



The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Keyboard

By Daryl Diddle

It's been nearly a year and a half since the last edition of our *Plumbline*

newsletter. Due to a combination of circumstances, including the effects of Covid on the church calendar and the weekly online publication of the Pastor's Update, publishing a print newsletter didn't seem to make much sense. But now that things are beginning to get back to normal – whatever that is these days – I'm grateful that we can also restart the *Plumbline*.

Some would say, "Why bother with a print newsletter? Why not just put out an occasional 'Remind' or Facebook post or e-mail?"

Those are the same people who would say, "No need to write an actual paper note. Just shoot 'em a text."

Yet who doesn't read a paper note when one comes to them in the mail? There is something about a paper note – whether a "thank you" card or a letter or even a newsletter, that is different. The act of putting something on paper suggests some time was invested – some thought and consideration and expense.

That's not to say those other forms of communication don't have their place – they do. But so does the printed word, and my thanks to editor Glenn McGlothlin for bringing ours to new life.

Besides the above apologetic for the place of print media, here are some other rather random thoughts for your consideration:

1) It's amazing to me how many people have joined our church fellowship over these last 18 months. Some of our "old" people (by that I mean people who have been part of WFMC for a long time,) who have stayed close to home of late, have rejoined in-person worship and found themselves surrounded by new faces and families. As you always do, I'd encourage you (whether you are "old" or "new," to please engage people who are new and unknown to you. I hereby deputize you to take that initiative of friendliness to get to know your "new" neighbors in worship and discipleship and service.

2) Related to this, I'd like to clarify that, over the past 18 months, contrary to what is sometimes claimed, the church never "closed." Ministry went on, carried out in different ways and means by probably more people than any of us realize. The church, as I saw it, never stopped being the church. We, and many local churches like ours, kept on engaging our community, speaking truth in love to our world, and caring and loving one another well. My deep thanks to all who did not just sit down for the past year and a half, but instead took up the challenge – and it was a challenge – of carrying forward the work of Christ in new ways.

3) At this writing, we are planning for a full slate of normal (there's that word again) activities for the fall, including the restarting of all musical choirs and ensembles, Sunday evening worship, Men's and Women's group ministries and outreach and discipleship events. In this atmosphere of restarting, I'd encourage you to follow the Lord in your engagement and commitment. This season of Covid has taught different people different lessons along

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these lines. Some have realized they were over-committed in certain areas (not just church) and have made needed adjustments to their schedules. Others have realized they need to be more engaged in activities that make eternal differences in themselves and in others than they have been previously, and so are looking for additional ways to serve Christ. The Holy Spirit will bring clarity about these things in our lives if we'll listen to Him, so let's be listening.

4) Also as of this writing, I find that, though I have to in order to be an informed person, I rather dread checking my information sources since so much of the reported news is bad. Between the flooding and the fires, the hunger and the tyrants and the misuse of power and property and people, our world is just a mess. I know of two funerals within two days of families that I love.

At the same time, as I sit here and look out the window, the grass is green, the sky is blue and (as Johnny Nash wrote in 1972) it's "a bright, bright, bright sunshiny day." (And on one of those funeral days, there is also a wedding.)

How do we think in response to such stark differences? I think both the good news and the bad should help us remember, first that God is, and second who God is and third, who we are. Both good news and bad speak of God's power and also of our weakness. Both remind us of our need for salvation – both personally and corporately – and also of God's faithful promise to save – to re-create and make all things new.

Ours is a conflicted world. It's a beautiful world that's full of bad news.

Yet God is a faithful God, who calls people to Himself in order to save them, to walk with us through this world's pain, and to ultimately and gloriously bring us to Himself as recreated persons. All of it comes to those who will follow Jesus, God's Son. I invite you to do that. Given the ups and downs of this world, it's just the sensible thing to do.

LADIES NIGHT OUT IS BACK!

After a long year of waiting, Ladies Night Out is returning this coming SEPTEMBER! Rachael and I are so excited and we hope you are, too! Ladies Night Out is an invitation to all ladies in the church (bring a friend, if you'd like) who want to enjoy eating dinner with friends at a local restaurant, just for fun. We have a blast and hope you will join us at 6:00pm the FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH (except September, which will be the SECOND Monday). Post the following schedule on your calendar and look forward to a great time! Contact Ginny Proctor by calling or texting to 859-553-9784 with any questions.

LADIES NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE

Sept.	13	@ 6:00pm - Chicken Salad Chick, Brannon Crossing
Oct.	4	@ 6:00pm - Sedona Tap House, Palomar Center, Lexington
Nov.	8	@ 6:00pm - Drakes, Brannon Crossing
Dec.	6	@ 6:00pm - Fazoli's, North Main Street, Nicholasville
Jan.	3	@ 6:00pm - El Rio Grande, Nicholasville
Feb.	7	@ 6:00pm - Sonny's BBQ, Nicholasville
March	7	@ 6:00pm - Panera, Brannon Crossing
April	4	@ 6:00pm - Smashing Tomato, Fayette Plaza
May	9	@ 6:00pm - Belle Notte Italian Restaurant, Lexington

Greg and Tonya Bryant

Greg and Tonya have known each other for 21 years, but they became reacquainted when Tonya's dad was diagnosed with cancer in 2013. She was living in Florida at the time and Greg was in West Virginia where Tonya's parents were living. Greg, being a medical doctor, was able to give Tonya helpful medical advice regarding her dad. Tonya moved back to West Virginia, and it wasn't long before they "just knew." They have been married for two years, so they're still technically newlyweds!

Greg and Tonya moved to Nicholasville in October of 2019, right before Covid shut everything down. During that time they did a lot of work on their home. Greg was originally from here and wanted to live closer to his parents and grandsons, and since they came back Greg's mom has had some health challenges and they are glad to be nearer to assist in transitioning her into a nursing home. Greg has 3 daughters: Jacqui, who lives here and is mom to their grandsons, Ami, who lives in Washington State, and Staci, who lives in Morehead. They also have two "fur babies", Athena, a 9 year old german shepherd and Molli, their rescue beagle mix.

Greg spent three years serving in the air force at Wright Patterson in Dayton and 24 years practicing as an oral maxillofacial surgeon until a home repair mishap in 2017 damaged his hand and prohibited him from continuing as a surgeon, so he now spends time doing volunteer work in the community and at WPMC. Tonya works as general manager for the Lexington area "White House Black Markets". Greg and Tonya also have a home repair business



called Central KY Home Services. They provide packages for routine maintenance projects such as air filter and refrigerator filter replacement, cleaning out dryer vents, smoke detector battery replacement and other household services that people need.

Neighbors Gerry and Judy Graham invited the Bryants to WPMC and they have been very close friends. Greg and Tonya both went to church as kids but never found a church home that was the right fit, but they now feel at home here!

When Greg and Tonya found out that the Community Service Center was needing volunteers to work in the thrift store, they signed up. Here's what Tonya says about their service hours there: "We have both been so blessed! I cannot put into words how this experience has changed me. The people that we have met and the relationships that we have formed are a blessing beyond words. The

work that is done in that thrift store is incredible! The way that everyone cares for each other is quite amazing." She would like to use her

retail clothing experience to help with that area further as Greg serves as a shift manager.

Greg and Tonya have two grandsons, Grayson (6) and Hunter "Bryant", 4. Grayson is an aspiring artist. His plan right now is to own an art museum with his plants outside that he will water every morning. Hunter is all country boy! He has no fear of anything and goes after everything 100%!

Greg and Tonya like to relax by reading, working outside, puzzling, working out and spending time with family and friends. They are very glad that they have found a church family at WPMC and are looking forward to getting to know people better. Look for them as they serve as ushers on Sunday mornings...their bright, cheerful smiles and friendly greetings at the door make everyone feel welcome!

Getting to Know You by Sue Adkins

Box Tops for Education for Oakdale Christian Academy



**THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING
THIS NEEDED INCOME**

Please continue to bring your
Box Tops for Education labels to the church throughout the year.
Please place the labels in the basket
in the corner of the foyer of the church near the Welcome Center.





BIBLE QUIZZING UPDATE

By Jenny Madill

Bible Quizzing has been interesting this year (How many times have we said that about last year?!?). We have been thankful to meet and quiz most months, and even hosted a meet in February. The biggest change has been staying in hotels instead of host homes. Thankfully our travel fund was bulked up for Seattle last

summer, so we've had the money to pay for those extra costs without asking families to pay extra.

Our trip to Olivet Nazarene University for Bible Quiz Finals was a wonderful week of fellowship, competition and travel. We enjoyed a trip to the zoo on Monday. Competition began Tuesday, with quizzers competing on teams of 3 or 4 and as individuals. We celebrated many victories and endured defeats. We had chapel each morning and two of the evenings. Our speaker was fabulous, and a highlight of the week was the testimony and communion service on Thursday night where quizzers and coaches shared how God is working in their lives. We are thankful for traveling mercies through bad storms and around several accidents. God is good!

Here are the final overall results:

In individual competition:

Joyce Bao	1 st
Violet Madill	4 th
Dexter Cannon	3 rd
Nathan Riffell	5 th

Senior Teen Veteran teams:

Nathan Riffell, Brittany Wagler and MariBeth Kierstead	2 nd
Samuel Maynard, Charlie Kierstead and Dalton Cannon	3 rd

Young Teen Veteran teams:

Joyce Bao, Violet Madill, James Evans	1 st
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Young Teen Rookie teams:

Mollie Haseloff, Dexter Canon, Susanna Branan	3 rd
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We were also honored to have Nathan Riffell recognized as the recipient of the Dave Markell Attitude in Excellence Award. It is an award given to one senior who displays a Christ-like attitude. In some ways, this award is the highest honor, as it recognizes young men and women who live the Word as well as study and compete in it.

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Next year we study Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude. Our opening meeting will be August 22. Anyone interested in learning more about quizzing should come to that kick-off meeting. Our first practice will be on August 25.

We kick off our next quiz season with a meeting for parents and quizzers on August 25th at 7pm. Practice begins on August 25 for now quizzers (rookies) and September 1 for returning quizzers (vets). We will dig into Hebrews, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude this year. Next summer the national summer competition will be hosted by Asbury University!



Samuel Maynard, Charlie Kierstead, Dalton Cannon



Joyce Bao, Violet Madill, James Evans



Nathan Riffell, Brittany Wagler, MariBeth Kierstead



Library News

New Books for the Library

Loan Period: 3 weeks

Children's Books

Swirly
Can I Talk to God?
I Love You Grandma
The Berenstain Bears Follow God's Words
Young Whit and the Thieves of Barrymore

New DVDS for the Library

Loan Period: 2 weeks

Children's DVDS

The Chosen
Can I Get a Witness Protection?
No Ordinary Shepherd
Galilee: The Land Where Jesus Walked
Amazing Grace

Adult Books

The Trellis and the Seed
Unshakable Hope
Created for Fearlessness
Susanna, Mother of the Wesleys
Sensible Shoes: A Story About the Spiritual Journey
Trial by Fire

Kits - Christian Education

Marriage on the Rocks (Jimmy Evans)
Entrusted: A Study of II Timothy (Beth Moore)
The Gospel of Mark: the Biblical Journey (Joseph Dongell)
The Princess and the Kiss (Jennie Bishop)
Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath (Priscilla Shirer)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICES.

Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at (859) 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.

OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP

Among the various groups gathering at WFMC throughout the year is the Overseas Fellowship, bringing together those with keen interest in understanding missions and in serving our Lord in other cultures and nations. Meeting three times a year, we gather for a covered-dish meal followed by a program focusing on some aspect of missions or life outside the USA.

On the evening of Friday, September 24 at 6 pm in the Hospitality Room of Building C we will meet together for a time of food and fellowship. Beginning at 7 pm the program will focus on "Growing Up on the Mission Field." Several in our church family have had the unique experience of being "mish kids." We will be hearing from them about their experiences, both humorous and sobering.

This fellowship is open to anyone interested in learning more about the missionary experience. Won't you come and join us? We look forward to seeing you!

WFMC BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| <p>1 Bella Davis, Daryl Diddle, Jeff Hiatt, Andrew Miller, Carl Rhodes, <i>Aaron & Amie Hall, Darin & Jill Land</i></p> <p>3 Elyssa Maynard, <i>Sean & Catherine Gaffney</i></p> <p>4 Sharon McConnell, Sophia VanHorn, Mary Sutherland, Variece VanLaningham</p> <p>5 Faith Branan, <i>Brian & Jessica Bowers</i></p> <p>6 David Brabon, Lily Wittenberg, <i>Mark and Cheryl Schell</i></p> <p>7 Rosie Cooper, Paul Stackhouse</p> <p>8 Ruth Brown, Marguerite Brude, Timothy Wooster, James Zweifel, <i>Kevin & Alison Calhoun</i></p> <p>9 Jake Bowers, Christina Proctor</p> <p>10 Aidan Reifsnnyder, Gladys Suffridge, <i>Andy & Lizet Bowen, Bill & Bonnie Descoteaux</i></p> <p>11 Pati Brabon, <i>John & Karen Oswalt</i></p> <p>13 Alayna Crabtree, Andrew Sweigard, David Tullar, Johnetta Zweifel, <i>Ted & Sandy Hall, Craig & Rebekah Saunders</i></p> <p>14 Rebecca Wood</p> <p>15 Lou Houpp</p> <p>16 Sandy Hall, Beth Wheelock</p> <p>17 Kevin Crabtree, Debby Marchal, Del Searls, <i>Mike & Vicki Reynen</i></p> <p>18 <i>Dale & Melanie Kierstead, Doug & Carol Matthews, Howard & Jan Snyder</i></p> <p>19 <i>Don & Lenore Sweigard, Ken & Renae Thompson, Bob & Peggy Thurman</i></p> | <p>20 Caiden Johnson, Mary Ellen Martin, Fran May, <i>Paul & Heidi Stackhouse, Ted & Gladys Suffridge</i></p> <p>21 Reagan Adams</p> <p>22 Cheryl Faul, Karen Jamison, <i>Joe & Regina Dongell, Ron & Nadara Welling, Stan & Marna Wiggam</i></p> <p>23 Irene Raymond, <i>Steve & Lorrie Liversedge</i></p> <p>24 Nathan Wittenberg, <i>Roy & Sue Lauter</i></p> <p>25 Kris Gorton, Nathan Saunders</p> <p>26 David Bauer</p> <p>27 Ed Bryson, Juliet Miller, Faye Neal, <i>Bryan & Carol Blankenship</i></p> <p>28 Scarlett Adams, Curt Kidwell, Paul Robert Stackhouse, <i>Keith & Carol Iddings</i></p> <p>30 William Kusche, Charlie Payne</p> <p>31 Melody Branan, Doug McGlothlin</p> | <p>9 Lynn Cooper, Eden Ireland, Zoe Ireland, Melanie Kinnell</p> <p>10 Ron Gouge, Timberly Kidwell, Hannah Miller</p> <p>11 Ginny Proctor, <i>Don & Karen Koehn</i></p> <p>12 Stephen Anstett, Emma Combs, Carol Blankenship, Joyce Thomas, Sarah Joiner</p> <p>13 Kai Baldwin, Wyndham Cannon, Hope Owsley, Faith Ury</p> <p>14 Michael Dickie, Barry May, Judy Metcalf</p> <p>15 Devon Roxberry, <i>Ken & Ginny Proctor</i></p> <p>16 Jama Martin</p> <p>17 Dave Blankenship, Tim Bowen, <i>Victor & Shirley Hamilton</i></p> <p>18 Eliana Tonglamun</p> <p>19 Betsy Behm, Christine Maynard, Ben Riffell</p> <p>20 Emrys Ezell, Millie Hall, Ted Hall, Colin McGlothlin</p> <p>21 Jeneane Denger, Kiley Gorton, Jonathan Gomez, Matt Kinnell, Patti McPeake, <i>Rick & Christine Maynard</i></p> <p>22 Sam Gilmore, Aspen Miller</p> <p>23 Winston Smith</p> <p>24 Ellie Johnson, Annabelle Watts</p> <p>25 Sarah Kusche, <i>Daryl & Annette Diddle</i></p> <p>26 Victor Hamilton</p> <p>27 Abbey Hall, <i>Bruce & Patti Smythe</i></p> <p>29 Eloise Cannon, Marilyn Swaim</p> <p>30 Doug Matthews, Ralph Yoder, Amanda Reifsnnyder</p> |
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Sept. Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Lucia Grammel, Alex VanHorn, *David & Pati Brabon, Wes & June Eisemann, Thane & Laura Ury*
- 2 Jamie McGlothlin, Jackie Moon, RoseMary Nowitzki
- 3 Annabelle Evelyn
- 4 Martha Ezell, Lyn Searls, Chloe Kinnell, Essie Kinnell, Noah Riffell
- 5 Jerry Coleman, Brian Nowitzki, Liam Prochina
- 7 Darlene Elliott, Eddie Miller, Christa Stackhouse
- 8 Carolyn Haikal, Nick Riffell, *Seth Elam & Sandy Miller*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will finally be back in business on Friday, Sept. 10. We have so missed meeting together! Please bring your shawls that you have been working on, any leftover yarns, your hooks, and needles. We will meet downstairs in Room 107, 10:00am to 12:00pm.

We welcome our old friends and would love to have new ones interested in creating these treasured shawls which we give away. You do not have to be an expert with hooks, needles, or yarns. We have amazing teachers and many patterns, plus new yarns. Circle Friday, September 10 on your calendar, and join us for two hours of rich fellowship and fun creating beautiful things.



Weaver's Wanderings, July 2021

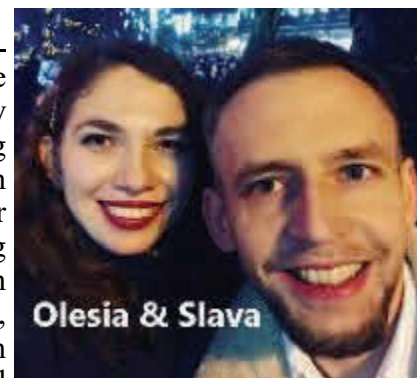
By Brent and Colleen Weaver



It is great to be able to share a bit of our news with folks who are not only interested in us but also interested in the work that God is doing in the lives of the people here in Ukraine and Estonia. We are encouraged by a sentence from the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Ephesus in which he reminds us that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to walk in the good works that he has prepared in advance for us. It is good to know that God is at work preparing people and situations in which we can serve him and be a blessing to others. Here are a few of those areas.

New Discovery Bible Study

Since returning to Kyiv, we have felt a desire to reach out to more people and so we are partnering with Olesia and Slava to start a new Discovery Bible group in their neighborhood. They are presently distributing advertising, seeking people who would like to read and discuss the Bible in English. We plan to begin our first meeting later in August after our summer camp. Meanwhile Brent has been contacting Facebook friends and shaking the tree a bit to see who God is stirring to come. Just a little background on Slava; he was Brent's roommate at English camp in 2009. At that time, Slava was not a believer. He assured Brent that he enjoyed sinning too much to think seriously about following God. Well the years have gone by and God didn't give up on him. He became a believer, was baptized and joined Olesia in marriage last year.



Both are very active in outreach and have a desire to help others become disciples of Jesus.



English Camp

August 1st will see a group of keen English camp 'teachers' from around the globe gather to participate in an 8-day evangelistic English camp. On August 3rd a wonderful group of 29 Ukrainian young adults will join us. They come primarily to practice and develop their English language and make new friends. We have let them know clearly that there is a strong Christian component to the camp and all have agreed to come knowing this. Several have shown a very positive interest in learning more about Jesus. Others have let us know that they are atheist and we have a couple of people who nominally follow other world religions (Hindu and Muslim). Please join us in prayer as we ask God (who knows each one intimately and loves them fully) to work in their hearts and for his will to be done in their lives. Pray also for a powerful witness of Christian community as we live, love and play together for 8 days in the sun.

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A new Life Group?

For a while now we have had a desire to plant a new Life Group church in our home. When we shared this idea with one of our Ukrainian friends, she gave us a list of about 6 friends or relatives that she has in Kyiv who might have an interest in joining with such a group. This has given us more confidence that this is one of those 'good works' that God is preparing us to walk into. Pray that these people will be responsive when we invite them. We are also seeking one or two Ukrainian believers from our network to partner with us in launching this group.

Estonia

Covid travel restrictions have meant that we have not been able to go to Estonia for a while. We hope something will be possible in late October or November. Meanwhile Brent has been coaching Allar and Piret online and God has been at work in and through their ministry. Allar shared recently that he was able to train a group of young people at camp in the Discovery Bible Study approach so that they can use it in their own youth group settings or with non-Christian friends. Allar was also able to share the gospel around the campfire and three people decided to repent and put their faith in Christ. Please pray for great fruit from this and other training opportunities through the summer.



Thanks so much for all of you love and prayers. Ukrainians are truly amazed that there are people like you in the world who are interested in their lives. It means a lot to all of us.

In Christ, Colleen and Brent Weaver

*The Bottom Line - Strictly For Prayer*

- ◆ Pray for Brent, Olesia and Slava as they invite non-believers to discover who Jesus is and share the good news of the Kingdom. Colleen will be filling for Brent at the Discovery Bible Study during the first two weeks of August when Brent is at camp.
- ◆ Pray for God's guidance as we continue to explore the possibility of beginning an English-speaking house church in our home. Pray for God to raise up one or two Ukrainian believers to partner with us in this new outreach. Lift up the six family members and friends of Anya whom God put on her heart when she heard that we were considering beginning this new house church.
- ◆ Pray for Allar and Piret as they seek to develop leaders and pursue opportunities to train others.
- ◆ Pray for us as we continue to disciple men and women and encourage them to disciple others. Pray too for our health and strength during these extremely warm summer days.

WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"

It's been a while, but we are excited to announce the restart of our vocal and instrumental ensembles at WFMC! If you enjoy making music and having genuine fellowship with other believers, then perhaps one of these music ensembles at WFMC is just the opportunity for you! In September, our music ensembles will begin rehearsing weekly. Groups range from pre-Kindergarten to adult and from hand chimes to adult choir. Please do not miss this opportunity to further develop your musical gifts, grow spiritually, and connect with others in our church with similar interests. Listed below you will find general information regarding available ensembles. Please feel free to contact any of these directors with more specific questions or concerns.

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High." Psalm 92:1

CHILDREN'S VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Young Musicians (age 4 by August 1st)

- Leader - Rose Evans
- Begins Wednesday, September 22nd
- 6:15-6:45p.m.
- Sign-up at Music Central, located at top of staircase in Building B
- Limit of 10 children, parent must attend

Friendship Company (Kindergarten-1st Grade)

- Director - Cheryl Schell
- Begins Wednesday, September 15th
- 6:15-6:45p.m.
- Sign-up at Music Central, located at top of staircase in Building B

Heaven's Harmony (Grades 2-5)

- Director - Cheryl Schell
- Begins Sunday, September 12th
- 4:45-5:55p.m.
- Sign-up at Music Central, located at top of staircase in Building B

Chimes of Joy (Grades 2-5)

- Directors - Hannah Miller and Jamie McGlothlin
- Begins Sunday, September 12th
- 3:30-4:40p.m.
- Sign-up at Music Central, located at top of staircase in Building B

YOUTH AND ADULT VOCAL ENSEMBLES

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director - Mark Schell
- Begins Sunday, September 12th
- 4:45-5:45p.m.
- Sign-up at Music Central, located at top of staircase in Building B

Sanctuary Choir (Post-High School and above)

- Director - Rose Evans
- Begins Sunday, September 12th
- 4:45-5:45p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING MUSIC TEAMS

Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing? If so, we would love to have you minister with us by joining one of our music teams for morning worship or by using your gifts to sing a solo or play an instrument for an offertory! For more information regarding ensembles, Sunday morning and evening music ministries, small groups, and instrumental opportunities, please contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans. We want to hear from you!

YOUTH AND ADULT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Allegro Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director - Amanda Bailey
- Begins Sunday, September 12th
- 3:30-4:30p.m.
- All levels
- Sign-up at Music Central, located at top of staircase in Building B

Blessings Handbell Choir (Post High School and above)

- Director - Katie Diddle
- Begins Tuesday, September 14th
- 6:15-7:15p.m.
- Intermediate/Advanced level

Silver Bells Handbell Choir (Senior Adults, age 60 or better)

- Director - Pam Hiatt
- Begins Tuesday, September 21st
- 1:15p.m.
- Beginning/Intermediate level

****Calling all Seniors, age 60 or better***

The Silver Bells senior adult handbell choir has several openings this year and invites those with interest, regardless of prior experience, to join the group. If interested or if you have questions please contact Pam Hiatt.

Look for these events to happen in the coming year:

Winter 2021:

Nov. 28 th	6:00p.m.	Hanging of the Greens
Dec. 5 th	8:30 & 11am	Celebration of Christmas
Dec. 19 th	6:00p.m.	Christmas Caroling

Spring 2022:

April 25 th	7:00p.m.	Spring Ring (Monday evening)
May 1 st	6:00p.m.	Children's Musical
May 15 th	6:00p.m.	Singing Celebration



CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing for the Musical Celebration of Christmas in early October. If you enjoy singing and ministering through song, and would like to make a short-term commitment to the "Christmas Choir" you are welcome to join us for rehearsals beginning early October. Watch the bulletin and listen for further announcements for more information and rehearsal schedules, or contact Rose Evans.

PRAYER: CAN GOD COUNT ON YOU TO BE AN *INTERCESSOR*?

By Margaret Dargan



“‘I look for a man among them who would build up the wall and *stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land, so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.* So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done,’ declares the Sovereign Lord.” – Ezekiel 22:30-31

Our nation needs intercessors to “stand in the gap on behalf of the land”. Over the years, our nation has slipped deeper into sin and turned its back on God. But where did we originate? Our nation was founded on godly principles by people who were looking for a place to practice their religious freedom without interference from governing authorities. Also, our schools were founded to teach reading and the Bible was used as one of the first textbooks. Today, the Bible is no longer considered the authority and the Ten Commandments cannot be posted in public classrooms of America.



Here are some more specific ways our nation has slid deeply into sin.

<p><i>Pornography</i></p> <p>A study published in the journal Pediatrics in 2007 reported that 42% of internet users 10 to 17 years of age saw online pornography in the past year, two-thirds had reported that they stumbled on it accidentally.</p>	<p><i>Marriage</i></p> <p>Marriage as prescribed in God’s Word between a man and a woman has been undermined. UK recently hosted a conference for students—hundreds of staff members and several thousand students were in attendance. One of the speakers said that the term “marriage” should no longer be used by professionals, but instead “persons choosing to live together by mutual consent.”</p>
<p><i>Sin</i></p> <p>Many television and online shows secretly boast that they have to break at least three of the Ten Commandments in each program to get laughs from the audience. Methods like these are very likely affecting us.</p>	<p><i>The Lord’s Day</i></p> <p>The Lord’s Day is no longer held as a sacred day in our nation. Stores are open with some of the largest sales on Sunday and our sports arenas are filled with millions competing with church attendance. (Isaiah 58:13-14)</p>
<p><i>Homosexuality</i></p> <p>Homosexuality is being taught in our public schools as an accepted lifestyle. Our youth are being taught that any kind of sex is OK.</p>	<p><i>Abortion</i></p> <p>We’ve allowed tax money to fund the killing of innocent babies here and all across the world. Since the Roe vs. Wade ruling, 60 million babies have been killed here in our nation.</p>
<p><i>Addictions</i></p> <p>So many young people in our nation are searching for meaning...for something to satisfy them and are increasing numbers are succumbing to addictions of alcohol, pornography, drugs, and gambling.</p>	<p><i>Debt</i></p> <p>Our nation is spending way beyond her means. The U. S. national debt has gone from 5 trillion in 2000 to over 28 trillion (as of April 30, 2021.) In doing so, we’re robbing future generations of financial freedom and the value of their currency.</p>

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What can we do about it?

With all that said, is there any way to stem this evil tide? Yes! The answer is revival. But what does it take to bring revival?

Prayer

“If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways (this is our part), then, will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” – 2 Chronicles 7:14

In Nehemiah 1, Nehemiah identified with the sins of the nation and *confessed them before God*. *We have to confess our national sins* before the Lord and ask His forgiveness.



Fasting

Throughout the Bible, fasting, along with prayer, was a way to humble oneself before God.

Nehemiah 1:3-4 - “They said to me, ‘Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.’ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. <i>For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.</i> ”	Matthew 6:16 - “ <i>When you fast</i> , do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But <i>when you fast</i> , put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”
Matthew 17:20-21 - “He replied, “Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. But this kind does not go out except by <i>prayer and fasting.</i> ”	Acts 13:2-3 - “While they were <i>worshipping the Lord and fasting</i> , the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ So after <i>they had fasted and prayed</i> , they placed their hands on them and sent them off.”
Mark 9:29 - “Jesus replied, ‘This kind (demons) can come out only by <i>prayer and fasting.</i> ’”	Matthew 4:2 - “After fasting forty days and forty nights, he (Jesus) was hungry.”

Why should we fast and what are its benefits?

- 1) *It is Biblical.*
- 2) *It is humbling.*
- 3) *It can transform prayer.*
- 4) *It helps us to be more determined in our praying.*
- 5) *It renews spiritual vision and faith.*
- 6) *It helps us understand the Word of God.*
- 7) *It can help restore our love for God.*
- 8) *It yields brokenness before the Lord.*
- 9) *It helps one to be willing to obey God’s leading.*
- 10) *It helps us to focus on God.*

May the Lord help each of us to stand in the gap by praying and fasting for revival and the salvation of the lost in our families and those around us.

WFMC WELCOMES NEW YOUTH PASTOR

My name is Caitlin Gothay, and I am originally from Tabernacle NJ. I graduated from Asbury University in 2015 with a Bachelor's in Youth Ministry and from Asbury Seminary in 2017 with a master's in Christian Ministry. During both of my degrees I interned under Andrea at WFMC. I married my husband Christian in 2016 and we both became members of WFMC. While living in the Wilmore area I worked with youth as a Teachers Assistant at East High and then as a Youth Care Worker at the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Home. Christian and I felt called to work together in a similar capacity to the Children's home and began looking into becoming House Parents.

In 2018, we moved to Clinton South Carolina to become "Family Teachers" at Thornwell Home for Children (a ministry to youth in the foster care system who've been removed from their homes.) During our three years there, we were able to work with many ages of youth but mainly worked with 13 to 18-year-old girls. We would work on and off with our teammates as full time parents for up to 8 girls, managing school, sports, jobs, family life, life skills, social skills, and navigating through trauma. In 2019, we had a baby boy named Maxwell, and he is a little over 2 now.



We also fell in love with two sisters who had been living at Thornwell for almost 10 years. On July 6, 2020, Ashanti, 19, and Vantashia (Van), 16, moved in with us full time. On Nov. 16, 2020 we finalized our adoption of Ashanti and Van! They were big troopers going back and forth with us to the cottage for almost a year, but it was becoming more evident with some of the challenges of the job we needed to move away from the cottage lifestyle.



When I was asked to consider the position of Youth Pastor for WFMC, I was honored but hesitant at first. To be honest, I felt like we were needed at Thornwell. While that may be true, God showed us that this opportunity would be a true blessing for our family and all the pieces fell into place. I am so excited to be the Youth Pastor of WFMC! I am excited to work with some kids I already know and to meet the ones I don't! I am looking forward to being able to apply some of what I have learned in a different aspect of ministering to youth over the past five

years with the youth group at WFMC. I also look forward to partnering with parents to help them have the tools they need to help their families grow in the Lord. Thank you all for the support you have already shown!

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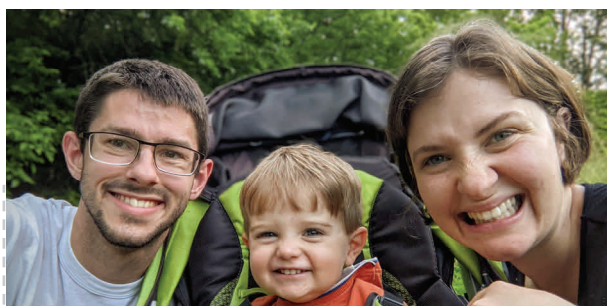
WFMC Fall Missions Week Returns



After having had to cancel Missions Week last year due to Covid-19, the World Missions Team is thrilled to announce Missions Week 2021, set for October 17-24. We look forward to welcoming Dan and Katy Beth Searls, Missionary Mobilizers with WGM, and Free Methodist missionaries Darin and Jill Land. Darin serves as associate Asia area director, while Jill works in mentoring and administration.

We are busy planning special presentations for the children and the youth, missions breakfasts for men and women on October 23, and the International Potluck on October 24 (start looking for those international recipes!). If you

would like to help, please contact Steve and Lorrie Liversedge at lorrie.liversedge@gmail.com.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Let me introduce myself. My name is Glenn McGlothlin, and I am married to my beautiful wife Grace McGlothlin. We have a

son, Elijah, who will be two years old in November and a daughter due to be born in September. It is an honor to take over the role of editor from Karen Koehn. I appreciate all the effort and time she invested into the Plumline. My hope is to continue sourcing quality content and sharing what God is doing in and around our community. If you would like to submit any content for future editions, please contact me at glenn.mclothlin@gmail.com or (502) 208-2292. The deadline for the next Oct./Nov. edition will be Sept. 10.

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BAPTISM SERVICE

WFMC is having its annual baptism service on September 12th at 6:00pm. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact one of the pastors...the sooner, the better.

We will meet at the church at 6:00pm to sing, here a little about what baptism means, and to introduce the candidates for baptism. Then we will carpool together to a beautiful spot on the Jessamine Creek for the ceremony. All are welcome to attend!

