandparents Who Pray" will be on the fourth Thursday, April 24, and it will be held at Timothy and Joyce Thomas' home, 416 Talbott Drive, Wilmore.

We will begin with a Pot Luck meal at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and join us for great fellowship. The devotional will be given by Claude and Sallie Wells, followed by sharing and prayer for

our families. Join us for our final meeting of this school year.

Gathering together with *Grandparents Who Pray* provides a great place to find fellowship and prayer support for your family!



Friendship Sunday

On April 27th (the Sunday after Easter) we will have a group of internationals visiting with us in the 10:50 a.m. service. They are being invited by the ladies from WPMC (10+ of us) who volunteer with *Friendship International*, an outreach ministry in Lexington to internationals living in the area. This is their "Friendship Sunday," and for some of these internationals (mostly non-Christians) this will be their first time ever to attend a Christian worship service. Would you help us in these ways?

1. Please 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.
3. We invite (and encourage) your family to join us in the CMC for a potluck lunch at 12:15 p.m. We would love to have WPMC 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). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to step out on a mission field, without leaving Wilmore.

WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"

The music ministry at WFMC would like to make you aware of the following upcoming musical presentations. Please mark these dates and times on your calendar and plan now to attend.

- April 6th:** **6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Homecoming**—During our evening worship service the Youth Choir will be sharing with us a selection of songs and testimonies as they conclude their spring tour.
- May 4th:** **8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Children-led worship services**—Our children's choirs and Sunday School classes will lead us in our worship services on this first Sunday in May.
- May 11th:** **6:00 p.m. A Singing Celebration**—The Sanctuary and Youth choirs will lead us in a special evening in celebration of this wonderful gift of song God has given to us.

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

Women's Ministries

It is always exciting to go on an adventure! The re-telling can be droll or enhanced, depending on the mood and abilities of the teller. Some sixty ladies of varying shapes and ages took to the highways and byways of Wilmore on the evening of March 7, stopping only and always at homes welcoming us to "Come and Dine!" Gracious hostesses opened their doors, hearts and homes to us for refreshing salad. We traveled on to the five scrumptious main course sites, and journeyed to the final rendezvous point where we all met for sweets and a comforting word from our speaker, Regina Dongell. To each hostess, driver and attendee, it was a wonderful night! We are happy to report that except for a few cars getting stuck in the mud (and extricated by women who know how to push), the evening was a delight.

Our next adventure awaits!

- What:** New South Conference Ladies Spring Retreat
When: April 25-27, Friday evening through Sunday noon.
Where: Oak Tree Lodge in Sevierville, TN
Who: Linda Clark, pastor's wife from Oakdale, KY is our speaker.

Registration cost has not yet been determined, but has historically been very affordable. Ralph and Nellie Kester have offered the use of their timeshare in the Sevierville area at no cost to us! More information will follow as we receive it.

Sister to Sister groups (7-8 week term this spring)
 and annual Spring Tea are still in planning.

Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Sarah Apgar, Susan Folsom, Rachel Weinberger

Marriage Ministries

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Nancy and I had the distinct honor of speaking at the recent New South Conference Ministerial Retreat. What a blessing it was to share of God's *Unbelievable Grace* in our lives which results in *Unbelievable Hope* for us and a society of failing marriages. Here is an small excerpt that is fitting for all of us to consider.

We have been told by Disney that the fulfillment of marriage is happiness. Not in those exact words but remember Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty? All of these childhood tales end with the line, "... and they lived *happily* ever after." Without sounding anti-happiness I would like you to consider this!

Not too long ago I discovered a book in the marriage section of our church library. The book is called, *Sacred Marriage*, by Gary Thomas. He uses the following question as his premise: "**What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than make us happy?**"

What if what God had in mind for marriage is something that went beyond our happiness, our comfort, and our desire to be infatuated and happy as if the world were a perfect place? I had never thought about that before. Ask your spouse these questions:

So what does holiness in marriage look like for us?
How does our marriage draw us closer to God?
Is marriage the vessel for us to be more like Him?

What an incredible "turning-upside-down" of how we engage in our marriages.

Here are a couple opportunities for you and your spouse:

Art of Marriage Video Conference - April 25-26, Broadway Christian Church, Lexington, KY

Love and Respect Video Conference - May 2-3, Catalyst Christian Church, Nicholasville, KY

Go to: www.kentuckymarriage.org for more information and to register.



Reliance Adult Bible Fellowship, Room CMC 1

Eugenia Price wrote in God Speaks to Women Today, "God must have had solid, constructive, practical reasons for giving us the life stories and experiences of so many different types of women." We are familiar with the names of some of these women: Sarah, Miriam, Mary, Martha and Mary Magdalene. Others we know their stories but not their names: women in Baby Moses' life, the woman who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears, the Gentile woman who asked Jesus to cure her daughter afflicted by demons.

On April 6, the Reliance ABF will begin a study of some of these women. Everyone not involved in an Adult Bible Fellowship class is invited to bring a Bible and join our group to study and discuss how God involved these women to further His plan for His people and to discover what messages we might gain from their stories to guide our lives.

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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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Son Treasure Island VBS 2014

June 9 - 13 at 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Closing Program - June 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Ahoy! We need lots of Sailors and
Swabbies to help guide our little Starfish,
Manatees and Dolphins around. If you haven't
filled out a sign-up form, please do so right away.
You can find the forms at the Welcome Center.

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