

# FROM THIS VIEW

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

## RUNNING FOR JOY

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*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.*

*John 14:27*

When I think about the past few weeks at home and the unknowns of what lies ahead, I have been overwhelmed with the peace of Christ.

As you know, Tyler and I run and compete in races. One of the major disappointments in all of this has been the cancellation of a big race we have been training for. I was training to do my first full marathon, and I was crushed after working so hard. However, it made me think about why I run.

I realized that when I run, it brings me peace. It's just me and my two feet and my thoughts, and I often feel the most connected with God when I run.

So...I decided that I was not going to just give up. I could either live in depression or decide to live in joy despite the circumstances. This past weekend, I made my own "race day." I ran my marathon, and Tyler ran with me for part of it. It was not what I ever expected to do during my months of training, but it was still a joy to run.

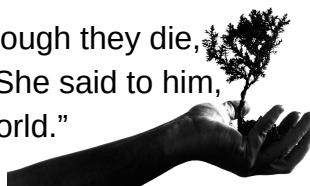
Overall, the Lord has taught me through everything we are experiencing right now, that the way we live through it is OUR CHOICE. We can choose each day to live in fear and depression or we can choose to live in the peace and resurrection life that he offers us freely.

When he says "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" this is not just eternal, it is now if we choose to accept this gift He freely gives.

### April I AM statement of Jesus:

Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

JOHN 11:25-27 (NRSV)



# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH: 6TH-8TH GRADE

PART 2



## TAKE A MOMENT

### SHEPHERD'S VOICE



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
— JOHN 10:27 niv

Hey friends,

Just a quick reminder, while you look for a new rhythm during these days of school at home, family at home, and extra curriculars on hold...

Cultivate time with Jesus. Don't let noise, busy, apathy, entertainment, grief, fear, stress, or 100 other things drown out the voice of our Good Shepherd.

See you soon!  
Pastor Andrea

## A REFLECTION FROM JAMES EVANS

When I first heard about this virus, everyone I knew was treating it like a joke. I had no idea that a week later, I would be doing school at home.

Even though I've been isolated, I have still been keeping up with friends from Sunday School Zoom meetings and (socially distanced) bike rides with Clive. Even though what lies ahead is unknown, I know that God is with me and all of us and he will continue to protect us and keep us strong.

### Next Week's Feature: 9th-11th Grade

Students, please send me an article, a devo, a photo, or an update on life to include in next week's newsletter.

**All submissions are due by 8am on Tuesday  
(atinsley@wfmc.net)**

## WHO'S THAT BABY??

You may or may not know, but last fall when the WFMC spring calendar was created, this Sunday night, April 26, was marked for our annual

### *Senior Recognition Service and Social.*



As you know, we are not yet able to meet, but when we do, we will celebrate our seniors!!

In the meantime, let's play a little game...

Seniors, please submit a baby picture by next Monday, April 27th, for the "Who's that Baby?" section. The first 5 people to respond correctly identifying our Class of 2020 baby photos, will receive a prize.

Send "Who's that Baby?" photos to [atinsley@wfmc.net](mailto:atinsley@wfmc.net).