



The Plumbline

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Spring Cleaning

By Pastor Daryl

Adapted from "The Woods Belong to Us;" a message to our high school graduates at the Senior Recognition Service, April 27, 2025.

My family lived next door to the Bryer family for over 50 years. Last fall, her children long gone, the Bryer widow, Gerry, died, which meant that, over this past winter, their house was sold and my mom got new neighbors: the Riddle family. Can you believe that on a street of six houses, the Riddles moved in next door to the Diddles? What are the odds?

Anyway, a few weeks ago, mom let us kids know that Mr. Riddle told her that the lawn that she was mowing – that we've mowed for over 50 years – really belongs to him. He was certain, but we doubted it, so my sister looked up the PVA maps online and discovered, in fact, that my mom actually owns more property than both she and Mr. Riddle think. (I might say here that I've had a very nice conversation with Mr. Riddle, who was receptive to the truth about the property lines.)

In looking at those maps online, however, I was surprised to find something else. To the west of our house was (to me as a little kid) a vast, deep, woods where my neighborhood friends and I loved to play. We cut trails, dug for treasure, built tree houses and bike paths...those sorts of things.

But every once in a while, there were some teenagers from the neighborhood that would come down in those woods and rather rudely kick us little kids out; and since they were older and bigger than us, we always did what they said and left.

Well! In looking at those property maps, I realized - for the first time - that my mom and dad owned all that property! My parents owned the woods that I was kicked out of by those teenagers! All that time, it was us who had the right to be there; not them!

If I had known that 50 years ago: I would not have let them intimidate me. I would not have let them threaten me. I would not have given in to their rude demands. Now, I may well have gotten beat up a few times, but just the same, I would have known that the truth was on my side and so I would have seen the whole situation very differently.

Why does all this matter? Because if you know, love and follow Jesus, then you need to understand that you are the child of the owner of this world. All that you see...all of Creation...God made it and He owns it. His name is on the deed of the world's property maps and as His child, you are an heir.

Now, because of the fall, this world is filled with people who don't know that...so they think they own the world, and they think they can tell people what they can and can't do, and what's right and what's wrong, and what's good and what's bad, and how people should and shouldn't live.

Today, this world is full of people who are not Children of God and have no right to do so, but still, they tell everyone else where they can and can't play. Some even go as far as to say the world has no real owner...that God doesn't exist, or that the whole Judeo-Christian ethos and understanding and morality are wrong and misguided, and they demonize...they try to tear apart whoever or whatever

doesn't let them play where they want and live how they choose and determine right and wrong for themselves.

You see, they just don't realize:

- 1) that God made our world...
- 2) that He made it to work in certain ways...
- 3) that His Word explains all that...and...
- 4) that He and His family...those who live for Him...own it all – even today!

They don't yet realize that the maps reveal the truth of the situation; but we who follow Jesus...we need to know the truth of what the maps say.

Of course, the world around us will not agree with the standards and morals of the Children of God. In fact, the world around us, acting under the influence of Satan, our enemy, will try to convince us otherwise. They will say that those who believe in God...those who follow Jesus...those who stick with the Biblical concepts of good and bad and right and wrong are close-minded and behind the times and hateful...and worse! And if we stand our ground, they will insult us and marginalize us and tell us we don't belong.

In short, they'll do all they can to try to kick us out of the woods. But we need to remember this: God owns the woods; and one day, that will be made plain. One day the maps will be revealed, and all those who think otherwise will realize the truth.

In the meantime, please don't let those who say otherwise get to you. Don't let them intimidate you; don't let them make you angry or bitter. Don't let them steal your love.

Now, they can be very persuasive. They can be threatening and even violent and we may have to pay a price for disagreeing with them. We may even get beat up! But they are ignorant of the truth. They are under the influence of the enemy; and they are mistaken about what they believe about wrong and right and who gets to determine that.

If we'll explain all that to them compassionately and winsomely...if we'll show them the maps...maybe they'll listen and then again, maybe they won't. That's up to them. But as for us, no matter what happens, we who walk with Jesus can walk on in calm confidence that God, our Heavenly Father, made this world. He knows how it works. He knows what's best, and as His heirs—as His children—it all belongs to us.

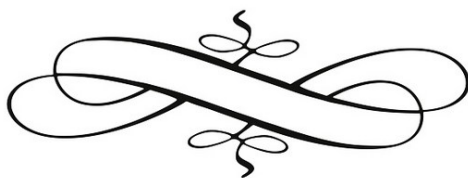
One day the maps will be opened and we'll be proven right, and those who chose to hang in there with Jesus will be on the right side—the living side—of eternity with Him.

So please remember that when someone calls you unsophisticated or narrow-minded.

Remember that when it seems that almost everyone around you believes differently than you believe.

Remember that Jesus said that those who truly follow Him would be very often be at odds with this world (John 16:33).

But also remember that we are not alone. Jesus is with us, and so is the Church—the family of God; and one day it will be made clear to all that the woods really does belong to us.



“Getting to Know You” Heather and Daniel Johnson

By Sue Adkins

Heather and Daniel Johnson first came to Wilmore in July of 2014 for the two of them to attend Asbury Theological Seminary while living in family housing with their oldest two children at the time. Daniel graduated in 2018 with a Master of Divinity degree and Heather graduated in 2019 with a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies, and they decided to stay in Wilmore. They now have four children: Evie, 16.5 years, Jeremiah, age 14, Timothy, 9.5 and Colette, age 8.

Evie is going into her senior year of high school and is very active with WPMC Youth and choir. She loves to sing and play the guitar, is an avid reader with a growing library, and enjoys the outdoors. She has a passion for creative writing and has a goal of writing a book one day.

Jeremiah is going into his freshman year of high school and is very much interested in technology, coding, and video games. He is a gifted persuasive writer and debater, has a naturally empathetic heart, and is beginning his high school Pathway in Pre-Law.

Timothy is everyone's best friend. He is outgoing, joyful, and always has something to say with a smile on his face (and he's guaranteed to put a smile on yours). He loves school, reading, writing, church, and doing "all the things."

Colette has a very creative imagination, whether she is drawing, writing, or playing "school." She likes to have a task to accomplish and is ready to help when someone needs it. Colette loves to be outside riding her bike, swinging, or playing in the dirt.

The Johnson household also includes two dogs (Mia and Sheldon) and two cats (Molly and Maxx) who keep everyone very busy.

Daniel and Heather were both baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist Church. Daniel

grew up the son of an itinerant UMC pastor serving throughout the state of Virginia. The Johnsons met through a group of mutual friends in 2005 and celebrated 18 years of marriage this past January!

After getting married and beginning their family, they spent a season with Daniel serving as a bi-vocational Licensed Local Pastor in a rural setting in the UMC and Heather as the Lay Leader of a UMC church, sharing in ministry across two churches.

Daniel has worked in a variety of industries, including as a truck driver, construction sales, pastoral ministry, and currently is a bus driver and trainer for Jessamine County Schools. The majority of Heather's career was spent in the corporate bank advertising and marketing space until 2021, when she

transitioned into nonprofit marketing and fundraising for Revive Ministries in Nicholasville.

Daniel enjoys working outdoors, tinkering in the garage and fixing things. Heather enjoys spending time with friends over coffee, shopping, and occasionally painting. They also enjoy video games such as Rocket League and Roblox, and both love being at the beach.

During their time in Wilmore, they have found that ministry takes on many forms. Daniel's work as a school bus driver provides him the opportunity to work with children and demonstrate God's love through his presence and support. Heather serves as a member of the pastoral team for a Brethern In Christ church plant in Nicholasville that is focused on recovery ministry.

After attending our Easter service in 2024, Heather and Daniel felt compelled to join in the life of the Wilmore Free Methodist church community. They feel that their children are thriving, they are all able to worship together, and they have found a great community here.

Welcome to WPMC, Johnson family!

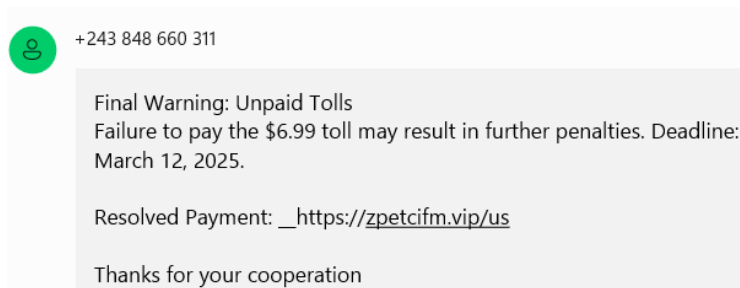


Tech Talk

By Dan Dotterweich

Text scams

I received the following text:



The web link goes to the root domain: zpetcifm.vip (always what is before and after the “.” If you want to know who this is, go to: <https://www.whois.com/whois/zpetcifm.vip>.

There you will see the registration information:

® Registrar Information	
Registrar:	Hefei Juming Network Technology Co., Ltd
IANA ID:	3758
Abuse Email:	ymn@juming.com
Abuse Phone:	+86.55168994689

If you do a web search on “country phone code +86” you will see it is in China. I know I don’t have any unpaid tolls in China!

As I ponder the idea of someone sending a message claiming to be one thing when it is really something else, I am reminded that Satan is constantly trying to send us scams. In the garden of Eden, Satan said that God really didn’t mean what he said. He tried this scam again with Jesus in the wilderness. Like Jesus, we too should respond to Satan’s attempts to scam us with the word of God.

~Happy Computing

Baby Bottle Blessings

Take a baby bottle from the supply in the foyer, fill it with your change (or check) and return it on Father’s Day, in support of Assurance Care for Families.

Baby Bottle Blessings

Fourth of July Events

Independence Day Water Outreach

"Give a bottle of cold water in Christ's name" at the Wilmore Independence Day Parade, July 4th. Willing to do a one hour shift sometime between 9:30am-noon? Contact Craig Saunders for more information.



Men, The Wilmore Lawnmower Brigade Needs You!

If you have a bit of coordination, a push mower and most importantly, a good sense of humor, you can be part of this legendary and esteemed group that brings smiles to the Wilmore Independence Day Parade crowd. Look out for more details coming soon.



Young Adult Gatherings

Young Adults, please add the following dates for socials at the Winters' home.

Sunday nights at 7:45 pm May 25 June 22 July 27 August 24

Bring your friends and enjoy snacks, card and board games and good conversations!

229 South Lexington Avenue, Wilmore



Morning Message Series

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they lost the happy contentment of having God intimately near them and His daily presence close by. That loss resulted in their own depravity, as well as their passing along that emptiness to the generations who followed them.

There is a longing in us for God – a void that only God can fill, and with the giving of His Spirit to the Church, that void can be filled! We can experience that complete fullness – that state of being for which we were created – once again.

June 1, 2025 Fullness – Giving Thanks

June 8, 2025 Fullness – Submitting



Birthdays / Anniversaries

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Ellie Bryant, Colleen Weaver, *Wayne & Joan Johnson, Charlie & Kaye Payne*
- 2 Joanna Crabtree, Larkin Dietrich
- 3 June Lintemuth, David Van Horn, Eric Walsh, *Jim & Joan Lee, Burnie & Machel Reynolds*
- 4 Mia Campbell, Melissa Johnston, Joan Lee
- 6 Wes Eisemann, *Mark & Sue Wiggam*
- 7 Jim Lee, Lyn Neyman, *Del & Lyn Searls*
- 8 Nathan Diddle
- 9 Amy Kinnell, *Paul & Sue Hamann, Dexter & Dickie Lee Porter*
- 10 John Harrell, Mark Schell, *David & Carol Coulliette, Colin & Jamie McGlothlin*
- 11 Bob Erny, Joy Ireland, Bonnie Lashbrook, Emma Padgett, Colin Winter, *Mark & Carol Killam*
- 12 Kenny Isaac Proctor IV, *Bruce & Laura Branan, Don & Devon Roxberry*
- 13 Phil Halley
- 14 Violet Madill
- 15 Beth Boisvert, Art Brown, Arv Metcalf, Eileen Wright
- 16 Amy Cannon, Jake Dunn, Nellie Kester, *Aaron & Danielle Raymond, Joe & Virginia Valentino*
- 17 *Kris & Merianne Dietrich*
- 18 Adrianna Kooistra, Burnie Reynolds
- 19 James Demaray, *Ed & Sharon Bryson, Michael & Carole Dickie, Raj Mariyanandam & Hepziba Arputharaj, Lee & Noel Taylor*
- 20 David McPeake, Jeremy Wheelock, Vanessa Wagler, *Skip & Darlene Elliott*
- 21 John Oswalt, *Joe & Barb Crouse*
- 23 Paul Kellogg, Ben Shafer, *Ralph & Nellie Kester, Brian & Darla Kidwell*
- 24 Jan Coleman, Rose Evans, Maura Todd, *Charlie & Hilary Fiskeaux*
- 25 *Paul & Miriam Langford*
- 27 Sharon Bryson, *Royce & Susie Bourne, Rod & Beth Williamson*
- 29 Amanda Bailey, *Thad & Ruth Gouge, Curt & Timberly Kidwell, Bob & Mary Ann Wiley*
- 30 *Sam & Rachel Powdrill, Brent & Colleen Weaver*

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Chase Bricken
- 2 Lane Stidom
- 3 Bill Descoteaux, *Jeremy & Beth Wheelock*
- 4 Tony Headley
- 5 Cathi Blankenship, Caelan Dietrich, *Ricardo & Beth Gomez, Ben & Nichole Shafer*
- 6 *Ethan & Charlotte Adams, Ben & Renee Riffell, Clay & Meagan Winter*
- 7 Wesley Cannon, Lydia Evans, *Curt & Pat Caldwell, Dick & Beth Hall*
- 8 Bob Cassidy, Don Koehn, Dorothy Thompson
- 9 Evie Barnard, LeAnn Roberge
- 10 Dale Hale
- 11 Carole Dickie, *Scott & Eileen Wright*
- 12 Dick Crane, *Harold & Caroline Schmul*
- 13 Dalton Cannon, Caroline Timmerman, *Gerry & Judy Graham*
- 14 Brian Bowers, Letha Jones, Rick Maynard, *Curtis & Arlene Allen, Joel & Genia Schumacher*
- 15 Elias Arndt, Jana Johnston, Luke Johnston, *John & Marilyn Swaim, Gil & Cheryl Waterman*
- 16 Susan Folsom, Micah Foster, *Phil & Lee Anna Halley*
- 17 Kennedy Roberge, *Mark & Rose Evans, Bob & Faye Neal*
- 18 Machel Reynolds, Don Zent, *Bob & Teresa Cassidy, Doug & Carol McGlothlin, Golf & Bethany Tonglamun*
- 19 Ariel Miller, Emily Walsh, *Andy & Hannah Miller*
- 20 Caitlin Gothay, Warren & Marguerite Brude, *Timothy & Joyce Thomas*
- 21 Skip Elliott, Priscilla Probst, Gretchen Stidom, *John & Ana Harrell*
- 24 Kristi McConnell
- 25 Randy Richardson
- 26 Caspian Fiskeaux, Don Sweigard, Sadie Upton, James Walsh
- 27 Will Montoya
- 28 *Major & Missy Upton*
- 29 Gerry Graham, Vera Steury
- 30 Cathy Thompson, Eleanor Prakay Tonglamun, Parker Weinberger, Stan Wiggam, *Earle & Dottie Bowen*
- 31 *Keith & Jenny Madill*

Library News

By Bonnie Koteskey

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

- ♦ *Dora*
- ♦ *Maja Means One: Swahili Counting Book*
- ♦ *Masai and I*
- ♦ *The Story for Kids: Discover the Bible from Beginning to End*
- ♦ *Roses for Mama*

New Adult Books: (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ♦ *The Out-of-Sync Child* by Carol Kranowitz
- ♦ *Running the Race: Eric Liddell* by John Keddle
- ♦ *Living Water* by Brother Yun
- ♦ *Raising Your Spirited Child* by Mary Sheedy Kureinka
- ♦ *We May Be Done, But We're Not Finished* by Deb DeArmond
- ♦ *The Tea Shoppe Mysteries* by Darlene Franklin

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.

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



When: June 2nd-6th * 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
 Register your 4 year old - 5th grader today —————>
 or contact the church office



The Money Minute *By John Swaim and Larry Winkelman*

Preparing for future financial needs is an undeniably biblical concept. The Book of Proverbs alone is full of wise counsel on this subject. A savings habit developed early is best because, for most households, expenses always rise to meet income; and if you wait to start saving until you think you can afford it, you never will. If saving money for worthy future uses is a wise strategy, why don't more people do it successfully? Because it can be very difficult, regardless of income level. It is a matter of priorities and discipline; in other words, the appeal of the tangible present is more compelling than the appeal of the intangible future. Savings should be a standard line item in the household budget. If at all possible, save by payroll deduction so the funds go straight into a savings vehicle before coming into your hands. Since saving for the future is biblical, what are some good ways to do it, and how much should one set aside?

Every household should have emergency funds for liquidity and unexpected needs. Without such funds, every crisis or unexpected need has the potential to involve debt. How much should be in the emergency fund? Generally 3-6 months of household income. The best way to establish such a fund is to start, even if you start small. And have the discipline to let it grow.

What about large capital expenses like vehicles? Used vehicles are almost always the best route, because new ones lose substantial value as soon as they leave the car lot. Figure out what monthly payments on a used vehicle will be, make those payments to yourself for 2-3 years before buying a vehicle, then buy one for which you can pay cash. And then keep making those monthly payments to yourself for the next vehicle. That way, you are earning interest on your savings rather than paying interest to a lender; and you will never be underwater on a car loan. If you have a problem that interferes with that monthly payment to yourself, you can get back on track the next month without a lender calling wondering where the payment is.

Medical costs are another drain on income that savings can address. Insurance is helpful, but almost everyone has a copay or a deductible to deal with. The use of a Health Savings Account (HSA) can help, for it allows you to set money aside tax free to use for approved medical expenses, reducing your tax liability while increasing savings. There are limits as to how much can be contributed to an HSA and your tax advisor can help you figure that out based on your personal circumstances.

What about retirement savings? The young normally don't give much thought to planning for an event 45-50 years into the future. There is wisdom in helping them see that they should. We've often spoken with people in their 40s and 50s who say they wish they had started retirement savings much earlier and more aggressively. Retirement savings are best accomplished through payroll deduction, and a general guideline is to set at least 10% of annual income aside for retirement. A 401(k) is usually available through an employer, and if not, an IRA is available in its place. Both allow tax deferred retirement savings, and many employers will offer some level of matching funds for your 401(k) contribution. Do not leave that money on the table!

Another great way to save is a variation on the traditional retirement account called a Roth account. With a Roth, taxes are paid on your contributions, but any growth and income that accumulate over the years are tax free. This is huge for a young saver.

This is a very brief look at savings ideas and strategies. For more detailed and elaborate information, your tax or legal advisor can help, and so can the HR department of your employer. Internet research will also yield useful information and savings calculators.

Saving for the future is a grind and completely unglamorous in the moment. But when a need arises and you've got the money to take care of it, you will see it as an incredible blessing!

Take Note

By Rose Evans

A Word of Thanks...

...to all of the volunteers who have participated in music programs at WPMC throughout the past spring and fall. Each week, you sacrifice your time to be a part of this important ministry to our church. We greatly appreciate your willingness to use your gifts as a sweet offering to the Lord and could not minister without you.

...to the wonderful congregation for your support of the music ministry at WPMC and for the vibrant singing that you continually offer on a weekly basis. You are the most important choir of the church, and we are blessed. Thank you.

As you are relaxing and enjoying your "Summer Vacation" please keep in mind that beginning in September our music ensembles will once again be rehearsing on a weekly basis. Below is a general list of all ensembles that will be offered this coming fall. Please check future *Plumline* articles for specific details regarding these groups:

CHILDREN'S VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Young Musicians (age 4 by October 1st)

Friendship Company (Kindergarten-1st Grade)

Heaven's Harmony (Grades 2-5)

Chimes of Joy (Grades 2-5)

YOUTH AND ADULT VOCAL ENSEMBLES

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

Sanctuary Choir (Post high school and above)

Senior Adult Ensemble - Rehearses as needed; sings one to two times annually (Ages 60 or better)

YOUTH AND ADULT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

Allegro- Beginning/Intermediate Youth Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)

Tintinnabulation – Intermediate/Advanced Youth Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)

We Believe - Beginner/Intermediate Adult Handbell Choir (Post-high school and above)

Blessings - Intermediate/Advanced Adult Handbell Choir (Post-high school and above)

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



Bible Quizzing

By Christa Stackhouse

As a Bible quizzing coach, I have a lot for which to be thankful:

- At our April quiz meet, we quizzed over James chapters 3-5. All of our quizzers, as well as the quizzers from other churches, knew those chapters well. As a result, the quizzes were much more competitive, and our quizzers were pushed harder than they normally would be. At the end of the day, these quizzers have hidden these chapters in their hearts well, which God will use.
- Also at our April quiz meet, we welcomed four newcomers who had never quizzed with us before. They were up against some hard teams, and though their team did not place, they learned what it was like to quiz at a quiz meet. One of our newcomers even took third place in the individual newcomers division.
- Our May quiz meet was in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was a great opportunity for our quizzers to quiz together as teams for nationals. They did very well and brought home many awards including *Quote the Word* plaques.
- We are entering the postseason with more than 35 quizzers, which is a new record! We have been amazed at the number of teenagers wanting to spend some of their free time learning the word of God. We have been blessed with the leaders whom God is raising up to help accommodate so many quizzers, and we are thankful for that.
- Our spring plant sale was a huge success, helping to cover some travel costs that a team this large requires. Thank you to everyone who bought plants from us. We are very grateful.
- We have an extremely supportive church family. Whether it is praying for quizzers or driving the vans to a meet, we are extremely grateful for the support. It would be much more difficult to keep this ministry going without your help. Thank you!

Please pray for:

- This year, Bible Quiz finals is at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington at the end of June. Please pray for safety as our team of over fifty people travel to the West Coast of the U.S. and back. Pray that flights are not overly delayed, mechanical failures do not happen, and vehicles don't break down.
- Post season studying is more difficult than during the regular season because it is more about reviewing what students know and there is more material to think about each week. Also, with summer vacation starting, there is less routine and more summer camps. Pray for endurance and clarity for the quizzers as they lock in what they have learned this year.
- Pray for us coaches and leaders. With a team this size, there are many new elements to think about and work through. Pray that God would give us wisdom to lead this team with compassion, grace, and discernment. Pray that God would give us strength to continue coaching these teens well through the end of the postseason.
- And, as always, pray that God would use these verses to work in the lives of these quizzers. Pray that the verses they have learned would take root, even if it is years from now, and that any time they have spent studying these words would bless them later on in the days and years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us, driven us to quiz meets, bought flowers from us, encouraged the quizzers and us, hosted quizzers, made lunch, or done anything else to help us this year. Because of you, we are able to help these quizzers hide God's word in their hearts, which will serve them well in the years to come!

Joyfully Prepared

By Diane Munoz

Henri Nouwen reflected some years ago: “The only people prepared to live are those prepared to die.” Challenging words to reflect on in a culture that does not talk openly about death and dying and whose behaviors often act as though we are immortal.

The truth: It is not a matter of IF but WHEN. When I find a patient or family reluctant to talk about death, I will often share this quote. There can be many reasons why we find this topic uncomfortable:

- Our families of origin did not talk about death viewing the discussion as impolite.
- The belief that if you talk about death, then it will happen (more quickly).
- To have the discussion is to wish your loved one to die.
- The belief that you’re protecting your (adult) children from talking about an uncomfortable topic.

Once you get these underlying unspoken beliefs out in the open, you can see them for what they are: lies.

An analogy I frequently use is preparation for the birth of a child. You have to get the nursery ready: infant furniture, infant clothes and supplies. Then, once it is ready, you can relax. You can enjoy each day waiting for the wondrous birth knowing that everything is ready.

This readiness is not only a gift to yourself but also to your family. Not being ready leaves family ill-prepared to deal with the unique choices and financial concerns at the time of death when they are emotionally distraught: not a good time to be making financial decisions or wondering where the documents are.

So, think about it. If you can really come to terms with your death, wrestle with it and pin some details down, what else can life throw at you that will be more difficult? Everything else is small stuff. Don’t sweat the small stuff. “The only people prepared to live are those prepared to die.” Let’s be ready!

Ladies Night Out

By Ginny Proctor

All ladies are welcome to join us on the first Monday evening of each month* at 6:00pm, 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 this year, our season will be June through November. We will take a hiatus from December through February, and begin meeting again in March.

*If the first Monday is a holiday, LNO will take place on the second Monday, e.g. September

Please add the following dates to your calendar. We look forward to having you with us! Questions? Call or text Ginny Proctor at 859-553-9784

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

July 7 (6:00p): Smashing Tomato, 3801 Mall Rd #195, Lexington

August 4 (6:00p): Peppers Mexican Grill, 220 N. Plaza Dr., Nicholasville (used to be El Rio Grande)

September 8 (6:00p): Culver's, 961 N. Main St., Nicholasville

October 6 (6:00p): Sonny's BBQ, 109 N. Plaza Dr., Nicholasville

November 3 (6:00p): Chicken Salad Chick, 254 E. Brannon Rd., Nicholasville

Food For Schools

By Jessica Bowers

The School Outreach Team says “thank you!” to our church family for your continued, generous support of the Food for Kids ministry. Because of your generosity, we were able to add Nicholasville Elementary to our rotation of schools to which we provide bags with enough food for the children to have 6 meals and snacks over the weekend.

For most weeks during the previous school year, our youth packed 80 bags of food on Wednesday nights before their youth meal. Those bags would be distributed to Head Start, the Jessamine Early Learning Village, Wilmore Elementary, West Jessamine Middle School, and the Providence School. Once a month, an additional 50 bags would be packed and delivered to Nicholasville Elementary in addition to the food items provided to East Jessamine Middle School that were included in food boxes that were picked up by families once a month. Each month, 145 children and their families were supported by food provided by our church.

Several schools have expressed their appreciation. Here are their comments:

“All of the children that received food bags are in a single parent household. They get really excited when they get to take home a bag of food for the weekend.”

“We have had 121 students on the Food for Kids program this year and are currently serving 112 students weekly. Several of these students have been displaced, and at least two have spent more than half the year living in a hotel due to homelessness. Fourteen students in the program are from non-English speaking families, ten were signed up through the Migrant Program, and four through a Ukrainian liaison here at the school. On our Friday snow days this year, we offered a pick-up opportunity for families who needed the food before Monday, and had people come each time. We also had several families that needed it on those days but were without transportation. In those cases, we delivered. We really can't thank you and your volunteers/givers enough for the way you support our families through this program. I received this comment from a grandmother recently: “Thanks to all who make these food bags possible! May the Lord bless you in kind!”

“I want to thank the congregation so much for your help in providing weekly food to our students. This means so much to our school as well as the families you are helping to support. Students and their families have expressed so much appreciation for the help. Students feel they can now come to me at school to have a safe place to talk and express their needs. More students are expressing how just providing weekend food has lessened the stress of trying to find food.”

“Wilmore Free Methodist Church has always been so supportive of our school community and we could not be more thankful for you all. The weekend food bag program is just one of the ways we feel your support but it is also one of the most important. The bags you provide help students feel a little more secure about the food situation each weekend. We appreciate that the items provided are easy to prepare and taste good to kids. Because of your generosity and a couple of other partners, you are supporting 20 students that live in a single parent household, three that are currently living with grandparents, four that have recently faced eviction from their home and one that is considered homeless. Thank you so much and I really look forward to continuing our partnership!”

The School Outreach Team is grateful for all your support this past year. We plan to partner with these schools again next year, supporting our neighboring families with food for their children during the weekend. If you would like more information about how you can support this ministry, please contact Jessica Bowers for more information.

Kids Corner

4th of July Word Scramble!

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(You can find the answer key on page 4.)

Youth Ministry Update

By Pastor Caitlin

Youth Leader Spotlight: Christy Liang

Christy is currently a 4th-year Master of Divinity student at Asbury Theological Seminary, graduating in Spring of 2025. When asked about why Christy likes working with teens she writes:

"I love working with teens because of their unending, brain-burning questions about life and the Bible! I enjoy small group times with the girls when they share about schools, how much they love "iReady," boys, friends, and family. In the midst of the talks about life, they are always passionate about who God is and especially His Word. They ask questions that make me have to search answers through commentaries and even my professors! I love working with them because they are passionate, and they helped me keep my passion when studying is hard and boring."



When asked, "What is your favorite memory working with the youth?" she says:

"My favorite memory was probably the last Fall Retreat in 2024 where some of us jumped into the lake when the water was close to 36 degrees. I think I dragged Leah into the muddy water again because I slipped towards the end—haha. We all got muddy and gross, but it was so worth it."

When asked, "What are your plans for the future?" Christy said:

"I'm actually still making the decision on where to go. My heart is really leaning toward Taiwan. I miss home, and I know that there is another group of youth out there that has not heard of the name of Jesus."

When asked how the church can be praying for her she suggests:

"Please be praying for my future and my boyfriend. I want to walk on the path that God wants us to go. Please also keep my family back home in your prayers: for their safety, health, and their ministry."

I (Pastor Caitlin) have been so blessed to work with Christy and see the amazing ways that she has served the Lord and WFMFC. Please keep Christy in your prayers as she takes the next steps in faith.



Wilmore FMC Vacation Bible School: June 2—8

New South Conference FMC Youth Camp: June 9—13

New South Conference FMC Kids Camp: June 16—19

New South Conference Family Camp: June 20—22

Wilmore FMC Bible Quiz Boot Camp: June 23—27

Prayer

By John Amalraj

Prayer is Lifelong Learning

Several years ago, I was attending a conference and was sharing my room with a pastor friend. Early morning, I woke up to see the pastor on his knees beside the bed praying for a long time. This scene made a deep impression on my heart. I began to desire a more intimate prayer life.

When the disciples saw Jesus praying – they noticed it was different from their own experience. And so, one of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray just like how John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus taught them what we call The Lord's Prayer, "Our Father..." (Luke 11:1-13). It is rather surprising that the disciples who had been watching and learning from Jesus for nearly three years asked that they be taught how to pray. Did they not learn to pray with their families, in the synagogues, and in their obedience to follow Jesus? We never graduate from the school of prayer.

The prayer that Jesus taught was a "prayer for the community" and it was not limited to only those words. We should not become self-absorbed in prayer – always praying for ourselves. Prayer is "other-oriented." When we say "Our Father," we include the people around us and the entire humanity – friends, as well as enemies. Prayer is always generous, indiscriminate, compassionate, persevering and is not limited to words. Jesus used parables to teach about boldness in prayer, perseverance in prayer, and assurance of God's answer to our prayers. If we ask, seek, and knock in His name, we will be blessed with the answers.

Poet and hymnwriter, James Montgomery, wrote, "Prayer is the simplest form of speech that infant lips can try; Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach the majesty on high." The Apostle Paul wrote, "When I was a child, I talked, I thought and reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put behind my childhood ways." (1 Cor. 13:11). Have we grown in our prayer lives or are we still praying as we learned in our childhood days?

Prayer is not about our physical posture, our words, or our liturgy, but an honest attitude that expresses our total dependence on God for all we need in this life. C S Lewis writes, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time – waking and sleeping."

How much do we need to unlearn and outgrow our rebellious independent attitude in submission to our heavenly father? When was the last time that we asked Jesus to teach us how to pray?

Let us continue to journey in our prayer life – not just praying for ourselves, but also for our families, friends, communities, and nations!



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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

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

June/July 2025

Our annual baptism service at Jessamine Creek has been scheduled for Sunday, August 24. Though it is still several months away, we wanted to provide the opportunity for you to consider baptism. If you have received Christ and would like to be baptized, please indicate that on your welcome card by writing "baptism," or contact the church office and you will be contacted by one of the pastors.

