## FROM THIS VIEW

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

## FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES...GIFT OF LIFE Pastor Andrea

After a lovely break, here is the first youth newsletter of 2021...

I hope you enjoyed family and friend time over the last two weeks. It was so nice to celebrate Christmas Eve with many of you at one (or more!) of the Christmas Eve services.

On Christmas Day, I celebrated with my family, starting at my sister's home and then seeing my parents. It was on my way back to Wilmore on Dec. 26th, that my sister, Rebekah, and I were in a car accident. We were stopped for a truck turning ahead of us and were rear-ended on the highway by a driver who didn't see us until he was on us. Thankfully, we all walked away. The two vehicles, however, did not. They were actually both hauled away and most likely totaled. Further praise, it was on bit of blind hill, but several strangers stopped their plans, and for an hour or so, flagged traffic, called police, and generally provided care and comfort to those of us stunned by the side of the road.

I tell you this today, on January 6th, Ephiphany, as I think about both the gifts the wise men brought to Jesus and the gifts God offers to us in Jesus. On December 26, God gave my sister and I, along with all the others on that stretch of HWY 111 in Overton County, TN, the gift of another day.

Every morning we wake up, we are given the gift of LIFE. Every kind and special moment with friends, family, and strangers, is a gift of LIFE. Morning prayers and late night Bible readings are gifts of LIFE. The incarnation of Jesus.. His coming to earth...His compassion and kindess...His teachings and miracles... His example of prayer and faithfulness...His willing surrender and obedience to death on the cross...His Spirit abiding with us...all of these and more were/are gifts of God to us, gifts of LIFE.



Today, take a moment to note the gifts of LIFE that God has shared with you. And on this Epiphany day, consider what gifts you will bring to Him. (And if I may, all He really wants is you. That is the best gift you can bring Him.)



## THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting Alfred, bringing gifts for our friends at THVC, and writing kind & encouraging letters to Mr. Roy and Mrs. Lucia.

You have blessed others with your compassion in ways you will not know about. But you can trust that God sees what you have done and is pleased.

## Schedule Update

Virtual Cafe resumes this week 8:30-noon, MTF. Youth Prayer Breakfast resumes this Friday @ 8:30am.

WFMY will join the adults tonight in the Sanctuary for the John Wesley Covenant Service & Communion.