



The Plumbline

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Blessed for a Purpose

By Daryl Diddle

my sons and seven of my cousins. We had a great time, and, though at the start we were wondering about our success, we wound up catching and eating lots of fish.

In the month before, my son, David, and I accompanied Free Methodist Missions Africa Director Mike Reynen on a two-week journey to Guinea and Cameroon. This was my third of three trips with a son trying to give each a glimpse of how the Lord works in cultures (Russia, China and now Africa) very different from our own.

In the days ahead, I'll share some reflections about these journeys, as well as my upcoming trip to Florida for our denomination's General Conference, in my annual, "What I Learned Over Summer Vacation" morning message. But for today, I'll mention a few lessons I'm appreciating.

I must say, our local Independence Day celebration took on a new meaning for me this year after having visited these other nations. I mean nothing, personally, against them – they all have a unique beauty about them. My appreciation for where I was born and where I live, however, has increased.

In Guinea, at one point, we were 19 hours (by car) from medical care of any quality or any sort of emergency help. In other words, no 911; and even the simplest of tasks that would take 30 minutes here in the States took all day there to accomplish.

In Cameroon, we spent hours every day in places where there was no ventilation and where it was

As I write very hot and humid. Here in the States, the vast majority of us have the luxury of adjusting our thermostats – sometimes even by remote control over our phones. But in Cameroon, and in the majority of places around our world, most live all their lives without thermostats to adjust.

In Canada, fuel was very expensive...as were most things...and due to the remote nature of where we were, it took lots of fuel to travel there. Of course I realize that we chose to travel to a remote place – after all, that's where the fish live. I also realize that there are plenty of remote places here in the States too, but still...when you're used to zipping to Fitches for a gallon of milk in under five minutes, traveling a few hours to get one is a rude awakening.

These "inconveniences" are reminders to me of how easy my life is – and most of our lives are – compared to most people around the world. Though we do face truly hard things certainly, we are blessed.

We have car accidents here, but we also have EMTs and ambulances.

We have house fires here, but we also have firefighters.

We have needs for food and clothes here, but we have food and clothing stores nearby.

We get cancer here, but we also have cancer treatment.

You get the idea. We are indeed blessed.

We are also, however, "blessed to be a blessing," as, not just the song says, but as the Bible says.

Psalm 67 says, "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine on us." Yes and amen! Who does not want the graciousness and

blessing of God? Who would not want His face to shine upon us?

And yet, the blessing of God always comes with a purpose. In this Psalm, the writer identifies it was, “so that Your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”

You see, God blesses people so that those around the blessed might see God in His blessings, and might come to know Him themselves.

Those things we enjoy so much – the gifts of God in our lives, whatever they are...God has given us those things, at least in part, so that His generosity and goodness might be seen by those around us to look on.

That principle is true for individuals, for families and also for nations.

God has blessed our nation – the United States – so that He...in His good and generous character... might be revealed to those around us...those who look on.

And even though the spiritual temperature of our nation is falling, God still looks for persons and families and churches who will declare without shame, “These blessings I have – they’re not my doing. They’re all from God...because He is real and alive and merciful and good.”

There is no doubt that we are blessed, but it’s important that we remember that we’re blessed to be a blessing to others...and to proclaim boldly the goodness and faithfulness of God.

If only our nation would credit our great blessings to the God who gave them! How many around the world would see Him and come to know Him?

We can’t make our nation do what it should, but we can do as we should, and pray that God and His goodness and mercy in Jesus is seen in the glory we give Him.

Youth Prayer Breakfast

By Jessica Bowers

This fall, on Tuesday mornings, our youth will meet for prayer and breakfast before heading off to school. Last year, we averaged between 35 and 40 youth each week and anticipate having even more youth join us this school year.

We invite you to help with this ministry! We have a faithful team who helps with the set up, serving, and clean up each week. But we would love for you to join us on those bright (sometimes dark!) Tuesday mornings! The team is at the church from 7 am to 8:30 am.

Do you love to cook breakfast foods? We provide breakfast to our teens each Tuesday morning. Would you consider providing the whole breakfast or just part of a breakfast one or two weeks this coming school year? Some ideas for breakfast include egg casseroles, French toast casseroles, pancakes, yogurt parfait bar, cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy, coffee cakes, or doughnuts. We invite you to stay and serve the youth your breakfast or, if you need to head off to work, our team will take care of the serving and cleanup.

Would you be interested in driving our youth to school in the church vans? It is a great way to get to know and serve our teens. If you can’t drive every week, would you volunteer as a substitute driver when our regular drivers are unavailable?

If getting up early is not something that interests you, there are other ways you can help! We would love to have donations of items that we use each week, such as cereal, apple or grape juice, syrup, canned fruit, PopTarts, and granola bars.

Please contact Jessica Bowers at brianandjessicabowers@gmail.com or sign up at the Youth Ministry Fair on August 9th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

Prayer Expectations about Renewal, and Deeper Understanding of God's Purposes

By Joyce Underwood

Are there family relationships where we hope for a “new thing” in seeing restoration? If so, Dr. John Oswalt preached an inspiring message in church on July 2, 2023. Below are excerpts:

In Isaiah 43:18-21, it reveals how God is doing a new thing ---God delights in doing “new things”. He desires that Christians live in freedom from recurring harmful patterns, and that they gain new perceptions of Him. This allows them to live in new conditions (particularly “conditions of heart”) and with new anticipations of what He will be doing next in their midst. As His children, we are given new “songs in the night”, and we are given hints of our great, unimaginable future (beginning even now and extending into eternity). He transformed Jacob into the new person He named Israel; He changed timid Simon into eloquent, bold Peter; and He converted a “feared” Saul into a selfless, humble Paul. What are we believing and praying for Him to do in our own lives and in the lives of our family members? Dr. Oswalt shared some recent, encouraging transformations of a friend’s family member, as well as in his own family. He challenged us to believe God for a new thing He will be doing in our own lives, and in restored relationships within our families.

What does the LORD reveal about the purposes, ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, of His blessing for those who have received His salvation? This was the topic of Pastor Daryl’s Wednesday evening prayer devotional on July 5, 2023.

In Psalm 67:1-4, the wording is reminiscent of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:23-27. God works in ways that fulfill His purposes, and His ultimate purposes were fulfilled in Jesus.

In Jesus’ priestly prayer in John 17:4, Jesus prayed to His Father. Jesus gave Him glory by completing the work God gave Him to do. (On the cross, Jesus prayed the High Priest’s prayer at that time of Passover in saying, “It is finished”. ---John 19:30)

Pastor Daryl mentioned several reasons/purposes as to why Jesus’ ministry included healing --- not only those suffering from physical illnesses, but also those who needed deliverance from the evil one’s influences. Some of those reasons were as follows: (1) to fulfill biblical prophecies about the Messiah (ex. Matthew. 8:16, 17 --- Isaiah 53:4); (2) so that people would know that He had the power to forgive (ex. Mark 2:10-12); (3) to proclaim to John the Baptist that He was indeed the Messiah (Matthew 11:2-6); (4) to display the works of God (ex. John 9:3; John 11:4); and (5) to show by miraculous signs that He did indeed have oneness with His heavenly Father, who performed miracles that only God can do (ex. Mark 7:32-37).

There are purposes for the blessings of healings performed by Jesus while He was incarnate on earth. As was pointed out by Pastor Daryl, Jesus did not heal everyone with whom He came into contact on earth. For example, He only healed one man at the Pool of Bethesda. Jesus “knew that he had been a long time in that condition”. (John 5:2-9)

Jesus expressed that one of His primary purposes on earth was to preach (ex. Mk. 1:32-39). The healings verified that He had come from God, and that He was the Way/Truth/Life.

Right motives in asking for God’s healing for persons also involves a need for listening to Holy Spirit. Sometimes God answers prayers for healing by a “Yes”, sometimes by a “No”, and sometimes by “Wait”. God’s timing and purposes are involved in answering our prayers. (See John 15:16.) Wait on Him in expectation, but also in submission to His will and His ways.

Bible Quizzing Update

By Christa Stackhouse

The Bible Quiz team recently attended the 2023 Free Methodist Bible Quiz Finals at Greenville, IL. We took a record-breaking 27 quizzers in 9 teams to compete!

Finals is a 4 ½ day long culmination event of all the material the quizzers have learned throughout the year. During the day, the quizzers put their knowledge of I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, and Matthew chapters 1 through 13 to the test in various different divisions and circumstances. During the evening, they engaged in various planned activities throughout campus. On Tuesday, we went swimming at the local pool. On Wednesday, we competed in various sports competitions and played different board and card games. On Thursday, we attended the communion and testimony service, a time where attendees can share how quizzing and God's word has impacted them as well as take communion together. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, quizzers had the option to attend QUIC quizzing, an activity where quizzers become quizzing officials, and the officials and coaches become the quizzers.

Results

Teams:

- 1st, 2nd, and 6th in the Mixed Rookie division
- 1st and 4th in the Young Teen Veteran division
- 2nd in the Second Chance division
- 3rd in the Senior Teen Veteran division

Individuals:

- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the Mixed Rookie division
- 2nd, and 5th in the Young Teen Veteran division
- 4th and 5th in the Senior Teen Veteran division

Achievers of Accuracy:

- 1st and 2nd in the Mixed Rookie division.

All of our quizzers have grown in their relationship with God and each other this year, and we are proud of them because of it. Plus, they have spent time learning the words of God, yet another reward of quizzing.

Celebrations

To celebrate after finals, we went on a whirlwind tour of the area:

We stayed in a house in St. Louis or, for some of the more introverted people on the trip, in a hotel in St. Louis for three nights while we toured.

On Saturday afternoon, we went to Durley campground, where we swam, canoed, and kayaked in Durley Lake, played volleyball, and enjoyed being outside.

For dinner on Saturday, we went to the Spaghetti Factory in St. Louis, where we enjoyed great pasta dishes and spumoni ice cream.

On Sunday morning, several of our quizzers led a short church service complete with singing, teaching, and prayer.

On Sunday afternoon, we went to the City Museum in St. Louis, a giant playground museum made up of different pieces of discarded architecture from the city.

On Monday, we returned safely home, tired but grateful for the awesome trip we took.

Thank you to everyone who helped support the team this year. We could not keep quizzing going without you, and we are privileged to have such a great church family who supports this ministry and the quizzers.

What's Next

Do you have a teenager who is going into middle or high school (6th-12th grade) this fall who you think would benefit from and excel at Bible Quizzing? Or maybe you know of a family who has a teen who would enjoy traveling and answering questions about God's word? Or maybe your teen participated in newcomer quizzing earlier this year and is hungry for more? If any of the above apply, we have a kickoff meeting on August 20 from 4:45pm to 5:50pm for all prospective new families (or those who have only done newcomer quizzing) to learn



more. For new quizzers who decide to give quizzing a try, their first practice will be August 23rd from 5pm to 6:30pm. The material we will be quizzing over is Matthew chapters 14-28 and I and II Thessalonians.

For returning families, please attend the kickoff meeting on August 20 at 5:15pm. Your first practice will be August 30th from 4:55pm to 6:30pm. We look forward to continuing coaching quizzers, both new and old, and encouraging them to and helping them hide God's word in their heart.



Youth Ministry

By Caitlin Gothay

Where to even begin? These past months have been nothing short of amazing. I was greeted with much love after returning from maternity leave at the beginning of May. The school outreach team was able to bless all the 8th and 12th grade graduates as well as the Wilmore Elementary 5th graders with a graduation gift. We celebrated the end of the school year with a potluck and water party. Over 50 youth helped serve at VBS and many put in hours ahead of time decorating and getting things ready. I attended kids camp where some of the youth were LITs (Leaders in Training) as we explored what it meant to walk worthily with God. The next week, 57 of our youth attended teen camp. We continued in the same theme of walking worthily with God. We explored Colossians 1:9-14 in our evening services. The youth went to morning classes on spiritual disciplines, team building and Biblical foundations. And we played and enjoyed God's creation! The last week in June the Bible Quiz team consisting of 27 teens went to national competition at Greenville University in Illinois. The team had many successes as a result of their hard work over the past year. We look forward to some youth fellowships hosted by loving members of our church family, SomerSplash waterpark, service days at the Jessamine County Homeless Coalition, and King's Island over the rest of the summer. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!



Open Door in Ethiopia

By Jerry Coleman

Two hours sitting on the plane waiting to begin our 17-hour flight to Addis Ababa and we still hadn't moved from our gate in Atlanta. Now it's going to be more than 19-hours before we get off this plane. I was praying that the Lord would give us His Spirit for the upcoming week in Ethiopia. I knew that my own strength and power would not be adequate.

My FAS co-worker, Raj, and I accepted an invitation from an Ethiopian Asbury Seminary DMin student to teach and preach in this African country which had never been colonized. This would be my first visit to Ethiopia, but I had come to love Ethiopians I met as I oversaw the developing work of the Free Methodist Church on the continent of Europe. These Ethiopian Christians were working to develop a network to strengthen and encourage the faith of their brothers and sisters in the Lord within secular Europe.

Our primary focus for the week was to teach a four-day conference on holiness. Our host told us that Ethiopia desperately needs to hear the message of holiness – of the self-giving love of God which He desires to share with all.

From the first day of the conference, God's Spirit was clearly present and at work in the hearts and minds of pastors, organization leaders, and young professionals from several denominations. The atmosphere was quiet, hushed, and reverent.

As I looked into the faces of these 70 men and women, I saw in their expressions deep with emotion as they assimilated a biblically grounded message of what holiness really means and how much love and freedom God intends us to have. Our host pastor said, "I am learning new things! I didn't realize that even in the Old Testament God is promising, 'I am the LORD who makes you holy.'"

Others said:

"This is so understandable yet so deep."

"It's going to take a while to digest all this."

"Wow! It's not just up to me and my works, but God is the source of holiness."

"I loved the teaching that holiness starts with the Trinity. I've never heard that before."

One evening, I described God's plan of salvation that includes but does not stop with being forgiven of our sins and being made "fit" for heaven. I invited the group to pray to surrender ALL to Jesus and to be filled with the Holy Spirit – who promises to fill us with His life-changing love. Nearly everyone stood for prayer.

One young professional told me that after praying prayers of surrender and for the infilling of the Holy Spirit she felt great release. She reported a dramatic freedom in her prayer life and a peace that allowed her to sleep deeply – two areas of her life that had been a struggle.

Raj and I took the opportunity to describe our eye-witness experiences of the recent Outpouring in Wilmore. I showed the great truth out of Isaiah 64.1-3 and Joel 2.12-14 of how God desires to come down to us and bless us with His holy presence.

We saw real hunger for God and His holy love. We saw hearts and minds filled to overflowing with God's Spirit. We saw seeds of revival and awakening being planted to affect personal lives, local churches, the city of Addis Ababa, and Ethiopia. One pastor told me, "This week I am seeing a shift in how the church in Ethiopia does things." May it be!

One of many blessings from this trip was receiving invitations to return. Several denominational and organizational leaders expressed a desire to hear more and have invited us back to speak to their groups. One denomination has over 10 million members.

Another inviting network includes all the evangelical denominations in Ethiopia. One Christian university has the goal to train 100,000 pastors within the next five years and would like me to help train them.

Food For Kids - Fall 2023

By Jessica Bowers

The School Outreach Team is so thankful for the faithful support of our congregation as we reach out to children and families in our community. The August food items is ramen noodles and September is applesauce cups

The Food for Kids program is coordinated through our local schools here in Jessamine County. We supply bags of food items to the schools and the schools distribute the bags to children and families who struggle with food insecurity during the weekends. Starting this fall, we will be packing 80 bags of food each week. The bags will be distributed to Head Start, The Early Learning Village, Wilmore Elementary, West Jessamine Middle School, and The Providence School. The bags are packed by a team of youth and adults on Wednesday nights and the bags are then delivered or picked up on Thursdays. In addition to the bags that are packed weekly, each month we will be supplying several food items to East Jessamine Middle School that will be boxed and distributed to their families. We would love your help, as this ministry continues to expand to meet the needs of our community!

Here is how you can help:

- Donate to our 'Item of the Month' basket that is located in the lobby of the church. Watch the weekly bulletin for the item that we are collecting. A full list of the items we use each week is provided at the basket.
- Please pray for the children and families who receive these bags. The bags make a tangible difference to those who struggle. Through us, God is providing for families who are dealing with sudden and serious illness or job loss, homelessness, migrating families, grandparents who are raising grandchildren on fixed incomes, and many other families that need an extra hand.
- You have generously provided funds that are allowing this program to expand. Thank you for your faithful giving. All funds given for 'Food for Kids' are used to purchase the supplies needed for the bags. Each bag costs approximately \$4.45.
- Come and help fill bags each Wednesday night! We have a great team of youth and adults who serve faithfully. We meet at 6pm and are usually done by 6:30pm. This year, we are packing more bags so more help is needed.
- Help deliver bags each week to the schools. If you would be willing to adopt a school and deliver the bags on Thursdays, the bags will be placed in your car Wednesday evenings during Prayer Meeting for delivery. We need bags delivered to Head Start, Wilmore Elementary, and West Jessamine Middle School. Or be a substitute driver to cover those weeks when the regular driver is unavailable.

Please email Jessica Bowers at brianandjessicabowers@gmail.com for more information or sign up at our table the Youth Ministry Fair which will be held in Building C on August 9th, from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

“Getting to Know You”

Charlotte Mattocks

By Sue Adkins



Charlotte and her husband Myron moved to NJ. Myron was shipped to Germany just before their first baby, Myron the 3rd, was born in Bensalem, PA. They met in the 7th grade at Bensalem High School and became high school sweethearts! They were married in 1951 and were just weeks short of 59 years when Myron went home to be with the Lord in 2010.

After Myron was discharged they lived in a rented cottage on a farm in Newtown PA. Myron worked while studying at The School of Industrial Arts in Trenton NJ and The Bucks County Technical School, completing courses in mechanical drafting, machine design and welding. Their second child Cheryl was born in 1956. Myron and his dad built the family their first little dream home north of Newtown, PA. Their son, Ray was born in 1964. They were then led to sell their house and enroll in bible college to train to become missionaries. Their fourth child, Joy, was born 1966.

Charlotte was raised in a Christian home. She loved the church, the hymns, her church family and the Bible stories, but it wasn't until she was an older teenager when she heard a powerful message of salvation that she knew she personally needed a Savior. She responded to the Lord that evening. As a young adult, as she studied the scriptures she treasured the Lord more and more, and later when teaching SS and Bible clubs she felt a strong longing to serve on a mission field anywhere in the world as God would lead.

Myron too was raised in a Christian home and was involved in his church and Sunday school with his family. As a young boy, he was strongly influenced by a missionary couple who planted a love for missions in his heart, but it wasn't until years later while serving as a church deacon and board member that he was convicted to give his whole life to the Lord and felt the call to missionary service in whatever way the Lord could use him.

Charlotte completed a business course in high school and worked in the payroll department of a large industrial firm for several years. Myron worked with a builder constructing houses until being drafted into the army in 1953. After Basic Training he was assigned to the Army Signal School at Ft. Monmouth NJ for a year to be trained in Wire Electronics, so Charlotte quit her job and they

After graduation they were accepted by United Missionary Fellowship (now Biblical Ministries Worldwide) and asked to go to New Zealand to minister in a small bible college, training island students from the South Pacific in God's Word. They moved with their four children to New Zealand in 1970 and served there for twenty years! During that time, their daughter, Cheryl came to New Zealand with her fiancé, Gil Waterman to be married and Myron happily performed the ceremony. Later Gil and Cheryl returned to New Zealand to serve with Charlotte and Myron.

In 1989, Myron and Charlotte were called to serve for the next 10 years in Fiji, after which they were accepted to work at Source of Light Ministries in Madison GA. Charlotte retired in March of 2022 after 23 years of serving there to move to Wilmore to be with Gil and Cheryl Waterman. She began attending WFMC 3 days after arriving, and our church is now Charlotte's new family and home!

Music Ministries Update “Take Note”

If you enjoy making music and having genuine fellowship with other believers, then perhaps one of these music ensembles at WPMC 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. Listed below you will find general information regarding available ensembles.

CHILDREN’S VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Young Musicians (age 4 by August 1st)

- Leader - Rose Evans
- Begins Wednesday, September 20 from 6:15-6:45pm
- Limit of 10 children, parent must attend

Friendship Company (Kindergarten-1st Grade)

- Director - Cheryl Schell
- Begins Wednesday, September 20 from 6:15-6:45pm

Heaven’s Harmony (Grades 2-5)

- Director - Cheryl Schell
- Begins Sunday, September 10 from 4:45-5:55pm

Chimes of Joy (Grades 2-5)

- Directors - Hannah Miller and Victoria Hall
- Begins Sunday, September 10 from 3:30-4:40pm

YOUTH AND ADULT VOCAL ENSEMBLES

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director - Mark Schell
 - Begins Sunday, September 10 from 4:45-5:45pm
- ### **Sanctuary Choir (Post-High School and above)**
- Director - Rose Evans
 - Begins Sunday, September 10 from 4:45-5:45pm

YOUTH AND ADULT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Youth Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director-Amanda Bailey
- Begins Sunday, September 10 from 3:30-4:30pm
- All levels

Blessings Handbell Choir (Post-High School and above)

- Director-Katie Diddle
- Begins Tuesday, September 12 from 7:30-8:30pm
- Advanced level

WeBelieve Handbell Choir (Post-High School and above)

- Director-Katie Diddle
- Begins Tuesday, September 12 from 6:15-7:15pm
- Beginning/Intermediate level

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

- Director-Pam Hiatt
- Begins Tuesday, October 3 at 1:15pm
- Beginning/Intermediate level

Look for these music events to happen in the coming year:

•November 4 th	7:00pm	Handbell Festival at AU
•December 3 rd	6:00pm	Hanging of the Greens
•December 10 th	8:30 & 11:00am	Musical Celebration of Christmas
•December 17 th	6:00pm.	Christmas Caroling
•April 22 th	7:00pm	Spring Ring (Monday evening)
•April 28 th	6:00pm	Children’s Musical
•May 5 th	8:30 & 11:00am	Singing Celebration
•May 26 th	6:00pm	Youth Choir Homecoming

Library News

Book Reviews

New Children's Books (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ A Children's Book About Lying
- ◆ The Berenstain Bears Storybook
- ◆ Ten Apples Up On Top
- ◆ When the World Wakes Up
- ◆ Gracie's Garden

New Adult Books (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ Rest Not in Peace
- ◆ The Abbott's Agreement
- ◆ Ashes to Ashes
- ◆ Lucifer's Harvest
- ◆ Deeds of Darkness
- ◆ Prince Edward's Warrant



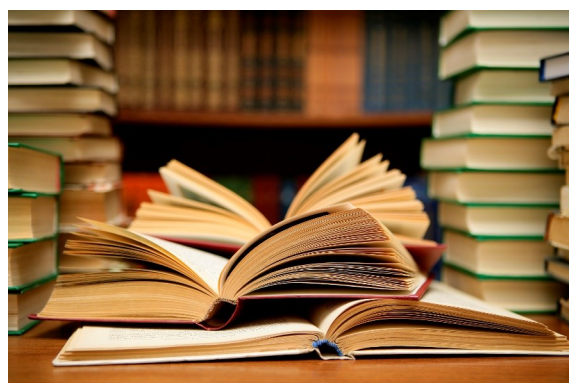
Spaghetti on a Hot Dog Bun by Maria Dismondy

This is a delightful book about a girl who lives with her Italian grandfather. Lucy is different from the other children. Her hair sticks out and is frizzy and she likes to eat spaghetti on a hot dog bun for her school lunch. Ralph teases her unmercifully. Her grandfather encourages her to be kind to everyone. One day Ralph gets into a scary situation. Even though he has been mean to her she reaches out and helps him. This book is appropriate for children 10 and under.

By Bev Jennings

New DVDs (Loan Period: 2 Weeks)

- ◆ The Bridge: The Complete Story
- ◆ Camp Harlow
- ◆ Chloe's Mountain
- ◆ A Fruitcake Christmas
- ◆ Superbook – The Sermon on the Mount
- ◆ Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to Camp



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.

Primetimers



Are you over 55? Are you retired but not tired? Do you believe that you are in the prime of your life? Then we have an offer for you! Primetimers will begin our fall schedule of events on Friday, September 8th at noon. We will have a potluck lunch at the High Bridge pavilion. Ed Bryson will regale us with his story telling prowess. Please make plans to join us.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Andy Miller, Bella Davis, Daryl Diddle, Jeff Hiatt,
Tonya Bryant, *Aaron & Amie Hall, Darin & Jill Land*
- 3 Elyssa Maynard, *Sean & Catherine Gaffney*
- 4 Mary Sutherland, Sharon McConnell, Sophia
Van Horn, Variee VanLaningham,
Chuck & Jody Brock
- 5 Faith Branan, *Brian & Jessica Bowers*
- 6 David Brabon, Lily Wittenberg, *Mark & Cheryl Schell*
- 7 Edan Dietrich, Paul Stackhouse, Rosie Cooper
- 8 Ellie Haseloff, Marguerite Brude, Ruth Brown,
Timothy Wooster
- 9 Christina Proctor, Jake Bowers, TR Miller
- 10 Gladys Suffridge, *Andy & Lizet Bowen,*
Bill & Bonnie Descoteaux
- 11 Pati Brabon, *John & Karen Oswalt,*
Paul & Betty Johnston
- 12 Lynn Ramos, *Jerry & Jan Coleman,*
Keith & Sharon Madison, Steve & Ruth Hersey
- 13 Alayna Crabtree, David Tullar,
Craig & Rebekah Saunders, Ted & Sandy Hall
- 14 Rebecca Wood
- 15 Lou Houp
- 16 Beth Wheelock, Sandy Hall
- 17 Debby Marchal, Del Searls, Kevin Crabtree,
Mike & Vickie Reynen
- 18 *Doug & Carol Matthews, Gary & Jane Moegerle,*
Howard & Jan Snyder
- 19 *Bob & Peggy Thurman, Don & Lenore Sweigard,*
Ken & Renae Thompson
- 20 Caiden Johnson, Mary Ellen Martin,
Paul & Heidi Stackhouse, Ted & Gladys Suffridge
- 22 *Ron & Nadara Welling, Stan & Marna Wiggam*
- 23 Irene Raymond, *Steve & Lorrie Liversedge*
- 24 *Mark & Anna Van Horn, Roy & Sue Lauter*
- 25 Kris Gorton, Nathan Saunders
- 26 David Bauer
- 27 Ed Bryson, Faye Neal, *Bryan & Carol Blankenship*
- 27 Juliet Miller
- 28 Curt Kidwell, Paul Robert Stackhouse, Scarlett
Adams, Keith & Carol Iddings
- 29 Cheryl Waterman, Travis Dobie,
Philip & Maura Todd
- 30 Charlie Payne, William Kusche
- 31 Doug McGlothlin

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Alex Van Horn, Lucia Grammel, *David & Pati Brabon,*
Thane & Laura Ury, Wes & June Eisemann
- 2 Jackie Moon, Jamie McGlothlin, RoseMary Nowitzki
- 3 Oscar Haralu
- 4 Chloe Kinnell, Clive Campbell, Essie Kinnell, Esther
McGlothlin, Lyn Searls, Martha Ezell, Noah Riffell
- 5 Brian Nowitzki, Jerry Coleman, Liam Prochina
- 6 Daniel Oliver, Grady Dietrich, Seth Elam
- 7 Christa Stackhouse, Darlene Elliott, Eddie Miller
- 8 Carolyn Pauley, Nick Riffell,
Seth Elam & Sandy Miller
- 9 Eden Ireland, Melanie Kinnell, Zoe Ireland
- 10 Hannah Miller, Ronnie Gouge, Timberly Kidwell
- 11 Ginny Proctor, *Don & Karen Koehn*
- 12 Carol Blankenship, Joyce Thomas, Sarah Joiner,
Stephen Anstett
- 13 Faith Ury, Hope Owsley, Wyndham Cannon
- 14 Allie Miller, Judy Metcalf, Michael Dickie
- 15 Devon Roxberry, *Ken & Ginny Proctor*
- 16 Jama Martin
- 17 Anna Bryson, Tim Bowen, *Victor & Shirley Hamilton*
- 18 Busaba Tonglamun
- 19 Ben Riffell, Betsy Behm, Bristol Johnson, Christine
Maynard
- 20 Colin McGlothlin, Ted Hall
- 21 Jonathan Gomez, Kiley Gorton, Matt Kinnell, Patti
McPeake, *Rick & Christine Maynard*
- 22 Aspen Miller, Sam Gilmore
- 24 Kyler Montgomery, *John & Kimberly Ostroske*
- 25 Sarah Kusche, *Daryl & Annette Diddle*
- 26 Victor Hamilton, *Bobby & Tammy Robinson*
- 27 Abbey Hall
- 28 Anna Van Horn
- 29 Eloise Cannon, Marilyn Swaim
- 30 Doug Matthews, Ralph Yoder

Men's Prison Ministry

Charlie Payne and I (Ted Moon) had the privilege of ministering at the Nicholasville jail on Sunday evening. It was our privilege of being present with them. We have found that giving our time and having the support of prayers from our church is important. We go not only to share but also to listen to those there.

As we entered the meeting room in the hall, an inmate met us and said that he would not be able to attend but asked that we pray for him before the service started. It was a delight to bring his needs before the Lord and to see his desire to be prayed for. After the prayer, the inmate said, "I asked God for a sign and when you prayed and said what you did, I knew that God had answered my prayer."

We read the book of Jonah and spent our time talking about what the book said about God. We said That God is a communicating God and wants us to communicate with Him. He is also a God who expects to be obeyed. But He is also the God of the second chance.

After sharing from God's Word, Charlie led the inmates in a communion service. It was a good reminder of what Jesus did for us on the cross. We then proceeded to hand out the devotional, the Daily Bread, as well as stamped envelopes with which they could write their loved ones. They were grateful to the church for providing these for them. Two asked for a second envelope.

After we finished, one of the inmates came up and said, "Would you mind going over and praying with him. He really needs prayer." It is wonderful to see how inmates can care and support each other.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support.

Ted Moon, for the WPMC Prison Ministry Team

Women's Prison Ministry

On June 1, Pauline Blanka, Kaye Payne and Carolyn Hale met with about 13 women at the JCDC. Carolyn led the devotional and the women helped read the Scripture verses in which we explored in depth who Jesus is and what he means to each of us. We all agreed that we've messed up and are so glad we have the God of second chances in our lives.

It is our privilege each month to listen to each woman's concerns and needs during our prayer time. God blesses us all with tears and love for each other, including their love for us as their leaders during these Thursday evenings. I concluded by singing a song that I love called "I Speak Jesus" to them.

Thank you to our church family for your prayers and gifts of devotionals and Bibles.

Carolyn Hale, Kaye Payne, and Pauline Blanka



Thanks from Kenya!

Thank you for your generous donations of soccer cleats during VBS to the youth in Shan-jetso, Kenya. Even though our mission team is back home, the Lord is still at work.

Our youths in cleats are so happy and thankful. Once again may the Lord bless you abundantly. - Angeline and Hicks



Missions Opportunity

Vanessa and Brittany Wagler are ministering in Guatemala August 12-19, returning to where their family had previously served. They want to take as many donated items with them as possible. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please drop them off in the basket by the Welcome Center (look for the Guatemalan flag) by August 9.



Items Needed: School supplies. Office supplies. Medical supplies (band aids, over the counter meds, gauze, shampoo, soap and wipes. Baby supplies (diapers, wipes, ointments, toys, lotions, baby bottles, pacifiers, teething rings, but no baby clothing.)

Questions? Contact Vanessa at 859-310-1846 or vanessawagler20@gmail.com.

More Laugh Therapy

By Daryl Diddle

In my recent message series, “Laugh Therapy,” I wound up not using some jokes and one-liners that I thought were funny. So in the interest of our ongoing laughter as a congregation, I share them here.

May we all take the Lord seriously, but ourselves lightly...and may our laughter speak to the world about the goodness of God, the grace of Jesus and the eternal perspective that makes all the difference.

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You know, I’ve taken a lot of math, but I’m still just no good at algebra. I can’t figure out Y.

My neighbor asked if he could use my lawnmower and I told him of course he could, so long as he didn't take it out of my yard.

When I told my doctor I couldn't afford an operation, he offered to touch-up my X-rays.

You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windshield that said, “Parking Fine.” So that was nice.

Whoever stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will find you; you have my Word.

I stepped on a cornflake this morning...I'm a cereal killer now!

I sold my house this week. I got a pretty good price for it, but boy, did it make my landlord mad!

If God wanted us to be vegetarians, he would have made broccoli a lot more fun to hunt!

If I choke to death on gummy bears I hope people will just say I was killed by bears and leave it at that.

I want to be buried in a spring-loaded casket filled with confetti. That way some future archeologist will have an amazing day at work.

Missions Week

The World Missions Team is pleased to announce that this year’s Missions Week, *Jesus Shall Reign*, will take place October 8-15. Our featured speakers this year are Dan and Hope Owsley, missionaries to Brazil with whom WPMC has partnered for many years. The Owsleys will speak at the men’s and women’s missions breakfasts on October 14 and on Sunday morning, October 15. We will also offer both world and home missions seminars during the Sunday School hour on October 15, and wrap up the week with the always-fun International Potluck that evening. Thank you for praying as we continue to plan the week’s activities.

Overseas Fellowship

The Overseas Fellowship is a gathering of those in our church family who are interested in missions. We meet three times a year for a covered-dish dinner and to hear a speaker. You are cordially invited to be part of this fellowship.

This fall the meeting will be held on Friday, September 29, in the Hospitality Room of Building C. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

Our guest speakers will be Dan and Hope Owsley, Free Methodist missionaries to Brazil. Dan is currently the academic coordinator of the Free Methodist Seminary in São Paulo, Brazil. Both he and Hope are teaching there. We are looking forward to hearing from them.

Everyone is welcome as we provide fellowship for the curious as well as the "old-timers" in our church family.

Children's Ministries

There are opportunities for ministry with children in ALL of our children's programs:

- ⇒ Christian Life Club
- ⇒ SS assistants / subs
- ⇒ Children's Worship
- ⇒ Children's Worship Jr



Prayer Meeting

Wednesday evening prayer meeting continues through the summer! Call it an old-fashioned vestige of the past if you like, but through the years, it's proven to be a necessary component of healthy church life and spiritual power. Come and pray each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., B200/201.



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



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BAPTISM SERVICE



WFMC is having its annual baptism service on August 13th at 6:00pm. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact one of the pastors.

