



# The Plumbline

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## *The Wisest People Are Historians*

*By Daryl Diddle*

weeks ago, “the wisest people are historians.”

Provocative, isn’t it?

Of course, some, and maybe many, will disagree with that statement.

“Are you saying that there are only a very small handful of wise people?” That’s what some of you are wondering.

Before you get too upset, let me qualify my assertion a bit. By “historian,” I don’t necessarily mean only those persons who make their living from history. Teachers or lawyers or professors or authors are not the only people who are historians.

What I mean by historian is a person who understands the importance of knowing history and, because of that, engages history widely. A true historian is interested in what’s happened in past days, years and ages in a variety of disciplines – science, politics, nations, medicine, economics – and on and on.

To me, if you are a person who understands how important it is to know what has come before, and so try to learn and know what’s come before as much as reasonably possible, then you are a historian.

And because of that, you have the potential to be wise.

Notice, though, that I didn’t say you are wise simply because you are a historian. You merely have the potential.

The wisest people may be historians, but not all historians are wise. Why? Because one has to decide to apply what he or she knows about history in order to be wise.

To put it into an (admittedly rather crude) equation: Historical understanding + right application = wisdom.

But what does that mean?

Let’s back up a minute and review a few words that can sound similar at times but actually mean very different things.

Consider the words and concepts of intelligence, knowledge, smart, and wise/wisdom. These are often used somewhat interchangeably. You often hear people say, “Hey, that woman is very intelligent/knowledgeable/smart/wise,” thinking they all mean sort of the same thing. But they don’t mean the same thing.

**Intelligence:** The Cambridge Dictionary says this is a person’s ability to learn, understand, and make judgments or have opinions that are based on reason. All persons reading this have varying levels of intelligence. If you are reading, you certainly have some ability to receive and process information.

**Knowledge:** Knowledge is that understanding of or information about a subject that you get by experience or study. It’s the product of observation that is stored in one’s mind.

**Smart:** Webster defines “smart” as a person who has a high degree of ability to know or understand. Someone who has a high degree of intelligence and therefore retains lots of knowledge might be considered “smart.”

**Wise/Wisdom:** This is the making of good and sound judgments about present or future situation based on one’s accrued knowledge.

The key difference between wisdom and the rest of those words is that wisdom has to do with application. Wisdom has the capability, and is what is needed, not just to know stuff, but to make positive changes in circumstances.

A person can be highly intelligent and so can retain lots of important information...and would even be considered “smart” by contemporaries – maybe for what he can remember or for how well she can perform on an exam of some kind.

But there is no guarantee that an intelligent or knowledgeable person will be wise, since wisdom involves choosing to correctly apply knowledge.

You see, anyone can become knowledgeable about a subject by reading, researching, and memorizing facts.

The one who moves beyond knowledge to wisdom, however, is the one who applies what they know to their perspectives about life's important issues and, consequently, to the future decisions they make.

In that way, wisdom is intensely practical. What good is it to know stuff if that knowledge doesn't make any good, practical impact upon your life or the life of your community?

All this is why I say that the wisest people are historians: because they make it their business to gather knowledge about what's happened in the past and then intentionally apply that knowledge to how they live in the present and the future.

Wise people understand the importance of knowing what's already happened so that they can repeat what worked...what was good, and so they can avoid what failed...what was bad.

That is the process of making knowledge work... not just for us, but more importantly, for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, and that's why the Bible, while speaking highly of knowledge, exalts wisdom far higher.

It's interesting that the Bible warns us of an increase in knowledge at the end of time (Daniel 12:4.) Some claim that with our current technology, the base of knowledge actually doubles every other year or so. Yet the Scriptures say nothing about any increase in wisdom to come.

In truth, knowledge without wisdom can be a very dangerous thing. What's desperately needed in our world is the intentional pursuit of wisdom.

How do we pursue wisdom? The book of James says wisdom is but a prayer away. It's not a bad thing to ask God to help us become knowledgeable, but it's an even better thing to ask God to make us wise...so we can rightly apply what we know for the good of our world. That's what will make a difference.

Would you join me in that pursuit...the pursuit of wisdom?

God, in this upcoming new year, help me to be a historian. Help me to know more...and especially of those things which are important to you. But beyond knowing, help me to be wise...to have Your mind and heart so that my knowledge of things past can be rightly applied to the circumstances of today and tomorrow...all for Your sake and glory. Amen.

## Ladies Night Out

Many ladies have been enjoying a monthly night out, but there's al-ways room for more! Ladies Night Out is open to all ladies in the church who enjoy eating dinner at a local restaurant. We have a blast and hope you will join us at 6:00p.m. the first Monday of each month. Post the following schedule on your calendar and come for a great time! Contact Ginny Proctor with questions at (859) 553-9784.

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| ⇒ December 5 | El Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant, Nicholasville |
| ⇒ January 9  | Sonny's BBQ, Nicholasville                      |
| ⇒ February 6 | Fazoli's, Nicholasville                         |
| ⇒ March 6    | Culver's, Nicholasville                         |
| ⇒ April 3    | BJ's Brewhouse, Nicholasville Road              |
| ⇒ May 1      | Smashing Tomato, Fayette Mall                   |



# But I Have Prayed For You

*By Nancy Ellwood*

Jesus said, “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to shift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers” Luke 22:31-32.

Peter’s over confident response that he was willing to go with Jesus to prison and to death ended with a colossal failure of Peter’s denials that could have destroyed him. “But I have prayed for you” made all the difference in Peter’s life. Jesus made a point to make sure Peter knew he was forgiven; their relationship was restored and Peter’s faith did not fail. Peter was entrusted with Jesus’ mission for him to “Feed my sheep” and “strengthen your brothers” which he carried out the remainder of his life. Jesus’ prayer was answered.

There have been times I have wondered why I pray. God already knows everything better than I do. He has better ideas of what needs to be done. He has resources beyond mine. More than informing God of something He doesn’t already know or

suggesting to Him what He needs to do, prayer is our loving connection with God that we want what He wants to be done here on earth, just like it is done in heaven.

Think of this prayer connection like the purpose of a lightning rod that is grounded to earth. God is as beautiful and frightening as lightning. Yet, He looks for those who are least resistant to connect with Him and carry the current of His will safely to earth. Rather than force His will on us, God looks for those who are in agreement with Him so His desires can be accomplished. We see examples of that in the lives of biblical characters and in saints we know. It only takes one or two who walk in communion with God to be conduits of His loving will and change the atmosphere in which we live. Oh, what a difference prayer makes, even when our eyes are unable to see it!

In our anti-God climate, may we faithfully connect with God through prayer so we can say to those in whatever snare Satan brings, “But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail.”

## Bible Quizzing Update

Our Bible Quiz team is off to an excellent start. The team consists of 27 team members, eight coaches, and many supportive parents and prayer partners. This year, the team is learning I & II Timothy, Titus and the first thirteen chapters of Matthew. When you receive this, we will be holding firm to the epistles and will be digging into the gospel of Matthew. We’ll be holding firm to those verses just like a deacon (See I Timothy 3:9).

Not only does the quiz team hold deep truths, but also a “deep bench” of quizzers. In the last quiz meet, Wilmore brought eight teams entering four divisions. Every team earned a trophy meaning that each placed in the top three teams of the respective division. The senior teens won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. This is outstanding!

Please continue to pray with us that these teens remember what they are studying and that the Holy Spirit helps build them in their faith.

Interested in trying Bible Quizzing? The Newcomers is a division where new folks can

learn how to quiz and complete at a meet. It is a short term commitment that lets you know if this sport is for you. If you'd like to learn more, come to the informational meeting on January 8th at 4:45p.m. in room B105. We welcome 5th through 11th graders and their parents.

### Upcoming Meets:

Hillsdale, MI (December 10th),  
Vincennes, IN (January 7th)  
Wilmore, KY (February 11th)





# Getting to Know You

*By Sue Adkins*

Alan and Vanessa Wagler moved to Kentucky in January of 2020. They came back to the states from Guatemala where they had been serving as FMC missionaries. God paved the way for them to get here, but initially there were challenges due to the pandemic. In Guatemala, they watched their church services online because the local church services were only in Spanish. They were looking forward to attending church in person once they returned to the states, but then many churches were forced to shut down due to Covid, including WFMC. When things began to open up again, they began attending WFMC regularly and have gradually been integrating into the congregation and finding ways to take part in activities, like teaching Sunday school. They are lifelong members of the Free Methodist Church and have had

affiliations with WFMC through the Bible quizzing ministry

Alan and Vanessa met on a blind date set up by a cousin. They went out for pizza and then spent the evening at the county fair. They have now been married for 27 years! In Michigan, they lived on a farm where they raised animals and participated in 4-H. In 2018, they moved to Guatemala where they served in a children's home.

Alan and Vanessa have two daughters: Emily, 25, and Brittany, 20. Emily graduated from Spring Arbor University with a ministry degree and lives in

Indianapolis. Alan and Vanessa homeschooled Brittany and she is currently a sophomore in college with a ministry major. They also have a dog named Bailey who has been a member of their family for 12 years.

Alan worked on the farm all his life as well as working in construction. He currently works at Nicholasville Rehabilitation Center as the maintenance director there. Vanessa was a stay-at-home mom while the girls were growing up. She also volunteered in the school systems as well as working as an assistant teacher in a Christian school.

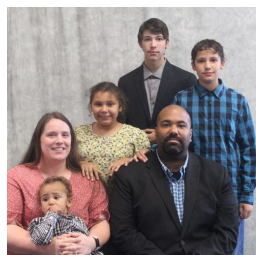
The Waglers like to go camping and relax by sitting next to a warm fire. Vanessa loves to sit on their patio, watch the birds, and listen to the water from the reservoir in their backyard.

Vanessa enjoys nature through walking and bike riding on trails. They enjoy listening to worship music and Alan likes to work on woodworking projects, while Brittany loves photography. They are passionate about traveling to do missionary work in other areas whenever they can.

Vanessa came to know the Lord when she was eleven and grew up in a Christian home. Alan grew up in a Mennonite family and became a member of the Free Methodist Church when they got married. They have grown to love the Lord deeply and are on His journey as they listen to what He wants them to do. They seek to continue to deepen their faith as the Lord calls them to work for His Kingdom.



## Custodial Update



Please welcome William and Julie Howard (and their four children) to our church family and to the custodial team! The Howards have four years of cleaning experience and are excited to serve the Lord in this way.



# Music Ministries Update

## SPECIAL DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Sunday morning,  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00a.m.

Sunday night,  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00p.m.

Sunday night, December 11<sup>th</sup>,  
6:00p.m.

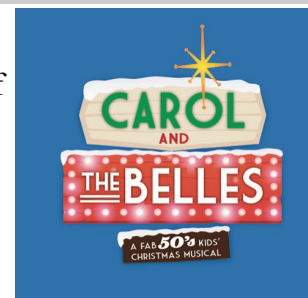
The adult Christmas Choir will present a cantata entitled "Season of Wonders: Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas." Please join us for this special musical service as we explore the many wonders and miracles that surround the birth of Jesus through narration and song.

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!

Heaven's Harmony children's choir will present a musical titled: "Carol and The Belles". Take a step back into a nostalgic 50s "Christmas Drive-In" where the music is great, the shakes are cold, the fries are hot, and the nativity story takes center stage!

Special thanks....

To all our ensemble participants this fall! We are so grateful for the sacrifice of your time and talents. Also, special thanks to our music leaders, who also give of their time and talents and so much more to lead our musical groups.  
We appreciate you!



\*\*Reminder that rehearsals will resume for the new year on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. \*\*

# NATALIE'S SISTERS

Natalie's Sisters is a ministry that strives to extend hope, support, and God's unconditional love to sex-trafficked and sexually exploited women through a first-touch approach providing respite, relationship, and referrals to community resources. It's vision is to see these women restored to their families, their community, and to God as they realize their true identity and full potential.

One way we can help this ministry is by donating ladies pajamas, new or used, as well as new ladies undergarments. Please place donated items in the basket to the left of the Welcome Center. Please contact Grace McGlothlin at (502) 208-2292 if you have any questions.

## Library News

### New Children's Books (three week check out)

- \* Birds in the Air – S.E. M. Ishida
- \* Mary's Treasure Box – Carolyn Kremlich
- \* Alabaster's Song- Max Lucado
- \* Three Easter Journeys – Rio Willoughby
- \* Little Pilgrim's Big Journey – Tyler Halteren

### New Adult Books (three week check out)

- \* A Walk to Remember – Nicholas Sparks
- \* When the Meadows Bloom – Ann H. Gabhart
- \* Made for Brave - Alyssa Galios
- \* Over the Misty Mountains – Gilbert Morris
- \* Beyond the Quiet Hills – Gilbert Morris
- \* DeShazer: Greatest Story of the Greatest Generation – Todd Cook
- \* Life of Lili Trotter – Miriam A Huffman

## Book Review by Beverly Jennings

### 'Twas the Evening of Christmas

Glenys Nellist has written this book in the style of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. The text rhymes throughout as it tells of the birth of the Christ child. Elena Selivanova has illustrated the story using both vivid colors and earth tones. I believe this book would be enjoyed by children from toddlers through primary age.



When was the last time you visited the WPMC library? There you will find a treasure full of wonderful books for all ages. We have just concluded our mission emphasis so I would suggest that you check out books written about missionaries. We are blessed to have missionary authors in our community. The library has books about the work of the Ernys, the Brabons, the Laws, the Seamands, and several others. I really enjoyed reading about people who I know and who live or have lived in Wilmore. What a blessing to read about how God has worked in their lives. Please go by the library and invest some time in learning about how God is working in other countries and in lives around the world.

### 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.

## Volunteer Needed

Lexington Premier Care Facility (on Palumbo Drive and Man-of-War in Lexington) would love to have a Sunday worship service for its residents but has been unable to find a pastor to lead it. If you have a heart for this and would be interested in exploring the idea, contact Karen Koehn at [klkoehn@icloud.com](mailto:klkoehn@icloud.com) or (859) 492-9215.



# BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 David Diddle, Lily Prochina *TR & Marcia Miller*
- 2 Mark Davila
- 3 Andy Bowen, Noel Taylor
- 4 Pam Hiatt
- 5 Patti Butterworth, Victoria Kusche, Lorrie Liversedge, Carol McGlothlin, *Eduardo & Cindi Angelo*
- 6 Rose Branan, Bernie Cobb, Kate Madill
- 7 Emilia Adams
- 8 Don Butterworth
- 9 Dennis Adams, Paul Diddle, John Swaim
- 10 Johnson Cannon, Juliana Gomez
- 11 Jon Steury, Bennett Weinberger
- 13 Juanice Battin, *Johnson & Amy Cannon*
- 14 Barb Crouse
- 15 Joel Amstutz, Lynne Neyman, Todd Padgett, Julie Wells, *Tony & Adina Headley*
- 16 John Ireland
- 17 *Brian & RoseMary Nowitzki*
- 19 Linda Jacobson, Gary Martin
- 20 Joe Dongell, Dwight Winter, *Ted & Jackie Moon*
- 21 Barbara Barker, Roy Lauter
- 23 Doug Adkins, Ken Thompson
- 24 Donna Bruner, Zerahiah Hwang
- 25 Aaron Hall
- 26 Carol Coulliette, Alexis Kierstead, Jill Land, Seth Langford, Jenny Madill, Lorraine Mink, Tyler Zweifel, *Leonard & Emily Fitch*
- 27 Bea VanValin, Gary Weinberger, Kyla Winter
- 28 *Kevin & Carolyn Hale, Ed & Sarah Kusche, Jonathan & Irene Raymond*
- 29 Daniel Jacobson
- 30 Sue Lauter

## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 *Patrick & Grace Tillson*
- 4 Don Schreiner, Curtis Allen
- 5 Marcia Burgess, Mike Reynen
- 6 Teresa Cassidy
- 7 Sara Grace Bailey, Krista Padgett, Patrick Tillson Sr.
- 8 Royce Bourne
- 9 Kaye Payne, *Brian & Cheryl Faul*
- 10 Sandy Miller, Ken Proctor III
- 11 Elijah Kidwell, Bob Peterson
- 13 *Glenn & Grace McGlothlin*
- 14 Ted Moon, Nathan Riffell
- 15 Scott Wells, *Arv & Judy Metcalf*
- 17 Kevin Hale
- 18 Joy Rice, Coleman Shafer
- 19 Carrie Beth Atkinson, Allen Holmes
- 20 *Gary & Mary Ellen Martin*
- 21 Carol Matthews,
- 23 Jonah Evans
- 24 Breanna Bowers, Eleanor Dobie, Paul Langford, Marilyn Van Horn, Bob Willems
- 25 Bob Barnard
- 26 Susanna Branan
- 27 Susie Bourne, Ron Johns, Ralph Kester
- 29 Alma Cornett, Grace McGlothlin
- 30 *Gary & Mary Ellen Martin*
- 31 Sue Hamann, Pat Tillson Jr.

December 2022

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## Life of the Body Is the Blood... Blood Is a Miracle *by Hope Branan*

Blood is one of the few things that hasn't ever been reproduced in a lab. It is a commodity that can only be given from person to person. Carter Blood Bank estimates a couple million dollars has been expended towards the fruitless goal of manufacturing blood. I say fruitless because I see an opportunity to learn trust and experience a miracle.

The blood banks of America categorize the products in red blood cells, plasma, and platelets. If these names are unfamiliar the government's blood donation website explains what each one is and states the expiration date of the products. Whole blood donation takes all the parts of your blood, whereas the other types of donations each take a part of your blood. Donated blood is called a "blood product." Each kind of blood product is needed and has a limited shelf life.

Apheresis is the process of removing a single component of the blood, including platelets, red blood cells, and plasma. During this process, blood is drawn through a needle and tube, as in a regular blood donation. But unlike a regular blood donation, the tube is connected to a centrifugal machine that spins the blood to separate out a certain part of your blood, then returns the remaining blood components back into your body through the same tube. Apheresis donation takes longer than a whole blood donation. A whole blood donation takes about 20 minutes, and an apheresis donation can take 1 to 2 hours.

Whole blood donation collects blood so that it can either be used as a whole blood transfusion or separated into its different parts (red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma) to benefit multiple people. It is the most common type of donation with a shelf life of around 42 days.

A platelet donation gives the tiny cells that help blood clot. A machine separates the blood to collect platelets along with some plasma, then returns the red cells and most of that plasma back to your body. The shelf life for a platelet donation is about five days.

A double red cell donation collects two units of concentrated red blood cells. This is double the amount of life-saving red blood cells that you can give in a whole blood donation. A machine separates the blood to collect red cells, then returns platelets and plasma back to your body. Like whole blood, a double red donation has a shelf life of around 42 days.

Plasma donation collects plasma, the liquid portion of blood. A collection device separates the blood to collect plasma, then returns cells and platelets back to your body. The shelf life of a plasma donation is around 1 year.

You will notice that the expiration dates are shorter than the time you are required to wait in-between donations. This is purposeful to limit the harm to you the donor. According to HealthLine.com, donations can have some minor side effects including bruising, continued bleeding, dizziness, lightheadedness, nausea, pain, and physical weakness.

Why would anyone want to donate? Each person has their own story, but I have found that most people donate because it is something they can do.

America'sBlood.org states some blunt facts about blood donations.

- More than a quarter of the U.S. blood supply is used by patients battling cancer.
- Transfusions are needed in the U.S. in 1 out of every 83 deliveries.
- Pediatric patients in the U.S. used 652,00 blood components
- About 1 in 13 African-American babies are born with sickle cell trait which means they will need blood transfusions
- One in three African American blood donors are a match for a sickle cell patient (matches are hard to find)
- 15 million RBCs, platelets, and plasma were transfused in 2019, averaging nearly 42,000 blood components used by patients daily, averaging a transfusion every 2 seconds.

In 2019 approximately 3% of the U.S. population donated blood each year. This number fell during the pandemic because regular donors became unable to donate, or passed away, or simply stopped because of inconvenience. Today there are about 335 million people in the US, and about 9 million of those people (37%) have the health/ability to donate. Of the 37% who can donate, today only 1 to 2% are donating.

This leads me to the miracle. The hospital blood banks have only a 1 to 2 day supply of blood. This isn't enough, but somehow it is. My job at the Kentucky Blood Center is to communicate directly with around 70 hospitals each day to make sure they have fresh supplies on their shelves.



I truly sympathize with any stress the disciples might have been feeling in Matthew 14 when Jesus in response to the disciple's suggestion of sending the crowd away to find food says, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

It is amazing to watch the story of loaves and fish but also hard. It would be far easier to have everything laid out in terms of more donors or a guide of where the blood will be coming from. But every time more people need emergency transfusion the blood comes from somewhere. It is frustrating but also humbling to know that it is out of your control.

Remain In the Vine gave a few thoughts on Deuteronomy that nicely summed up how much of a blessing it is to watch God's provision.

*Deuteronomy 8:3 "So he humbled you and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord."*

Reading this again I realized that God sustained His people in ways no one was usually sustained. God could have rained bread from heaven, He could have provided torches for the night. But God didn't let his people live the way the world lives. He fed them with manna from heaven and was their cloud by day and fire by night. This led me to realize that God works in unexpected ways so that we can live by faith. He doesn't want us to know what to expect, He wants us to be expectant simply because we believe in Him. He doesn't want us to be fueled by what we know. God wants us to be fueled by what we believe about Him.

It is because of God we are alive. It's because of God all things have a purpose. Living like everyone else isn't what it means to live. Being His is what it means to live.

Blood donations are a miracle. Thank you for all who donate! I hope you now see a portion of how you touch others and can see the daily miracles in your own life.

## Prison Ministry

### Women's Ministry

Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts... We hear the yearnings of the hearts of these women in jail every time we visit. During prayer time, one woman asked for prayer as she had lost her dad while she was in jail. Another woman has a mom who is in the ICU. All wanted prayers for their families. All expressed hope to stay out of jail once they leave the detention center. One woman said with honest and sad confusion, "I was the one everyone else came to for help. I was not supposed to end up here!"

Haven't we all ended up in places in our hearts that we never expected to be? Where, thankfully, God can still be there to comfort, guide and teach us? Where His love and forgiveness helped us survive and even thrive in those unexpected places?

Bibles were given to all the women and all chose to keep them. We want to thank all those in our church who provide soft back Bibles for our team to use and give to the inmates. If you want to contribute Bibles, you may put them in the Spot and mark them "Prison Ministry."

Women's ministry team - Carolyn Hale, Pauline Blanka, Kaye Payne

### Men's Ministry

Charlie Payne had the opportunity of sharing the Roman Road of salvation with the inmates that came on Sunday night. After he finished sharing, he asked if any would like to become a part of God's family. Six men said yes to the invitation. How we praise God for the way he is working.

Please continue to pray for the men's and women's ministry at the Jessamine County Detention Center. Pray as we share God's good news with them that they might respond to his great love for them.

Men's ministry team - Charlie Payne, Craig Saunders, Ted Moon



## Youth Ministry Update

October held a variety of fun things for us to do. Over fall break we had a pancake brunch, a fall fun night at the Shafers, and a trip to the pumpkin patch! We also had our fall retreat at Eagle Ridge where the youth were challenged to build their lives with a solid foundation as you would a house. Many youth also participated in the Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot.

We started this school year focusing on the fruit of the Spirit and how we attain those through abiding in Christ. You may have noticed the growing tree in the youth foyer of building C. First students were challenged to create a branch and attach one of the "good fruits" they display to others in their lives. As we moved on to love we dove into the Scriptures to see what love really means. Many of the leaves on the tree are labeled with scripture verses and what they show God's love to mean. We are now talking about joy and how it (along with all the fruit of the Spirit) is a choice rather than a feeling and a choice we can only make when rooted in Christ. Despite the fact that sin entered the world in Genesis 3, we have the power to choose a Garden of Eden way of living, knowing we will be fully in the joy of that garden lifestyle someday.



I am so thankful for the following people and their commitment to serve the youth alongside me on a regular basis. If you see them, give them some extra love! Dennis Adams, Ethan Adams, Bryan Blankenship, Brian and Jessica Bowers, Emily Walsh, Larry Winkleman, Hope Branan, Tim Campbell, Amy Cannon, Justus DuMont, Christian Gothay, Ruth and Thad Gouge, Brittany Wagglar, Alex Coile, Ed and Sharon Bryson, Kevin and Carolyn Hale, Erik and Cheryll Johnson, Christy Liang, Craig Saunders, Kelly Winter, Erin McLaughlin, Ted Moon, Eloise O'Neal, Todd and Krista Padgett, Tyler and Katy Zweifel, Renee Riffell, LeAnn Roberge, Annette Diddle, TR Miller, Keith and Jenny Madill, Paul Stackhouse, and Kevin Crabtree.

I am continually blessed for this opportunity to work with the young people of our church and our community.





## CSC Update

Thanks to your ongoing support of the Community Service Center of Wilmore-High Bridge, more families were assisted with rent and/or utilities in 2022 than 2021. With the increase in rent, utility, and food costs, many families requested assistance for the first time. We are grateful the funds have been available to help those with legitimate requests! The generosity of Wilmore Free Methodist has been a significant part of that provision! Thank you!



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## Prime Timers

Prime Timers is a social group for 60+ seniors who gather in Building C on the first Thursday of most months for lunch, fellowship, and entertainment. It is not a club to join, nor a commitment to do anything other than enjoy food, fellowship and, hopefully, laugh and learn something new.

### NEW LEADERSHIP

Beginning in January 2023, Prime Timers will be under the leadership of TR and Marcia Miller who said, "Yes," when Pastor Daryl asked them if they would take over when Bonnie Lashbrook retires at the end of 2022.



**KCAL Gospel Showcase:** Friday, Dec 2, 7:30 p.m. - Those who want to attend will meet at the Jessamine Christian Church at 130 Courchelle Dr. in Nicholasville. Admission is free.

**KCAL Old Time Christmas Show** – Sat, Dec 10, 2:30 p.m. - Contact Melissa Flowers by Dec 5<sup>th</sup> for information and tickets: \$9 each. We will meet at the KCAL Theater at 109 S. Main Street in Nicholasville to see two old time radio shows - - "Our Miss Brooks" and "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Prime Timers take a break in January and February and will reconvene again on March 3, 2023. We'd love to have you join us if you haven't already.

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## Wilmore Free Methodist Church

### Vision Statement

A Community that Reflects  
Jesus's Vision and Values

### Mission Statement

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



# The Plumbline

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## Overseas Fellowship



The Overseas Fellowship will have the privilege of hearing from Brent and Colleen Weaver on Friday, January 13, 2023 in the Hospitality Room of Building C. The covered-dish dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the program at 7:00 p.m.

The Weavers are well-known in our church family as missionaries to Ukraine and have spoken on various occasions. However, this will be the first time for them to speak to our fellowship group. We are looking forward to spending this time with them.

This fellowship is open to all who have an interest in missions, in living overseas, or who want to engage with those people in a casual and enjoyable atmosphere. Come for an evening of inspiration and fellowship.