



The Plumbline

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Christians Helping and Hurting By Pastor Daryl Diddle

Lately there have been several issues, locally and beyond, that have provoked good discussion in communities

regarding the Christian response to helping those in need; I'm thinking of three issues in particular – homelessness, flood relief and student debt.

How should followers of Jesus respond to situations like these?

There are, of course, broad principles that guide Christian thinking on these, and all, topics. Principles like compassion, the meeting of persons' real, felt needs, enabling productivity, avoiding theft, encouraging honesty and the keeping of commitments, pushing back against sin or evil... these Scriptural precepts, and many others, should frame our efforts. We should all be able to agree about that.

What gets tricky, however, is precisely how to keep these in balance facing real world problems. Consider these nuances, using my three examples, which I'm taking as local, regional and national issues.

Homelessness:

It is, of course, not just a local problem, nor is it particularly new to Wilmore, yet only lately has there been much public discussion about it. Indeed if there were easy solutions, nearly every city and town in our world would not be struggling with it as they are.

There are some people who believe that housing should be erected for those who are homeless; yet many who are homeless choose to live outdoors for personal reasons and would not live indoors even if such accommodations were provided.

Some believe the greater community should provide all their needs or wants, but what about encouraging those who are able to

work to be responsible for caring for themselves?

Some believe the homeless among us should be forced to do a variety of things, like enter drug addiction treatment, take medications, receive constant oversight, etc...all in the name of helping them. While the Christian should certainly seek freedom from addictions and desire health for all, what about respecting these persons' freedom and dignity?

Some try to ignore the presence of the homeless in our midst...or would simply move them somewhere beyond our locale if they could, yet these folks are made in God's image who deserve more than to be ignored or decamped.

Some see the homeless only as a collective group, but these are individuals from different circumstances with different reasons for their situations.

Natural Disasters / Regional Flooding:

Some Christians believe this sort of relief should be handled by government (or insurance companies,) but what about our divine responsibility to care for others in God's name? Even if government funds are available, do we as followers of Christ not still bear responsibility to engage personally?

What eternal good might be accomplished when sacrificial giving is done by Christ's body in His name? (Remember, in our day, good will almost never be done in Jesus' name by governmental agencies.)

What sort of positive faith development in the believer comes by intense personal engagement in helping another?

How might Christ be asking us to do without so we might have margin in our time and finances to give to those who have nothing... or nothing left?

Nationally Subsidizing University Student Debt:

This is a large, still-developing issue that has far-reaching implications and is only one example of governmental preference that has been committed by both political parties through the years. Some feel that this, and other proposals like it, are very positive because they seem to help or relieve people of short term burdens. Christians, however, while certainly concerned with the short-term well-being of persons, must also consider the resulting long-term consequences. We are a people who take the long view and see implications that may not be evident to others. For example:

What does governmental subsidy of college students say to those who worked hard and sacrificed to pay for school without incurring debt, or those who pay taxes but never went to college? What is just and fair?

Is it fiscally or morally responsible for our government to incur more debt, for this or anything else?

Should the general population be responsible for one individual's, or a group's (arguably poor) decision to borrow money?

Should Christians encourage the breaking of commitments and promises (to repay debt?) What does this teach about personal character and faith development?

Should not Christians stand against governmental creation (printing) of money which exacerbates inflation, increases prices, and devalues everyone's financial resources...if, for no other reason, these sorts of actions harm the poor more than anyone else?

A resource that I've found helpful in addressing principles related to these is the book, *"When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself."* The book takes the position that faith in Christ is not merely an exercise in personal piety but an exercise in living out piety in service to others and helps guide believers in caring for Christ's Kingdom in responsible and Scriptural ways.

To me, one of its most important contributions is its identification of the three types of charitable interventions: **Relief**, **Rehabilitation**, and **Development**.

A temporary crisis, such as a natural disaster or sudden unemployment, requires **Relief**, characterized by one-way giving designed to alleviate immediate suffering. **Relief** should always be seldom, immediate and temporary.

Returning to the pre-crisis state, such as rebuilding a home or finding a new job requires **Rehabilitation**, characterized by the recipient becoming an active participant in his or her own recovery.

Advancing to a higher level of flourishing than previously experienced, such as getting a better home or job, requires **Development**, which, like **rehabilitation**, requires active participation from the individual advancing. For both **rehabilitation** and **development** to be effective, true helpers must recognize the importance of "doing with" and not simply "doing for" the individuals in need.

Put another way, to help others in the short term without hurting them in the long term means never doing things for people that they can legitimately do for themselves.

Through the years, I've found that many people, especially well-meaning, kind-hearted Christians, fall into the trap of thinking that "doing for" is always helpful. In truth, "doing for" can be degrading, dehumanizing and can actually hold people back instead of helping them move ahead.

Of course this is a huge topic which cannot possibly be explored here. My goal in mentioning these things is to encourage us to go beyond our preconceived notions, sound-bite philosophies, politics and personal preferences and begin to think more deeply, Scripturally, and comprehensively about what helping others means, and how God wants us, personally and as a church body, to be involved in doing so.

Community Service Center Update

During these challenging times, there is an increase in the number of households requesting food. Do you know that 1 in 6 Kentuckians are experiencing food insecurity? Your donation of the following items would be extremely helpful in responding to this need.



- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- 24 oz spaghetti sauce
- 1 lb spaghetti pasta
- 16 oz peanut butter
- Cake and brownie mixes

Ladies' Night Out

Many ladies have been enjoying a monthly night out, but there's always room for more! Ladies Night Out is an invitation to all ladies in the church who enjoy eating dinner at a local restaurant. We have a blast and hope you will join us at 6:00pm the first Monday of each month. Post the following schedule on your calendar and come for a great time! Contact Ginny Proctor with questions at (859) 553-9784.



⇒ October 3	Chicken Salad Chick, Brannon Crossing
⇒ November 7	Copper River Grille, Nicholasville
⇒ December 5	El Rio Mexican Restaurant, Nicholasville
⇒ January 9	Sonny's BBQ, Nicholasville
⇒ February 6	Fazoli's, Nicholasville
⇒ March 6	Culver's, Nicholasville
⇒ April 3	BJ's Brewhouse, Nicholasville Road
⇒ May 1	Smashing Tomato, Fayette Mall



Trunk or Treat

The entire church family is invited to Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 26th. Please consider decorating your trunk and passing out candy to the children. Decorating hours are between 4:00pm-6:00pm. Kids and families will show up at 6:30pm for the fun and festivities. Grab your family and friends and be creative. There will even be a prize for the best decorated vehicle. Can't decorate? No problem! We are still in need of candy donations. Please drop them off in the foyer in a basket marked "Trunk or Treat". Please contact Nicole Shafer at nichshafer@gmail.com if you will be participating.



Praying For Things That Matter

By Charlie Fiskeaux

A few years ago, I had the privilege to attend a Francis Asbury Society retreat that addressed the topic of prayer. The speaker challenged us with the statement, "If God answered all your prayers, would it make a difference in the world or just in your world?" In other words, how large is the circle of concern about which you pray?

It is easy for us to focus our prayers on ourselves; our individual needs, our family, and our personal world, because these are the concerns that are closest to us and affect us most directly. To the question at hand, review the topics that you address regularly in prayer. How many extend beyond your personal world to include concerns about the lives of others, the church, and the world?

A significant part of our spiritual growth, in having Christ's nature implanted within us and being transformed into His image, is to be concerned about other people. This concern for others enables us to demonstrate love for them as persons whom God also loves and for whom Christ died. Having our focus expanded to include other people is not natural for us. However, it is possible through the Holy Spirit dwelling in our lives. So, when we pray, it is important that we expand our focus and include the larger sphere of the world that is our Father's concern.

Examining the Scriptures, we find several groups of persons and entities about which God is concerned and for whom He directs us to pray:

The world – (John 3:16) In the context of this statement to Nicodemus, it seems clear that the "world" to which Jesus is referring here is all the people in the world: all countries; all nationalities; all ethnic backgrounds; all levels of society without regard for their religious or philosophical backgrounds. Simply, the focus is that all men, women and children everywhere should believe on Jesus as God's Son, not perish, and have everlasting life.

Our enemies – (Matt 5:44-48) Pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. Why? Because God loves them and this gives us an occasion to demonstrate our love for them. In this passage, Jesus continues with the challenge

to be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect. From the context, Christian perfection includes not only praying for our enemies, but showing love for them.

For workers – (Matt 9:37-38) This is one of those difficult statements in Scripture. If the harvest of souls belongs to the Father as the Lord of the harvest and He is all powerful, then why does He need us to pray for workers for His harvest? I really can't answer this question. For sure, the Father initiates all action and enables us to engage in His harvest by praying for workers. But it seems that He has self-limited His actions in our world and asks for our cooperation in order to work out His will on earth. Even if we don't fully comprehend the background of this statement, we can cooperate with God's purposes by praying for workers to be sent into His harvest.

Our government leaders – (I Tim 2:1-4) While we are citizens of our Lord's Kingdom on earth, we are also citizens of our earthly countries. We are told that God raises up leaders and persons in authority in order to maintain order in society. Paul states that kings and those in authority can enable us to lead peaceable lives, which will assist all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. When we agree with our leaders' decisions and actions, we can use our freedom to actively advance our Lord's kingdom on earth. However, in countries without religious freedom, God somehow utilizes persecution to advance His church through ways totally different from our natural understanding.

For persecuted Believers – (Matt 25:36) Jesus tells us that at the future time of judgement, taking care of the least of persons who are naked, hungry and in prison is the same as ministering to Jesus himself.

For bold witness by the saints – (Eph 6:18-20) In this situation, it appears that we are to pray generally for all saints, with perseverance and supplication. But Paul goes further and gives a specific example of what to pray for, "that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel." It is always appropriate that we pray for each other – and for all the saints around the world – to know what and how to speak for Christ and be given boldness in doing so.

His Kingdom realized on earth (Lord's Prayer) – (Matt 6:9-10) "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This prayer

seems to have a wide focus that includes our Lord's Kingdom coming in completeness, with full harmony and in total subjection to the Father. While Satan wants none of this to happen and tries to thwart every effort toward this end, we have the privilege of standing on God's side of the battle and engaging with all of our efforts, powers and prayers on behalf of our Lord's kingdom being fully realized on earth.

Those suffering and sick – (James 5:13-16) Since suffering and sickness affect everyone, this prayer focus easily intersects our daily lives. The challenge is to pray in faith and to transparently confess our trespasses to one another. Our personal lives must be in full harmony with the Holy Spirit's directions for righteousness in order for our prayers for others to be heard in heaven and answered.

Our family (personal and in Christ) – (Numbers 6:22-26) It is not difficult to pray over our family members and fellow church members the blessing that God gave to Moses for the children of Israel; including the Lord's direct blessings on us, His countenance being favorable toward us, His graciousness being extended to each of us, and the Lord looking upon us favorably and giving us peace. May it be so, that each of us knows and experiences such blessings from the Lord!

So the question is: how large is the circle of concern about which you pray? "If God answered all your prayers, would it make a difference in the world or just in your world?" We can be assured that we are praying about things that matter to God when we pray about the full-orb of needs that the Scripture brings to our attention.

Music Ministries Update "Take Note"

If you enjoy making music and fellowshiping with other believers, then perhaps one of these music ensembles at WPMC is just the opportunity for you! In September, our music ensembles begin rehearsing weekly. Groups range from pre-Kindergarten to adult and from hand chimes to adult choir. Please do not miss this opportunity to further develop your musical gifts, grow spiritually and connect with others in our church. Listed below you will find general information regarding available ensembles.

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing for the Musical Celebration of Christmas in October. If you enjoy singing and would like to make a short-term commitment to the "Christmas Choir" you are welcome to join for rehearsals beginning early October. Watch the bulletin and listen for further announcements and rehearsal schedules, or contact Rose Evans.

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

Look for these events to happen in the coming year:

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| • November 12 th | 7:00pm | Handbell Festival at AU |
| • November 27 th | 6:00pm | Hanging of the Greens |
| • December 4 th | 8:30 & 11:00am | Musical Celebration of Christmas |
| • December 4 th | 6:00pm | Christmas Caroling |
| • March 12 th | 6:00pm | Youth Musical |
| • April 24 th | 7:00pm | Spring Ring (Monday evening) |
| • April 30 th | 8:30 & 11:00am | Children-led service |
| • May 7 th | 6:00pm | Singing Celebration |

Library News

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

- ◆ Miracle in a Shoebox – Franklin Graham
- ◆ The Littlest Angel – Charles Tazewell
- ◆ The Very First Christmas –Jan & Mike Berenstain
- ◆ Three Christmas Journeys – Ro Willoughby
- ◆ Little Pilgrim's Big Journey – Tyler Halteron

New Adult Books (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ A Distant Shore – Karen Kingsbury
- ◆ It is We with My Soul – Shelly Beach
- ◆ Living Beyond My Dream – Jarrod Polson
- ◆ The Edge of the Divine – Sandi Patty
- ◆ Broken on the Back Row – Sandi Patty

I Can Talk With God by Debbie Anderson helps children understand that they can pray to God anywhere. The illustrations are cheerful and colorful. This book is appropriate for preschool children.

Sometimes children feel that there are certain ways or rules that must be followed when we pray. Examples are kneeling or using "holy" words.

Every Which Way to Pray by Joyce Meyer allows children to see that they can pray wherever they are. The emphasis is on the fact that Jesus wants us to pray to communicate with Him. Mary Sullivan uses animals in her pictures to convey various ways to pray. Based on child development, my suggestion would be to use the first book to introduce prayer and the second book for early primary children to teach the variety of ways to pray.

Reviews written by Beverly Jennings

Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at (859) 858-3436, or leave a note on the library bulletin board. It is important to return the materials when they are due so that others can check them out.

Prison Ministries



Do your prayers make a difference for those in jail?

Here are a few comments shared by inmates during our visits on Sunday evening:

* I made some dumb decisions. I lost everything and ended up in jail. I thought things couldn't get any worse. I had lots of time so I started reading the Bible you gave us. It showed me there was a God who cared for me!

* I did not know how to read until I was in jail. My cell mate taught me to read, so for the first time, I can read my Bible. I found out that Jesus really loves me. That is amazing!

* Since we only have services once a week, I and my cell mates read one chapter a day from Proverbs. Then we talk about what God is saying to us. Thanks to all those in your church for providing us with the Daily Bread booklets.

Carolyn Hale, Kaye Payne, and Pauline Blanka have started visiting the women inmates. They would appreciate your continued prayers. They will be meeting for the second time this month with the women.

We thank God for the opportunities He gives us to minister in His name.

*Remaining under His mercy,
Charlie, Craig and Ted*



BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Gabriel Clark, Kinsley Roher, Katie Winter, Jaycob Youngblood
- 2 Jesse Jones
- 3 Marna Wiggam, Dwight & Kelly Winter
- 4 Denise Adams, *Greg & Lorraine Mink*
- 5 Andrew Clark, Ed Kusche, Tom O'Neal, *Dennis & Denise Adams, Pat & Tracey Tillson*
- 7 Vincent Ezell, *Dale & Myrna Hale, Nate & Heather Hall*
- 8 Forrest Jamison
- 9 Allie Lilly, Isaac Maynard, Jane Moegerle
- 11 *Wiley & Laura Adams*
- 12 Sean Gaffney, Joel Schumacher, Timothy Thomas
- 13 Lynne Fuller, Lisa Kellogg, Samuel Maynard, Tammy Drake Robinson
- 14 *Lyle & Marilyn Van Horn*
- 15 Ruth Cook, August Miller, Gary Moegerle
- 16 Craig Saunders, *Todd & Krista Padgett*
- 17 Stuart Thompson
- 18 Jerry Diddle, *Gary & Rachel Weinberger*
- 19 Greg Bryant
- 20 Anna Dickie, *John & Joy Ireland*
- 22 Tracey Tillson
- 23 Keith Iddings, Les Prochina
- 24 Abby Dobie, Ceirra Ezell, John Houk, Jennie Lovell, Keith Madison, Diane Munoz, Bev Underwood, Larry Winkleman, *Jerry & Debby Marchal*
- 25 Karen Oswalt
- 26 Laura Branan, Noah Clark, Jessie Thompson, Luke Van Laningham
- 27 Nancy Ellwood
- 28 Rocky Chen
- 29 Margaret Dargan
- 30 Joy Dupree
- 31 Pat Caldwell

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Hayden Bryson, Samuel Langford
- 2 Mike Dobie, Patti Fiskeaux
- 5 Melissa Flowers
- 7 Ben Diddle, Karen Koehn, Lee Taylor, *Wally & Bev Underwood*
- 8 Lucas Clark, Sam Powdrill
- 9 Annette Wittenberg
- 10 Bentley Kilby, Bob Neal, Chloe Shafer
- 11 Nate Hall
- 12 Ashlynn Elliott, Nancy McConnell, Ted Suffridge, Gil Waterman
- 13 Earle Bowen
- 14 Elijah McGlothlin, Beth Ury
- 17 Jerry Faber
- 18 Emily Baldwin, Patti Smythe
- 19 Sebastian Hersey
- 20 Tim McMillen, Major Upton
- 21 Ruby Branan, Dale Kierstead, Erin McLaughlin
- 22 Thad Gouge, Robbie Joy
- 24 Laura Ury, *Jon & Vera Steury*
- 25 Mary Ann Crane
- 26 Brittany Wagler, *Mark & Kathy Davila*
- 26 *Jon & Amanda Reifsnyder*
- 27 Paul Jones, Rachel Weinberger, *Paul & Lisa Kellogg*
- 28 Judi Behm, Steve Hersey, Charlie Kierstead, *Greg & Tonya Bryant, Paul & Linda Jacobson*
- 29 Vickie Reynen, Lenore Sweigard, *Glen & Donna Flanigan, Carl & Millie Rhodes*
- 30 Joe Crouse, Mark Evans, Kelly Winter

OCTOBER 2022

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Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief

If you are somehow unaware, a devastating flood hit a large portion of eastern Kentucky in late July. Lives were lost and many possessions and homes were damaged or destroyed altogether. Due to the flooding and conditions which were already present, many people in eastern Kentucky are in desperate need of hope – the hope of restoring their physical belongings and in many cases, the hope of Christ.



Once you read this, our church will have sent at least five different teams to the town of Jackson in Breathitt County to support the relief effort. These teams have done everything from serving food and sorting clothing to tearing out ruined drywall and insulation. Most recently, teams have begun a combination of cleaning out and rebuilding. Each trip has afforded the opportunity for our team members to pray with many who have lost so much. Most of the jobs we have performed would have been overwhelming for an individual, but as a group, we have been able to accomplish them. We have already sent team members from as young as ten to as old as seventy five. Many of our church members have gone on return trips as well. All who have gone have seen the immense value in the work they provided.

Ask yourself if you've ever wanted to get involved in mission work but there were barriers holding you back.

Can't get off work? We are offering a Thursday and a Saturday trip to accommodate work schedules. These are one-day trips (leaving at 7 am -- returning the same day around 9 pm), so the interruption to your schedule is minimal.

Can't afford it? The church will feed you supper – just eat before you come and bring a sack lunch – this trip should cost you nothing.

Don't have transportation? We will take church vans and WPMC will buy the gas.

Don't have expertise? There is work for everyone with any ability – we have several team members with professional expertise in the building trade who will advise as needed.

Don't know who to help? We have connected with a local pastor in Jackson who directs us to those in need.

Too young? Those under 16 can come with a parent/guardian.

I'll leave you with a quote from Kevin Hale, a church member who has provided leadership on these trips. When asked if he would be returning on another trip, even though he had some work planned for that day, he stated, "How can I not go? I'm building a deck. These people are rebuilding their lives."

Our next two trips will be on Thursday, October 13 and Saturday, November 19. We hope you'll consider coming.

If this interests you, please contact Keith Madill (kjmadill5@gmail.com) or Dennis Adams (adamswdb@yahoo.com) with questions or to reserve your spot. Please indicate which day you are coming.



Youth Summer Recap



SomerSplash Waterpark

The WFM Youth wrapped up summer with a trip to SomerSplash water park and King's Island amusement park. It is always special to see the pure joy (or terror) of teens on a roller coaster! Thanks for the wonderful and adventurous volunteers who made these trips possible.



Kings Island Amusement Park

School started again on August 10th with a mix of emotions: some teens were excited, others nervous, some a bit of both. Please keep our middle and high school students as they seek to do good, learn from their teachers, and be lights for Christ in, what really amounts to a spiritual war-zone. As you see our teens around our church and community, please encourage them to keep up the good work. Personally, I am continually impressed by their attitude and desire to grow in faith

Over Labor Day weekend, we took the seniors camping to Green River Lake. The weather prediction looked less than hopeful, but God blessed us with a fabulous weekend of swimming, biking, hiking and a trip to Many thanks to Thad Gouge and Ethan Adams for chaperoning!

~ Caitlin



Senior Retreat at Green River Lake

Opportunities for Prayer at WPMC

Prayer - communication with our Heavenly Father - is the way to live a life that pleases Him. A vibrant prayer life undergirds and directs all we do. No amount of corporate prayer opportunities can replace a healthy, consistent, personal prayer life, which is why WPMC seeks to support and nurture good habits of personal prayer. At the same time, we offer the following group opportunities:

Prayer Notes and News (PNN)

When situations arise which require immediate prayer support of the entire church, contact the church office at office@wPMC.net or at (859) 858-3521 during regular office hours. If you need emergency prayer outside of office hours, contact Pastor Daryl at ddiddle@wPMC.net to have your need e-mailed to the church family. You can sign up to receive PNN by contacting the church office.

Praying for One Another

The Lord urges us to, *"keep praying for all the Lord's people."* (Eph. 6:18b). The goal of our church is to pray regularly for each person in the church directory. To make this work, we need many individuals to volunteer. Each volunteer receives a list of five +/- families for whom to pray regularly.

Praying for Outreach Events

This ministry gives prayer support to outreach events (Christmas and Independence Day), as well as giving prayer support to those who are sent out into evangelism opportunities in our community.

Praying At Home

Praying Through

Late fall and winter Wednesday nights (7:00p to 7:00a) are designated for all night prayer. All are encouraged to choose a half hour through the night to pray at home for in preparation for our winter revival. Watch for the beginning of Praying Through this month.

Praying for a Bible Quizzer

You may sign up in September to pray for a Bible Quizzer for the school year. You will receive a picture of the assigned quizzer and some of his / her interests.

Praying for a Teen

Our goal is to regularly pray for every teen who attends WPMC. You may sign up to receive the name of a teen to put on your daily prayer list. This opportunity is presented in September for the year.

Special Prayer Ministry

At our Wednesday prayer meeting, many of the requests are recorded and printed. If you would like to receive these requests by email each Friday, contact the church office.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities

Sunday Pre-Service Prayer

All are welcome at 8:00a and 5:30p in Room B106 to pray for our regular services.

Youth Prayer Breakfast

Our teens in grades 6-12 meet each Tuesday morning at 7:15a in Building C for a time of prayer and devotions before having breakfast together. The students are taken to school or home afterward.

Men's Prayer

At 6:30a each Tuesday morning, men meet in Room A200 for an hour of sharing, testimony, and prayer. The third Saturday of each month the Men's Ministry sponsors a Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:00a. All men are welcome.

Women's Prayer Group

Women meet Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:00a in Room A200 and pray for the requests submitted on Sunday's communication cards. Confidentiality is respected by the church staff in making requests known. All women are welcome.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at 7:00p, adults gather in room B201 for singing, thanksgiving, sharing and prayer. All are welcome to come and share a burden or a blessing. This is the place where you truly get to know the heartbeat of the church.

Praying Together Monthly

Prayer for Unbelievers, the Nation, and Revival

Do you have family members or friends who need a relationship with Christ? Are you concerned about our nation and her spiritual renewal? You are welcome each second Monday at 7:00p, October through May, in the Dargan home.

Grandparents Who Pray

All grandparents are invited to the Roxberry home each third Thursday, September through April. A potluck meal begins at 6:00p, then "share & prayer" from 7:00-8:30p. The greatest gift a grandparent can give is prayer.

Welcome Howard Family

William and Julie Howard and their children (Nicholas, Benjamin, Kaitlyn and Felix) recently moved to Wilmore from Middle Tennessee for William to attend Asbury Seminary. While in Tennessee, William pastored a Bible Methodist church and together they operated a cleaning service preparing newly constructed homes. Several weeks ago, they joined the WPMC custodial staff and work with the Adkins to keep our facility well-cared for. We are grateful they are part of the church and for the great job they are doing. Please take time to get to know, pray for and thank them for their service.

Andrea Tinsley Update

This summer has been very busy. It started with our bi-annual missionary team retreat in Ecuador. It was a great time of building relationships with other missionaries I only knew through Zoom meetings. Following the retreat, I returned home to Medellin, where I promptly slipped and fell down concrete steps. Thankfully, I did not break anything, and only have a few sessions of physical therapy left to go. My favorite time of day is daybreak, just as the sun begins to lighten the day, I am usually sitting at my table with my Bible, journal, and devotional.

Recently our church, Camino de Vida, has started offering English conversation classes to youth and adults in a local school on Saturday mornings. I am the lead teacher and am currently writing our lessons plans for each class. I am using different online resources for teaching adult learners, and am asking the Lord to help us meet the students where they are. We have two additional teachers, so our class of almost 20 can be divided into small groups so each person has the opportunity to practice speaking as well as listening. I have enjoyed the conversations and the opportunity to meet new people and develop new relationships.

In early August I had the opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina to see the Free Methodist church there and spend time with FM missionaries, Rodrigo and Tanya Rosado, and their daughter, Ellia. Two weeks later, I was able to travel to Bogota, Colombia for the annual meeting for the Colombia Mission District. During the meetings, I heard many stories of how God is moving in Colombia. On Sunday morning, during the service of worship, we celebrated God's faithfulness to the Free Methodist work in Colombia over the last 25 years. The service also included the ordination of a new elder and the commissioning of the new mission district leader, Thad Roller.

I appreciate your prayers for me through these last almost 11 months here in Medellin. Please continue praying for me. I am excited to share with you that I will be moving to Buenos Aires, Argentina in January 2023, to serve alongside the Rosado family in their ministry in Buenos Aires. My role will include mentoring and supporting young adults through the university ministry. I am so excited to again have the opportunity to invest in the next generation. I guess what they say is right, once a youth pastor always a youth pastor.

I am sending my love to you all. You are regularly in my thoughts and prayers.

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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

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

October 2022 / November 2022

Missions Week 2022



October 9 - 16 is World Missions Week 2022.

The WPMC World Mission Team is excited to sponsor special meetings highlighting how God is working through our missionaries around the world and here at home.

The week begins on October 9 with missions speakers in the morning and evening services and a special Sunday School elective on missions in closed countries.

On Saturday, October 15, join us for the Men's Missions Breakfast at 8:00a or the women's "Mug 'n' Muffin" at 10:30a. Brent and Colleen Weaver will speak on their experience as missionaries to Ukraine and a special offering will be taken to help them with living expenses following their forced evacuation. Special guest Andy Bowen will also share with the men.

The conference wraps up on October 16 with missions speakers in the morning, an array of seminars during the Sunday School hour, and the International Potluck at 6:00 pm. You are invited to wear international dress that evening. Please bring an international dish to share and come prepared to give toward a special project.