

The Plumbline

The Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

September–October 2009

Events Calendar



SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 7:15 a.m.
Youth Prayer
Breakfast begins
6:30 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study
- 9/2 7:00 p.m.
Christian Life Club (CLC) begins
- 9/4 11:30 a.m.
Senior Adult Old Fashioned Picnic (Centennial Park)
- 9/6 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Communion
9:40 a.m.
Membership Class begins
7:00 p.m.
Pie and ice cream social
- 9/7 **Labor Day!**
Church office closed today
- 9/8 ATS classes begin
- 9/10 6:15 p.m.
Outreach event: flag giveaway
- 9/13 Grandparents' Day!
Sunday music rehearsals begin
6:00 p.m.
Marilyn Hamm mini concert in evening worship
- 9/14 Fall revival services at Asbury College

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Simply Teaching Truth

Pastor Daryl

Following up on our Sunday morning study of the Ten Commandments, this very appropriate article by Ninie O'Hara, was forwarded to me by a member of our church. I share it with you.

Commandments Issue Is About Teaching Facts

By Ninie O'Hara, reprinted from the *Lexington Herald Leader*, January 16, 2000

Quick. Who invented the telephone? Alexander Graham Bell, you say? Bzzzzzz! Wrong answer. At least it would be the wrong answer if you looked it up in the Italian version of Microsoft's Encarta encyclopedia, in which the inventor is listed as Antonio Meucci.

It seems that Microsoft's Encarta has different facts for different folks. To adapt to foreign markets, each of its nine versions lists different interpretations of what you would think were universally accepted historical facts.

If reinventing history so cavalierly strikes you as offensive, your outrage alarm should be clanging right now.

Reinvented American history is the reason for all the recent hullabaloo about posting the Ten Commandments in county courthouses and schools.

No...this is not a religious issue. It's not about separation of church and state. It's about historical accuracy. It's one

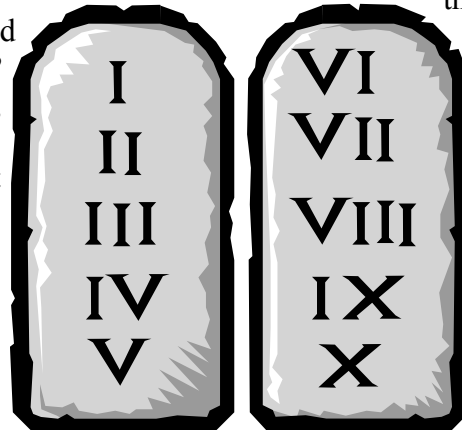
thing to hold dear the principle of religious freedom. It's quite another to reinvent reality in a totally misguided effort to protect that freedom.

The United States was established as a Christian nation, founded on Christian principles, and its laws were formulated from

the Ten Commandments. That's a historical fact.

That would not be news to most Americans had it not been for the systematic excising of all mention of

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Getting to know you...

by Shirley McMillan



**Deano and Maquel Sarantakos
Genaea (age 10)**

John and Joy Ireland

At the invitation of a friend, the Sarantakos family visited WPMC on Christmas Eve in 2005. “It was the most spiritually uplifting sermon I’d ever heard,” says Deano. “Like a breath of fresh air.” That visit marked the end of their church search.

Deano and Maquel grew up in Paducah, Kentucky, and were high school sweethearts. Both graduated from the University of Kentucky. They were married 15 years ago in Lexington and decided this area was a good one in which to settle. They live on five acres of land a mile from Keene.

Deano grew up with an older brother and Maquel with a younger brother. Baptized as an infant in the Greek Orthodox Church, Deano “separated from the church” in early childhood after his mother died. He subsequently tried various denominations and made several declarations of faith before settling in at WPMC. His favorite Scripture verses are John 3:16 and John 8:7. Maquel came to Christ and was baptized through the witness of a friend in high school who mentored her in the faith.

Deano and Maquel enjoy exercise and gardening; he grows vegetables and she grows flowers. With tongue firmly planted

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Joy Ireland, the Assistant Director of Campus Ministries at Asbury College since 2005, started attending WPMC in 2007 when she began her path to ordination. John began attending last February.

Born in Lexington, John grew up primarily in Maryland and Kentucky, while Joy grew up in Monrovia, California. Their paths converged at a Lexington church in 2002, and they were married in October 2006.

At her Sunday School teacher’s invitation, Joy came to Jesus at age six in a Wesleyan Church where her grandparents were charter members. Though her family had fallen apart, her dad brought her to Sunday school every week, and there she found security in a faithful heavenly Father.

John took a longer path to becoming a Christ-follower. His younger sisters came first and began inviting him to a new church plant. He said no thanks, but they persisted. Their small group prayed and the Holy Spirit pursued until he said yes in June 2000. “I had a blast,” he says. “When I saw the real Jesus I couldn’t say no to Him. I gave my life to Christ on August 13.”

The Irelands enjoy travel, reading and evening walks together around Wilmore.

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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.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry of Wilmore Free Methodist Church is gearing up for a wonderful year of teaching, discipling, and encouraging our children. We hope everyone will find a place to get on board and travel through the year with us.

Below are the opportunities for our children age 2 through 5th grade.

Children's Sunday School

Meets every Sunday at 9:40 a.m.—for 2 year olds through 5th grade.

Christian Life Club

Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 2, for ages 4 through 5th grade.

Nursery

Available during all worship services and on Wednesday evenings for ages birth through 48 months.

Children's Worship

Meets every Sunday during both worship services, beginning August 23, for ages 4 through 3rd grade.

Children's Worship, Jr.

Meets every Sunday during both worship services, year-round, for ages 2 and 3.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."



Proverbs 22:6

Please see page 4 for the children's music opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Schell at cschell@wfmc.net or 858-3521.



Join us for our annual Harvest Festival

October 28
7:00 p.m.

CLCers

Dress up in fun costumes (nothing scary or evil) and come play games with us!

Parents

Children will meet in their classrooms at 7:00 p.m. and then will be taken to the games.

oops! The World Mission Team regrets that in the last issue we put the Owsleys on the wrong continent—and in the wrong country!! They do not work in Japan, but in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We know the Lord knew where they were when you prayed for them, but we wanted to correct the location so that you know that they are, in fact, in Brazil!

Music Ministry: Take “Note”



Music Ministry Opportunities

(Fall 2009)

If you enjoy making music and having genuine fellowship with other believers, then perhaps a music ensemble at WPMC is just the opportunity for you! In September our music ensembles will be rehearsing weekly. Groups range from pre-kindergarten to adult, from hand chimes to adult choir. Do not miss this opportunity to develop your musical gifts and grow spiritually. Below is some general information regarding available ensembles. Please contact any of these directors with questions or concerns.

Children’s Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles

Young Musicians (Age 4 by October 1st)

Director, Cheryl Schell

Begins Tuesday, September 15th

6:30–7:00 p.m.

Sign up on children’s choir bulletin board

Limit of 10 children; a parent must attend

Friendship Company (Grades K–1st)

Director, Jenny Madill

Begins Tuesday, September 15th

6:30–7:00 p.m.

Sign up on children’s choir bulletin board

Heaven’s Harmony (Grades 2–5)

Director, Cheryl Schell

Begins Sunday, September 13th

5:00–5:55 p.m.

Sign up on children’s choir bulletin board

Chimes of Joy (Grades 2–5)

Director, Pam Hiatt

Begins Sunday, September 13th

3:45–4:55 p.m.

Sign-up on children’s choir bulletin board

Youth and Adult Vocal Ensembles

Youth Choir (Grades 6–12)

Director, Mark Schell

Begins Sunday, September 13th

4:45–5:45 p.m.

Sign up on youth bulletin board

Sanctuary Choir

(Post-high school and above)

Director, Rose Evans

Begins Sunday, September 13th

4:45–5:45 p.m.

Youth and Adult

Instrumental Ensembles

Allegro Handbell Choir (Grades 6–12)

Director, Rose Evans

Begins Sunday, September 13th

3:45–4:30 p.m.

Beginning/intermediate level

Sign up on youth bulletin board

Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir

(Grades 6–12)

Director, Amanda Bailey

Begins Sunday, September 13th

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Advanced level

Sign up on youth bulletin board

Adult Handbell Choir

(Post high-school and above)

Director, Katie Warnock

Begins Tuesday, September 15th

7:30–8:30 p.m.

All levels

Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing? If so, we would love to have you minister with us by joining one of our music teams for morning worship, playing your instrument for an offertory, or using your gifts to sing a solo for music ministry! For more information regarding ensembles, as well as Sunday morning and evening music ministries, small groups, and instrumental opportunities, please see the Music Ministry brochure at the Welcome Center or contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans. We want to hear from you!

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music...”

—Psalm 98:4

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Gilbert Roller
Caleb Coulliette
Megan Nowitzki
Jodi Boyd
- 9/2 RoseMary
Nowitzki
- 9/4 Lyn Searls
Lucille Gilmore
- 9/5 Brian Nowitzki
- 9/8 Nicholas Riffell
- 9/9 Lynn Cooper
Dan Smith
- 9/10 Hannah Schell
- 9/11 Loyd Cook
Ginny Proctor
- 9/12 Joyce Thomas
Stephen Anstett
Carol
Blankenship
- 9/13 Hope Owsley
Wyndham
Cannon
- 9/14 Barry May
Judy Metcalf
Michael Dickie
- 9/15 Hunter Swaim
Devon Roxberry
Jennifer
Reynolds
- 9/17 Timothy Bowen
Derrick Simpson
- 9/18 Tamra Nowitzki
Kara Ostroske
- 9/19 Christine
Maynard
Amy Hogue
Ben Riffell
- 9/20 Ted Hall
- 9/21 Jeneane Denger
- 9/22 Gary Bailey
Sam Gilmore
- 9/24 Stavan John
- 9/25 Sarah Kusche
- 9/26 Laura Busch
Vic Hamilton
- 9/27 Sarah Spencer

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Birthdays

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- 9/28 Nancy Fellows
Cameron Ury
- 9/29 Marilyn Swaim
- 9/30 Ralph Yoder
Mark Martin

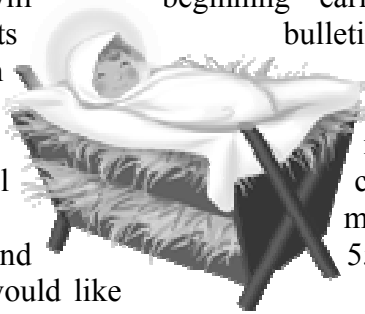
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Hannah Weigle
David Wilkerson
Katie Winter
Brady Swaim
- 10/3 Marna Wiggam
Denise Adams
Gordon
Thompson
- 10/5 Ed Kusche
Luke Hsieh
- 10/8 Harold Burgess
- 10/9 Isaac Maynard
- 10/12 Timothy Thomas
- 10/13 Lisa Kellogg
Lynne Fuller
Samuel Maynard
- 10/15 Ruth Cook
Gregory
Weinberger
- 10/16 Craig Saunders
- 10/17 Anna
Blankenship
- 10/18 Ruth Weinberger
- 10/19 Ruth VanGilder
- 10/20 Cheryll Crowe
Anna Dickie
- 10/21 Gracie Proctor
- 10/22 Michael Hamley
- 10/24 Keith Madison
Aaron Sweigard
Jennie Lovell
Diane Muñoz
Bev Underwood
- 10/26 Laura Branam
- 10/27 Dean Weigle
- 10/29 Margaret Dargan
- 10/31 Jim Savage

Birthdays!

Join the Christmas Choir!

Christmas is only a few months away! The sanctuary choir will begin rehearsing music for its Christmas music presentation in early October. This year, we will be working with the youth choir to prepare a special presentation.



If you enjoy singing and ministering through song and would like to make a short-term commitment to the

Christmas choir, join us for rehearsals beginning early October. Watch the bulletin and future newsletter articles for more information and rehearsal schedules or contact Rose Evans at mrevans04@gmail.com or 553-4083.

Special Musicals: Bring a Friend!

- December 6 6:00 p.m., Heaven’s Harmony Christmas Musical
- December 13 8:30 & 10:50 a.m., Musical Celebration of Christmas
- December 20 7:00 p.m., Christmas caroling
- April 26 7:30 p.m., Spring Ring VII Handbell and Chimes Concert
- May 2 8:30 & 10:50 a.m., Children-led Corporate worship
- May 9 6:00 p.m. Singing Celebration

Outreach Event

**September 10
6:15 p.m.**

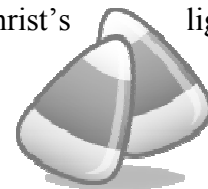
We will hand out large American flags (350–400) and the booklet: “What on Earth am I here for?” Our focus theme is “Patriot Day” —



OUTREACH EVENT

**October 31
Time TBD**

During “Treats on Main” in downtown Wilmore, we will hand out 400 or more items of candy and the booklet: “What on Earth am I here for?” Let’s change a usually dark night into one that shines Christ’s light!



Highlights of the Summer

SOARing in Bowling Green

June 22–28, 2009, was the New South Conference Teen Camp at Eagle Ridge Retreat Center in Bowling Green, KY. The camp theme, SOAR, comes from Isaiah 40:31: “But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will SOAR on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

The campers participated in many activities during the week of camp: service projects, Bible studies, softball games, self-defense class, drama, evangelism/testimony workshop, crafts, water games, and a bowling trip. During the evening worship services, the camp evangelist challenged the campers to put their trust in God and then follow as He leads. Many campers made decisions and commitments to do just that!



Picture L–R: Lydia Sweetser, Chloe Goforth, Jalyn Wilson, Annie Yoder, and Nicole Anderson

August 4 Annual Kings Island Trip

On August 4, twenty three students along with five adults headed out to Kings Island. The sky was cloudy, but the excitement level was high. As we journeyed to Ohio, rain began to pour from the sky. We arrived at Kings Island around 10 a.m. Within a matter of an

hour, we were all soaked and cold. Many of the rides were closed due to the storm, so we sought shelter in the “Flight of Fear” and “Crypt” (inside rides) along with various shops in the park.

We had packed a picnic feast that we enjoyed in the comfort and warmth of the church vans, with the sandwiches being assembled under a tarp draped between the vans’ back doors, thanks to Pastor Reed’s ingenuity and problem solving. After lunch, we regrouped and headed back into the park to see if the rides would reopen. By about 5 p.m., the rain had passed and the sun began to peek out from behind the clouds. Because so many others left the park earlier in the day, we were able to walk onto many of the rides, waiting, at the most, 20 minutes for the rides. Though the trip did not start out as anticipated, the outcome was incredible. As the students reminisce about this trip, what they will most recall, more than the rain, the sandwiches, or the rides, will be the time they spent together, laughing and sharing their lives.



Upcoming Events...

- 9/1 7:15 a.m.
Youth Prayer Breakfasts begin
- 9/1 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Open Gym begins (continues each Tuesday)
- 9/2 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group Kick-off
- 10/30–11/1
NSC Fall Youth Retreat at Eagle Ridge Retreat Center
Plan to enjoy a great weekend!

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Events Calendar

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- 9/15 Music rehearsals and childcare begin
- 9/17 7:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out
- 9/19 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (CMC)
10:15 a.m. Outreach event
- 9/20 6:00 p.m. Communion

OCTOBER

- 10/2 11:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
Mustering the Men Retreat at Eagle Ridge
- 10/4 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Communion
- 10/9–10 WPMC Ladies' Fall Retreat
- 10/11 7:00 p.m. Hayride social
- 10/12 Plumblin Deadline for Nov/Dec issue
- 10/12–16 Fall Break for public schools
- 10/13 No children's music rehearsals (fall break)
- 10/14 No CLC; another children's activity
- 10/15 7:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out
- 10/17–18 Missions Weekend
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (CMC)
10:00 a.m. Ladies' Mug 'N Muffin (CMC)

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Andrea Tinsley:

Serving Christ with Reckless Abandon

By Shirley McMillan

Andrea Tinsley, our new youth minister since August 1, arrived in Wilmore the end of July and “hit the ground running” with a parents’ meeting on August 2, and a youth trip to King’s Island on August 4.

Andrea is not new to youth ministry. As youth director for the New South Conference she has directed youth camps and retreats at Eagle Ridge Retreat Center the past three years.

Having grown up on a horse farm in McMinnville, Tennessee, with an older brother and two younger sisters, Andrea loves all kinds of outdoors activities. Camping and hiking were a big part of her life.

She also spent a lot of time in church at Bratcher’s Crossroads Free Methodist Church, where her parents are still

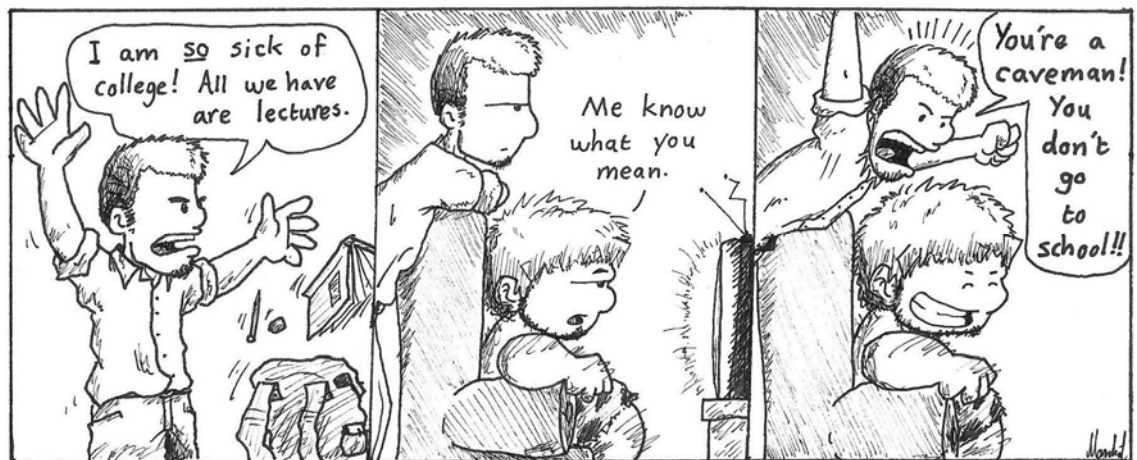
involved in music and other ministries. Her dad is also active in the Free Methodist Church, New South Conference.

Andrea began her own faith journey in fourth grade, receiving Jesus as her Savior during a revival meeting. In ninth grade, she understood that Jesus wanted her to be more than a “good girl” who always went to church and did the right things. He wanted a close personal relationship with her. Committing her life to Jesus at a new level, she began to grow in new ways. In high school, she played basketball and was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, serving as co-captain. She also began teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school, and entered the Leaders in Training (LIT) program. A tour of the college while visiting her Uncle Edward and Aunt Bernice Tinsley convinced Andrea that

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Geoff and Jeff by Ben Marchál





Library News

Checkout Information

Please check out all items. The check-out station is at the back of the library. Follow the posted instructions carefully.

Note: Library books may be checked out for *three weeks*; all DVDs, videos, CDs, and cassettes may be checked out for *one week only*. If you need to renew any item, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey (858-3436). It is important to return the materials when they are due so others may check them out.

Lost Item

Would you help us find the book, Salt of the Sea by Dean Cook? If you find it, please place it in the return box.



New Books for the Library

For preschoolers:

- Good Ol' Noah Had an Ark
- Jesus is My Special Friend
- Not Too Small at All
- Clopper and the Lost Boy
- Jeremy: The Tale of an Honest Bunny

For grades 1–5:

- Friendly Foal by Dandi Daley Mackall
- The Wisdom of Solomon by Wanda E. Brunstetter
- More of the Rachel Yoder series by Wanda E. Brunstetter
 - A Happy Heart
 - Just Plain Foolishness
 - Jumping to Conclusions

For adults (fiction):

The Zion Covenant Series by Bodie Thoene

- Vienna Prelude

- Prague Counterpoint
- Munich Signature
- Jerusalem Interlude

New DVDs in the Library

- *Really Woolly the Tree of Life*
- *Stephen's Test of Faith*
- Auto B Good Series:
 - *Mission Possible*
 - *Playing It Fair*
- Max Lucado Series:
 - *Mine You Are and You Are Special*
 - *If Only I Had a Green Nose*
 - *Punchinello and the Most Marvelous Gift*

Book Reviews

Ducktails by Janette Oke

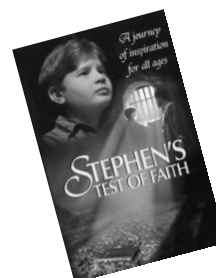
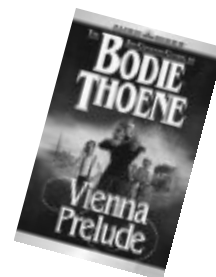
"[Ducktails] tells the story of a baby duck named Quackery growing up with his family. He has all sorts of brothers and sisters. His closest brother is Zackery. They were in the pond one day and met another duck named Clinton. Clinton told them that the pond across the street was more fun. Zackery decides to go and disobey his family. They go through some scary things and learn why they need to obey their parents."

—Jackie Wiggam, age 7

Rachel Yoder: Back to School by Wanda Brunstetter

"...It's the first day of school and there is a new boy in the school. Rachel does not like him because he follows her, mimics her and makes fun of her for not wearing matching shoes on the first day of school. The teasing goes on and on! You should read this book because you can find out if Rachel gets even with Orlie or not!!"

—Katie Winter, age 9





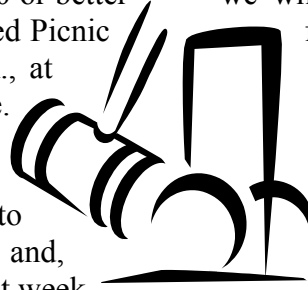
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Dick Barker
 11/2 Evelyn Madill
 11/5 Patti Fiskeaux
 Virginia Brubaker
 11/7 Benjamin Diddle
 Anne Wilbanks
 Lynn Lindle
 11/8 Amy Cooper
 Will Cooper
 Sam Powdrill
 11/9 Annette
 Wittenberg
 11/10 Chris Muller
 11/11 Christina
 Sutherland
 11/13 Earle Bowen
 Aurora Wang
 11/15 Carrie Hamley
 11/16 Penny McDaniel
 11/17 Jerry Faber
 11/19 Rita Schreiner
 11/21 Erin McLaughlin
 Ruby Branan
 11/22 Robbie Joy
 11/23 Susanna Roller
 11/24 Byron Skaggs
 Laura Ury
 11/26 Christine Smith
 11/27 Rachel
 Weinberger
 11/28 Chadwick
 Spencer
 11/29 Lenore Sweigard
 11/30 David Martin
 Kelly Winter
 Mark Evans
 Joe Crouse



Senior Adult Ministries (*Prime Timers*)

We are making plans for a lot of fun and informative things in the fall season! All senior adults age 60 or better are invited to our Old Fashioned Picnic on September 4, at 11:30 a.m., at Centennial Park in Wilmore. Cecil Zweifel's barbecue will be featured for lunch and there will be old-fashioned games to play—like croquet, corn hole and, hopefully, horseshoes! The next week, on Friday, September 11, we will go on a field trip to the Arboretum to see the bird houses that are up for auction. At our monthly luncheon on October 2, we will



talk about volunteer opportunities in the larger community, and on November 6, we will honor our veterans and hear from Bill Asmann about some of his life experiences. At our luncheon on December 4, we will hold our own Christmas program, with reading and carols by our members. We also plan to go to the Derby Dinner Theatre in December to see the musical adapted from "It's a Wonderful Life!" Plan to join us, get acquainted with other seniors, and have fun!

Gear Up for Grandparents Who Pray!

Are you a grandparent? Do you pray regularly for your grandchildren? Would you like to pray with other grandparents for your grandchildren?

If so, this may be the group for you. "Grandparents Who Pray" has been meeting regularly now for six years. Because of sustained interest and growth, it is going to be divided into two groups this year so that it can continue to grow in numbers and provide fellowship for more people in our church.

This year, you may choose, from October through May, to meet on the first Monday of the month *or* on the third Thursday of the month at the home of Jay and Margaret Dargan, 301 Corbitt Dr. in Wilmore. Each meeting begins with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for the great fellowship and wonderful food!

Then around 7:00 p.m., a short devotional will be given. Praises and prayer requests are shared for children and grandchildren. Participants may also bring pictures of their grandchildren to pass around. We pray regularly for over

100 grandchildren in our "Grandparents Who Pray" group.

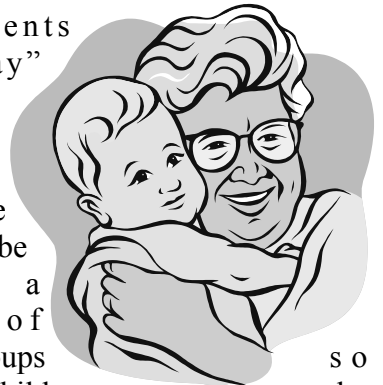
After general sharing, the group will be broken into a couple of smaller groups so that grandchildren can be prayed for by name. It is the goal to pray for each grandchild before the evening is over. We try to dismiss around 8:30 p.m.

If you aren't praying for your grandchildren, who is? Come and share. You and your family will be blessed.

The first dates for this year are:

- Monday, October 5, 2009
- Thursday, October 15, 2009

Choose the one that best fits your schedule. Both meetings will begin with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. It is open to all grandparents! For more information, please call Margaret Dargan at 858-3183. You are welcome!



CAREGIVERS Support Group

The purpose of the Caregivers' Support Group is to find and offer support to those who provide care for another and to engage in education and ideas. Anyone who is currently providing care for a loved one, who has provided care, or who anticipates doing so, is welcome to attend.

We meet every second Thursday of the month from 7:00–8:30 p.m., at the Wilmore Senior Community Center on the campus of the Wesley Village.

Our first meeting this fall will be Thursday, September 10.

Topic: The ten most important things to know as a caregiver.

Speaker: Martha Sparks, caregiver for many years and author of several books on encouraging caregivers.

Agenda: Opens with prayer; then, there is some sharing time—sharing about each of our situations in



caring for loved ones; and finally, there is a speaker.

The sharing time allows us to support each other and share thoughts. Often we have a speaker or resource person from the community to share some insights on a particular topic. Sometimes we just have the sharing session. Some of the topics planned for future meetings are:

- What is palliative care, how can you get it and how can it help?
- What is dementia (including Alzheimer's) and how can it be treated?
- How do you work with loved ones who are confused or uncooperative?
- How do you maintain spiritual and family life with an older dependent loved one?

Watch the church bulletin for announcements about the specific meetings and the topics planned, or contact Ralph or Nellie Kester at rnkester@windstream.net or 858-9979.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/1 Allen & Grace Holmes
Thane & Laura Ury
- 9/2 Robert & Kay Bickert
- 9/3 Al & Arda Wilday
- 9/8 David & Betty Tullar
- 9/15 Ken & Ginny Proctor
- 9/17 Vic & Shirley Hamilton
- 9/21 Rick & Christine Maynard
- 9/25 Daryl & Annette Diddle
- 9/29 Wayne & Alice Rogers

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/3 Dwight & Kelly Winter
- 10/5 Dennis & Denise Adams
- 10/14 Lyle & Marilyn Van Horn
Rick & Jodi Boyd
- 10/16 Todd & Krista Padgett
- 10/18 Gary & Rachel Weinberger
- 10/24 Jerry & Debby Marchál
- 10/28 Gordon & Dorothy Thompson

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/7 William & Bev Underwood
- 11/10 Eric & Kelly Zabilka
- 11/27 Paul & Lisa Kellogg

Thank you to everyone who provided supper for the Wednesday night youth group. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep," and that is what we did, not only spiritually but also physically!

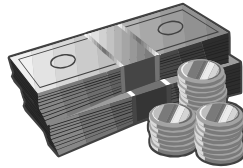
It was a great success last year and, hopefully, we can continue it this year—with your help. If God has laid it on your heart to participate by providing food for the youth on Wednesday nights, please contact Ruth Weinberger at 536-6672.



Ladies' Fall Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars to join us for the WFMC Fall Retreat on October 9–10, 2009, held at Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center, in Crestwood, KY.

Watch the bulletin for more information, and contact Erin McLaughlin at 537-0660 with any questions.



PERSONAL FINANCE

by *Don Butterworth, Financial Peace University (FPU) Coordinator*

What! Still no budget?! Has another month slipped away and that budget you promised yourself you were going to make never got down on paper? Well, welcome to the club. Most people have trouble getting started. But what most people don't realize is that when they take the time to track their income and spending on paper, at the end of the month they feel as if they have gotten a raise! Now wouldn't that be nice?

So what's holding you back? Are you a Free Spirit that would rather do almost anything than work with numbers? Then enlist the aid of your spouse, or a trusted friend, or someone on the Personal Finance team at church. Just be sure to fully participate.

Maybe you started to make a budget, but that blank piece of paper just keeps staring back at you. If that's the case, try going to the Dave Ramsey website, where you can find some free budgeting work forms. Just type these keywords into your favorite internet search engine, "Dave Ramsey budgeting tools" and it should take you to following page, which has free downloads: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/?FuseAction=dspContent&intContentID=3006>.

Maybe you would prefer to use budgeting software, but don't want to pay

\$60+ for Quicken. Why not download a free program? OpenOffice is a wonderful suite of software that is nearly identical to Microsoft Office only it is *free*. You can use the spreadsheet or document features to start your budget. There are also stand-alone programs like GnuCash, Buddi, or SimpleD Budget. My personal favorite, and the one that I use, is Money Manager Ex.

Maybe what is putting you off is that you don't know how much to allot to the different budgeting categories. The Recommended % list should help you with that. Please note that these are only general guidelines, and the recommended percentages are of your net income. Your categories may differ depending on your level of debt and income.

Recommended %

Charitable gifts: 10–15%

Savings: 5–10%

Housing: 25–35%

Utilities: 5–10%

Food: 5–10%

Transportation: 10–15%

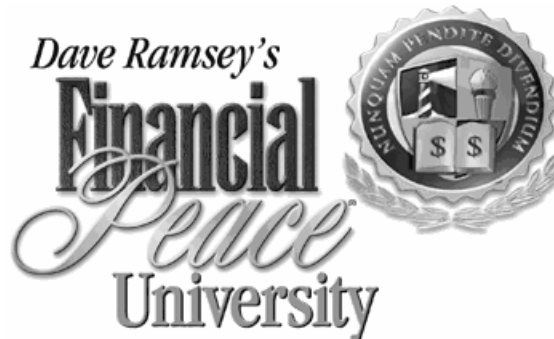
Clothing: 2–7%

Medical/Health: 5–10%

Personal: 5–10%

Recreation: 5–10%

Debts: 5–10%



Alright now. No more putting it off. THIS is the month to start that budget. You can do it!

FamilyLife Marriage Conference: October 9–11, 2009 (Louisville, KY)

How valuable is your marriage to you? Are you a couple on the brink of divorce? Because of what they learned at a marriage conference like this, many couples are still together. What do you have to lose? Even if you have a good marriage, this conference could help you make it stronger.

Group registration is available through www.familylife.com/groups/committedtoourvowsinwilmore or call 1-800-FL-TODAY and register using “committedtoourvowsinwilmore” as the group name. The group rate is \$89 per person (meals and 2 nights at a hotel are not included). Be sure to register using the group name to get the discount, available until September 26.

Conference Location and Hotel Info:

The Galt House Hotel
140 North Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40202
Phone: 502-589-5200
Cost: \$106/night



The Sarantakos Family

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in cheek, Deano claims to be “the most serious minded person you’ll ever meet,” but loves to kid around, laugh and have fun. On the serious side, he praises Maquel as a good wife and mother who is very community minded and involved in their daughter’s school and social activities. Genaea is a fifth grader at Picadome School in Lexington and is on a year-round swim team.

The Sarantakos family is often busy around the church, serving as sanctuary sweepers and making sure that writing pens are in place throughout the sanctuary. Deano also serves on the mowing team, and Maquel assists with Children’s Worship.

The Ireland Family

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John also runs and will do his first half-marathon September 19, at Wright-Patterson AFB near Dayton, OH. He served six years in the Air Force Reserve and enjoys flying as a private pilot when finances allow.

John works for the American Board of Family Medicine, helping doctors utilize the organization’s website. He has a B.A. in Psychology from UK and a Certificate in Christian Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary, where he’s working toward a Master’s degree. Joy has a B.A. from Seattle Pacific University and an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary.

This summer Joy volunteered with Summer Fun. She attends the Wrestling With Truth ABF class and enjoys ministering in music occasionally on Sunday mornings. John helps Matt and Hannah Eckhardt facilitate the New Adult Ministries *inLIGHTen* class as they explore Christianity and social issues.



Events Calendar

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- 10/25 6:00 p.m. Healing service
- 10/28 7:00 p.m. CLC Harvest Festival
- 10/30–31 Eagle Ridge Youth Retreat
- 10/31 Time TBD Outreach event

NOVEMBER

- 11/1 All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time ends 8:30/10:50 a.m. Communion
- 11/2 Great Commission Conference at Asbury College
- 11/6 11:30 a.m. Senior adult luncheon
- 11/7 9:00 a.m.–Noon Membership Seminar class
- 11/8 Veterans Sunday
- 11/15 6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service
Communion will be served
- 11/19 7:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out
- 11/22 6:00 p.m. All-church Thanksgiving dinner
- 11/25 12:00 p.m. Church office closed
6:00 p.m. Outreach event: pumpkin pie giveaway
No Wednesday evening activities

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WELCOME



Events Calendar

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11/26–27

Church office
closed

11/29 First Sunday of
Advent

6:00 p.m.
Hanging of the
Greens service

About Teaching Truth

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America's Christian heritage from school textbooks and the determined expunging of all things Christian from our public life.

You don't think that happened?

History books proudly display Patrick Henry's courageous cry: "Give me liberty, or give me death."

Show me a textbook that points out that Henry also said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, people of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity and freedom of worship here."

Our early leaders—most of them deeply grounded in Christian theology—set up a nation where all men would be free to worship as they chose.

Now the very principles that guided them to grant asylum to all faiths have been excised from history books in the name of religious freedom. What's wrong with this picture?

Nobody's saying that the Ten Commandments isn't a religious document. The commandments are guiding principles to Jews and Christians. But the Ten Commandments is a historical document as well, a vital link to America's past, to how and why this country was designed as it was.

To say it cannot be posted on public property because it is a religious document denies the historical reality that it formed the foundation for the American system of government and was the basis of our codes of civil and criminal law.

James Madison wrote, "We have staked the future upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to

sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Had our founding fathers been Muslim or Buddhist, for example, or if America had been founded on the principles of the Hindu faith, our legal system and civil government would be vastly different.

"The highest glory of the American Revolution," John Quincy Adams wrote, was that "it connected, in one indissoluble bond, the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

It is historical fact that the Founding Fathers built America on the principles of their faith. How in the name of common sense can it be illegal to teach what those principles were? That's not establishing a state religion; that's teaching history.

Nobody had to explain that American

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law and government grew out of the Ten Commandments to the men who built the great government edifices in Washington, D.C. The Ten Commandments are written on the outside of the Supreme Court

building. The Ten Commandments are carved into the door of the Supreme Court chambers inside. Stand before the justices to plead your case and you will see the Ten Commandments centered on the wall behind the chief justice.

So, explain to me how it can be illegal to post the Ten Commandments on the wall in the McCreary County Courthouse. Tell me why other religious documents must be placed around it—just to be fair—when those other religious principles had zip to do with the formulation of American law and government.

This isn't a religious fight, folks. Those who have made it into one miss the point. Acknowledging the role Christianity played in the formation of this country is not promoting one religion over another. It is simply teaching truth.

Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels for Oakdale Christian Academy

Please save your Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Point Value Labels with the little face on them for Oakdale Christian Academy. Oakdale is our Free Methodist Middle School and High School located about 100 miles east down in the mountains near Jackson, KY. It takes "at risk" teens and "gives them hope and a future." Oakdale's dedicated staff works sacrificially to provide a quality education and Biblical role models to these teens. With God's help many lives have been transformed. Approximately 80% of these teens go on to college.

You can help! Save your Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Point Value Labels. Take them to the Wilmore Free Methodist

Church Library and place them in the appropriate container on the shelf on the right wall of the library.

For the Campbell Soup Label, cut out the Little Guy with the Graduate's Hat and the Proof of Purchase Code. These will help Oakdale Christian Academy get needed supplies.

Thank you for being willing to help Oakdale Christian Academy!



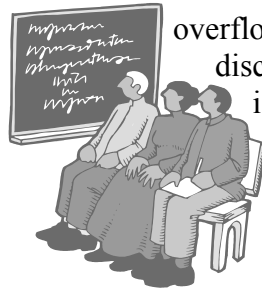
Be sure to cut out the entire coupon!



How to Survive and Thrive in Seminary

Come and participate in panel and group discussions on Life in Seminary: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. These discussions are part of a three-week Adult Bible Fellowship elective offered on October 25, November 1, and November 8, in the sanctuary

overflow, at 9:40 a.m. The discussions will focus on issues of practical significance to seminary students.



WANTED: Used Books

Bill Tinsley, brother of Rachel Powdrill, has recently moved to Wilmore. He previously had an accident that has left him with some coordination problems with his hands and feet, therefore limiting him for job possibilities. He will open a used bookstore in town fairly soon and needs used books. If anyone has books they are willing to donate, please call Bill or Rachel at 858-0091 and they will come pick them up. Thanks!

Seminary Students Fellowship Kickoff

Join us for a Sandwichfest, held in the Christian Ministries Center, on Sunday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. All seminary students and their families are invited to come. There will be food, fellowship, and a chance to hear about plans for the coming year!



Campfires for a Cause

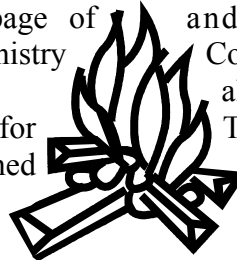
By Ralph Yoder, Church and Society Team Leader

On Friday, September 11, at 7 p.m., Marguerite and Warren Brude will host a “Campfire for a Cause” potluck at 551 Figg Lane in Wilmore; everyone is invited. Please RSVP to the Brude’s at mbrude@yahoo.com or 327-2463. Also, please bring two or three items from All God’s Children’s “Needs List.” The list is on the Church and Society page of www.wfmc.net (look under Ministry Quick Links).

You may also bring Bibles for donations. If the potluck is rained out, we will reschedule for Friday, September 18.

On October 11, at the hayride social, the warmth of several campfires on a crisp evening will remind us winter is coming. So, please bring winter-wear items (gloves, children’s mittens, hats, scarves, wool socks, jackets, blankets, etc.) for distribution to the Salvation Army, Hope Center, All God’s Children, and the Wilmore-High Bridge Community Center. Again, Bibles are also welcome as donations.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous gifts to those who are having a hard go of it!



Needs

Just a reminder that many of our neighbors are still jobless and in need of food to feed their families. Starting in September, WFMC will alternate our donations between the Wilmore/High Bridge Community Center and the Jessamine County Food Bank in Nicholasville.

Non-perishable items may be placed in the wooden barrel located at the Welcome Center.

Be assured God will bless your generosity.

Andrea Tinsley

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Asbury was the place for her. After graduating with a degree in Elementary Education in 2005, she returned to Tennessee and taught second grade for four years. Two years ago, she heard God’s call to full-time youth ministry.

“At first I thought God had the wrong number,” she says. “But He assured me I was the one He was calling. He’s convincingly shown His love to me, and I’ve accepted His call.”

Answering that call brought her to Asbury Theological Seminary this fall to pursue a Master’s degree in youth ministry.

“I’ve been on this journey with Christ for a lot of years, and I’m excited about serving Him with reckless abandon,” she says.

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The words of Jesus guide and energize her: “...I have come to give life, life in all its fullness” (John 10:10b, NCV). That is her passionate desire for our young people.



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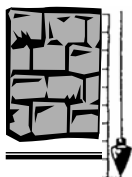
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“You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

—John 15:14–15