



# The Plumbline

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## Spring Cleaning *By Pastor Daryl*

One of the ways Annette (my wife) and I are alike is that we both love order and cleanliness. That makes life together easy on a number of fronts, though we are not perfectly aligned. For example, bathroom grime doesn't really bother me – I simply don't see it. That's true both figuratively and literally, since I never wear glasses into the shower. Annette can't stand any dirt in the bathroom.

On the other hand, I seem to see every little thing on the floors – to an irritating degree at times. If left to me, I'd probably vacuum and Swiffer at least once a day. That's overkill to Annette.

But we both despise clutter; we appreciate equally when there is a place for everything and when everything is in its place.

For those reasons, we both appreciate the arrival of spring and the cleaning out that tends to come with it. As I write this, in the past couple weeks, we've attacked part of our attic, our closets and seasonal clothes, and our garage and barn – all of which tend to collect things in messy ways over the winter.

Some of this surplus is worth placing an ad in a local online market to sell while other things get dropped off as donations to the Wilmore High Bridge Community Center. Then there are those things that we place at the end of our driveway – free for anyone who wants to pick them up. Finally, a portion of what we clean out goes directly to either the recycling or garbage bin.

I can't really describe how good it makes me feel to offload unneeded "junk." Annette loves it too, but I think our house itself loves it even more. When we bring things down out of the attic or the second floor of the barn, I think I can almost hear the house breathe a relieved sigh, saying, "Finally – some relief from bearing all that excess weight of junk!"

Let me say, too, that another sort of spring cleaning helps me physically.

I'm probably the only one (and notice I'm not including Annette in any way in this part) but I tend to put on weight over the winter. When the days are shorter and the weather makes it harder to stay active outside, I can sometimes eat for recreation.

When spring comes, however, I get outside and stay outside as much as possible, and the calories I burn doing yard work and all that helps me shed that added winter weight. I will admit...that's getting more challenging to do as the years go by, but still...that sort of spring cleaning makes me feel so much better! It's as though my body says, "Finally – some relief from bearing all that excess weight of junk!"

Of course there are also spiritual implications to this idea of spring cleaning.

From time to time (and I've noticed it's often in the spring) the Lord shows me unneeded things... baggage...excess weight in my life that I'd be better off without. Through the years, He's shown me that I've been carrying things like unhealthy desires, addictions, not so great habits, bitterness toward some person or entity...all of it making one sort of mess or another.

Sometimes, like grungy bathrooms, I simply haven't seen it...I haven't had my spiritual glasses on. When the Lord reveals it to me though...then I find I have to make a choice: either I live with the messiness or I clean it out. At times, it's taken the Lord some work to show me, in a way I can see, how unhealthy...how messy things were. Other times it's taken me some time to say "yes" to what I know the Lord wanted.

But asking the Lord to help me, I've tried to be quicker to respond to Him with a "yes," and with the Spirit's help, it's become easier and easier to do that. I can trust Him to identify what is "junk" and what is not, what is useful and what is harmful, what needs to stay and what needs to go.

And when those harmful things are set to the curb, it's as if my spirit says, "Finally – some relief from bearing all that excess weight of junk!"

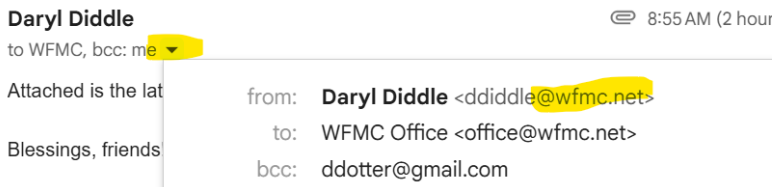
May we all give the Lord the freedom to do His spring cleaning in these days.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ~Psalm 51:10*

# Tech Talk *By Dan Dotterweich*

## Email scams

Probably the most common computer scams involve email. You receive a message from a random person that tries to get personal information from you. This action is called phishing (fishing with a ph). If there is a message you suspect, look at the message header to see who sent it:



Click the down arrow and verify the domain (the part of the address after the @ sign). Scammers often use a generic address like abc123@hotmail.com. Other times they use an address that is similar to a familiar one such as email-aaa.com that supposedly came from AAA. Notice the "-" in the name. If it were a "." that would mean it belonged to aaa.com (email.aaa.com). However is an entirely different domain that does not belong to aaa.com.

**IMPORTANT ALERT FOR GMAIL USERS:** Forbes says scammers have started using AI-generated text and emails to persuade users to update their Gmail passwords. The scammers send convincing emails and follow up with AI-generated phone calls from numbers that appear to be from Google, reminding the victim to comply. The only clue this was a scam: the "To" field of emails wasn't from google.com. If you get an urgent communication from "Google," don't click on links, download files, enter personal info in emails, messages, web pages, or pop-ups, and don't respond to the voicemail. Instead, visit <https://myaccount.google.com/notifications>.

Finally, never follow a link in an email to get to a site that has any of your personal information (bank, medical, etc.) Instead, go directly to the site in your browser and logon. If there is an issue, they should send you a message from within the website rather than an email.

Happy computing!

## “Getting to Know You” Justin & Hannah Oliver

*By Sue Adkins*

Hannah Oliver started living in Jessamine County in 2008 when she got her first teaching job at West Jessamine High School. Justin moved to Jessamine County in September 2012. Hannah is from Woodford County and Justin is from Nelson County. Justin grew up in Taylorsville, KY with his parents and one brother. They went to a Baptist church and then started attending Southeast Christian Church when Justin was in college. Justin lived on a small farm and loved to help raise their cattle. Justin was very close to his grandfather who lived in the same town.

Hannah grew up in Versailles, KY with her parents, Linda and Wally Cook (who are also new to WFMC) and 3 siblings. She was active in Versailles United Methodist Church and played volleyball, basketball and ran track in high school. While attending Asbury College, Hannah played volleyball for 2 years and basketball for 4 years. She has a degree from Asbury College and Asbury University.

Justin and Hannah met on eHarmony in October, 2010 and then in person in November, 2010. Hannah’s grandfather, Charles Crouse, used to tell people that they “met on the interstate,” confusing it with “internet.” They married in 2012 and now have 3 children: JenniLynn (8), Samuel (6) and Daniel (3).

JenniLynn has cystic fibrosis (CF,) a terminal lung disease that affects her lungs and digestive system. Both Justin and Hannah are carriers of the CF gene so each child of theirs has a 25% chance of having CF. That doesn’t stop JenniLynn; she’s an active 3rd grader at Wilmore Elementary who likes to play outdoors, swim, find bugs, play with cousins and have spa days!

Samuel is in 1st grade at Wilmore Elementary. He likes to play soccer, swim, play with cousins and have game nights.

Daniel likes to dance, jump on a trampoline, play with cousins and loves all things “Paw Patrol.”



Hannah jokingly laments: “It’s hard to remember life before we had kids. I want to say my house was clean, laundry was folded and put away and we were able to have conversations at dinner that didn’t involve things like ‘keep your cup on the table,’ ‘don’t touch your sister’ and ‘stop eating your food like a dog.’ Nonetheless, we enjoy our game nights together, family movie nights with popcorn, nerf gun wars, tent camping, and going to Dale Hollow Lake in the summertime.”

Justin enjoys deer hunting and has gotten JenniLynn and Samuel interested as well. Hannah likes to bake and read fiction books. Justin served in the Air Force in his early 20’s as an “age mechanic,” meaning that he worked on the equipment that crew chiefs used for working on the aircraft. From there he switched gears and went to nursing school and worked as an LPN for a time. He currently works as a maintenance tech at an apartment complex in Lexington.

Hannah teaches math, mostly Geometry, at West Jessamine High School. Hannah grew up in a family that openly prayed and talked about God at family events. The biggest impact on her faith journey were the mission trips she took with Southeast Christian Church in Louisville to places like Poland, Romania, Costa Rica, Ukraine, and Jamaica. Justin’s grandfather made the biggest spiritual impact on him—showing him what following God looks like.

Justin and Hannah first started attending WFMC in the fall of 2022. JenniLynn attended VBS in the summer of 2022 and they were really impressed with the church’s organization and intentionality in the lessons, music and prayer.

Justin and Hannah have drawn closer to God through being parents – mostly by explaining to their children how God is interwoven into every aspect of life as a Christian. We are grateful to be a part of their church family!

# Prayer

*By Carol Killam*

My husband and I retired to KY to be near our grandchildren. As I sat near an upstairs window reading my Bible, I had long conversations with God. In this new phase of life, I asked, "What do you want of me? Where do I serve You?" In the stillness, the words, "I want you to KNOW Me" seemed to ring in my mind, heart and soul. I was then led to a passage in Jeremiah 9 that says, *"Thus says the Lord: 'Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me...that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight.'"*

I read Exodus 33:13 ... Moses praying, *"Now, therefore I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way that I may KNOW YOU and that I may find grace in Your sight."*

I began to study and pray in a fresh new way. I devoured books on the holiness of God. Two of my favorites are The Knowledge of the Holy and The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer in which he prayed:

*"O God I have tasted Thy goodness and it has satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. Oh God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory. I pray Thee, that I may know Thee indeed."*

His prayers filled my heart with a longing for a more intimate relationship with my God. Yes, I had known Jesus and prayed since I was nine. Moses and A.W. Tozer sought to KNOW God more intimately. I too would follow God's voice. I asked Him to plant within my heart a desire to know Him more. I wanted to pray in a way that opened the way into His presence

In Dare to Journey with Henri Nouwen by Charles Ringma, I found this description of prayer. "Prayer is an invitation to come home, to be loved, nurtured and refreshed." Prayer is thus the call to intimacy with the God of the universe, who is our Father in Jesus Christ. Prayer is *listening* to what He would whisper to us. Prayer is being renewed in His loving presence

I learned from Kenneth Boa the value of praying Scripture. I read a great classic, Daring to Draw Near, by John White, and articles on "The Listening Side of Prayer", by Stacey Padrick. Listening prayer can also be called contemplative prayer. It is not a passive form of prayer, but one that includes three vital facets:

- 1) active listening
- 2) focused attention
- 3) a confident expectation that God will speak. God will never speak to us anything that contradicts what has been revealed in Scripture

*Listening Prayer is not request driven. It is being with God, with nothing in our hands, waiting for whatever is that He will speak to us. The distinguishing mark of listening prayer is time to praise and reverently honor Him. I begin with praise, then meditate on a particular passage, then quiet myself. "Be still and KNOW that I God", Psalm 46:10. In a posture of stillness, we can more easily hear God when He speaks.*

## The Good Side of “Legalism” *By Kimberly Ostroske*

### You are Legally an Adult, Now What?

#### What Happens If You Are Badly Injured?

You are now an adult and can legally make your own decisions. Then an injury or sickness occurs. You cannot communicate clearly or understand what is going on around you. What happens now? During an emergency, medical personnel will get you through the emergency phase but then they will look to someone to act on your behalf for medical and financial decisions.

***In Kentucky a spouse or parent does not have an automatic right to speak for you.*** If you have not signed a document appointing someone to act on your behalf, then a family member and/or a friend will need to go to court with a letter from the doctor to get an emergency order from a judge in place. Then, in Kentucky, the law requires three specific evaluations and another court hearing reviewing the evaluations before a final order is given determining who can make health decisions and living arrangements (Guardian) and who can make financial decisions (Conservator) for you. Then when you sufficiently recover from the injury, additional court proceedings will be needed to relieve the Guardian/Conservator of the responsibilities and let you make your own choices independently again. This can be a costly and time-consuming process, ranging from one month to several months, just to get someone appointed. ***The extra steps with the court can be prevented in many cases by signing two important documents before any injury occurs – Power of Attorney for Financial and Power of Attorney for Health Care with an Advanced Health Care Directive.***

Usually, the financial and medical documents authorizing an agent (power of attorney) to act on your behalf are separate documents. The financial power of attorney will direct who you want to handle any issues dealing with money and/or contracts. The medical power of attorney deals with health issues specifically. There are basically three types of authority: limited, springing and all encompassing. The person granting the authority can revoke it at any time if they are mentally capable of doing so.

- A Limited Power of Attorney sets boundaries on what a person can do for you. For example, you can authorize a friend to sell your car for no less than \$2000 and only during the set dates in which you will be out of town.
- A Springing Power of Attorney spells out when a person will have authority to act on your behalf. For example, when a doctor puts in writing that you are incapacitated, then that person can use the power of attorney document to sign a contract on your behalf. The doctor’s letter and the document you signed will be presented *together* to authorize the person to act for you.
- A General Power of Attorney is primarily when you authorize someone to act on your behalf for any and all matters where you would have the authority to act on your own behalf. If the document has the durable language with it, then it would remain active even when you are incapacitated.

I personally have a General Power of Attorney for my husband to act on my behalf. If he cannot act on my behalf (if, for example, we are both injured / incapacitated at the same time) I have also given Springing authority to my sister. This means that my husband has full authority to do anything I can do in my personal accounts at any time, but my sister can only step in if both my husband and I are incapacitated.

It is very possible that the person you would like to act on your behalf for financial issues is not the same as the one to make health care decisions. That is common and one of the reasons these decisions are spelled out in two separate documents. I encourage you to think about this and sign documents before they are needed to avoid putting your family and/or friends through the stress of taking the issue to the judge. Planning ahead is a gift to yourself and to your loved ones.

## Birthdays / Anniversaries

### **April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 1 Bari Kay McMillen, Nichole Shafer,  
Golf Tonglamun
- 2 Donna Flanigan, Glen Flanigan, Janis Riffell,  
Deano Sarantakos
- 3 Darin Land
- 4 Lizet Bowen, Liam Hall, Darla Kidwell, Rosie Li
- 5 Cheryl Schell
- 6 Joyce Underwood, Mary Ann Wiley
- 7 Kimberly Barnard Ostroske, *Scott & Julie Wells*
- 8 Bonnie Descoteaux, Ricardo Gomez
- 9 Kendra Spivey
- 11 Jack Coleman, Miguel Ramos, Renee Riffell
- 12 Cindi Angelo, Dexter Cannon
- 15 Levi Branan, Isaac Madill
- 16 *Bob & Norma Jean Erny*
- 17 Jonathan Raymond
- 19 Neil Anderson, Kris Dietrich, Perrin Fiskeaux
- 20 Warren Brude, Aiden Dedman, Micah Kidwell
- 22 Warren Todd, Rachel Winchester,  
Melyssa Wittenberg
- 23 Liam O'Neal
- 25 Juniper Raymond
- 26 Carol Killam
- 27 Mark Killam, Irene Lian, Keith Madill
- 28 Chase Padgett, Harper Raymond
- 29 Genia Schumacher
- 30 Steve Liversedge

- 1 Curt Caldwell, Catherine Gaffney, Beth Hall,  
Lee Anna Halley, Clay Winter
- 2 Kay Bickert, Bryan Blankenship,  
Sharon Madison
- 3 A. J. Kinnell, Carson Roberge,  
*Charlie & Patti Fiskeaux*
- 4 Jaiden Dobie, Hope McFall
- 6 Violet Burke, Ben Howard,  
*Chuck & Lynne Fuller*
- 7 Don Roxberry, *Jeff & Pam Hiatt*
- 8 Beth Gomez, Carolyn Hale, Grace O'Neal,  
Samuel Oliver, Cindy Peterson,  
*Lyn & Lynne Neyman*
- 10 Miriam Langford, Glenn McGlothlin,  
Renae Thompson, Lucas Weinberger,  
Walker Winchester
- 11 Sylvia Brown, Joe Valentino
- 12 Pat Gilmore, Roberta Zent
- 13 Jeremiah Elayaraj
- 14 Elliot Crabtree
- 15 Christy Liang
- 16 Bette Crouse, *Randy & Debbie Richardson*
- 17 Wes Folsom, Ezra McGlothlin
- 18 Mary Alice Kawaja
- 19 Miriam Kamp, Benjamin Randall, D Simpson,  
Scott Wright, *Don & Roberta Zent*
- 20 Arlene Allen, Joel Penny,  
*Christian & Caitlin Gothay*
- 21 Manorama Davis

### **May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Is your birthday/anniversary not listed? We'd love to include it! Please send it to [office@wfmc.net](mailto:office@wfmc.net).

## Chinese Prayer Group

*By Karen Koehn*

Would you like to know more about the persecuted church in China and find a way to help? Here is a practical opportunity you may be interested in. There is now an international group that prays for Chinese prisoners of faith from 5:00—5:30p (Beijing time) called “5 pm in China.”

If you are interested in learning more, here is a link with more information:

<https://chinaaid.org/persecution-by-province/sichuan/early-rain-elder-introduces-prayer-initiative-5-pm/>



# Library News

By Bonnie Koteskey

## New Children’s Book (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ A Children’s Book About Being Selfish
- ◆ *The Berenstain Bears Storybook*
- ◆ *Ten Apples Upon Top*
- ◆ Little Girls Bible Storybook
- ◆ The Big Book of Berenstain Bears Storybook
- ◆ *The Prince of Egypt*
- ◆ *Where’d My Giggle Go*

- ◆ Stephanie – *Days of Turmoil and Victory* by Donna Crow
- ◆ *Smuggling Jesus Back into the Church* by Andrew Fellows
- ◆ *Facing Death and the Life After* by Billy Graham
- ◆ *The Life of Servanthood: Discipleship in the Pattern of Jesus* by Timothy Tennent

## New Adult Books (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ Kathryn – *Days of Struggle and Triumph* by Donna Crow
- ◆ Elizabeth – *Days of Loss and Hope* by Donna Crow

## Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew 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.

# Jail Ministry

By Ted Moon

Henry Covert tells of an inmate who approached him after a worship service, stating he was full of bitterness and anger. He was concerned that he would be released to society with these feelings still intact. However, with his parole plan finally approved, he needed to share his feelings and ask for help. The young man informed Covert that he wanted the inner peace that he saw in Christian inmates. He was astounded that prisoners could actually possess contentment and joy rather than anger and bitterness.

This story is a clear example of how God works in our jails and prisons. It shows the witness and impact of Christian inmates and their influence on other inmates. It also reveals that God is working out His plan.

For example, we encourage inmates to read their Bibles and Daily Bread devotional guides that we give them. After one visit, one of the inmates said, “There are 31 chapters in Proverbs and 31 days in most months. The people in our cell read one chapter a day and then we discuss what the Bible is saying to us.”

It occurred to me that not only are jails and prisons mission fields, but sometimes the most effective witnesses can be the incarcerated. Thanks for your continued prayers for this outreach.



## Margaret Dargan Farewell

Saturday, April 12, 2025 2:00p—4:00p Bethel Pointe Clubhouse

You are warmly invited to a come & go reception honoring Margaret and her many years in ministry and friendship at WFMC. A card basket will be available - share a memory, scripture, blessing or prayer. Hosted by Joyce Underwood.

# VBS — 2025

*By Cheryl Schell*

Howdy, Partners!

Dust off your boots, grab your bandana, and get ready for a rootin' tootin' good ol' time at



Worker Sign-up  
Ends April 20



Kids' Sign up  
begins May 4

When: June 2—6 9:00a—12:00 noon

How: Sign up at the Wanted Poster under the world map or scan the QR codes above  
We need sheriffs and deputies, snack servers, help cleaning up after all these critters and much more.

## The Money Minute *By John Swain and Larry Winkleman*

### Wise Risk Management is Good Stewardship


“Would you go on a cross country road trip without having a spare tire? Would you play in The Masters golf tournament with only one ball? Scripture is not specific regarding the area of insurance, but it teaches the principle of providing for the future by taking precautionary measures to protect ourselves from the effects of disaster.” These words from Christian author and elder statesman Howard Dayton ring true.

As Christians who want to be good stewards, we should insure not only against actual disaster, but also against the very real risk of lawsuits in this litigious society of ours. While there are many different kinds of insurance in the marketplace the focus of this article will be on the kinds of property and liability insurance most households need. It may seem overly simplistic to some but informative for others. Future articles will deal with other aspects of wise risk management.

**Vehicle Insurance** Everyone with a drivers license knows the law requires vehicle insurance; so does a lender who provides purchase money to buy a vehicle and then secures that loan with the vehicle. Vehicle insurance can be expensive, especially for the young and those with less than stellar driving records, so the more one can self-insure with a higher deductible, the more affordable the insurance premiums will be.

For example, with a \$1500 deductible, you cover the first \$1500 in claims before getting in the insurance company’s pocket and premiums will reflect that. A deductible of \$2500 on the other hand should carry a lower premium because you are covering more claim cost before it hits the insurance company. There is also money to be saved by switching to semi-annual or annual premium payments, as long as you have the discipline to set the money aside until the premium is due.

**Homeowners/Renters Insurance** The home is often the largest family investment and insuring against

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# Take Note

*By Rose Evans*

## ***Important upcoming dates to remember...***

**March 30 6:00p Youth Choir Homecoming Service:** *We are the “final tour destination” for our youth choir on their spring tour weekend. Please come out to hear and see all the Lord is doing through their musical ministry.*

**April 27 8:30a and 11:00a Children-led Worship Service:** *Our Children’s Sunday School classes and choirs will lead us in corporate worship for our morning services.*


**May 4 8:30a and 11:00a Singing Celebration:** *The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in this special service of song. We’ll be singing some of the hymns of Charles Wesley in a musical presentation titled “Testament of Praise.” Please come join us as we recognize the contribution that Charles Wesley made to congregational singing and as we celebrate God’s gift of song to us.*

**May 5 7:00p Spring Ring: Handbell and Chime Concert:** *All Handbell and chime choirs, children through adult, will participate in this special musical event.*

## ***For Your Information...***

Sometimes we get so familiar with the “way we do things” that we forget that others, especially visitors, may not be so familiar with the way we sing, etc. As you notice folks around you who may not be familiar with using a hymnal or worship guide/insert, please help them out, show them the hymnal, the black notebook, offer an encouraging word, and a smile!

Please contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans if you have any questions regarding the music ministry at WFMC or if you are interested in being a soloist for music ministry, on a music team for worship services, or in a music ensemble. Let’s continue to “sing and make music to our Lord!”

 its loss is imperative. Many homeowners policies include an automatic annual adjustment designed to see that coverage keeps pace with inflation, but you should know your coverage and see that it remains adequate. As with vehicle coverage, the more you can self insure (live with a higher deductible) the lower premiums should be. One should also know whether coverage is for replacement cost or actual cash value which might be less, and consider choosing the one that protects you best and most cost effectively.

Homeowners insurance normally contains a provision covering home contents, which is what renters insurance also covers. If you have a loss, the insurance company will expect you to justify in detail whatever claims you make against contents coverage, so if you are not prepared to do that it would be wise to get prepared. A room-by-room video of contents would be a good place to start.

**Umbrella Liability Insurance** While both vehicle and homeowners insurance normally carry some liability coverage, that coverage won’t take you very far if you really need it. Wisdom would suggest the addition of an umbrella liability policy to pick up where standard vehicle and homeowners/renters liability coverage ends. This is an area where many families are vulnerable. In a litigious society such as ours where lawsuits are common, every household should consider adding umbrella liability coverage. Your insurer can help you decide how much is needed for your specific circumstances.

The purpose of insurance is to protect against disasters large and small. As good stewards interested in wise risk management, we should consider it something we are willing to pay for and hope we never use.

# Bible Quizzing

*By Paul Stackhouse*

Having a Bible Quiz tournament at home in Wilmore presents both challenges and benefits. The challenges include 1) planning housing for folks from out of town, which our congregation takes on with southern hospitality; 2) meal prep for a constantly changing number of people, which is always yummy and provided with joy, and; 3) the massive set-up, tear-down, and clean-up, which our quizzers, their families and the church staff graciously fulfil. Yet, the benefit of the home meet are the opportunities for friends and family to witness and cheer-on our teams; sleeping in our own beds (instead of a sleeping bag on the floor, or a hotel room); and not having to travel in vans across great distances before and after the meet.

But with that normal, monthly travel comes the opportunity for our youth to solidify the scripture they've learned as we spend almost the entire time in the vans asking and answering practice questions in pairs and small groups. Did you know that in order to not miss this concentrated study time, the quizzers come together for a special practice the evening before a home meet? These youth are serious in both their study and their desire to show what they've learned in competition. God's Word never returns void! Teams and individual quizzers came to Wilmore from New York, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and of course, Kentucky. Nearly 100 quizzers competed and over 150 joined us for lunch.

Our senior teen division received two second places and a fourth place trophy. Our young teen division received a second and a first place trophy. Our rookie division received a third and a second place trophy.

Eight individuals advanced to the final rounds for their respective age/experience level and earned medals: Senior Teen Veteran A: 2nd James Evans, 3rd Caspian Fiskeaux, Young Teen Veteran A: 3rd Elisa Clark, Rookie A: 1st Noah Segre-Lewis, 2nd Miguel Ramos, Senior Teen Veteran B: 1st: Hayden Bryson (tie), Rookie B: 1st Joyce Fei, 2nd Ephraim Segre-Lewis.

Our Bible Quizzers enjoy the fellowship of like-minded youth from across the country at our monthly meets. On March 7th we took four vans nearly full of youth, their coaches and drivers to Greenville, IL where they competed with other quizzers from across the Midwest. Wilmore fielded thirteen teams across five divisions and came home with five trophies:

In the top division high school, we took first, second and fourth; in the less competitive high school group we earned first fourth and fifth. In the middle school division we earned first, fifth and sixth, and in the top rookie division second and third. In the less competitive rookie division we earned second and fifth.

Of the thirty-seven quizzers from Wilmore attending the Greenville meet, sixteen advanced to five divisions of individual quizzing; with seven earning medals: First: James Evans (STVA), Gwendolyn Crabtree (YTVB), and Miguel Ramos (RookieA); Second: Noah Segre-Lewis (RookieA); and third: Mollie Haseloff (STVB), Charlee O'Neal (YTVA), and Ephraim Segre-Lewis (RookieA). In fact, all six of the final round contestants in the top rookie division were from Wilmore

We've been learning Romans and James this season, three chapters a month. We will finish our material at our April quiz meet. Commend our coaches as you see them for the continuing work in both learning and explaining the important Christian themes put forth by Paul and James in these two epistles. Many former quizzers, as adults, point to this year's material as their most meaningful across their careers.

This summer we are planning to travel to Seattle, WA. Many of our quizzers are still raising funds to defray the costs of their registration -- which is significantly higher in the pacific northwest than the midwest where we often gather for finals. If you have odd jobs that our quizzers could take on to raise a few needed dollars to help them participate, contact Joanne Crabtree at: 859-753-2841 to make arrangements.

## Paraguay 2025

No one who's spent any time at all at Wilmore Free Methodist Church would doubt that we're a church that cares about the world. In addition to many activities focused on reaching our nearby neighbors, we organize opportunities to proclaim and demonstrate the name of Jesus far away as well. In April 2025, a group of twelve WFMC-ers will fly to Asunción, Paraguay, right in the middle of South America, and then drive several hours north into the departments of San Pedro and Canindeyú to talk about the Gospel in places where it hasn't been mentioned very much.

The Avá Guaraní and Mbyá Guaraní people are scattered in hundreds of communities throughout Eastern Paraguay. For five hundred years, these ethnic groups have intentionally kept themselves separate from majority Paraguayan culture and worked to maintain their culture and religion against the relentless onslaught of modernization. A part of that attitude for many of these communities has been intentional resistance to allowing the Gospel to be proclaimed. Over recent years, though, some of the most-closed communities have been relaxing their attitude—due, probably, to a combination of factors, including the building of relationships and concerted prayer.

Andy Bowen, whom WFMC has partnered with for many years, has been thrilled to be able to join in ministry with a couple who have been working full-time in evangelism, discipleship, and community development in over 230 of these communities over the past nine years. Traveling back roads and tracks, as well as busy highways, this family and their ministry partners have seen thousands of First Nations people come to Jesus and grow deeper in their faith, and many churches established.



The WFMC team, made up of six youth and six adults, is led by Andy Bowen and Thad Gouge and will visit nine First Nations communities over the course of several days, together with a First Nations pastor (we're omitting some names since this newsletter is available online.) We'll proclaim the Gospel in a simple and straightforward way, and also teach some of the steps of the discipleship program in places where there are already believers.

These communities tend to be small, but each has an elected chief, or *cacique*, who leads the community. It's important when visiting to get permission from the *cacique* and to treat him or her (they're frequently women) with the respect due to their position. Sometimes this leader is initially suspicious of our motives, because of a long history of being taken advantage of and marginalized by outsiders. But this suspicion usually gives way to kindness and hospitality once they learn who we are, who we're connected with, and what our intentions are. There's a little bit of a delicate cultural dance to be done, which is why we have spent time in cultural preparation with the team. We certainly don't want to damage the careful foundation that has been laid over the past few years by our ministry partners!

We want to show with our words, our actions, and our attitudes that the Gospel is truly good news—that it's made a difference in our lives and that it will make a difference in theirs. Our Gospel presentation is always followed by prayer for the sick, and in place after place, Jesus shows up and confirms the presentation of His word with miraculous healings. It's a thrilling thing to be a part of!

Please pray for safety, boldness, and a joyful attitude. Pray that the Holy Spirit will do the work, and that we will be attentive and responsive to Him!

## Friendship International

*By Janet Adams*

**Friendship International: a gathering place for women of all ages, from all nations.**

About a year ago, I was invited to volunteer with Friendship International. This group of dedicated women help those who are new to the United States assimilate to life in a culture much different from their own. This was a ministry with which I was not familiar. After a meeting with other volunteers, I was enthusiastic to see what this group was doing.

Friendship International (FI) meets every Friday during the school year. Women from different countries and volunteers from area churches meet at Ashland Avenue Baptist Church in Lexington. Many of the volunteers attend WFMC and have served for decades. The morning begins at 9:30 with fellowship and a general program. Programs are varied including KY History, the election process, What is the Bible, The Christmas story, and an international food fair. Then women break up into specialized classes – to learn new skills and interact with Christian women.

Approximately 120 women from over 40 countries attend sessions like Learning English, Learning Spanish, Painting, Living in Lexington, Line Dancing, and Yarn Arts, among others. Most classes are located at the church, but some women are able to attend online. Childcare is provided. Excellent teachers (volunteers) lead the small groups in conversation and instruct the internationals in various arts. Friendships are easily formed, thus the name, Friendship International.

If this sounds like an endeavor you would like to join, the website [friendshiplex.com](http://friendshiplex.com) provides more information and an invitation to volunteer. If you have questions, the group can be reached at [friendshiplex@gmail.com](mailto:friendshiplex@gmail.com). There are many wonderful ways you can share your talents and energy. Friendship International is a loving ministry to local international women. Being a part of this organization will enrich your life and will be a service to our Lord.

## Children's Sunday School

*By Anna Van Horn*

Are you ready for a chance to build up the future of the church? Teaching and assisting in Children's Sunday school is an opportunity to touch the future.

Children's Sunday school is the contagious passing on a love for God's Word, holding to faith when waiting in prayer, and trusting God's plan and promises are best, true, and loving. Every week adults give testimony of God's goodness and reflect God's love to each child that comes in the room.

Children's Sunday school has different leveled learning including Bible lessons, scripture memory, songs of praise, powerful prayers, and building Christian friendships in the body of Christ.

Will you be there for our little ones? Current openings are available. Contact Anna Van Horn or Cheryl Schell for more information about being a teacher or assistant for WFMC children's Sunday school.

## Lent Worship Messages

Throughout this year's season of Lent, our morning worship messages are exploring just a few of the many different aspects of forgiveness...God's and our own. How grateful we are that, through Jesus' cross, we can be forgiven...and how much forgiveness is then required of us. Check them out at the church website or YouTube channel.

# Kids Corner



# He is Risen

# Youth Ministry Update

*By Pastor Caitlin*

I am continually amazed at the work God is doing in the lives of the young people in our church and community. I would like to take some time here to share with you some blessings I have seen in the youth ministry realm over the past few months.

**Inside the walls:** The youth in our church have been growing in their faith, asking good questions, and stepping out of their comfort zones. This semester students have led at youth group by leading worship, sharing testimonies, leading games, sharing what they have learned from the passages we discussed, and helping with general things like set up and clean up. I am also incredibly blessed to see students come around each other with compassion and care during times of hardship and grief. Youth have also led in worship by participating in the music ministry, the Ash Wednesday service, reading scripture, working in the tech booth, singing in the youth choir, or playing the handbells.

**In the community:** I have had the privilege of evaluating and doing practice interviews with ministry students at Asbury University. This is a fun opportunity to give feedback, make connections, and encourage the next group of young adults preparing to serve. I also meet periodically with three different groups of youth pastors for times of fellowship, prayer, planning, and conversation. One of the passions of all of these gatherings is to remind each other that we are not in competition among churches (as we have all seen happen in the past), but we are working together and seeing young people know and serve the Lord and we will support each other however we can.

Something fun I occasionally do is go to the high school to have lunch. As awkward as it is to be a random adult in the chaos of a high school cafeteria, the joy on the kids faces when they see me coming to crash their lunch table makes it worth it!

The youth themselves were tremendously helpful in hand delivering roses to widows and widowers from our church Valentines—and in the chilly rain! I am so thankful for the testimonies of joy and encouragement from those who received roses and the good conversations we had while delivering.

**In the world:** There is an amazing team of teens and adults preparing to serve this spring break in Paraguay. Trips like this have been life changing for those who are able to participate, especially teens who are trying to discern calls to ministry and missions. There is also a team that includes teens from our church that is preparing to go to Colombia with FM Bible Quizzing this summer to teach church leaders there how to start Bible Quiz teams. Please pray for both of these teams as they prepare for these trips in mind, body, and spirit.





# Overseas Fellowship *By Carol McGlothlin*

The Overseas Fellowship will have the privilege of hearing from Sam and Rachel Powdrill on Friday evening, May 2, in the Hospitality Room of Building C. The covered-dish dinner will start at 6:00p. and will be followed by the program at 7:00p.

Sam and Rachel are well-known in our fellowship at WFMC. Each year Sam devotes some of his time to eye surgery and training of eye surgeons at various underserved places around the world including refugee camps. These surgeries are a means of presenting the Gospel and the healing touch of Jesus on the lives of many people. Rachel accompanies Sam on occasion in capacity as nurse assistant.

Come and engage with us in this casual and enjoyable evening. You will be inspired. We are hoping to see you there!



# Ladies Night Out *By Ginny Proctor*

All ladies are welcome to join us on the first Monday evening of each month, at 6:00p, for Ladies Night Out. Given the unpredictable winter weather, we're excited to announce that the group has decided to shift the LNO calendar, which means our season five will begin in June of this year!

Please add the following dates to your calendar. We look forward to having you with us!

**April 7** 6:00p Chicken Salad Chick (Brannon Crossing)

**May 5** 6:00p In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, we'll be having an LNO Covered Dish Dinner at our church. Please bring your favorite Mexican dish, or another favorite of yours. We'll eat whatever is brought to the table.

**June 2** 6:00p Fazoli's Italian Restaurant, 1016 N. Main St, Nicholasville (in front of Walmart)

Stay tuned for the LNO Season Five Calendar!  
Questions? Call or text Ginny Proctor at 859-553-9784

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### 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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## 8:15Live

← →  
How then should we live?



**Who?** Young Adults

**What?** A time of music, Bible study and prayer

**Where?** WFMC, Room B202

**When?** Wednesdays at 8:15pm, beginning March 19

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### Young Adult Bible Study

We are excited to announce a Wednesday night Bible study for young adults!

Ralph & Linda Clark will be leading a study on spiritual disciplines and deepening one's prayer life. If you are a young adult, we would love for you to join us and to invite your friends!

Questions? Contact Ralph Clark at 859-753-1186 or [happycoloradohiker@gmail.com](mailto:happycoloradohiker@gmail.com).