



# The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

December 2013 - January 2014

## *From the Pastor's Pen*

*By Daryl Diddle*



“What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

We who claim to possess at least a modicum of cultural sophistication may recognize the above quotation, but in truth cannot place its origin for the life of us, probably because we also think “modicum” means “a lot,” when, really, it means, “practically none.” We may even have thought it was some sort of medication. So let's face it, if we don't even know what the word, “modicum” means, how are we ever going to know the origin of this quotation?

After Googling the phrase, “What's in a name?” and sorting through all the baby name book advertisements and web-sites, I was finally..ahem...*reminded* that “What's in a name?” is a line from Romeo and Juliet (Act 2, scene 2). Here, Juliet Capulet, in love with a man from the despised and warring Montague family, tells her beloved Romeo that a name is an artificial and meaningless convention, and that she loves the person who is called “Montague,” and not the Montague name and family.<sup>1</sup>

There's so much more to a person than just the name. The name doesn't even begin to cover the depth of the person to which it's attached.

I've been learning how clearly this applies to Jesus as I've considered which of His names to highlight during the Advent season. Jesus has so many names, yet none of them adequately capture the whole of who He is.

He is, as Isaiah tells us, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. Each name, though important, is but a small part when compared to the indescribably beautiful Rose it attempts to describe.

The letters of the alphabet provide the beginning to at least one name that is Scripturally attached to Jesus: Advocate, Branch, Christ, Dayspring, Elect, Forerunner, Governor, High Priest, Immanuel...it goes on and on. They each describe part, but none encompasses the whole of Jesus. No matter what name you give Him, even Rose of Sharon, it is a reminder to all of us in need of a Savior of the sweetness of the One who bears it .

May your time with Jesus this Christmas be sweet and holy and merry and bright.

<sup>1</sup>William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet (II,ii, 1-2)

### Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

5:00 p.m. Worship – Word, Carols and Candlelight, Nursery and Children's Time provided

6:30 p.m. Worship – Word, Carols, Candlelight, and Children's Nativity, Nursery provided

11:00 p.m. – Carols, Candlelight and Communion





# Construction Planning Team (CPT) Update

## Building Our Playground

The electric is re-routed, the south entry way to the CMC is under construction & the plans for the playground are moving forward. The playground planning team have developed a plan that includes play areas for all children - from walkers to teens. With swings, tables, tetherball and a four-square court (and someday hopefully - a basketball court). All ages should be able to find a place to recreate or recline.

The initial budget for the playground is approximately \$13,500.00 (which does not include the basketball court). Since some people have let us know they are interested in helping underwrite the cost of the project, the team has broken down the cost to manageable bites for all budgets.

- ⇒ A swing can be sponsored at \$350 per swing seat,
- ⇒ Tables at \$50 per seat,
- ⇒ The four-square court at \$95 per playing square,
- ⇒ Trash cans at \$260 each
- ⇒ Tetherball at \$117,
- ⇒ 42,000 lbs of rubber mulch at 15 cents per pound or \$3.04 per square foot for the whole playground.



You are welcome to join in covering the cost of any part of the playground, if you would like to. Please feel free to let us know.

### Wilmore Free Methodist Church Marriage Ministry

The Marriage Ministry Team has created the following mission statement to give focus, purpose, and direction in personal ministering, group activities, seminars, workshops, Sunday School adult electives, and retreats for the coming year and beyond: *"A marriage ministry team that seeks to equip our church family and community in building Christ-centered marriages."*

As a team we want to be your support, your friends, your encouragers as well as provide opportunities for you to build stronger, better marriages. It is our prayer that Jesus be high and lifted up in our marriages and healing come in His name where it is needed.

As a team we are committed to Christ-centered marriages of our own and are excited at what the Lord is going to do in and through us. The team is made up of:

Lowell and Naomi Williamson  
 Ralph and Nellie Kester  
 Ron and Nancy Johns

Mike and Christine Smith  
 Richard and Sarah Apgar  
 John Ostroske

David and Patricia Brabon  
 Glen and Nancy Ellwood

We look forward to serving you and seeing God's hand at work in our church and community.

# WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"

*Listed below are WFMC musical events you won't want to miss for the Christmas Season!*

- ◆ Sunday night, December 1st - Hanging of the Greens
- ◆ Sunday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup> - the adult Christmas Choir will present a cantata entitled: "Appalachian Winter", in anticipation and celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- ◆ Sunday night, December 8th - All-church Christmas Caroling will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will be caroling to neighborhoods within the Nicholasville and Wilmore areas. Come ready to sing and ready for good fellowship, food and fun!
- ◆ Sunday night, December 15th - Heaven's Harmony will present a musical entitled, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee."

## Heaven's Harmony presents



December 15  
6:00 pm

Within the setting of a spelling bee, the children learn about the names of Jesus and the power behind those names.

*Special thanks to all our wonderful directors and musicians for your leadership and participation this Christmas Season!*

**\*\*Reminder that rehearsals will resume for the new year on  
Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>\*\***

## *Getting to Know You* *By Shirley McMillan*

Mark and Kayoko Goshima  
Jonathan, Hannah

The Goshima family came to Wilmore in 2012 from Torrance, California, where they were members of the Pacific Coast Japanese Conference of the Free Methodist Church. It was a natural for them to attend WFMC while in Wilmore.

Mark grew up in a pastor's home in Japan, attended a Christian high school in Oklahoma, and has lived in the U.S. ever since. Kayoko came from Japan with her parents at age eighteen and settled in Southern California. Mark and Kayoko became acquainted during a trip to New York. They talked casually at first, but soon he was calling and emailing her twice a day.

Mark quit his job and moved to Southern California, where they were married September 29, 2001. Son Jonathan is nine years old, and daughter Hannah is six. The family enjoys books, bike riding, swimming and ice-skating. For relaxation, Mark and Kayoko appreciate spending quiet times with each other over tea.

A Bible teacher in high school, plus a near-death experience in the mountains of Mexico, led Mark to give his life to Christ as both Savior and Lord. "This teacher showed Christ in everything he did. He helped me in many ways, but never took credit. He was very natural. I could see Christ living in him," says Mark. He and Kayoko asked him to perform their wedding ceremony, and named their son after him.

Kayoko came to faith in Christ while studying at Marymount College, and went on to study at Cal State Long Beach.

After high school, Mark attended college in Golden, Colorado, dropped out to work as a telecommunications engineer, and returned to college in 2005. Now he is pursuing his M.Div. degree at Asbury Seminary, and expects to graduate in May 2015 and return to Southern California as a senior pastor.

Sunday mornings find Mark and Kayoko in the *Wrestling with Truth* adult Bible fellowship, after which they leave immediately to join with the Korean church that meets at the Francis Asbury Society, where the family occasionally leads worship.



# PRAYING ON...

## Learning to Pray

by Esther S. James

God has used many means over my lifetime as He's been teaching me to pray.

My parents were very devout; they carried "everything to God in prayer." They engaged in prayer before meals, of course; before every trip in the car, at the news of any need, and kneeling when I was naughty. They fasted and prayed in their room every Tuesday morning for their children, and every Friday morning for others. However, my mother always cooked breakfast for us. Much later I learned that she rose at 4:00 every morning for an hour of secret prayer; and if possible, she got alone for another hour at evening.

Although they set me a good example, I don't recall any real teaching on prayer except for an interesting book, *Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer*, by S.B. Shaw. I read this book so often, I knew all of the stories by heart.

When I was a little girl leaving the house for school, my mother would ask me, "Have you read your chapter?" So I would hurriedly find a short Psalm to comply, and she would pray a brief prayer. Much later I learned of other books on prayer, such as *Getting Things From God*. I actually thought that was probably a good idea, but then I heard of a quotation from Oswald Chambers: "The purpose of prayer is that we get ahold of God, not of the answers." I'm sure this is what my mother and other saints called praying through, which they considered a daily necessity. When I was 12 my pastor used to breeze into the pulpit saying, "Have you heard from heaven today?" Prayer was definitely not monologue if a person knew how to "pray through," but I'm not sure I did.

How do you get to know someone? By spending time with that one and listening to him - not by begging. I could safely know God only through His Word. A devotional or prayer book is not a substitute for God. What I say to God isn't that important. He already knows what I am going to say. Nevertheless, I need to be reminded every day of what He wants to say to me.

One can read the Bible through in one year by doing 3 chapters a day and 5 on Sunday. This provides somewhat of an overview of Scripture and takes about ½ hour daily. Reading it on my knees, I thought this counted as prayer. Then I heard a missionary leader to India describe his work and workers. On joining his mission they each agreed to spend one hour daily in prayer. The leader stated that this practice brought God's blessing and kept their mission from disunity. I wanted to follow this plan, but I didn't know how to pray an additional half hour (I was already praying about 30 minutes, I thought). What do you say to God for ½ hour?

Next I found a tract by Moody Press, "Praying For All Men" (now out of print). Quoting Eph. 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit," the author listed about 12 classifications of people who would benefit by our prayers, such as: doctors, nurses and patients; judges, juries and defendants; kings, presidents and all rulers; teachers and students, etc. Using this tract as a prayer list transformed my narrow prayer life for several years.

Through whatever path we learn to pray, the secret (as Andrew Murray emphasized in his classic book *With Christ in the School of Prayer*) is "TAKE TIME!"



## Grandparents Who Pray!

All grandparents are invited to be a part of "Grandparents Who Pray" held monthly on the third Thursday from September through April in the home of Jay and Margaret Dargan, 301 Corbitt Dr. here in Wilmore.

Fellowship begins with a Pot Luck Meal at 6:00 P.M. and concludes with a devotional, sharing, and prayer for our families. Devotional leaders for December and January are as follows:

- ⇒ **Thursday, December 19: Lowell Williamson**
- ⇒ **Thursday, January 16: Joyce & Dale Underwood**

Feel free to contact Margaret Dargan with any questions at 858-3183. We'd love to have you join us!

All grandparents are welcome!

"Grandparents Who Pray" is a great place to find fellowship and prayer support for your family!

## EXCEEDING, ABUNDANTLY ABOVE

by Beth Ury

Prayer is the vital breath of our walk with Jesus. He has expressly told us to “be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God” (Phil 4:6) **Oh, what a privilege we have!**

Many years ago I was praying so intensely for a very specific need. We were coming to the U.S. on furlough from Taiwan. I was asking the Lord, if He was willing, for a way to take our 3-year-old daughter Faith to the Philadelphia Children’s Hospital where we had read there was special help for severely impaired children.

Faith had already been miraculously spared from infant meningitis, though at one point she even had been declared “clinically dead.” Though surviving, the prognosis was that she’d probably never walk nor talk. But we saw glorious answers to prayer, as she progressed in amazing ways. So as we traveled, speaking for missions, I continued to ask Jesus to make some way for us to get Faith to that special hospital. But we were recalled to Taiwan without that happening.

Back in Taipei, while my husband Bill led our mission, I taught in the mission school. I took Faith (and her twin sister, Hope) with me so they could play in the corner while I taught. One day the phone rang at the school. It was Bill, saying, “Get Faith and come to the entrance immediately! I’m taking some visitors to the airport to get their flight home to the States!” Another teacher took over for me, as I grabbed Faith and hurried for the door. Bill soon pulled up in the van. As we got in he said, “Beth, I want you to meet our guests, Dr. and Mrs. Everett Koop. He is Surgeon-in-Chief at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia! I’ve been telling him about the valve [shunt] implanted behind Faith’s right ear -- the device that saved her life – and he told me that he’s the one who invented it!”

I was stunned and overwhelmed that Jesus had answered, “exceedingly, abundantly above all we had asked or thought.” If we had gone to the hospital, while in the U.S., we never could have gotten near the famous surgeon. But Jesus had brought him to us! GLORY TO HIS NAME.

Dr. Koop placed Faith on his lap, examined her and said, “From the story you’ve told me, she is a miracle. She’ll be my patient now and you can report to me personally.” Our hearts overflowed with gratitude to a miracle-working Lord that day.

### New Adult Bible Fellowship: *Upper Room*

The new Upper Room Fellowship ABF class will meet in the lower level, Room 6. Led by Dr. Sam Lamiy, the Upper Room class will focus on discipleship, accountability, fellowship and a commitment to spiritual disciplines in faithfulness to God. It is an invitation to pray together, to fast together and as iron sharpens iron to stand strong in spiritual warfare. This class will study the Bible in a unique way, supporting our call to live the sanctified life as God intends; to live as stronger individuals and families who will make a change in the society where He places us.

This ABF is for adults 20 years old and older, men and women, single and married. Visit this unique class and see if you would like to join others for an intense journey into the life God has called us to live; the epic adventure of living out the holy life. Come for an introduction to the Upper Room Fellowship during the ABF hour on December 15 at 9:40 a.m. For the beginning session on December 15, the class will meet in the Sanctuary overflow.

# December 2013

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<p>1 B—Rosie Davila                      Emmy Davila                      David Diddle                      Lily Prochina  <b>6 pm Hanging of the Greens Service</b></p>	<p>2 B—Mark Davila</p>	<p>3 B—Noel Taylor                      A—Steve Schmidt &amp; Maren McGimsey</p>	<p>4 B—Marlee Faul                      Pam Hiatt  <b>8:15 BOA Meeting</b></p>	<p>5 B—Megan Kidwell                      Patti Butterworth                      Victoria Kusche                      Lorrie Liversedge                      Carol McGlothlin</p>	<p>6 B—Rose Branan                      Don Demaray                      Kate Madill  <b>Noon—Senior Adults Luncheon</b></p>	<p>7 B—Helen Yang  <b>Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas Hot Chocolate Outreach</b></p>
<p>8 B—Don Butterworth                      Laurel Yoder  <b>Adult Choir presents: Appalachian Winter</b>  <b>No Children's Worship</b>  <b>6 pm Caroling</b></p>	<p>9 B—Dennis Adams                      Paul Diddle                      John Swaim</p>	<p>10 B—Johnson Cannon                      Juliana Gómez</p>	<p>11 B—Jon Steury</p>	<p>12 B—Helen Carson</p>	<p>13 B—Matthew VanLaningham                      A—Johnson &amp; Amy Cannon</p>	<p>14 B—Elizabeth Brown                      Barbara Crouse</p>
<p>15 B—Joel Amstutz, Lynne Neyman, Todd Padgett                      A—Anthony &amp; Adina Headley; Gene &amp; June Lintemuth  <b>6 pm Children's Musical: The Christmas County Spelling Bee</b></p>	<p>16 B—John Ireland                      Katie Ostroske                      Liam Reifsnyder</p>	<p>17 A—Wes &amp; Laura Blankenship                      Brian &amp; RoseMary Nowitzki</p>	<p>18 A—Mike &amp; Faye Montgomery</p>	<p>19 B—Gary Martin</p>	<p>20 B—Joe Dongell                      Dwight Winter</p>	<p>21 B—Barbara Barker                      Roy Lauter                      A—Jay &amp; Margaret Dargan</p>
<p>22 B—Jacob Spencer                      Katie Cook, David Long,  <b>Morning Worship Services only. No SS, No Children's Worship, No Evening Worship.</b></p>	<p>23 B—Ken Thompson  <b>Public School Christmas break begins</b></p>	<p>24 <b>Christmas Eve Services:</b>  <b>5 pm with nursery</b>  <b>6:30 pm with nursery</b>  <b>11 pm Communion</b></p>	<p>25 B—Aaron Hall                      Chloe Blankenship</p>	<p>26 B—Tyler Zweifel                      Carol Coulliette                      Lorraine Hinerman                      Alexis Kierstead                      Jenny Madill                      A—Leonard &amp; Emily Fitch</p>	<p>27 B—Bea Van Valin                      Kyla Winter                      Gary Weinberger</p>	<p>28 B—Faye Hogue                      A—Jeremy &amp; Bee Chew; Kevin &amp; Carolyn Hale, Ed &amp; Sarah Kusche, Todd &amp; Nikki Montgomery</p>
<p>29 B—Jim Cornett                      A—Kevin &amp; Elke Cook  <b>Morning Worship Services only. No SS, No Children's Worship, No Evening Worship.</b></p>	<p>30 B—Zack Anderson                      Sue Lauter</p>	<p>31 Kevin Cook  <b>6 pm John Wesley Covenant Service</b></p>	 <p><b>Wilmore Free Methodist Church</b>  <b>1200 Lexington Road</b>  <b>Wilmore, KY 40390</b></p>			

# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390</p>						
5 B—Curtis Allen Max Boileau Marcia Burgess Brianna Kidwell Genaea Sarantakos <b>SS Breakfast</b>	6 B—Teresa Cassidy	7 B—Krista Padgett Patrick Tillson	8 3—7 pm <b>Blood Drive in CMC</b>	2 B—Lois Jones <b>Office re-opens                      Public school be-                      gins</b>	3 B—Ruth Mitchell	4 B—Jesse Anderson Don Schreiner <b>Bible Quiz at WFMFC</b>
12 B—Jeremy Chew Cecil Zweifel	13	14 B—Fred Long, Christina Redmon Nathan Riffell	15 A—Arvid & Judy Metcalf <b>7 pm Financial                      Peace University                      8:15—BOA</b>	16 B—Rick Boileau Melinda Trump	17 B—Kevin Hale Nellie Rogers	18 B—Joy M. Rice Paul Swaim
19 B—Ray Fellows <b>6 pm Worship                      Communion                      7 pm Society Meet-                      ing</b>	20	21 B—Dennis Probst A—JB & Bette Crouse	22 B—Austin Zweifel	23 B—Jonah Evans Mandi Lane	24 B—Marilyn VanHorn Garrison Wright	25 B—Bob Barnard John Powdrill
26 <b>7 pm Soup / Sand-                      wich Social</b> YOUTH SKI RETREAT	27 B—Ron Johns Ralph Kester	28	29 B—Alma Cornett Grace Branan A—Jim & Alma Cornett	30 B—Cooper Swain A—Gary & Mary Ellen Martin	YOUTH SKI RETREAT	
					31 B—Isaiah Albertson Sue Hamann Pat Tillson	

# Library News

## New Books for the Library

(Loan Period: 3 weeks)

### Children's Books

- Snow Wonder We're Friends!
- Why Charlie Brown, Why?
- Justin Morgan Had a Horse
- King of the Wind
- Sea Star
- Misty's Twilight
- Stormy Misty's Foal
- The Lord God Made a World
- Audrey Bunny
- A Big Year for Lily
- A Surprise for Lily
- Samson (Comic Book)
- Joshua (Comic Book)

### Youth Books

- Growing Up Super Average
- Close Your Eyes
- The Bridge to Cutter Gap
- Silent Superstitious

### Adult Books

- Skip Rock Shallows
- Who Do I Lean On
- The Hope of Refuge
- A Time to Be Born; A Time to Die; A Time to Laugh
- Commentaries of the Bible by N.T. Wright

### Large Print - Adult Books

- Lydia's Charm
- These High, Green Hills
- The Secret Keeper
- In the Company of Others
- Home to Holly Springs

## New DVDs for the Library

(Loan Period: 1 week)

- God is #1 (Hoop dogz, Commandment 1)
- Hailey & Bailey's Silly Fight
- Veggie Tales - Merry Larry & the True Light of Christmas
- Fruits of the Spirit (Auto-B-Good)

### 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.

If you borrowed the following items, please return them.

(We have requests for these.)

- Book - Katy's New World by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- DVD - The Last Sin Eater

## Book Reviews

**Growing Up Super Average** by Jesse Florea, Bob Smiley and Gary Locke

Have you ever felt that you are too average to let God use you for important things? Are you just one of the "ordinary" people in your school? Well, *Growing Up Super Average* is just the right book for you! In this book, comedian Bob Smiley tells stories about Average Boy (the character in this book) and how he deals with stuff like back stabbing buddies, getting along with parents and siblings, understanding your changing body, and how to grow your relationship with God in a very funny way! After each story, Bob Smiley also gives you tips about how to face these things, including fun facts!

I think the book, *Growing Up Super Average* has helped me with the situations in life because of its funny, but helpful stories and the great advice Bob Smiley gives me. For example, there was a story about Average Boy getting into trouble. He was a molecule from getting detention, but his good manners came in and saved him. From that time on, I started trying to make good manners toward others a habit. Honestly, I think this is a great book and everybody will enjoy it! Remember, being average is a gift from God and is super cool!!

Warning! They don't call Bob Smiley a comedian for nothing!  
Reviewed by Ian Wang (age 11)



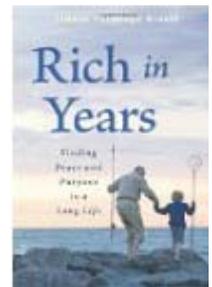
**Rich in Years: Finding Peace and Purpose in a Long Life** by Johann Christoph Arnold

As we come nearer to life's finish line, there are many important questions:

1. How can we honor the very young and the very old and better connect them?
2. How should we converse with and treat those close to us with Alzheimer's?
3. When is medical intervention helpful, and how can patients and their families discern when it's time to discontinue aggressive treatments?
4. How can we accept suffering and make good use of it?
5. What is the gospel message to dying people who have ignored Christ thus far?
6. How can we patiently endure and share grief?

These questions and more are discussed in *Rich in Years: Finding Peace and Purpose in a Long Life*. This beautiful little book delves into deep issues through stories of neighbors and through words of the saints through the centuries. Johann Christopher Arnold inspires the reader to look towards Christ in all things. Arnold draws much wisdom for his 70+ years in a religious community in upstate New York.

Reviewed by Kathy Davila





## BIBLE QUIZ BEGINS 9th SEASON WFMC TO HOST JANUARY QUIZ MEET

On August 28th, the Wilmore FMC Bible Quiz team began their 9th season of ministry and competition in this current era. (WFMC has had a quiz program off and on over the past several decades.) Once again, as has happened since the ministry began, the team has grown in participation from the previous year, though this was the smallest increase, with a net growth of one -- from 28 last year to 29 this year. While more heavily

weighted toward the middle school ages, the quizzers span every grade from 6th through 12th. This year's seniors are Sarah Blankenship, Adam Schell, and Stephen Wright. This is Stephen's third year of quizzing, while Sarah and Adam are the first two Wilmore quizzers in the current era to have quizzed every year of eligibility from their 6th grade year to their final year as seniors.

The team has already participated in two quiz meets this year. The first was in Bedford, IN with teams from the Wabash and Gateway conferences participating; the second was a regional quiz meet at the Aldersgate FMC in Indianapolis, IN with teams from Gateway, Wabash, and Southern Michigan. The teams travel to a quiz meet each month from October through May, before attending the national tournament at a FM college in late June or early July. The 2014 Bible Quiz Finals will be held June 29 - July 3 at Greenville College in Greenville, IL.

On January 4, 2014, Wilmore will host its first official, regular season quiz meet of this current era. Wilmore has invited teams from across this region but will not know the level of attendance until closer to the date of the meet. The team will need the assistance of the entire church to host a successful quiz meet! The team will need persons to host quizzers and the coaches and adults who travel with them in their homes on Friday night, January 3. In addition, the team will need help with donations of food and supplies, as well as volunteers, in order to provide lunch for all of our guests (and our local team) that Saturday. While more specific details will be forthcoming as the date draws closer, if you know already that you would be willing to assist in one of these ways, please contact coach Bryan Blankenship soon and let him know how you would like to help.



Please continue to pray for these 29 youth that they will diligently study God's Word (the Gospel of Matthew this year) and will not only learn and memorize it but will also apply it to their daily lives.

<p><b>BEDFORD QUIZ—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5</b></p> <p>Wilmore took nine teams, consisting of 27 quizzers, in the following divisions (with the trophy positions indicated in parentheses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Teen Veteran "A" - 2 teams (2nd &amp; 3rd places)</li> <li>Senior Teen Veteran "B" - 1 team (1st place)</li> <li>Young Teen Veteran "A" - 2 teams (2nd place)</li> <li>Young Teen Veteran "B" - 1 team (1st place)</li> <li>Young Teen Rookie "A" - 1 team (1st place)</li> <li>Young Teen All-Rookie - 2 teams (1st &amp; 2nd places)</li> </ul> <p>10 quizzers reached the final round (i.e. the top six) in their respective Individual's division, and the following quizzers placed in the top three (which are the trophy positions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STVA: Jonathan Liversedge - 1st place; Tyler Thompson - 2nd place; Meg Hull - 3rd place</li> <li>YTVA: Evelyn Madill - 3rd place</li> <li>YTRA: Ian Wang - 1st place; Paul Robert Stackhouse - 2nd place; Jessie Thompson - 3rd place</li> </ul>	<p><b>INDIANAPOLIS QUIZ—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2</b></p> <p>Wilmore took eight teams, consisting of 24 quizzers, in the following divisions (with the trophy positions indicated in parentheses):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Teen Veteran "A" - 3 teams (3rd place)</li> <li>Young Teen Veteran "A" - 2 teams (2nd place)</li> <li>Young Teen Rookie "A" - 3 team (1st, 2nd, &amp; 3rd places)</li> </ul> <p>9 quizzers reached the final round (i.e. the top six) in their respective Individual's division, and the following quizzers placed in the top three (which are the trophy positions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STVA: Adam Schell - 2nd place</li> <li>YTVA: Evelyn Madill - 3rd place</li> <li>YTRA: Ian Wang - 1st place; Ryan Padgett—2nd place; Paul Robert Stackhouse - 3rd place</li> </ul>
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A Note on the Scouts  
or  
What Was Not Printed in the Jessamine Journal  
by Pastor Daryl Diddle

As you likely know, back in early October, our Board of Administration (BOA) voted to not re-charter with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for the year 2014 due to changing trajectories within the national BSA leadership. That decision was



made with much research, discussion and prayer and was not easy for anyone, realizing it affects the lives of boys and young men we know and care

about, most of them likely themselves disagreeing with the BSA national decision and philosophical trajectory.

As you also likely know, somehow the Jessamine Journal was alerted to the situation and produced a front page article about it. Kelly McKinney, Journal reporter, interviewed me for that piece.

First of all, let me acknowledge Kelly's good work. I feel the article was very fair and that, in our interview, she had no axe to grind against the church.

That said, there were a couple details that could have been more clearly stated.

The first was that the decision of our board was not as divided, philosophically, as the article made it seem. The BOA agreed that the trajectories of the church and the BSA were on divergent paths and that a parting of ways between the church and the BSA was coming. The difference of opinion in the BOA, and the resulting close vote, had to do with *when* to break organizational ties.

The decision came down to whether to re-charter through next summer, giving the scouts a

little more time to re-organize, or not to re-charter for 2014 at all, which would take effect in January. In the end, the question, "If it's wrong in August, isn't it wrong now?" was persuasive to a majority of the BOA. Again, we were all in agreement in the eventual action needed. The question was one of timing, for which we had honest and legitimate differences of opinion.

Another item to note is that the BOA, though disagreeing, was not disagreeable with one another. We all understood one another's concerns, respected the differences and committed to move on, supporting one another in Christian love and charity. No one "took their toys and went home mad." In answering the question about the vote tally in the paper, I also tried to communicate our unity, even after the vote, which is a mark of Christian character. That was not emphasized in the article as newsworthy, unfortunately.

A third and final item I'd like to note is the organizational element of this decision, which addresses the theological, philosophical and legal ramifications of "unequally yoking" the church with another organization.

The day is upon us in our land where the church needs to carefully evaluate all of its binding, legally-recognized organizational ties with

other agencies, groups and even some ministries. In our day, what the church allows in one area can be legally enforced in another.

We all understood one another's concerns, respected the differences, and committed to move on, supporting one another in Christian love and charity.

The scouts have no doctrinal statement opposing homosexuality as a legitimate, alternative lifestyle. The church does have such a statement. To continue to charter with BSA could be legally interpreted as agreeing with the scouts.

Of course the church loves and accepts into fellowship those struggling with sexual identity. We do so, however, from the clear, Scriptural, and historical, doctrinal

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position that heterosexuality is God’s way, sexually. We minister to those with questions concerning this issue with our feet firmly planted in this belief. The scouts, again, have no such position.

Our relationship with the BSA is a legal one – we charter them, meaning we sign documents saying we’ll support them, help them and that we approve of their work. We are their legal partner, thus our concerns are not only doctrinal, but also legal, regarding our ability to minister in the future from a foundation faithful to Scripture. This also contributes to the decision that was made.

Everyone is disappointed in the decision, and even more, the trajectory of the BSA, and no doubt some disagree with our BOA’s response. If you have specific questions, please don’t hesitate to personally contact me, or any BOA member.

Don't forget to pick up your copy of the 2013 Advent Devotional Guide in the church foyer.

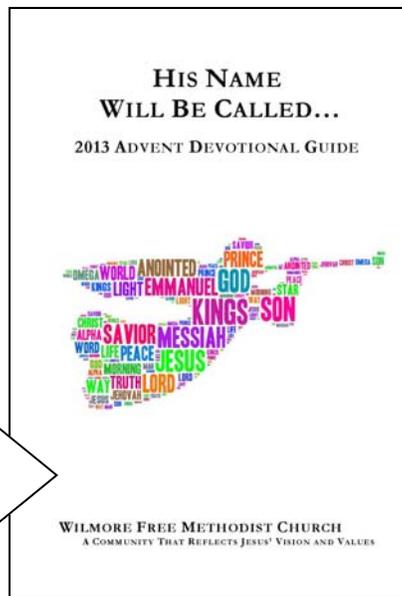
Check out our all-new church website:

[www.wilmorefmc.org](http://www.wilmorefmc.org)

which includes online messages, news feeds from FMCUSA and WFMC, construction updates, a variety of downloadable church forms, a completely revised, easy to navigate format, and much, much more.



Many thanks to webmaster Christine Smith.



**CREATION HEALED**

“Salvation means creation healed, but *shalom* in its fullness means ongoing health, beauty, creativity, and even more—with many wondrous surprises. It means all creation reaching its full good, glorious, pure, and poetic potential—which no one knows except the Holy Trinity. “No eye has seen, no ear heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” (I Cor. 2:9 NIV).”

Howard Snyder, *Salvation Means Creation Healed: The Ecology of Sin and Grace*, 108.



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## Wilmore Free Methodist Church

### Vision Statement

A Community That Reflects  
Jesus' 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.



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# The Plumbline

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## Home Missions Angel Tree

The Home Missions Team will again sponsor the Angel Tree this December. We will be collecting toys for children ages 1 thru 12 to be distributed by the Nicholasville Fire Department.

We will also be collecting food items for the Christmas Dinner Boxes distributed by the Wilmore Community Center to families in the Wilmore/High Bridge area. Food items must carry a current expiration date as the Community Center cannot distribute any food items that have expired dates.



More information will be provided in the church worship folder on the first Sunday of December.

Any questions can be directed to Don or Rita Schreiner at 885-5062.