

# The Plumbline

The Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

October–November 2006

## Events Calendar



### OCTOBER

- 10/1 Communion  
Sunday  
9:40 a.m.  
Membership class  
6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Team  
panel discussion
- 10/6–7 Men's Retreat
- 10/7–8 Missions  
weekend with  
Dan & Hope  
Owsley
- 10/8 8:00 a.m. Men's  
breakfast  
10:30 a.m.  
Ladies' Mug 'n  
Muffin brunch
- 10/12 7:00 p.m.  
Don Zent recital  
at Asbury College
- 10/15 7:00 p.m.  
All-church social
- 10/16 Public school  
break starts
- 10/17 A Day Away  
(for HS and MS  
students)
- 10/19 Ladies' Night Out
- 10/20 Seniors'  
Fellowship Lunch
- 10/20–21 Fall Ladies'  
Retreat
- 10/22 6:00 p.m.  
Healing service
- 10/22 All-church social
- 10/25 BOA meeting
- 10/29 5:00 p.m.  
Student-parent's  
meeting

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## *WFMC: Reaching Our World*

*Pastor Daryl*

As you know, we've been reviewing our church vision statement in Sunday morning worship. It's divinely appropriate that our Mission Conference occurs in the midst of this series, because our vision supports our mission, at home and abroad. "How?" you ask?

This year, we have significantly supported 12 families on the mission field. These families represent work on fields in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, the Far East, and South America. We have helped six other families/individuals participate in short-term mission trips. We give regularly to leadership training institutions who train pastors for service in their home countries.

Closer to home, we support Free Methodist chaplains and their "leader," our own Dr. Bob Barnard. We've given time and finances to Calvary Free Methodist Church (a church re-start in Lexington). We give regularly to a wide variety of ministries: AA Pregnancy Help Center, Wilmore Daycare, Oakdale Christian School, and many more. These and other local para-church ministries do things that we, as a local church, can't do, but that need to be done.

Through our Benevolence Ministry, we have given away thousands of dollars to persons in our community that need help with clothes, rent, medicine and other necessities. Through our Compassion Ministry, we've helped with funerals, provided transportation to doctors appointments, and provided hundreds of meals for families in need.

A new Servant Evangelism schedule for the fall gives all of us opportunities to join in an organized effort toward reaching the lost in our community. There is a place for everyone in evangelism; it's the mission of the church.

WFMC is constantly training ministers. Students at Asbury Theological Seminary and Asbury College, who are called of God and plan to enter the ministry, come to us for mentoring, training and ministry experience. Our church has sent hundreds of pastors, missionaries, campus ministers, teachers and other ministers into the world.

I tell you all this to make you, the church family, aware of the ways we reach into our community and world. Sometimes, as we make it a practice to give, "not letting our left hand know what our right hand is doing," some of us fail to realize the full extent of our ministry. I want you to know how the money you give is invested, so we can all rejoice and participate in the Lord's rewards.

### **Worshipping Truly**

True worship is determined by the condition of our attitude and heart as we come before God. Are we singing, praying, giving and listening in the Spirit (John 4:24)? Are we repentant and contrite? Are we seeking His purposes? Are we lifting Him up? These are questions true worshippers ask frequently, and goals they strive toward daily.

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# Getting to know you...

by Shirley McMillan



**Keith and Jenny Madill**  
(L–R) Isaac, Evelyn, David, & Kate

Keith and Jenny Madill returned to Wilmore in 2005 because, “it’s a good place to raise a family,” and to WFMC because of the ministries to all age groups and especially to children.

Both Keith and Jenny came from solid Christian families and they are committed to building a godly heritage for their four children: David, 8, Evelyn, 6, Kate, 4, and Isaac, 2.

David and Evelyn attend Wilmore Elementary School, where Keith teaches third grade. Kate and Isaac learn at home with Mommy.

Jenny grew up in a suburb of Cincinnati and Keith in a small town north of Detroit, Michigan. They met at Asbury College and were married July 31, 1993, in Cincinnati. During college they visited many churches, but were drawn to WFMC through the ministry of Pastor Clyde VanValin, and became involved in the Middle School youth ministry.

Now Keith is a storyteller in Children’s Worship and serves on the church’s mowing team. Jenny teaches Junior Children’s Worship, helps with the Friendship Company, is involved in Mom-to-Mom, and leads the Sister-to-Sister scrapbooking group. She also serves on the church Finance Team.

For fun, Jenny enjoys yard work and scrapbooking. Keith enjoys spending time with his kids and likes “anything to do with

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**Otis and Joy Balkcom**

Otis and Joy Balkcom have lived in Wilmore “off and on” for eighteen years, and they have attended WFMC off and on during those years. Since retiring two years ago from their Christian school teaching and administrative positions, they are regulars in the 8:30 a.m. service. Years earlier they attended the church as Asbury College students.

Joy and Otis grew up north of Orlando, Florida, and met in high school. While attending Orlando Junior College, Otis played basketball and Joy was a cheerleader. After their sophomore year they married and came to Asbury to complete their degrees, influenced by pastors who were Asbury graduates.

Early in their first quarter at Asbury, financial reality set in. Joy went to work and put Otis through college; then Otis worked and put Joy through. He graduated in 1963, Joy in 1965. They did the same for graduate school. Otis has a Masters in Administration from Georgetown College and Joy an M.A. in Elementary Education from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina, specializing in grades 5–8.

The Balkcoms have packed in enough experiences to fill several lifetimes. They taught at the Foreign School in Seoul, Korea, where Otis coached and served as principal. Back in the U.S., Otis has been administrator of several top Christian K–12 schools in the Southeast and in Ohio, growing them from a

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**Wilmore Free Methodist Church Vision Statement**

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

**Wilmore Free Methodist Church Mission Statement**

*The mission of the WFMC 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.*

**Free Methodist Church of North America Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Free Methodist Church is to make known to all people everywhere God's call to wholeness through forgiveness and holiness in Jesus Christ, and to invite into membership and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith.*

**Ushering in the Parking Team**

The Parking team needs volunteers to help direct motorists around the parking lot and into available spaces before morning services.

Volunteers serve one Sunday each month and would not miss the service. Please

contact Peter Cooper at 858-3138 (H) or 887-4274 (W) for more information if you are interested in this very important ministry.



**Praying for the Flock: The Prayer Team**

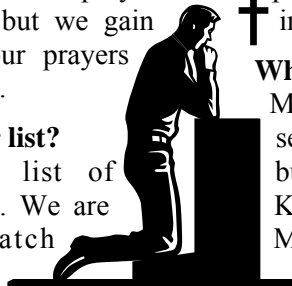
**What is this ministry?**  
Our goal and intent is to pray for every member of the church on a regular basis. Each intercessor prays for a group of about seven families. Many people choose to pray for their group daily, and others choose to pray for their group weekly.

**Why might this be better than just praying as I feel inspired?**

We want to make sure that no one “falls through the cracks.” It’s good to pray for people as we feel inspired, but we gain even more momentum in our prayers with structure and suggestions.

**Who would be on my prayer list?**

You would receive a list of approximately seven families. We are doing our best to match intercessors with families



they already know. We are looking at lists of Sunday School classes, prayer groups, institutional affiliations, etc.

**How will I get ideas of how to pray effectively?**

On Sunday, October 1, we will have a panel discussion in the evening service. Members who have ministered in this way for years will tell about their experiences. The prayer team will also send out quarterly postcards with fresh ideas of how to intercede.

**When can I sign up?**

Most people sign up during the worship service in the first two weeks of October, but you may sign up anytime by emailing Kathy Davila at [mkdavila@adelphia.net](mailto:mkdavila@adelphia.net). May God bless you as you pray for others and receive prayer.

**WFMC: Reaching Our World**

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**Obeying Fully**

“To obey is better than sacrifice,” (1 Samuel 15:22). To please God, He asks us to discern His will and obey Him fully, without hesitation. Full obedience to His Word in action, attitude, word and lifestyle is our standard and is accomplished by a close walk with the Lord.

**Serving Joyfully**

Joyful service to God is evidence of a living faith and of a heart warmed with the Holy Spirit (James 2). Joyful service is also the way we work out our salvation. Whether it’s service to one another, to the church or to the community, or to the “least of these,” we seek to serve wherever and however our Lord calls us to serve—with joy.

**Watching Expectantly**

We are a people who have a hope for the future—who watch expectantly for Christ’s return to earth to declare final victory over the powers of sin and death (Revelation 22:12). While God has given us power to live victoriously over the entanglements of sin here and now, there is coming a day when His glory will be revealed and everyone will see that Christ is King. We work, wait, and watch expectantly for that day.

**Being Christ’s Presence In The World**

This is the charge we were given until Christ returns—feed His sheep, take care of His lambs, and tell others about His great love and mercy. We are to be light in a dark world, salt in a tasteless land—as He was while He walked with us here on earth. The presence of a Christian should reflect the presence of Christ—it is to this we strive.

# Special Events

## Ladies' Mug 'n Muffin Brunch

Ladies, take "thyme" to get to know your missionary, Hope Owsley. Bring a mug and come to our Mug 'n Muffin brunch on Saturday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the CMC. We will sip on coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and munch on delicious muffins while Hope Owsley shares with us what God is doing in Brazil. We will have a time of prayer for her and then shower her with gifts! See the bulletin board in the main hall for a list of gift ideas. Wrap your choice, and bring it along with you Saturday morning. Do take "thyme" and do not miss this opportunity!



## Missions Emphasis Weekend

On Missions Sunday, October 8, Dan and Hope Owsley, Free Methodist missionaries to Brazil, will speak at both morning services and the evening service and to the children during the Sunday School hour. Come and see what the Lord is doing in Brazil!

## Love Walk: '06: October 14

Tired of just talking the talk? Why not walk *The Walk*—The Love Walk? The AA Pregnancy Help Center annual fund raiser is a literal Love Walk. You begin by asking for sponsors. (The Center contacts your sponsors directly for payment.) The walk is about two miles and begins at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Freedom Baptist Church in Wilmore.



Become a part of Jesus' ministry in a tangible way. By walking or sponsoring a walker you help the Center provide:

- loving counsel for life-affirming choices
- medical care
- material help (maternity and

baby clothes, diapers, etc.)

- spiritual support, prayer, free Bibles, the Good News
- housing alternatives
- community referrals

For more information, please contact Cathy Bickert at 858-0911.

## All Saints' Day Party

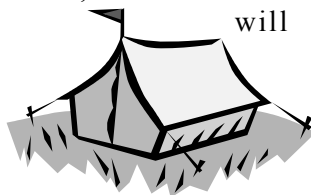
A saint is anyone who has made a difference in your life in a special way, and who God has used to share His love with the world. On November 1, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our very own All Saint's Day Party at WFMC. All children from 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to dress up in costume (*no scary costumes, please!*) and attend. We encourage you to bring a friend also! Come help us celebrate and remember what Christ has done and is doing through His people, the saints. We will have food, games, prizes and fun!



## Wilmore Campmeeting News

We'd like to say thank you to everyone who joined us for Wilmore Campmeeting this summer. We had a wonderful time in the Lord's presence with great teaching and singing, increased attendance, and eternal changes made in people's hearts. Praise the Lord!

Please mark your calendar for June 24–29, 2007. The 2007 Campmeeting



will follow Asbury College Reunion weekend. If you have friends coming for reunion, you might suggest that they stay for Campmeeting. Roy Lauter will be the evangelist, and Mark and Kathy Davila will head up the children's

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Zellie Roher  
Hannah Weigle  
David Wilkerson  
Katie Winter
- 10/3 Denise Adams  
Gordon  
Thompson  
Marna Wiggam
- 10/5 Ed Kusche
- 10/6 Asa Leininger
- 10/8 Harold Burgess
- 10/9 Isaac Maynard
- 10/12 Timothy  
Thomas
- 10/13 Lynne Fuller  
Lisa Kellogg  
Samuel  
Maynard
- 10/15 Ruth Cook  
Irma Morris  
Gregory  
Weinberger
- 10/17 Anna  
Blankenship
- 10/18 Ruth  
Weinberger
- 10/19 Ruth VanGilder
- 10/20 Cheryll Crowe  
Anna Dickie
- 10/22 Michael Hamley
- 10/24 Jennie Lovell  
Keith Madison  
Diane Muñoz  
Aaron Sweigard  
Bev Underwood
- 10/26 Laura Branan  
Luke  
VanLaningham
- 10/27 Dean Weigle
- 10/29 Margaret  
Dargan
- 10/31 Jim Savage

Happy  
Birthday!



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/2 Evelyn Madill
- 11/5 Patti Fiskeaux  
Virginia Brubaker
- 11/7 Aleena Koss  
Van Horn  
Benjamin Diddle
- 11/8 Amy Cooper  
Will Cooper
- 11/13 Earle Bowen,  
Franklin Baker,  
Jessica Baker
- 11/15 Carrie Hamley
- 11/16 Penny  
McDaniel
- 11/19 Maria  
Livingston  
Anna Leininger
- 11/21 Erin McLaughlin
- 11/22 Robbie Joy
- 11/23 Susanna Roller  
Duane Brown
- 11/24 Byron Skaggs  
Laura Ury
- 11/26 Christine Smith
- 11/28 Chadwick  
Spencer
- 11/29 Lenore  
Sweigard
- 11/30 David Martin  
Kelly Winter  
Mark Evans

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11/7 W & B  
Underwood
- 11/10 Eric & Kelly  
Zabilka
- 11/27 Paul & Lisa  
Kellogg



# Music Ministries

*Hanging of the Greens Service  
Sunday, December 3, 6:00 p.m.*

The children's choirs, along with handbell choirs, will be incorporating drama for this special service that celebrates the beginning of the Advent season. Please plan to participate!



*A Musical Christmas Service  
Sunday, December 10, 8:30&10:50 a.m.*

The adult sanctuary and youth choirs will present a service of Christmas music on Sunday, December 10. Adults who are interested in participating in this event are invited to come and join the Sanctuary Choir as we rehearse music that celebrates our Savior's birth. Please watch the bulletin for more details, including rehearsal dates and times.



*All-church Christmas Caroling  
Sunday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.*

We will carol in neighborhoods in the Nicholasville and Wilmore areas. Come ready to sing and ready for good fellowship, food and fun!



*Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!*

The Music Ministry team would like to thank all who sacrifice their time on a weekly basis to be a part of music ensembles. We appreciate your commitment and especially want to welcome and thank all of the new members who have joined our groups this year. We are so glad to have you with us!

We also wish to thank all of the directors, assistants, and accompanists who tirelessly give of their time and talents in leading our music ensembles, specifically:

- Rose Evans
- Glen Flanigan
- Myrna Hale
- Lisa Hall
- Pam Hiatt
- Jenny Madill
- Debby Marchál
- Felicia Roher
- Lydia Scandrett
- Cheryl Schell
- Hannah Schell
- Mark Schell
- Lenore Sweigard
- Katie Warnock

*Thank You!*

**Wilmore Campmeeting News**

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program. We'll have more details about the youth program, morning Bible Study, and music ministry in subsequent newsletter issues. Grandparents, consider inviting your grandchildren to visit during the week of Campmeeting. It's a great opportunity for all generations.

These brothers and sisters who attend the Free Methodist Church have recently joined the Campmeeting Board:

- Allen Holmes, President
- Mark Davila, Vice President
- Dale Hale
- Pam Hiatt
- June Eisemann

Margaret Dargan continues to faithfully serve as the prayer leader for the Campmeeting. Please feel free to come to any board member with suggestions or questions. We look forward to seeing you at the campground in June!

Continuing the ministry of Jesus...

Art Party Featuring Stephen Sawyer

This fall at 707 we've been taking lessons from Jesus in the gospel of John. At the outset we see that Jesus is creative. Jesus is involved in creating the universe, creating new hearts, creating a new community. Because we're made in the image of God, we share the creative impulse.

October 4 7:00–8:30 p.m. in the CMC

On October 4, we're going to celebrate the creative gifts that Jesus has given to us. We've invited Stephen Sawyer to join us. Stephen is an artist, living in Versailles, KY, who creates interesting presentations of Jesus and His work in our world. Bring a friend; bring some of your own creative work. Go to www.art4god.com to review this artist's work.



Faith and Film Night

Films are a part of our culture. They serve as points of entertainment; they also

serve as tools to shape the way we see our world and shape our values. On Faith and Film nights we'll view a film that deals with major worldview themes. After watching the film, we'll have a talkback session where we respond to the film, unpack its message, and critique it from a biblical perspective.

November 17 7:00 p.m. in the CMC

On November 17, we'll view the 1996 film, "The Spitfire Grill." It's a film about a town with no future and girl with a past.



Coming Up!

- 10/4 Art Party with Stephen Sawyer of Art For God
10/13 MS Fun Friday
10/18 A Day Away (HS and MS)
10/29 Student-led evening service
11/1 A Prayer Party (All Saints Day)
11/7 A Day Away (Election Day)
11/17 Faith and Film: "The Spitfire Grill"

Save These Dates!

- December 15–17 Senior Retreat
January 26–28 HS Retreat
March 16–18 MS Retreat

OUTRAGEOUS OUTBACK by Ben Marchál



Spiritual



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- 10/29 6:00 p.m.  
Student-led  
worship service
- 10/31 No children's  
choirs

**NOVEMBER**

- 11/1 7:00 p.m. All  
Saints party for  
CLC'ers
- 11/7 Election Day (no  
public school)
- 11/11 8:30 a.m.–Noon  
Membership  
seminar
- 11/12 6:00 p.m.  
Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service
- 11/16 Ladies' Night Out
- 11/17 Seniors  
Fellowship  
Lunch
- 11/18 Men's breakfast
- 11/19 6:00 p.m.  
All-church  
Thanksgiving  
dinner
- 11/22 No CLC
- 11/23–24 Church office  
closed
- 11/28 12:10 p.m.  
Asbury College  
POPS recital  
with Nathan  
Davy
- 11/29 BOA Meeting

**OCTOBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10/3 Dwight & Kelly  
Winter
- 10/4 Rick & Jodi Boyd
- 10/5 Dennis & Denise  
Adams
- 10/14 Lyle & Marilyn  
VanHorn
- 10/16 Todd & Krista  
Padgett
- 10/28 Gordon &  
Dorothy  
Thompson

# Men's Ministry

*Men's Missions Breakfast*

Dan and Hope Owsley, Free Methodist missionaries to Brazil, will be with us on Missions Emphasis Weekend, October 7–8. On Saturday, Dan will speak at the men's prayer breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Bring your appetite and find out what the Lord is doing in Brazil!

*A Few Good Men*

Men's Ministries wants to help the Melderly and economically disadvantaged members of our community through assistance with general home repair, basic car maintenance, and computer issues. If you are interested in occasionally helping in any of these areas, please contact Brian Brownlow, or just note your interest on the Welcome card next Sunday.

*Father/Son Backhoe BBQ*

Do you like to operate heavy equipment? We're having a Father/Son

**Keith and Jenny Madill**

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soccer," as well as other sports. Twice a week he plays racquetball at the Luce Center. Like his daddy, David loves soccer. Evelyn likes reading and lives all of life with gusto. Kate and Isaac enjoy playing and making noise.

Keith and Jenny taught elementary school in Danville, Kentucky, for three years. Keith also taught in Michigan for two years, then in Danville for five years. He is now in his second year with Jessamine County. Jenny would like to return to teaching part time some day.

Now that they are back in Wilmore, they plan to stay put. "No more moving," says Jenny.

That's good news for all of us. Please take time to get acquainted with this delightful family.

Backhoe BBQ on October 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come to the field behind the church—we'll have some heavy equipment so everyone can try their hand at digging. There will be games and a fresh sand pile, so bring your football and Tonka trucks. For lunch we'll have "you cook it" hot dogs (please bring long-handled hot dog sticks if you have them). If you are an experienced backhoe operator, we need help supervising the "operation." Contact Ken McDowell at 858-2917 if you can help or have questions.



*Special Men's Breakfast Scheduled*

A special Men's Breakfast will be held on November 4 at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to breakfast at the new Bob Evans at the intersection of Brannon Road and Nicholasville Road (assuming it is open by then ☺). Bring a friend! There will be a short devotional time. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover the cost.

**Otis and Joy Balkcom**

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handful of students to over four hundred.

"If God had called me to be a pastor," he says, "I would almost certainly have been a church planter."

Their careers culminated with nine years at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Eastern Kentucky, where Otis was Dean of the June Buchanan School. Eighteen years ago they chose Wilmore as their retirement location and purchased a home here.

The Balkcoms have two sons, Brittan and Scott, both Asbury College graduates, and four granddaughters, ages one to eight. Brittan, his wife, Colleen, and three daughters live in Collierville, Tennessee. Scott and his wife, Angela, have one daughter and live in Dallas, TX.



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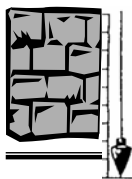
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*Devote yourselves to  
prayer, being watchful  
and thankful.*

*—Colossians 4:2*