

# The Plumblin

The Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church Feb/March 2003

## February Events



- 2/9: Scout Sunday
- 2/11: Valentine's Day Outreach: 6:00
- 2/15: President's Day Flag Outreach: 3:00

Sweetheart Banquet  
6:30 p.m.



- 2/21-22: New South Conference MEG Board Meetings
- 2/22: Pinewood Derby - CMC
- 2/23: Asbury College Concert Choir 6:00 Church Social - Men's Chili Cookout - 7:00

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"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

I Corinthians 13: 7-8a



## Thoughts and Reflections

by  
**E. Dean Cook,  
Senior Pastor**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are smack into 2003 and the church is alive and ready for the challenges ahead.

Last weekend, January 10-11, Pastor Diddle and I, and some of our delegates and lay people, traveled down to Townsend, TN, for a New South Conference Mid-Winter Gathering with the Superintendent, to worship, celebrate and discuss issues of the heart.

Here are some of the issues discussed:

1. The Bishops' desire to restructure the denominational

leadership. Several models have been presented.

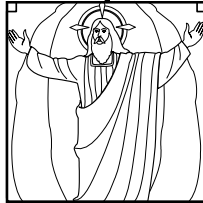
2. The medical insurance provider for the Conference appears to have mismanaged funds and this unfortunate situation has resulted in pastors not getting medical bills paid.

The old provider was dismissed and Superintendent Neeley is trying to find a new provider. Our staff is fortunate

because we went with our own companies.

3. Our campground at Eagle Ridge, near Bowling Green, needs help. The problem we must solve is that many groups do not want to use the camp until the dining facility is finished and RV spaces are provided. These are

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*Pray that God will show us His face as we walk humbly before Him.*

## Missions' Giving for 2002 Exceeds Goal

In December we received \$6,585.25 in offerings designated for missions. This brings the total for the year to \$45,041.96 which exceeded our goal of \$44,400. Due to your generous giving in December, we were able to fully fund our year-end projects and, in addition, were able to send in almost \$1,000 to support the Free Methodist medical work in Haiti. A chart of Year-End Projects follows at the end of the article.

### Missions Gift-Matching Program Initiated for 2003

Historically, funding for the missions program of the church has come solely from designated offerings. This approach encourages members of the congregation to become actively and intentionally involved in supporting our missions outreach. Recognizing that missions is an integral part of the work of the church,

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# Men's Chili Cookout

## Sunday, February 23rd

After the 6:00 PM Evening Service

Please bring...

Your best chili  
and a dessert to share!

*Some will be hot!!!  
Some mild!!!*

If chili is not your forte, please  
bring what you like.

(Other foods will be available  
for those who cannot eat chili.)



# Lamp Unto My Feet

*Bible Memorization  
Program Update*

New crown awards and extra jewels will be awarded in February, giving all of January to complete and polish up your memorization. The holidays take their toll in memory time, and you deserve cheers for working at it during that time.

There will always be events that hinder and interrupt our progress, but we can "gird up our loins" and make a fresh start. And by February you will be ready to set your goal for the sections ahead of you.

If you would like a Lamp Unto My Feet Memory Book, or more information on the memory program, please contact the church office.

# Parenting Teens Series

Join us on Wednesday evenings,  
**February 12 - April 9**  
(excluding March 5)  
for a seminar series on Parenting Teens. There will be some instruction, some dialog and some questions and answer time.



Experienced parents will lead the sessions, including the topics of boundaries, health, dating, identity and other areas.

For more information, contact Ralph and Nellie Kester (858-9979), Kevin and Elke Cook (858-2469) or the church office.

**A Ministry of the  
WFMC Marriage and Family Team**

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# Getting to know you...

The Rogers and Gomez families are featured for the February/March 2003 Getting to Know You.



## Wilmore Free Methodist Mission Statement

*The mission of Wilmore Free Methodist Church is to glorify God as His holy people in worship, in discipling, and in serving one another and winning, nurturing, and preparing the unconverted in order to fulfill the great commission.*

## Wilmore Free Methodist Church Vision Statement

*Worshipping truly, Obeying fully, Serving joyfully, Watching expectantly, Being Christ's presence in the world.*



**Wayne, Alice, Alex and Ben Rogers**

### Wayne & Alice Rogers

Wayne and Alice Rogers have been attending WFMC for about four years along with their two sons, Alex, age 16 and Ben, age 11. Wayne is originally from Stanford, KY and Alice, a "preacher's kid" lived in Eastern Ohio, mainly Steubenville. They both attended Asbury College but met when they worked together at Asbury Seminary in the publications area of the Development Office. They also worked together in the Development Offices at Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma and Point Loma College in San Diego. They came back to Asbury College in 1987 where Wayne

is Director of Development and Alice is Director of Communications. Alice says that altogether, they have been in and out of Wilmore for the last 25 years!

Singing in the choir, assisting in Children's Worship, substitute teaching in Sunday school, and being involved with the Sanctuary Décor Team are the favorite things Alice participates in at WFMC. Alice also enjoys a part-time "hobby job" as a teacher in the Weight Watchers program. Wayne serves as a financial teller. He also enjoys gardening and yard work. Wayne and Alice are members of the Layman's Sunday School class. They both like to travel and spend a lot of time with their large families. A note of interest is that at least 30 members of their families have attended Asbury College! That should be some kind of record!

### Ricardo and Beth Gomez

Ricardo and Beth Gomez met at the Lexington airport where Beth was picked up by her father one day and Ricardo happened to go along! They were married on July 5, 2002.

Ricardo is from Colombia, South America. He graduated with a B.A. in Pastoral Studies from Seminario Biblico de Colombia, and then came to the United States to continue his study of theology. In Seattle, Washington, he taught Spanish at a community college while learning the English language. There, he joined the Hillcrest Free Methodist Church and became a ministerial candidate in the Northwest Conference. Now at Asbury Seminary, he will graduate with a Masters degree in Theology in May and plans to get his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology.

Beth was born and raised in Kentucky. She has a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky and works in the computer department for Alltech, a multinational biotechnology company. This year Beth will become the Training Coordinator and Internal Communications Manager.

Together, Ricardo and Beth lead the Christian Life Club on Wednesday nights. Beth has also enjoyed getting involved in the women's ministries of the church. Ricardo has had the opportunity to speak at churches in and around Wilmore. He is in the process of ordination with the Free Methodist Church, Northwest Conference. They have also applied to be part of a mission trip to Brazil this summer with a team of 12 members who will be building a church in Cuiaba.

After completing his seminary education, Ricardo and Beth will go to Latin America to serve the Lord through the Free Methodist denomination.

These are two delightful families you will want to know. Take a moment to get acquainted with them here at Wilmore Free Methodist Church. *(Written by Jeneane Denger.)*



**Ricardo and Beth Gomez**

# W T T B

What do these letters stand for?

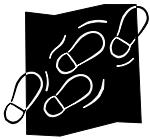
## Walk Thru The Bible!

We have scheduled a Walk Thru the Bible

New Testament Seminar  
for March 28 and 29, 2003.

This will be a Friday evening /  
Saturday morning format.

Mark your calendars to attend this great teaching experience, or contact Dexter and Dickie Lee Porter to sign up.



## College & Career Adult Bible Fellowship- Coming Attractions!

**February: 7-9** Weekend mission trip to Wayside  
Christian Mission, Louisville, KY.

**February 16** Lunch for college students hosted by  
church families after morning worship,  
in the CMC.

**March 9** Lunch for college students hosted  
by church families after morning  
worship, in the CMC.

**March 28** Open dorm at the Underwood's  
home, 6:30 PM,  
605 Gwendolyn, Wilmore.

**8  
Families  
Needed!**

The church family will start hosting a lunch for the college students once a month. We need eight families from the church each month to bring two side dishes. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of this ministry, please call Joyce Thomas, 858-4596.

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the Official Board has adopted a gift-matching program which confirms the importance of missions to the church (as a corporate body) and, at the same time, continues to encourage the active participation of the members of the congregation.

Under this new program, for every five dollars in offerings designated for missions, the church will designate one dollar from the

***Now, more than ever,  
the success of our missions program depends on your designated offerings.***

general fund (up to a maximum of \$8,900). Our 2003 goal for designated offerings is \$44,400. If we reach that goal, the total of the designated offerings and

the church's matching funds will be \$53,300; a tithe of the church's annual budget. This level of commitment has long been a goal of the missions committee. However, we cannot take full advantage of this gift-matching program unless we meet our designated offering goal. A good rule in giving is to give your tithe to the church for the local ministry, and then add your mission pledge to that. If we all follow this time honored way of giving, both the local and world ministry goals will be met.

### Missions' Year-End Projects

Malawi: Evangelism/Discipleship & Church Operations	\$1,450.00
Brazil: Evangelism/Discipleship, New Fields	\$1,200.00
Paraguay: Church Construction	\$1,200.00
Haiti: Dessalines Hospital Operations	\$1,000.00

## All-Church Noon Potluck Dinner Sunday, March 23rd 12:30 PM

Immediately following the morning services with the Greenville College Choir

**Please Bring Two Large Dishes of  
The same Item: Entrée, Vegetables,  
Salad, or Dessert**



**December 31, 2002 Year-End Budget Report**

December operating budget	\$ 38,050
Received in December	55,034
Regular budget paid out in December	38,795
Extra mortgage principal paid in December	14,000
Total paid out in December	52,795

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2002 budget	456,600
Received in 2002	524,832
Paid out in 2002 for regular budget	451,988
Extra mortgage principal paid in 2002	75,000
Total paid out in 2002	526,988

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December missions goal	3,700
Received for missions in December	6,585
Missions goal for 2002	44,400
Received for missions in 2002	45,042

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Operating reserves end of December (Goal is to have minimum reserves of \$20,000)	19,334
Balance in Building Fund	61,568
Scheduled mortgage principal paid in 2002	61,658
Extra mortgage principal paid in 2002	75,000
Total mortgage principal paid in 2002	136,658
Principal balance on original mortgage	153,266
Principal balance on CMC mortgage	331,507

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Special funds raised in 2002	
Benevolence	4,762
Brazil Missions Trip	2,725
Building Fund	37,907
Memorials	50
Prayer Garden	160
Sunday School	2,582
Van Replacement	15,769
Weddings - facilities use	750
Youth Fund	9,923
Miscellaneous	6,582
	81,240

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Total raised for all purposes	\$ 651,114
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“It is quite natural and inevitable that if we spend 16 hours daily of our waking life in thinking about the affairs of this world, and about five minutes in thinking about God and our souls, this world will seem about 200 times more real than God or our souls...”

**William R. Inge**



**February Birthdays**

- 2/2 Elke Cook
- 2/3 Amie Hall
- 2/6 Lois Bauer  
Robert  
Kierstead
- 2/7 Seth  
Gruenberg
- 2/8 Luke Hiatt  
Christopher  
Demaray  
Leonard Roller  
Caitlin Coulliette
- 2/9 Arda Wilday  
Andy Reynolds  
Pat Moody  
Freddy Guy  
Bob & Cindy  
Peterson, ann.
- 2/12 Harold Behm  
JT Lovell
- 2/14 Sarah Fellows
- 2/15 Dan Owsley
- 2/16 Dorothy Bowen
- 2/17 P.R. Roher
- 2/18 Dee Brewer
- 2/20 Jason Leininger
- 2/22 Jerry Marchál
- 2/24 Dean Cook
- 2/25 Dexter Porter  
Chuck Fuller
- 2/27 Mary Jane  
Behm
- 2/29 Annette Diddle  
Andrew  
McDaniel



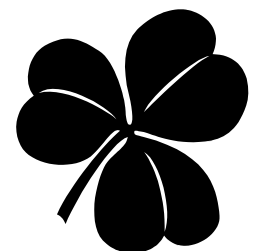
**March Events**



- 3/2-5: **Revival Services**  
with the Francis  
Asbury Society  
Evangelists
- 3/15: St. Patrick's Day  
Outreach 3:00 p.m.  
  
Hallie Fox  
Community  
Fund Raising  
Event in the  
CMC noon -  
7:00 p.m.
- 3/23: **Greenville**  
*College Choir* in  
morning services  
  
All-Church Potluck  
Dinner in CMC  
following morning  
services  
  
*Youth Musical*  
6:00 p.m.
- 3/24: Light bulb Outreach  
6:30 p.m.
- 3/28-29: **Walk Thru the  
New Testament  
Seminar**

“Above all else,  
guard your heart,  
for it is the  
wellspring of life.”

Proverbs 4:23





CONTINUING THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.....

# Sadie Hawkins Darlin' Dinner

- ⇒ COME OUT SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 15TH, FOR A ROMANTIC COUNTRY EVENING WITH YOUR DARLIN.'
- ⇒ WHERE: WFMC CMC BUILDING
- ⇒ TIME: 6:30 PM DOORS OPEN.  
DINNER SERVED @ 7:00 PM
- ⇒ GREAT HOME COOKIN'.  
FUN ENTERTAINMENT AND GREAT DOOR PRIZES.
- ⇒ COST: \$20/COUPLE
- ⇒ SIGN-UP IN CHURCH LIBRARY BY FEBRUARY 9TH.

## The Schedule

### SUNDAY

DIGGING DEEPER @ 9:40 AM, IN THE CMC.

AFTERGLOWS—CHECK THE BULLETIN WEEKLY FOR LOCATION

### TUESDAY

PRAYER BREAKFAST, 6:15 AM

### WEDNESDAY

707 YOUTH-7:07PM, CMC

### THURSDAY

BASKETBALL IN THE CMC, 6:30-8:30

## Down The Road

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
RETREAT  
MARCH 7-8

HIGH SCHOOL  
FUN FRIDAY  
MARCH 14

YOUTH CHOIR MUSICAL  
MARCH 23 6:00 PM

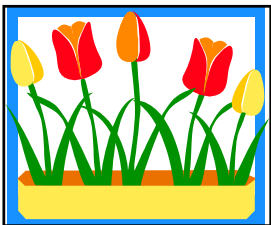
YOUTH STAFF SPRING  
PLANNING RETREAT  
MARCH 29

IYC— AUGUST 2-7  
[WWW.IYC2003.ORG](http://WWW.IYC2003.ORG)



**March Birthdays**

- 3/1 Deb Hodges  
Lorienne Hall
- 3/3 Karen Roller
- 3/4 Shana Lunsford  
Glenn Sidler
- 3/5 Robin Longinow
- 3/6 Betty Tullar  
Christy May
- 3/7 Dan Dotterwiech  
Ezra Boileau
- 3/8 Eileen Folsom  
Grace Rickard
- 3/9 Mark Lunsford, Jr.  
Lori Wright
- 3/10 Craig Hodges  
Lyle Van Horn
- 3/11 Myrna Hale
- 3/12 Joy Branan  
Christopher  
Winstein
- 3/13 Gabrielle Spicer
- 3/14 Charlie Fiskeaux
- 3/17 Darlene Anderson
- 3/18 Susanna McDaniel
- 3/20 Spencer Hall
- 3/21 Chris Wittenberg  
Lynet Gruenberg  
Christi Jennings
- 3/23 Kollin Stathas
- 3/24 Lisa Sidler
- 3/26 Margie Anderson
- 3/27 Ray Kimmel  
Kristy Tullar
- 3/28 Nicholas Zabilka
- 3/30 Alexis Brock



*Ladies Progressive  
Spring Dinner*

*Thursday  
February 20th, 2003*

*Come join us for fun  
and fellowship*

*If interested, please contact the  
Church office or Annette Diddle  
(858-0678) for more details.*

*Hope to see you  
there!*



Prayer Rallies  
For  
\* **February 27, 2003**  
**7:00—8:30 p.m.**  
NorthEast  
Christian Church  
990 Star Shoot Parkway

\* **March 31, 2003 @ 7:00—8:30 p.m.**  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
237 East Fifth Street

**Please commit to pray for revival**  
*Just Give Me Jesus—*  
A time of Refreshing for Women  
April 25th—26th  
Rupp Arena

For car pool info call Diane Munoz 858-0640.

*Thoughts and Reflections (continued)*

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planned but funds are not yet available. The person who was to provide matching funds for the dining facility construction did not come through, causing a major slow down! Pray for the trustees of the camp as they seek to solve this problem.

Now to us. Here are some of our priorities for the new year:

1. We need to move ahead on our building addition to care for our needs and the future needs of the church's ministry. Please let me review for us why we need this space -
  - a.) for additional worship seating,
  - b.) for additional classroom/conference room space,
  - c.) for a prayer room,
  - d.) for more office area,
  - e) for a larger

entrance and exit area, f) for parking area completion.

Our building fund is now about \$45,000. Thank you to those who give to this fund regularly. Soon we will present the whole package to the church in a readable, clear presentation of what it will cost. We will then give as God shows us and when we have reached our goal, we will obtain a builder. Although this is a challenge for the entire church, we do need some major donors, people who believe in the ministry of the church and want to invest in the future of souls. If you would like to do this, we have people trained in giving who can guide you.

2. Secondly, our church ministries remain strong. We plan to do some significant work with the Hebron church so that

they can get into their new building. We will send them a new pastor and work teams in the spring.

3. Del Searls, our Mission Team Director, reports that our planned trip to Brazil is being re-examined because we have not identified a leader. This trip to help build a church would require a major effort on the Mission Team's part as well as the church's part, in order to be successful. Pray for God's full will to be known.

Thank you all for your generous hearts over the holidays. Many people were helped in Jesus' name. Also, please continue to pray for revival. Pray that God will show us His face as we walk humbly before Him.

*Pastor Cook*

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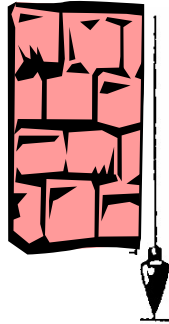
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**2003 Church Budget**

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Missions (World/US/Local)	\$ 44,500	\$ 53,500
Denomination	43,200	44,200
Church Staff	204,700	219,100
Programming	56,500	59,400
Physical Plant	<u>152,200</u>	<u>156,000</u>
	\$ 501,000	\$ 541,100

- ◆ While 2002 budget was \$501,000, actual raised for these purposes = \$569, 874
- ◆ Physical plant budget includes yearly mortgage payment of \$96,000.
- ◆ Giving designated for Building Fund is used for future building projects and necessary building repairs/renovations.

