



The Plumbline

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DISCIPLESHIP CULTURE

By Pastor Daryl Diddle

I wrote this article in early September, having just returned from a gathering of our Crossroads Conference pastors that focused on discipleship. The presenter, Ed Love, challenged us to do what we can to make discipleship not an incidental program of our churches but instead an intentional, integral part of our church culture—our mode of operation as Christ-followers.

Here, very briefly, I'm going to explain the why and the how of doing that, and then I'm going to offer a challenge.

First, the why—why make discipleship an intentional, integral part of our church culture? The short answer is because discipleship was an intentional, integral part of Jesus' life. In fact, that's what he spent most of his days doing: working with others to teach and train them how to be, well, like him.

When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him there at the lakeshore, he told them his intention right up front: his purpose was to make them fishers of men, of people. Jesus wanted to spend time with them and invest in them so that they, then, would go out and spend

time with and invest in others so that those others, then, would go out and spend time with and invest in others—all in order to introduce people to, and make people more like, Jesus.

To put it another way, all this was to restore the “family” God wanted in creation. Jesus' intention was to create an intentional, ongoing fishing expedition. He wants people to fish for, to collect, more people for his kingdom, just like he fished for them. His intention was for them to make more disciples, just as he was making disciples of them.

You see, the reason Jesus works in our lives is not just to make us like him. That's part of it, certainly: to be sanctified, holy Christ-followers. But the end game of being like Jesus is to then do as he did, which includes reproducing himself: making other disciples. To reproduce ourselves, as Jesus reproduced himself in the lives of those first disciples, as they reproduced themselves in the lives of those who came after them, and so on... that's why Jesus called those first guys to himself.

Now, most of us would agree that this reproducing of ourselves as Christ-followers is important. But is it an integral, intentional part of your life and mine? Are you intentionally integrating this reproduction into the life of someone else—or several someone elses?

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If not, the problem is probably not the “why” of it. The problem, or hesitation, is probably the “how” of it. How do we make discipleship an integral, intentional part of our lives?

Much has been written on that subject, the how of discipleship. What I’ll offer here is neither new nor any sort of definitive word. But this “how” is do-able for any serious Christ follower, and it’s do-able quickly.



First, ask the Lord whom he might have you disciple, and then watch and listen for his reply. It will probably be someone younger than you in the faith, maybe someone with no spiritual father or mother. It may be someone who is serious about following Jesus, or it may be someone who has serious questions about Jesus, someone looking for something more from life. Maybe it’s someone who is not yet a Christian but who is open to investigating what following Jesus means, someone looking for direction.

Once you get a sense of the who, then ask them, specifically, if they’d consider being in a discipleship relationship with you. If they decline, that’s OK. Trust in the Lord’s timing and leading. If they accept, then just like Jesus did, give them the parameters up front: you’re doing this to help them become “fishers of men” like Jesus was.

Meet intentionally once a week, for an hour or so, for nine to twelve months. Meet at other times, too, when it works for both of your schedules, to do parts of life together. Do the occasional errand or project together, as it works for your schedules, recalling that Jesus did most of his disciple-making

as he was doing something else—often just normal life things—with the disciples.

When you meet weekly, though, focus your conversations on the following four points as the rhythm of your time:

1. What is God saying to each of you through his Word and Spirit? What are you discovering? What remains confusing?
2. Talk about the things that are happening in your lives, big and small, good and bad.
3. What do you sense God is asking of you? What does he want each of you to do?
4. Who is God putting on your mind and heart: for help, for direction, maybe to begin discipling?

When questions are asked, give honest answers. If you don’t know the answer, be honest about that, too, and send them to someone in the church who can answer. There are people in our fellowship who are well-versed in all sorts of spiritual matters, scripture, counsel, etc. If you need an idea, talk to one of the pastors.

The overall theme and purpose of your time, though, is to help them become like Jesus so that they will, then, begin the process with someone else. They will begin to fish for new believers and disciples.

I wrote at the beginning that there would be a challenge, so here it is: Will you begin a discipleship relationship in the next month or so? There’s no need to pray about it. If you’re a follower of Jesus, you’ve already been instructed—even commissioned—by Jesus, to do it (see Matthew 28:18–20).

Will you begin making disciples who make disciples in this simple, do-able way?

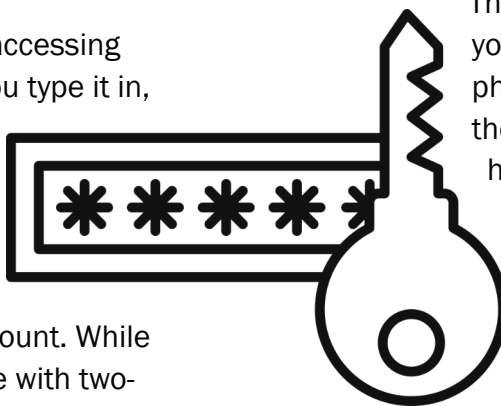
If you need more instruction or encouragement, come and see me. I can’t help but believe, though, that if only a fraction of our church family would begin making disciples in this way, our church and community would be transformed, God’s kingdom would grow, and we would please Jesus very much.

TECH TALK: WHAT'S A PASSKEY?

By Dan Dotterweich

Many sites are making a transition from password access to a passkey. What does this mean and is it safe?

With a password, the site you are accessing has saved your password and when you type it in, it is matched with the one in their database to verify your identity. The problem with this option is that if your password is discovered by bad actors, from you or from a data breach, they can then access your account. While this process can be made more secure with two-factor authentication (texting a code to your phone or email), it is possible for bad actors to “clone your phone” or compromise your email and intercept the code.



A passkey is different. It can be a fingerprint, face ID, or PIN (personal identification number).

This information is stored only on your local device (computer or phone) and not on the website of the account. The website only has a “public key” to verify your “private key.” Your account cannot be accessed with only the “public key.” Also, the PIN will not work on a “fake” website.

Consequently, if your account offers you the option to use a passkey, it is a much safer alternative than a password.

PARISH NURSING NEWS

By Renee Riffell

In the event of a cardiac emergency, you can find an AED in the white cabinet next to the Nursery Desk. We are working to obtain two more AEDs soon.

We have certified 31 church volunteers in Basic Life Support and how to use the AED, and more classes will be scheduled soon.

In addition to the AEDs, there are first aid kits in the Building C kitchen, at the Nursery Desk, and in the closet to the left of the brochure rack in the foyer. Each church van is also equipped with a first aid kit!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

For All Men, Young & Not So Young

Saturdays, October 31 and
November 21, 8:00 a.m.

Comfort Inn

100 All Star Way, Nicholasville

JESSAMINE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT



Save the Date!
Monday, October 19

MUSTERING OF THE MEN

Crossroads – South Men's Retreat

October 2–3

Eagle Ridge Retreat Center

We begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday
and end Saturday afternoon.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

By Ginny Proctor and Rachael Proctor

Ladies, we welcome you to join us for Ladies Night Out (LNO) at one of our local restaurants. We get together on the first Monday evening of each month* at 6:00 p.m. We always put it in the Sunday bulletin as a reminder. We have so much fun just relaxing and enjoying dinner together. It's never too late to come join the group! No RSVP necessary. Our plans for the last two months for LNO Season Six are below. We hope to see you there!

October 12*

Sonny's BBQ

109 N Plaza Dr, Nicholasville

November 2

Culver's

961 N Main St, Nicholasville

**If the first Monday is a holiday or Fall/Spring Break for public schools, LNO will take place on the second Monday (e.g. October). We look forward to having you with us! Questions? Call or text Ginny Proctor at 859-553-9784.*



Stay tuned for the upcoming
Season 7 calendar!

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY

By Anna Van Horn

Thursday, October 15

7:00 p.m.

in the Hospitality Room



Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day is held annually worldwide to remember the lives too short seen here on earth but continued thru eternity.

One in four pregnancies end in miscarriage, shortening the time held with precious children that go too soon. Pregnancy loss may be the most common experience nobody talks about.

Everyone grieves differently, but your lament is important and heard. WFMC wants to give space to share remembrance, comfort, and support. Come for this hour to be together with the body of Christ remembering your precious children with compassion and tenderness.



A TIME TO REMEMBER

Sunday, October 25

6:00 p.m.

On All-Saints Sunday, we will remember and celebrate the lives of our family members who have passed away during the past year (since October 2025). Through songs, prayers, and scripture readings, we will honor those who were part of the WFMC family, including our deceased parents, siblings, children, etc.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Bonnie Koteskey

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

- *The Christmas Story for Children* by Max Lucado
- *The Sheep Dog Reads Psalm 23* by Jay and Kristi Smith
- *The Girl Who Preached the Word* by Amy Whitfield
- *Where Is Sheep 100?* By Susie Crosby

New Adult Books: (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- *The Sands of Sea Blue Beach* by Rachel Hauck
- *When the Road Comes Around* by Katie Powner
- *Blessings* by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- *Doing Life with Your Adult Children: Keep Your Mouth Shut* by Jim Burns
- *Bygones* by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- *Final Approach* by Lynette Eason



Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at 859-859-3436 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.

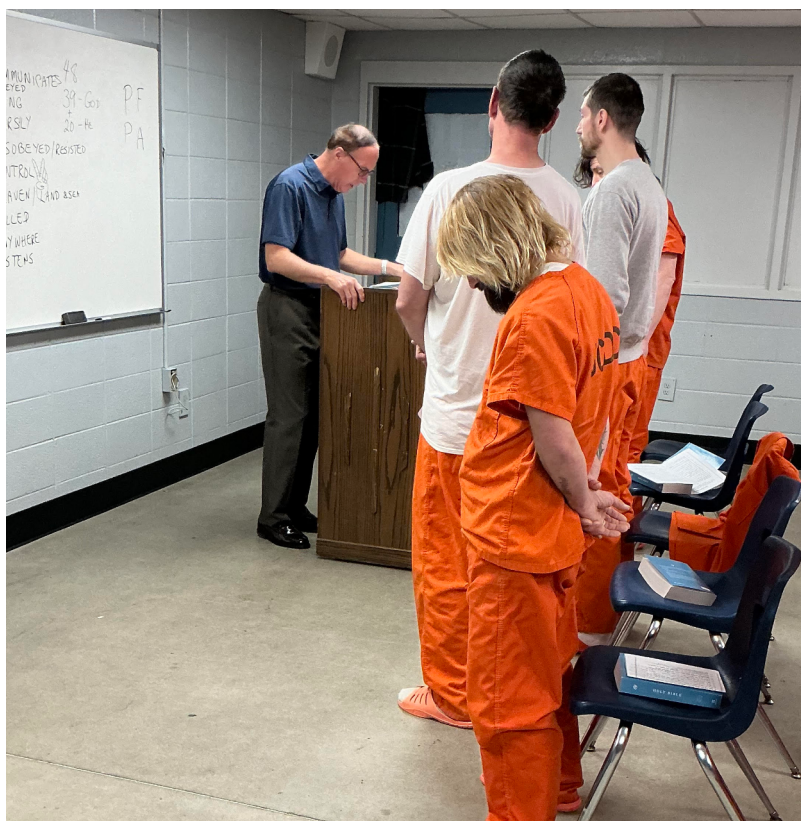
JAIL MINISTRY

By Ted Moon (with Hugh Sims, Craig Saunders, and Charlie Payne)

This month Craig Saunders, Hugh Sims, and Ted Moon had the opportunity of ministering to fifteen inmates at the Nicholasville jail. They expressed their gratitude for the stamped letters the WPMC provided so that each one could write their family and friends.

The topic shared was from the book of Jonah. We emphasize that the story of Jonah is a powerful reminder that God is the God of second chances. Jonah also teaches us that God's second chances are rooted in his mercy and compassion. The story challenges us not only to receive God's second chances but also to extend grace to others. Like Jonah, we may run, resist, fail, or make wrong choices, but God continues to call us back to himself. Our past mistakes do not have to determine our future when we surrender again to God. Jonah reminds us that the God who gives second chances is patient, merciful, and willing to give us a fresh opportunity to obey, serve, and fulfill his purposes.

Many thanks to you who faithfully pray for our church's ministry to both men and women in the Nicholasville jail.



WHO PRAYED?

By Wes and June Eisemann

On a beautiful October morning in 1975, Wes prepared to leave our home in Kinshasa, DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo), for a day of flying in the interior. He hesitated as he started out the door, returned to the breakfast table, and gave our 15-year-old son, David, and our 17-year-old daughter, Lois, a hug and a kiss, something he did not routinely do.

The purpose of the day's flight was to check newly built airstrips in the area of the remote mission station of Mwanza. These airstrips would greatly increase the outreach of missionary evangelist, Jack Rumohr. En route, Jack, Chuck Kunkle, a fellow Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) pilot, and Wes landed first at the mission station of Boko. They were not flying their usual MAF plane, so they took advantage of the stop over to do some practice take offs and landings.

Wes took the first check flight and invited two faithful Congolese church employees to go along. On the first take-off, just above the treetops, the engine stopped. Wes tried every emergency procedure he'd been taught to restart the engine—to no avail. One of Wes' flight instructors had told him that if you have engine failure when flying over forests, make the landing as near to normal as possible on the treetops.

When the plane touched the treetops, one of the plane's wings hit the tallest tree, causing the plane to come down through the trees sideways, cartwheel, and break apart in several places. Even though the plane was totaled, two flats of eggs sitting untied on the back seat of the airplane remained in place, unbroken. And Wes and the two passengers were uninjured!

At the Boko airstrip, dozens of people had come to watch the airplane land. They saw the plane go down, heard the crash, and began

running in that direction. The pastor sent a radio message to Kinshasa, saying the MAF plane had crashed and the three men had died. For almost a half hour, Tressie Rumohr, Kathy Kunkle, and I thought we were widows. Happily, someone soon returned from the crash site and told the pastor that the pilot and passengers had survived the crash with no injuries.

From time to time, I had wondered what it would be like to receive such a message. When it happened, a supernatural calm spread over me like a soft blanket. After all these years, that peace which passes all understanding is the most vivid memory I hold in my heart of that event.

When Wes arrived at the mission station, his foremost thought was, "Who prayed?" We soon discovered that God, knowing what was going to happen, communicated by his Spirit to members of his body. The night before, Jack Rumohr was with a group of Christians who prayed specifically for the safety of the next day's flight. The next morning, before he departed, he and his hosts prayed for protection for the day's journey.

After Wes had kissed our children good-bye and left, David turned to me and said, "Mom, I feel like I should pray for Dad right now," which he did. Later in the morning, a friend stopped by to visit. She said the Lord impressed on her heart to come and pray with me for Wes and the flight plans for the day. Eternity, no doubt, will reveal others who prayed.

I do not know why our omnipotent Father, God of all creation, chooses to work through our prayers, but our family knows firsthand that he does. "Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up" (Luke 18:1). May we grow in the grace of living our lives devoting ourselves "to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2).



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: CARSON AND ASHLYN DiFRANCO

By Sue Adkins

Carson DiFranco grew up in Buffalo, NY, while Ashlyn grew up an hour northeast in Albion, NY. When it came time for college, Carson spent his freshman year at the University at Buffalo, not knowing what he wanted to study. Eventually he realized that he wanted to study the Bible, so he transferred to Roberts Wesleyan, a small Free Methodist college in Rochester, NY. Ashlyn, wanting a school with both a good Christian education and a good nursing program, chose Roberts as well. Carson and Ashlyn met at orientation—Carson, a transferring sophomore, and Ashlyn, a freshman.

They got married on June 22, 2024, and moved to Wilmore that July so that Carson could begin working on his MDiv at Asbury Theological Seminary (ATS) that fall. They attended WPMC on their first Sunday in Wilmore and have never left!

Carson and Ashlyn now have a four-month-old daughter, Margot, born May 4 of this year. Carson says that they no longer know what sleep is; it has become a distant memory! Nevertheless, they love being new parents and are currently awaiting Margot's first laugh. Carson quips, "I must not be funny enough yet!"

Carson's first job was as a Tae Kwon Do instructor. He then went on to work on the grounds at a tennis club, as a custodian at his church, as a ministry intern at the church, as a case manager at a homeless shelter in Buffalo, NY, as a tutor and teacher's assistant in Old and New Testament at Roberts, and as a teacher's assistant for inductive Bible study at ATS. He is currently a hospitality assistant at the seminary gym, where he says he sees many people from WPMC.

Ashlyn's first job was as a babysitter before getting a job as a nanny for the same family for eight years. She also worked in an ice cream truck, a pizzeria, a daycare, as a biology tutor and



teacher's assistant at Roberts, as a resident advisor (RA) at Roberts, as a substitute teacher, and, after graduating, as a nurse. She now works at Baptist Health in Lexington as a postpartum nurse.

Carson and Ashlyn enjoy watching movies together and taking walks around the neighborhood with Margot.

Carson likes to play disc golf and enjoys reading, primarily about the Bible and theology. Ashlyn's hobbies are baking and gardening.

Carson was born and baptized in the Catholic church. In the third grade, however, his mom started attending a non-denominational mega-church. While attending a summer camp in middle school, he gave his life to the Lord and began praying and reading the Bible. He grew to love God's Word and wanted to study the Bible in college. Upon graduation, he felt God leading him to continue his education at ATS. Currently he feels God calling him into pastoral ministry, so he is a conference candidate in the FMC.

Ashlyn's father is an FM pastor, and she grew up as a PK (pastor's kid) in the Free Methodist Church. She accepted Christ as a young child at a summer camp and was baptized the summer after her sophomore year of high school. Her relationship with Christ grew through Bible quizzing, leading a Bible study club that she started at her high school, and attending small groups.

Carson and Ashlyn currently lead the "Couples in Christ" ABF at our church. Carson also oversees our weeding team, and Ashlyn is a quizzing coach and coordinates the prayer partners for the quizzers!

We are happy to get to know you, DiFranco family. Welcome to WPMC!

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Paul Johnston, Kinsley Roher
- 2 Leah Skyrms, Elias Winchester
- 3 Marna Wiggam, *Dwight & Kelly Winter*
- 4 Denise Adams, Felix Howard
- 5 Andrew Clark, Ed Kusche, Tom O'Neal, *Dennis & Denise Adams, Pat & Tracey Tillson*
- 7 *Dale & Myrna Hale, Nate & Heather Hall*
- 8 Ralph Clark, Sue Wiggam
- 9 Allie Lilly, Jane Moegerle, Rod Williamson
- 12 Sean Gaffney, Clara Reed, Joel Schumacher
- 13 Lynne Fuller, Lisa Kellogg
- 15 Ruth Cook, Kaitlyn Howard, August Miller, Gary Moegerle
- 16 Craig Saunders, *Todd & Krista Padgett*
- 17 Stuart Thompson
- 18 Jerry Diddle, Julie Dobie, Hilary Fiskeaux, *Gary & Rachel Weinberger*
- 19 Greg Bryant
- 20 Anna Dickie, *John & Joy Ireland*
- 21 Mark Wiggam
- 22 Nicholas Howard, Caroline Schmul, Tracey Tillson
- 23 Julie Howard
- 24 Jennie Lovell, Keith Madison, Diane Munoz, Bev Underwood, Larry Winkleman, *Jerry & Debby Marchal*
- 25 Karen Oswalt
- 26 Laura Branan, Noah Clark, Charlie Fiskeaux II, Jessie Thompson
- 27 Nancy Ellwood
- 28 Rocky Chen
- 31 Pat Caldwell, Aaron Raymond



November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Hayden Bryson, Samuel Langford, Matthew Williamson
- 2 Mike Dobie
- 5 Patti Fiskeaux, Melissa Flowers
- 7 Karen Koehn, Melide Taimla, Lee Taylor, Wesley Van Horn
- 8 Lucas Clark, Sam Powdrill
- 9 Annette Wittenberg
- 10 Bentley Kilby, Bob Neal, Chloe Shafer
- 11 Nate Hall, Natalie Hamblin, Jackie Silvers
- 12 Nancy McConnell, Gil Waterman
- 13 Earle Bowen
- 16 Louise Shannon
- 17 Charissa Richardson
- 18 Emily Baldwin
- 20 Tim McMillen, Major Upton, Harper Winchester
- 21 Ruby Branan, Dale Kierstead, Erin McLaughlin
- 22 Thad Gouge, *John & Nancy Coffee*
- 23 Duane Brown
- 24 Laura Ury, *Jon & Vera Steury*
- 25 Mary Ann Crane
- 26 Brittany Wagler
- 27 Paul Jones, Rachel Weinberger, *Paul & Lisa Kellogg*
- 28 Judi Behm, Steve Hersey, Charlie Kierstead, *Greg & Tonya Bryant, Paul & Linda Jacobson*
- 29 Jack Konopinski, Vickie Reynen, Lenore Sweigard, *Glen & Donna Flanigan*
- 30 Joe Crouse, Mark Evans, Raj Mariyanandam, Kelly Winter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wilmore Free Methodist Church

Bible Study

**For young adult women who want
to dig deeper into God's word
and apply it to their daily lives.**

Hosted by Kelly Winter & Renee Riffell
Join us Saturday mornings for Bible study & coffee.
10:00–11:00am
229 S Lexington Ave
Contact Kelly Winter at 859.935.5109



*October 3
October 17
October 31
November 14
November 28
December 12*

PRIMETIMERS' LUNCHEONS

By Allen Holmes

Inviting all adults, 55 and over!
Both lunches are catered.

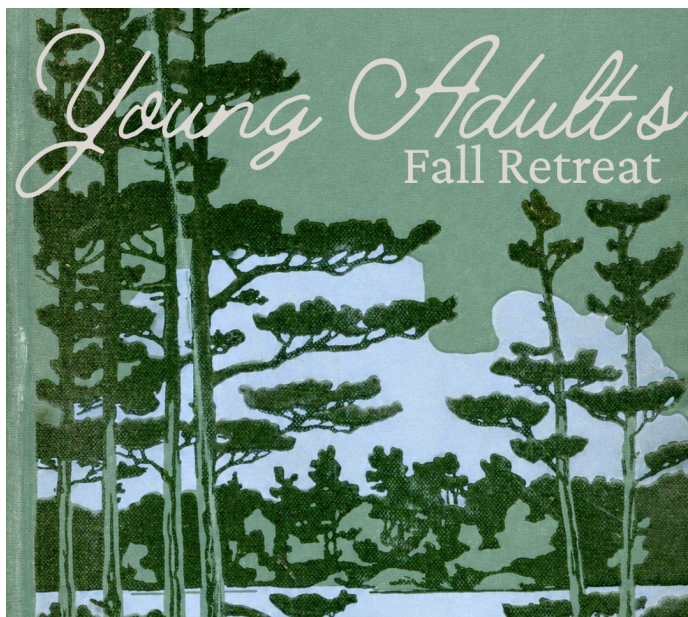


**Thursday, Oct 8, 12:00 p.m.
in Building C**

Rose Evans will share her God-given voice in Broadway tunes and maybe even a little country.

**Thursday, Nov 12, 12:00 p.m.
in Building C**

Marvin Bartlett, award-winning journalist, TV anchor, storyteller, and author will share about the unusual people, fascinating places, and quirky traditions he's discovered doing research for his Emmy award-winning TV series and book, *Spirit of the Bluegrass*.



Young Adults Fall Retreat

OCT 9th-11th

Scan to
Register



LOCATION
Eagle Ridge
Retreat Center
Bowling Green KY



Contact: Kelly Winter
859-935-5109
For any questions



\$30
Per Person

OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

**Friday, October 23, 6:00 p.m.
in the WPMC Gym**

Join us for a potluck meal and an evening with Dr. Medine Keener. She will share her story, offering encouragement



and inspiration as we consider what it means to be engaged in God's work around the world. Come listen to Medine, pray for the global church, and connect with others who share a heart for missions. Future Overseas Fellowship gatherings are:

- February 5, 2027
- April 9, 2027

YOUTH MINISTRY: SENIOR CAMPING TRIP

By Caitlin Gothay

Each year we take the high school seniors on a camping trip, which is a highlight of their youth group careers. But don't just take my word for it! Here is what a couple of your WFM Youth class of 2027 members had to say...

Dexter Cannon writes:

I recently had the pleasure of attending our annual youth senior camping trip [to Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee]. I have the privilege of telling you of all the great things we did and the fun experiences we had.

I have always enjoyed retreats. They're a lot of fun, but this trip was so much more than I expected. I thought we would be on a strict schedule with a certain amount of time for this before we moved on to that. I am happy to say, however, that it was not like that at all. We had a great deal of freedom to choose what we wanted to do. This relaxed environment, coupled with the many friends surrounding me, provided for an amazing experience I will likely never forget.

Friday afternoon, Thad, Perrin, Larkin, and I left early to help set up the campsite before the rest of the group arrived. Mr. Thad stopped to fill up gas a couple of times, and our last stop was at a Walmart, where we bought huge steaks and lots of corn. Upon arriving, I noticed that not only was this place huge, but almost every single camping site was taken. I would have worried we would be sleeping on the road had I not known we had three campsites reserved.

Everyone began unloading the trailer under Mr. Thad's instruction, and, immediately after unpacking everything, we started to erect the tents. It had been years since I had set up a tent, so the process was a little

fuzzy, but after we did the first one, I had the idea. At last, the moment we had all been eagerly awaiting arrived—dinner. Mr. Thad attempted to fit all of the corn on the grill over the firepit, and, to our surprise, he succeeded. Even more impressive, however, was how he fit all those 12-inch-long steaks on the grill!

After the four of us ate our fill, the rest of the group arrived. Pastor Caitlin, Sarah, Ethan, and Kate were the other adults that were with us for this special weekend. As for the other seniors, Eden, London, Susie, Sara, Jeremiah Raj, Jean, Jeremiah L (a good friend of mine whom I'd invited last minute with Pastor Caitlin's permission), and Lyric.

The first morning, everyone awoke rather early, and some of us helped make breakfast: scrambled eggs, diced potatoes, and sausage. There were also tortillas for anyone wanting a breakfast burrito. On the side were oatmeal, donuts, and Pop-Tarts.

After breakfast, we drove a short distance to a spot with a sand volleyball pit, a basketball court, and some nice flat grass for those of us who dared to play spikeball. We played two large games of volleyball with everyone who was there, and, despite wanting to try a different sport after the first game, some of us pushed through to finish one more. When everyone looked like they'd had a good time, we were called back to the van to leave for the first hike/swimming hole.

The Cable Trail, as it was called, was by far the steepest hike we did all weekend. However, it made up for its difficulty in its length, as it was the shortest hike we went on. Eventually we arrived at the bottom and were blessed with a gorgeous view of the very tall waterfall above. Some of us jumped right into the water, while others (like me) took a bit longer, concerned about the temperature of the water, which was actually an amazing temperature, especially

for the hot day. Mr. Thad was already across the huge pool before I even got my head under. After some determination, however, Jeremiah L. and I went fully under and began swimming to where Mr. Thad was. He was attempting to rock climb, which was very difficult because the water was not high enough. Later on, he dragged this huge log into the water and swam it over to where he wanted to climb. After that, it was simply a matter of keeping his balance before he was on the rocks. He went higher and higher, and then, as if it was nothing, jumped from 30–40 feet off the mountain. A few daring souls followed suit, not going quite as high, but nevertheless climbing the slippery rocks and jumping off into the deep water below.

When it looked like we were burned out from staying in the same place, a majority of us ventured further on in hopes of finding another swimming hole. Sadly, we found nothing but a small pool, which was not deep enough to jump into from any sort of height.

When we got back to where we'd begun, it was about time to leave. I mentioned earlier that the Cable Trail was the steepest of the hikes we went on, and while it may have seemed daunting going down, it was much worse going up!

Arriving back at the campsite, most of us were exhausted from swimming, hiking, and climbing and just relaxed the rest of the day. We played Uno under the freezing rain, and then another fun card game called Scum, during which, I believe, some friendships may have been damaged.

After dinner, Sarah provided a nice devotional, posing a question/command at the end. She told us to be prepared to give an answer the next day of either our coming-to-Christ story or a specific time that we just understood an aspect of God (i.e., his love, mercy, grace, etc.). The next morning was a

very intimate and emotional time of people sharing some of their God experiences, and everyone opened their hearts to the small surrounding crowd.

After that devotional and sharing time, we went on another hike to the coldest water we would feel all weekend. It was much longer than the Cable Trail (partly because we stopped for a while to take pictures), and at the end there were a lot of large slippery rocks. When I dipped my foot into the frigid water, I shivered. I knew this was not going to be very pleasant, but I endured. I crawled my way over to a large rock where there was enough space to jump into the small pool, and gathered all the courage I could find before jumping in. It was as cold as I expected, and it did not take very long for me to decide I would be more comfortable in the heat of the sun rather than the freezing, shadowed water.

Once everybody else looked like they might be frozen in place if they didn't thaw out soon, we decided to hike back to the van. Shortly after eating, some of us went straight to the last swimming spot, while



most of the others went with Ethan to buy some more ice cream. Most of my time there was spent outside of the water playing spikeball or juggling the soccer ball with Jeremiah L. and Ethan, but I had a fun time in the water nevertheless.

Then we all drove back to the campsite where another game of Scum commenced. Rocky friendships were on the verge of falling apart, but before they could completely break, Pastor Caitlin announced that s'mores were ready to be made.

The final morning was the best from the whole weekend. We packed everything up, ate breakfast, and set off for the final hike.

We took lots of spectacular pictures, some of which you will probably be able to see in Building C. We never had a set destination. We just kept hiking until we felt like we had gotten the most out of it, then we turned back.

Larkin, Jeremiah L., and I rode with Mr. Thad on the way back. It was a peaceful drive: nothing special, no more hikes, no more freezing swimming holes. But everyone had built or strengthened relationships with all who were present. This camping trip could have been severely boring, or something terrible might have happened, but because we were surrounded by people we love, there was not one person who suffered a bad time. I cannot wait to hear about next year's Senior Camping Trip, because I am fully confident they will have as much fun as all of us did.

Sara Bailey adds:

The senior camping trip was such a meaningful way to spend time together as a

senior class, and personally, one of my favorite trips with WPMC. Throughout the weekend, we got to step away from our normal school routines and simply enjoy being together. We hiked through beautiful scenery, went swimming, explored, and made memories that I know many of us will remember for a long time. There were so many laughs and fun moments. Even the small things, like playing cards under a tarp when it rained or spending time together eating lunch by a swimming hole, helped us become much closer as a senior class. It was a great opportunity to get to know people on a deeper level and strengthen

friendships that we might not have had otherwise.

Beyond all of the fun, the trip was also incredibly meaningful spiritually. Having time together to pray, reflect, and talk about our faith allowed us to grow closer not only to each other but also to God. Being surrounded by nature gave us a chance to slow down

and appreciate God's creation, while reflecting on what he is doing in each of our lives now and moving forward after high school. The weekend reminded us that our senior year is about more than just school and graduation, it is also about the relationships we build and the people we become. Overall, the trip brought our class closer together in a way that was both fun and spiritually meaningful, and it gave us memories and connections that we can carry with us throughout the rest of our lives.

As you can see we had a marvelous time! Thanks for all the prayers and support.



Heading down the cable trail

Trunk or Treat 2026



Wednesday, October 28
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Who: Elementary age and younger, accompanied by an adult
What: Fun for the whole family
Where: Lower parking lot of WFMC

Bring a friend and have fun dressing up, getting candy, eating popcorn and playing some games!



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 29
6:00 p.m.

Come and see how we prepare our sanctuary for this Advent season. Learn about the significance of each decoration, enjoy the music of the season, meet the people of the Nativity story, and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ.



DEVINE'S PUMPKIN PATCH AND CORN MAZE

All are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
4:45–9:15 p.m.

Cost = \$6 (cash or card)

To ride in WFMC vans or to caravan, meet at WFMC at 4:45 p.m. Our time at Devine's is 5:30–8:30 p.m. Dinner concessions are available. Vans will return to WFMC at 9:15 p.m.

Special Instructions

- Please let Pastor Caitlin know if you plan to meet the group at Devine's.
- Youth in 6th–12th grades may attend with the WFMC youth chaperones.
- Children in 5th grade or younger must attend with their own adult chaperone.
- A current Medical/Permission form as well as a permission slip (for youth attending without family) must be on file for each youth/child before the trip.



TAKE NOTE

By Rose Evans

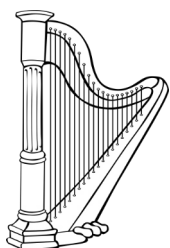


Special Dates: Fall 2026–Spring 2027

November 29	6:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens
December 6	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Musical Celebration of Christmas
December 6	6:00 p.m.	All-Church Christmas Caroling
December 13	6:00 p.m.	Heaven's Harmony Musical
April 18	6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Tour Homecoming
April 25	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Children-led service
April 26	7:00 p.m.	Spring Ring
May 2	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Singing Celebration

Christmas Choir!

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing in October for the Musical Celebration of Christmas. If you enjoy singing and ministering through song and would like to make a short-term commitment to the “Christmas Choir,” you are welcome to join us for rehearsals beginning early October. Watch the bulletin and listen for announcements for more information and rehearsal schedules, or contact Rose Evans (revans@wfmc.net).



Coming in January

An “Intro to the Harp Workshop” will take place over the course of several weeks on Wednesday nights in early 2027. Be on the lookout for more information to come in the next *Plumline* and in the bulletin. Contact Krista Padgett (Krista@gracefulharp.com) or Rose Evans for more details.

Remember to Help Our Visitors

Sometimes we get so familiar with the “way we do things” that we can 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 and the black notebook, and offer an encouraging word and a smile! We want everyone to feel free to participate in corporate worship, no matter their background. Thanks for your help!



Interested in More Information about WPMC Music Ministries?

For more information about music ministries at WPMC, please see the music brochure at the Welcome Center or contact Mark Schell (mschell@wfmc.net) or Rose Evans. There is a place for you to serve in our ministry, and there is room for all ages and all skill levels! We want to hear from you!

COMMON THREADS MINISTRY

By Caitlin Gothay

Over the past two years, I have been blessed to find community in the Common Threads prayer shawl group that meets on Thursday mornings. When I went to the room just to see who was down there, they pulled me in and taught me how to crochet. I don't get there every week, and some weeks I go down with my computer and do my work and enjoy the company. What I have found in this group is a community I didn't know I needed.

As a leader in the church, I am usually doing just that: leading, planning, prepping, etc. I am blessed to walk into that room and just be a participant. We always have great conversations. We share devotions that challenge and encourage each other. There's always snacks! And we pray. This group of ladies is intentional to pray for the needs of each other and for those who have received a prayer shawl.

The shawls are knitted or crocheted with love and prayerfulness. We don't always know where they will go, but God does, and he blesses our hands as we work.

If you are interested in joining the Common Threads group, join us in B107 each Thursday from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. If you know someone who would appreciate the gift of a prayer shawl, they are located to the left of the welcome desk in the sanctuary foyer.



L–R: Victoria Poore, Faith Shingledecker, Mary Ann Wiley, Pat Gilmore, Carolyn Rumble, and Caitlin Gothay

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the love of the Father, the grace
of Jesus, and the power of the
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The Plumbline

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

See inside for more details.

Oct 2-3	Mustering the Men Retreat	Oct 28	Trunk or Treat
Oct 3	Young Adult Women's Bible Study	Oct 31	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
Oct 4	All-church Hayride (6:00 p.m.)	Oct 31	Men's Breakfast
Oct 6	Devine's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze	Nov 2	Ladies Night Out
Oct 8	PrimeTimers Luncheon	Nov 12	PrimeTimers Luncheon
Oct 9-10	Ladies Fall Retreat	Nov 14	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
Oct 9-11	Young Adult Fall Retreat	Nov 21	Men's Breakfast
Oct 12	Ladies Night Out	Nov 28	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
Oct 15	Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness	Nov 29	Hanging of the Greens
Oct 17	Young Adult Women's Bible Study	Dec 6	Musical Celebration of Christmas
Oct 19	Jessamine County Band	Dec 6	Christmas Caroling
Oct 23	Overseas Fellowship	Dec 12	Young Adult Women's Bible Study
Oct 25	A Time of Remembrance	Dec 13	Heaven's Harmony