



The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

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Life Giving Liturgy

By Daryl Diddle

Each week our conference superintendent, John Lane, sends an electronic newsletter which includes some of his thoughts. Over December and January, while he was on a sabbatical, he enlisted other conference pastors to write the articles. Below is the New Year article written by my friend and colleague, Pastor Charlie Shoemaker, and I want to share his excellent thoughts with you.

By now, the blur of Advent and Christmas are in our rearview mirror. Some of us may still feel like we are recovering from the hectic season in December. Many of us have participated in a John Wesley Covenant Service this past week or so.

I need to confess something, the first couple of times I experienced one; it was not pleasant. The service seems long, monotonous, and even dull. That was especially true when I was a teenager. Now that I am much older, and a pastor, I am not allowed to be bored in church.

I still dislike the John Wesley Covenant Service but for different reasons. It's too intrusive, too demanding, and too self-revealing. However, it is precisely what I need at a time that I need to hear it. The words in this service remind me that there needs to be less of ME and more of Christ, particularly as I start a new year.

While some of us may balk at more liturgical services, my experience is that the more you participate, the more it becomes a part of you. Just like there is something to be said about reading and memorizing Scripture, there are times when repeating a liturgy changes us in a way that we least expect it.

There is one instance that comes to my mind. And I will spare you all the details, but it was a time

when it did not look like I would be able to receive an appointment. It was time to move on, but there was one problem; nothing was available that was the right fit. Jane and I had only been married a few years, and our boys were under two years old. It was a chaotic time in our lives. The stress of ministry and being a young family were taking their toll. Burnout was on the horizon. Then I realized that we had to leave the parsonage, but there wasn't another place for us to live. Fear began to grip my heart. Are we going to be homeless? Are we going to be living in our vehicle? How will we survive? Are we just going to end up as another statistic of people quitting ministry? How would we live? How would we eat?

And then the words from the John Wesley Covenant Prayer came echoing back: "Let me be employed for Thee, or laid aside for Thee, exalted for Thee or trodden underfoot for Thee. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing....."

"But surely, Lord, you don't mean this?" I thought. But again, through my prayers and tears, I heard these words coming from my mouth: "Let me be employed for Thee, or laid aside for Thee... Let me have all things; let me have nothing...."

It was then, in my heart, I knew I needed to surrender my future because I was trying to be in control and not let God be in control, as, again, words from the Covenant service reminded me, "I freely and heartily resign all to Thy pleasure and disposal."

I would love to tell you that in the instant that I stepped back, everything turned out wonderfully. I would love to tell you that God immediately opened a door, and we had an appointment at the last minute. But that's not how it happened. It was several months before I had any definite answer. In fact, I wondered if God was calling us away from pastoral ministry altogether.

However, I am thankful for this experience. It forced me to realize that being a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a pastor are different. You see, too much of my identity was wrapped up in being a pastor, and not enough of my identity was found in Christ. Honestly, I still struggle with this issue, but I am more aware of it and pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help me surrender any pride back to him.

I am thankful for my grandparents with a large house and a basement apartment. Looking back, while they were a little chaotic, the two years in my grandparents' basement provided the rest we needed from burnout. My family looks back on that time with fond memories of the years we lived with grandparents and great-grandparents. While I am glad to be living in a parsonage and having our own space, there are a few times when I still miss the experience of all six of us living under one roof.

I am thankful to learn (and to continue to learn) to wait on God. A few months later, an appointment was available seven miles from my grandparents' house. This church didn't have a parsonage, so it wasn't an option earlier. But now it was the right fit. God had it worked out all along, I just needed to get out of the way and wait on his timing.

And I am even thankful for dry, dull, liturgical services that the Holy Spirit uses to breathe life into us when we least expect it. I have grown to love and appreciate the words of the John Wesley Covenant Service in how it calls us back to make sure Jesus is where he needs to be: Lord and Savior of our lives. Using our liturgy during Holy Communion, saying the Lord's Prayer, repeating the words of the John Wesley Covenant Service and the creeds, and memorizing Scripture shape us into the people God is calling us to be. God is shaping us to reach lost and hurting world. Liturgy is not just vain repetition. Those words are seeds planted in us week after week, year after year.

In one of my congregations, an older member lived in an extended care facility, but she was at

church every Sunday; a couple in the congregation would transport her every week. She had been their youth leader and Sunday School teacher. Now, Alzheimer's had set in; she could talk but not remember anything she said. However, she never missed a word when we sang older hymns and recited the Lord's Prayer. These words were a part of her. They formed and shaped her as she disciplined others in the congregation. The liturgy of the church became her lifeline.

We are too quick to toss out liturgy because we fear it becoming a habit without meaning. But that's only if we choose for it to become just a ritual. The 23rd Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, and the Doxology all have meaning for me because they are more than just words. They are words that shape and connect me to God. Don't be afraid to lean into our liturgy.

Starting this new year, we will experience many blessings and many hardships. It may be a year where we are employed for Jesus or laid aside for him. We may have more resources than we know what to do with, or everything may be taken away. Through all of it, I know I need to spend time re-evaluating and making certain that Jesus is in charge and that it's not just me. I need to hear those familiar words again, so they continue to shape and form my identity in Christ.

Isn't that the essence of holiness: to be shaped and formed into the image of Christ? We are not in charge, but Christ, and Christ alone is the one in control. When life throws us for a loop and we have nowhere else to go, we must desperately have our all on the altar. It's in those times we realize our genuine need for the grace of God to be able to say: "I freely and heartily resign all to Thy pleasure and disposal."

If you'd like a copy of the complete John Wesley Covenant Service, which was held at WFMC on the evening of January 8, contact the church office and we'll gladly provide one to you.

A Prayer Journey

By Ruth Cook

Being born (yes, literally!) and raised in a Free Methodist parsonage, from a very early age I gave my heart to Jesus and wanted to know and love Him as did my godly parents. But also, being born with a “rule-keeping, do-it-right” personality, I watched and listened carefully to Christian adults to learn the rules for the “right way” to practice the all-important life of prayer. Sometimes I was conflicted by what I heard: Was it simply talking to God? Was it “agonizing” in prayer? Should I set aside just a few minutes or a full hour of my day for a devotional time of prayer and scripture? Or should I simply walk and talk with Jesus?



I don't believe there is one “right way” to practice prayer, but I do believe it is an essential part of the life of any earnest Christian. Now approaching the ripe old age of 82, I'm still growing and learning but over these many years I have come to value certain practices that have given me a rich prayer life:

- ⇒ Setting aside a specific time each day to meet the Lord for time with Him in the Word and prayer. I was well into adulthood before it became clear to me that I must set my alarm for an early-morning quiet time. I had avoided this for many years, not being a “morning person,” but found that, in spite of good intentions, too many times the day had slipped away without my “finding” the time.
- ⇒ Being a part of prayer groups is important and using lists of requests helps guide my prayers. But it is even more important that I stay close to the Lord so I am sensitive to the nudges of the Spirit as He brings names and situations for which I should pray specifically and intentionally throughout the day.
- ⇒ Over the years as my walk with the Lord has lengthened and deepened, I find a blessed sense of His constant presence. Thus, I can turn to Him in every situation and for every need, large or small, looking to Him for immediate help, wisdom, grace and compassion, as well as recognizing and expressing gratitude for answers and evidence of His provision.
- ⇒ Although many have found it beneficial to journal daily, I have found it more helpful to each day follow the admonition of Psalm 92:2, “Proclaiming [His] lovingkindness in the morning and [His] faithfulness every night.” To do this, in my morning time with the Lord, I anticipate His lovingkindness as I list the events I plan, particularly those for which I need and trust Him to provide help/wisdom/grace. The next morning, I look back and acknowledge His faithfulness as I list the ways in which those events were directed and perhaps changed. This also helps me build an “attitude of gratitude” and trust.
- ⇒ But I have also found the need for and importance of “agonizing prayer” as my heart breaks, along with God's, for wayward and lost loved ones, for our nation and its culture as we slide alarmingly downward, and for those all around me as signs of Christ's return are becoming increasingly clear.

Obviously, there is so much more to the life of prayer as books have been written in great depth on this subject. However, my caution, particularly to new Christians and young people, would be to never see prayer as a burden that must be borne. But to experience it as a wonderful privilege and way of understanding that, as the hymn says, “He walks with me, and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own.” It can then become “a joy that we share.”

Getting to Know You

By Sue Adkins

Rhealynn and Alex Clark moved to Wilmore in January of 2018 after living in Nicholasville for several years. Rhealynn’s family has been in the Wilmore area for multiple generations, and Alex originally hails from Owensboro, KY.

Rhealynn and Alex met playing volleyball together in a few different locations in the late summer of August 2008. Alex had just finished the M.Div. program at Asbury Seminary, and Rhealynn was just starting her master’s degree in Counseling at the seminary.

Alex and Rhealynn married on March 31, 2012, and now have three boys: Lucas (7), Andrew (5) and Noah (3).

They first began attending WFMC in early 2018, shortly after they moved to Wilmore. They were looking for a local church to call home and one close by so that arriving on time with 3 small boys in tow would be feasible!

Rhealynn is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and a Registered Play Therapist, and specializes in the areas of early childhood, child/adolescent, and family therapies. Alex is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, with specializations in the areas of trauma, children, and couples’ therapies. Alex and Rhealynn are co-owners of Connections Counseling, LLC, a private mental health practice in Wilmore serving children, adolescents, couples, families, and adult men and women. Alex also works full time at the University of Kentucky at the Center for Trauma and Children where he is the Project Coordinator for the Secondary Traumatic Stress Innovations and Solutions Center. He also develops products and interventions for use in a variety of professional and paraprofessional settings.



Alex and Rhealynn like to relax by taking family vacations with their 3 sons, enjoying downtime from work, and making memories together.

Rhealynn enjoys watching various genres of movies and mining deeper attachment-oriented themes, as well as spending time nurturing relationships with her sweet children, husband, and family. Alex enjoys listening to podcasts around masculine identity development as well as watching an entertaining television series from time to time.

Rhealynn was raised in a Christian United Methodist household and experienced a deepening of her faith in adolescence and adulthood. Rhealynn’s faith has especially grown through being mentored in college and young adulthood by a variety of faithful women and other professionals, as well as events such as healing retreats. Alex was also raised in a Christian household and was first discipled by his father. Alex has benefitted from various older male mentors through his adult years and is most spiritually formed through prayer and discernment.

Pastor 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 or (859) 492-9215.



Music Ministries Update

If you have not yet been able to join one of our many music ensembles there is opportunity for you to join us in the New Year! Also, if you are interested in using your musical gifts as a soloist, we welcome the opportunity to talk with you! If you are an instrumentalist, please contact Mark Schell and if you are interested in vocal music ministry, please contact Rose Evans. Let's continue to offer our musical gifts to the Lord!

*Here are some important music dates to remember for the coming months. Mark your calendars now!

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| March 12 | p.m. Youth Musical |
| April 24 | p.m. Spring Ring: Handbell and Chime Concert |
| April 30 | p.m. Children-led morning worship services |
| May 7 | p.m. Singing Celebration |

***Short-term vocal ensemble opportunities!**

This Spring, the Sanctuary Choir will be presenting two anthems for our Easter morning services on **April 9**. We will also be preparing music as part of the "Singing Celebration" on the evening of **May 7**. We welcome singers interested in making a short-term commitment to an ensemble to join us as we prepare music for these special events – be sure to check future weekly bulletins for more detailed announcements regarding rehearsals, etc... Please come and join us!



Overseas Fellowship



The Overseas Fellowship welcomes all who have an interest in missions and living in a foreign culture. Our next program will be on March 31 and will feature Ron and Bonnie Gouge who have served in Southeast Asia and South America in various capacities. We are looking forward to hearing from them.

We will meet in the Hospitality Room of Building C at 6:00 pm. A covered-dish dinner will be followed by the program at 7:00 pm. We are informal and friendly! Come for an evening of inspiration and fellowship.



Library News

New Children's Books (three week check out)

- The Legend of the Donkey Cross
- Wild & Wacky Totally True Bible Stories
- I Love You Grandma
- Best Family

New Children's DVDs (two week check out)

- Madeline's Christmas
- Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to Camp
- A Fruitcake Christmas

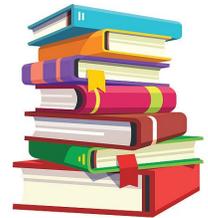
New Adult Books (three week check out)

- Lena
- River to Redemption
- The Seeker
- The Refuge
- The Innocent
- The Blessed

Book Review

Larry Lights the Way

This book was written by Mary Murray and illustrated by Big Idea Design. The veggies in the village are grumpy and Larry helps them see how to find happiness by using the gifts that God has given to them. I believe that all humans are gifted and that we are gifted in different ways. God wants to use these gifts in His service. This book has a message for people of any age but especially for children who may struggle with self-esteem.



Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Kotesky, 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.

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 sex-trafficked and sexually exploited 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 long sleeved T-shirts, light weight jackets, winter jackets, socks, tennis shoes (any size), scarves, hats, leggings, and gloves. Please place donated items in the basket to the left of the Welcome Center. Please contact Grace McGlothlin at (502) 496-0300 or grace.mcglathlin18@gmail.com if you have any questions.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Faye Montgomery, Marianne Van Horn
- 3 Amie Hall
- 6 Bob Martin
- 7 Paul Hamann, Ann Warnock
- 8 Joan Johnson, Shirley Lee, Lowell Williamson
- 9 *Bob & Cindy Peterson*, Howard Snyder
- 10 MariBeth Kierstead
- 11 Bonnie Koteskey, Joelle Schumacher
- 12 Jessica Bowers, Joycy Za Hoi Par
- 15 Glen Ellwood, Betty Johnston, Dan Owsley
- 16 Dottie Bowen, Alex Lovell
- 17 PR Roher
- 18 Kylie Kawaja
- 21 Missy Upton
- 22 Eduardo Angelo, Jerry Marchal
- 24 Dean Cook, Alex Hall, Bethany Tonglamun
- 25 Van Anderson, Acacia Beaty, Elizabeth Bevins,
James Evans, Chuck Fuller, Dexter Porter,
Carole Prochina
- 26 Ann Dotterweich, Ruth Hersey, Rachel Powdrill
- 27 Haley Montgomery, Rebekah Saunders
- 28 Abigail Diddle, Paul Jacobson
- 29 Annette Diddle

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Wes Blankenship, Joyce Dickinson, Darlene Russell
- 3 Elliana Gorton, *Tim & BariKay McMillen*
- 5 Norma Jean Erny, Rachael Proctor
- 6 Lucas Bowe, Merianne Dietrich, Margaret Reeve, Wyatt Weinberger
- 7 Joe Bowe, Katie Diddle, Dan Dotterweich, Ruth Gouge, Andrew Montoya
- 8 Matthew Branan, Willow Hitch
- 8 *David & Patti McPeake*
- 9 Maquel Sarantakos
- 10 Debbie Richardson, Lyle Van Horn
- 11 Myrna Hale, Ken Proctor Jr., Olivia Proctor, Emily Randall, Clarke Zweifel, *Bob & Jama Martin*
- 12 Shirley Hamilton, Henry Proctor
- 13 Nadara Welling
- 14 Wiley Adams, Charlie Fiskeaux, Marcia Miller
- 15 Ethan Adams, Ron Koteskey, Luke Youngblood
- 16 Suzanna Walsh
- 17 Darlene Anderson, Nancy Johns, Peggy Thurman, *Glen & Nancy Ellwood*
- 18 Troy Randall, Thane Ury
- 20 Eloise O'Neal, *Dan & Ann Dotterweich*
- 21 Rowan Fiskeaux, Chris Wittenberg
- 22 Ruoyi (Daisy) Chen
- 23 Duane Cassidy, Maxwell Gothay, Asha McFarlane
- 24 Daniel Brabon, Ashanti Simmons
- 25 Chris Bauer, *Wes & Susan Folsom*
- 26 Gwen Crabtree
- 28 Davis Tillson

February 2023

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Prison Ministry

Men's Jail Ministry

On Christmas day, I had the opportunity of sharing with sixteen men in our local jail the hope and peace we can have because Jesus came into the world and could come into our lives.

I showed the DVD "The Nativity." It was the first time they had seen this depiction of the birth of Christ. They were very attentive as we watched it. After the movie, we had a time of prayer for the families and children of the inmates.

Jackie made two loaves of pumpkin bread for me to pass out along with the candy I brought. (The guards also were recipients of the goodies.) The inmates helped me pass out Daily Bread devotionals to each of the prisoners. (Thanks to all who donate these for us to pass out.) Two prisoners came up afterwards and asked if they could take extra copies for their cellmates. I was also able to hand out stamped envelopes so each of them could write to their families. Several came up to express their gratitude that someone took time to come visit them on Christmas Day.

—Ted Moon, Charlie Payne, Craig Saunders.

Women's Jail Ministry

We went to visit the women on the first Thursday of December. Fifteen ladies filled all the chairs. Pauline began with a welcome to the ladies and asked for prayer requests. Then Carolyn led a Christmas skit with two ladies volunteering to help her. The point of the skit was to ask the question, "What is the purpose of Christmas?" After the skit, volunteers helped read Luke's account of the birth of Jesus.

Next, Kaye wrote the word "Christmas" on a white board while Carolyn used words that began with each letter to explain the plan of salvation. She finished with a prayer of thanksgiving for God sending His Son at Christmas and ended in a prayer of forgiveness and acceptance and peace that comes from being wholly devoted to God. The meeting was closed with singing several Christmas carols with all the women joining in. Thanks for your continued prayers for this important ministry.

—Carolyn Hale, Pauline Blanka, Kaye Payne

Ladies Night Out

Many ladies have been enjoying a monthly night out, but there's always room for more! Ladies Night Out is an invitation 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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| ⇒February 6 | Fazoli's, Nicholasville |
| ⇒March 6 | Culver's, Nicholasville |
| ⇒April 3 | BJ's Brewhouse, Nicholasville Road |
| ⇒May 1 | Smashing Tomato, Fayette Mall |



Bible Quizzing Update

The 2022-2023 quiz season is well underway. We have 27 quizzers on the team 11 of which are rookies! That means they've never quizzed a full season before. We've worked through some growing pains, but a large team is a wonderful "problem" to have.

February 11 is our home meet! This is an exciting opportunity to open our church to teams from Michigan, Ohio Indiana, Illinois, and New York. We would love for you to come cheer on our team! We open with worship at 9:00am, then competition takes place from 10:00am until around 3:00pm.



As the host church, we are responsible to provide lodging and lunch on Saturday and we need your help in these two areas:

LODGING

If you have a spare bedroom or two, a family room with a couch, floor space, etc., and would be willing to host two or more quizzers and/or adults on Friday night, February 10, e-mail housing coordinator Anna Bryson at ajbryson12@gmail.com or (859) 940-4372. Multiple beds aren't needed—just one or two for adults. Quizzers bring sleeping bags and use the floor.

SATURDAY LUNCH

If you can help with lunch prep/serving/cleanup, please contact Christine Maynard at rncmaynard@yahoo.com or (859) 797-1367. We need cookie bakers, cooks, and cash donations to purchase supplies.

Christian Life Club

Christian Life Club, is back in full swing. If your child has never been to CLC or if you are an adult looking for somewhere to plug in, it is not too late to join us! This activity is for kids age 2 years old to 5th grade and adults who would like to help. (We are in need of subs!)

We meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00pm. We have roughly 45 students each Wednesday night and 18 adult leaders. An evening at CLC includes chapel time with music, devotion, missions, and pledges before the children separate into their age appropriate classrooms for verses and lessons.



Each month has a theme that the children concentrate their studies in. February we will talk about service, March we will dedicate our time to missions, April we will discuss the importance of being healthy, and in May we end CLC with creation and graduation. Upcoming important dates: CLC will not meet during revival on March 1, or during spring break on April 5. CLC will have an award ceremony on May 17 at 7:00pm and we hope all will join for an evening of recognition. If you have any questions about CLC you can contact co-leaders Cheryl Schell at cshell@wfmnc.net or Nichole Shafer at nichshafer@gmail.com.

Community Service Center Update

The CSC is very grateful for the ongoing support of the WFMC! December's food distribution volunteers from the WFMC were fantastic! Also, the additional funds to help with the purchase of the turkeys and hams was deeply appreciated! In November and December, the CSC had the privilege of serving over 70 Wilmore households each month. They were given meat, along with a very full box of food! Thank you for making it possible to provide a generous amount of meat with our distribution!

You will also see in the "snapshot of 2022 assistance" the number of Wilmore families receiving financial help from the CSC. Your faithful monthly support contributes to the resources to provide Wilmore families with rent and/or utility

Snapshot of Wilmore-High Bridge assistance in 2022



123 households received rent &/or utility assistance (77 households in 2021)

Thank you for your support, which provides the resources to make this assistance possible!



*weekly food distribution: average of 25 households

*monthly food distribution: average of 58 households (average of 150 individuals)

*12,587 lbs of food donated

New Women's Bible Study

On Monday mornings starting January 30th, Judy Metcalf will be hosting a six-week class of Beth Moore's study of Galatians: *Now that Faith Has Come*. Yvonne Moulton will lead the discussion. A small group option will also be available. The group will meet in person as well as Zoom for those who wish to attend remotely.

For more information, please contact Judy Metcalf at (859) 858-4063 or arv.judy@gmail.com.



PRIMETIMERS



As novices in the arena of PrimeTimers, Marcia, my wife and I are thrilled to be part of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church and as the leaders of PrimeTimers. We are grateful for all the hard work that Bonnie Lashbrook put into the program as well as many others who worked to make it the successful organization that it is today. We can only pray that by the grace of God we may continue in such excellent

ways.

Looking forward to this new year, I believe the words of Scripture are appropriate. Everyone is well versed with the words of King Lemuel in Proverbs 31 as he extols the virtues of a good wife; “Her worth is far above rubies” 31:10. Paul praises the work of Lois and Eunice in II Timothy 1:3-7 in raising Timothy as a man of faith. Because of his mother and grandmother Timothy was called to the work of God, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” vs 7.

Here is our schedule for the spring:



March 2—Potato Bar



April 6—Taco Bar



May 4—Potluck / Covered Dish

We who are in the prime time of life have much to offer the church. As Abraham trained Joshua, David trained Solomon, Paul trained Timothy, Titus, Luke, John Mark, and countless others so we are called of God to be examples of godliness, holiness, and faithfulness. God is not done with us and has a job for each one. There is no unemployment office in the kingdom of heaven nor is there a social security office. We are all of great value to the Master and until He calls us home, He expects us to use the talents and spiritual gifts that He has so generously poured out upon us. I have long believed that the church does itself a disservice by putting senior citizens out to pasture when they have an abundance of wisdom and experience. As the leaders of Prime Timers, it is our desire to see your gifts, graces, talents, and knowledge bring glory, honor, and praise to our Lord.

In Christ,
T.R. and Marcia Miller

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Mission Statement

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



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Spring Revival with John Lane

WFMC welcomes John Lane as our 2023 revival evangelist, February 26 – March 1, 2023

John is a native of Indiana but is very familiar with Wilmore as he attended Asbury College and graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary. John also earned a doctor of ministry degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

He has served as pastor of several churches in Indiana, was named superintendent of the Wabash (IN) Conference in 2016 and was named superintendent of our New South Conference in 2021.

John has been married to his wife, Jill (a graduate of Asbury College) for nearly 30 years. They have three adult children: Jesse, Jenna and Jackie.

In ministry, John has served in many ways, including: church planting, associate and senior pastor, camping director, counselor, inner-city youth leader, hospital chaplain, missions leader, Stephen's minister, and coach.

Services will be held on Sunday morning, February 26, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening, February 26, at 6:00 p.m., and then Monday through Wednesday, February 27 – March 1 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Come and give the Lord this extra opportunity to speak to us.

