



# The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

August / September 2011

## Annual WFCM Ladies Fall Retreat

Cleftrock Retreat Center, Mt. Vernon, KY  
Friday, Sept 30– Saturday, Oct 1

Some highlights:

\*NEW LOCATION

Cozy cabins in the woods

Personal Devotion Time

GREAT FOOD

Hiking trails

Fire pit

Games & crafts

\*Cleftrock is a beautiful place to get away and relax, refresh and renew! It will be a great time of getting acquainted and fellowshiping together as sisters in Christ.

Watch the bulletin for more information.  
Please plan to join us!

ALL SEMINARY STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES are invited to the Fall Kick-off for Seminarians in the CMC immediately after the Sunday evening service on September 11. Come for a time of good food and fellowship and hear about our exciting plans for this year.

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## 2011-12 PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 14, 9:40 am

Christian Ministry Center

### ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

ABF leaders will give a glimpse into their focus and area of study for the new 2011-12 year

### MINISTRY TEAMS

Ministry teams are invited to set-up displays in the CMC Great Hall to encourage people to join and participate in the team's ministry.

Please contact Pastor Dwight Winter for more information.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

### Monday, AM

Our Monday morning ladies' Bible study will begin the fall semester on September 19, with Beth Moore's ten-week study, "Breaking Free: The Journey--Making Liberty in Christ a Reality in Life." This is the updated version of the study first published in 1999.

"Join Beth Moore on a Bible journey unlike any other. God intends for you to know and believe Him, glorify Him, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence."

All women are welcome. Our group is inter-denominational and multi-generational. Sorry, but we do not offer child care. We meet from 10:00-11:30 a.m., at the home of Arv & Judy Metcalf, 20 Veterans Drive, Wilmore. We watch an hour-long video together followed by a brief discussion led by Yvonne Moulton.

For those who are interested, there is an accompanying workbook for personal 5-day-a-week Bible study available for \$15. Completing the workbook is not a requirement to be a part of this Monday morning study.

### Tuesday, PM

"David--Seeking a Heart Like His"

(an update of Beth Moore's best-selling *A Heart Like His*)

Aug. 23 - Nov. 1

Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:45pm

WFCM, Room 14-17 (downstairs)

## Senior Adult Ministries for Fall 2011

Everyone age 60 and better is invited to the Fall Senior Adult Picnic to be held Friday, September 2, at 12:00 noon, in the shelter at Centennial Park, Wilmore. There is easy access to the park from Kinlaw Dr. and parking close to the shelter. Featured will be Cecil's delicious and unique barbecue, ice cream, and games for everyone!

Come join us for fun and fellowship as we kick off the new year! There are monthly luncheons, with fun & serious programs, field trips and special activities planned for the 2011-12 program year.

## From the Pastor's Pen

For this edition of the Plumline, I'd like to share with you an excellent and timely reminder of the nature of love and the basis of marriage by Chuck Colson. This is either important news or a good reminder for all of us of the nature of our friendships and marriage vows. - Pastor Daryl

### The Sanction of Eros Why Christians Divorce



I still remember my sadness on hearing that an old friend, someone I believed was a sincere Christian, was leaving his wife. I was shocked and disappointed. How could this man, committed to both his spouse and his Lord, fall in love with another woman?

An essay by the late Sheldon Vanauken helps answer the question and reminds us that such temptations are all too common.

Vanauken, best known as the author of the powerful love story entitled *A Severe Mercy*, also published a collection of essays called *Under the Mercy*, which explores these feelings.

In one essay called "The Loves," Vanauken describes how a Christian friend named John shocked him by announcing that he was leaving his wife to marry another woman. John explained his sudden change of heart by saying, "It seemed so good, so right. That's when we knew we had to get the divorces. We belonged together."

As Vanauken explains, John was "invoking a higher law: the feeling of goodness and rightness. A feeling so powerful that it swept away . . . whatever guilt [he] would otherwise have felt" for what he was doing to his family.

Sadly, many people love their spouse not as a person, but as someone who evokes certain feelings. Their wedding vow was not so much to the person as to that feeling. So when such people fall in love with someone else, they just transfer that vow to the other person. And why not? says Vanauken, "If vows are nothing but feelings?"

Vanauken dubs these thrilling emotions "The Sanction of Eros." When John spoke of the goodness of his new love, "the sacred approval [he said he] felt could not possibly have come from [God,] whose disapproval of divorce is explicit in Scripture. It is Eros, the pagan god of lovers, who confers this sanction upon the worshippers at his altar."

Vanauken continues, "The pronouncement of Eros that this love is so good and so right that all betrayals are justified is simply a lie." But worst of all, those caught in its thrall of Eros are convinced their love is different, even sacred. They do not dream, Vanauken says, "that every other lover has the same assurance."

Now, can the Eros type of love -- this emotional and physical attachment -- be a healthy part of a marriage? Of course! But Eros is not the type of love that glues husbands and wives together "til death do us part." That love would be Agape love -- the love modeled by Christ's self-sacrifice on the cross for His Bride, the Church. Agape is the love Paul talks about in Ephesians 5:25, when he commands husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church.

Agape seeks to bless the other person; it is totally self-giving. Eros, especially outside of marriage, seeks only to use the other. Its goal is self-gratification. And that's why pastors have to work hard to teach engaged couples about the necessity of understanding Agape love. At some point, Eros will almost certainly beckon with an exciting new love -- and the feelings of rightness, and even sacredness, may be overwhelming.

Couples need to know that only when Christ and Agape love are at the heart of their marriage can they withstand these temptations.

Colson, Chuck. July 23, 2011. <<http://www.breakpoint.org/bpcommentaries/entry/13/17329>>

# WFMC Music Ministries: Take "Note"

## MUSIC ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITIES FALL 2011—SPRING 2012

If you enjoy making music and having genuine fellowship with other believers, then perhaps one of the music ensembles at WFMC is just the opportunity for you! Weekly ensemble rehearsals begin in September. Groups range from pre-Kindergarten to adult and from hand chimes to adult choir. Please do not miss this opportunity to further develop your musical gifts and grow spiritually. Listed below you will find general information regarding available ensembles. Please feel free to contact any of these directors with more specific questions or concerns.

### YOUTH AND ADULT VOCAL ENSEMBLES

#### Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director-Mark Schell
- Begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 4:45-5:45p.m.
- Sign-up on youth bulletin board

#### Sanctuary Choir (Post-HS and above)

- Director-Rose Evans
- Begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 4:45-5:45p.m.
- Simply come to the first rehearsal

#### Christmas Choir

The Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing for the Musical Celebration of Christmas in early October. We will be working with the Youth Choir for this special presentation. If you enjoy singing and ministering through song, and would like to make a short-term commitment to the "Christmas Choir" you are welcome to join us for rehearsals beginning early October. Watch the bulletin and listen for further information and rehearsal schedules, or contact Rose Evans.

### YOUTH AND ADULT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES

#### Allegro Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director-Rose Evans
- Begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 3:45-4:30p.m.
- Beginning/Intermediate level
- Sign-up on youth bulletin board

#### Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)

- Director-Amanda Bailey
- Begins Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 3:30-4:30p.m.
- Advanced level
- Sign up on youth bulletin board

#### Blessings Handbell Choir (Post-HS and above)

- Director-Katie Diddle
- Begins Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Time, T.B.A.
- All levels

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:** if you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing, 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 brochure at the Welcome Center in the main foyer of the church or contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans. We want to hear from you!

#### SPECIAL DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR - FALL 2011-SPRING 2012

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| • November 27 <sup>th</sup> P.M. Hanging of the Greens            | • February 27 <sup>th</sup> P.M. Symphony of Gifts                       |
| • December 4 <sup>th</sup> P.M. Children's Musical                | • April 30 <sup>th</sup> P.M. Spring Ring IX<br>Handbell /Chimes Concert |
| • December 11 <sup>th</sup> A.M. Musical Celebration of Christmas | • May 6 <sup>th</sup> A.M. Children-led Worship Service                  |
| • December 18 <sup>th</sup> P.M. Christmas Caroling               | • May 13 <sup>th</sup> P.M. Singing Celebration                          |

# Library News and Reviews

## New Books for the Library

**Loan Period: 3 weeks**

**For Preschoolers:**

- The Story of Jonah
- Ruby and the Muddy Dog
- Corduroy Goes to School
- Nibble Nibble
- Luck

**For Beginning Readers: (I Can Read Series)**

- The Prodigal Son
- Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

**For Grades 1 -5:**

- Framed
- Number the Stars
- Pony Crazy
- Runaway Pony
- Captured! (The Story Keepers)

**For Adults:**

- Heaven is for Real (We have two copies.)
- Never Too Late (Michael Phillips)
- Shiloh Autumn (Bodie Thoene)
- December Secrets (Patricia Giff)
- Texas Angel (Judith Pella)
- In My Father's House (Bodie Thoene)
- A Thousand Shall Fall (Bodie Thoene)
- Say to This Mountain (Bodie Thoene)
- Warrior's Song (Judith Pella)
- Stoner's Crossing (Judith Pella)

## New DVDs for the Library

**Loan Period: 1 week**

**New DVDs:**

- Adventures in Boogabooga Land*
- Matthew (Part 1)*                      *Acts (Part 1)*
- Matthew (Part 2)*                      *Acts (Part 2)*
- Jesus the Christ*                      *Falling Fire*

### Please Renew Items Promptly

*If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at 858-3436. It is important to return the materials when they are due so that others can check them out. Please leave them in the return box which is to the left, just inside the library door.*

### Zondervan Family Bookstore Stamps

*When purchasing items at the Zondervan Family Bookstore, please ask for the stamps that can be used for the church to purchase items for the library. Place them in the drawer (plastic container where checkout cards are placed) marked "Stamps."*

*"The mood of contemporary culture is not congenial to the missionary mandate. The lack of receptiveness has its roots in the modern absolutizing of tolerance and relativizing of belief. Every lifestyle is to be tolerated. Every belief is to be accepted--unless, of course, it is an exclusive-truth claim that challenges the beliefs of everyone else."*

*Richard Foster, Streams of Living Water*

Campbell Soup Labels for  
**Oakdale Christian Academy**  
Please bring your  
Campbell Soup Labels to the Library



THANK YOU for bringing in your labels.  
Last year \$1,900 was raised through these  
box tops. How much can we do this year?

### **VSB THANK YOU!**

"Every year (for the past MANY years) we load up our van and head for Grannie & Papa's so that we can join in the Christ-centered fun that is characteristic of VBS there @ WFMC. This year, as we ventured that way, the duration of our drive time was spent reminiscing about past VBS experiences, singing countless VBS tunes, and eagerly anticipating all that the week would hold... God has given our family an undeniable gift each summer by blessing our lives through VBS @ WFMC and through the countless individuals who give of their time, talents, energy, and resources to make it happen. We praise Him for that gift and pray His continued blessing upon your church and every individual touched by it. How truly pleased He must be by the way His love & life are so obvious at Wilmore Free Methodist. To God Be the Glory!"

In Christ's Love, Becca Robson (daughter of Larry & Sammie Moore) – on behalf of ALL the Robsons (Greg, Luke, Eli, Mollie).

## *Building Your Child's Spiritual Foundation*

Summer has gone by quickly and everyone is gearing up for the school year. We want to make sure our children are developing their spiritual foundation and learning how to be leaders in our church and around the world. Below are some important dates and information for our children's ministries at WFMC. Please encourage your children to get involved. If you have any questions, feel free to call Cheryl Schell at 858-3521 or 858-0604.



### *Children's Worship & Training Opportunities*

**Children's Sunday School** – Each Sunday at 9:40 am, classes meet to lay the foundation for a strong Christian life.

Open to children 2 years old through 5th grade

#### **Promotion Sunday is August 14!**

*We will not have the normal Sunday school schedule, but rather meet in the Christian Ministry Center at 9:40 am, for a full breakfast. Children & youth will be promoted to the next level in Sunday school.*

**Children's Worship, Jr.** - Meets throughout the year during both morning services.

Open for 2 and 3 year old children.

**Children's Worship** - Begins Sunday, August 21, during both morning services.

Open to children age 4 years through 3rd grade.

**Christian Life Club (CLC)** - Begins Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Open to children age 4 years through 5th grade.

### **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs!**

The Children's Music Department will soon be making a "joyful song." Each of our ensembles will be starting in September. Please check the start-up dates below and sign up for the appropriate group on the bulletin board in the main hallway. You can also sign up at our upcoming Ministry Fair.




**The Young Musicians** (age 4 or year before K) - begins Wednesday, September 14 from 6:15—6:45 pm. A parent must attend with each child. Limit 10 to the class. Meets in Rm. 133. (Various percussion instruments)

**The Friendship Company** (K through 1st grade) -begins Wed, September 14, at 6:15—6:45 pm. Meets in CMC Rm. 4. (Rhythm instruments & Handbells)


**Chimes of Joy** (2nd grade through 5th grade) - begins Sunday, September 11, at 3:45 -4:55 pm. Meets in CMC Room 4. (Hand chimes)

**Heaven's Harmony** (2nd grade through 5th grade) - begins Sunday, Sept 11, at 5:00—5:55 pm. Meets in CMC Rm. 4. (Vocal)

# August, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 B—Rosie Cooper</p> <p><b>7:00 pm CE Teacher Training</b></p> <p>7 pm Sidewalk Social</p>	<p>1 B—Daryl Diddle; Ben Marchál; Jeff Hiatt; Seth Padgett</p> <p>A—Aaron &amp; Amy Hall; Andy &amp; Faith Reynolds</p>	<p>2 A—Matt &amp; Hannah Eckhardt</p>	<p>3 B—Elyssa Maynard</p> <p>David McMichael</p>	<p>4 B—Mary Sutherland</p> <p>A—Chuck &amp; Jody Brock</p>	<p>5 B—Faith Branan</p> <p>A—Dannie &amp; Laurie Hood</p>	<p>6 A—Mark &amp; Cheryl Schell</p>
<p>8 B—Ruth Brown</p> <p>Marguerite Brude</p> <p>James Zweifel</p>	<p>9 B—Annetta Finley</p> <p>Pearl May</p> <p>Christina Proctor</p> <p>A—Dale &amp; Joyce Underwood; Dennis &amp; Priscilla Probst</p>	<p>10 B—Bill Tinsley; Aidan Reifsnnyder; A—Bill &amp; Bonnie Descoteaux; Andy &amp; Lizet Bowen</p> <p><b>Public School opens 7 pm Prayer Walk</b></p>	<p>11 A—Chuck &amp; Luci Long</p>	<p>12 A—Keith &amp; Sharon Madison</p> <p>Steve &amp; Ruth Hersey</p>	<p>13 B—Andrew Sweigard, David Tullar, Daniel Weigle, Johnetta Zweifel</p> <p>A—Ted &amp; Sandy Hall; Craig &amp; Rebekah Saunders</p>	<p>14 B—Stephen Crow</p> <p><b>9:40 am Promotion Sunday (SS &amp; ABF) Ministry Fair</b></p>
<p>15 B—Karen Jamison</p> <p>Cheryl Faul</p> <p>A—Ron &amp; Nadara Welling; Stan &amp; Mama Wiggam</p> <p><b>Asbury University begins</b></p>	<p>16 B—Sandy Hall</p> <p><b>7:15 am Youth Prayer-Breakfast begins; 4-6 pm Open Gym (new time)</b></p>	<p>17 B—Debby Marchál; Julie Caldwell; Del Searls</p>	<p>18 A—Dale &amp; Melanie Kierstead; Howard &amp; Jan Snyder</p>	<p>19 B-Michele Martin</p> <p>A—R &amp; S Boileau; J &amp; A Sherry; D &amp; L Sweigard; K &amp; R Thompson</p> <p><b>Ladies' Night Out Sleepover</b></p>	<p>20 B—Don Joy</p> <p>Mary Ellen Martin</p> <p>Fran May</p>	<p>21 A—Mike &amp; Christine Smith</p> <p><b>Children's Worship begins (4—3rd grade)</b></p> <p>AM Worship—CE worker dedication</p> <p>6 pm Baptism Service at Jessamine Creek</p>
<p>22 B—Nathan Liversedge</p>	<p>23 A—Steve &amp; Lorrie Liversedge</p>	<p>24 B—T.J. Goodwin</p> <p>Nathan Wittenberg</p> <p>A—Roy &amp; Sue Lauter</p>	<p>25 B—Nathan Saunders</p> <p>Caitlyn Tullar</p> <p>A—Don &amp; Kathleen Demaray</p>	<p>26 B—David Bauer</p> <p>Jonathan Skaggs</p> <p>Caleb Wang</p>	<p>27 B—Ed Bryson</p> <p>A—Bryan &amp; Carol Blankenship</p> <p>Gary &amp; Amy Hogue</p> <p><b>Children's Worship Training</b></p>	<p>28 B—Curt Kidwell</p> <p><b>7 pm Sidewalk Social</b></p>
<p>29 B—Nathan Liversedge</p>	<p>30 B—William Kusche</p>	<p>31 B—Melody Branan</p> <p>Kelly Smith</p>	 <p><b>Wilmore Free Methodist Church</b>  <b>1200 Lexington Road</b>  <b>Wilmore, KY 40390</b></p>			

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Wilmore Free Methodist Church 1200 Lexington Road Wilmore, KY 40390</p>						
<p>4 B—Lucille Gilmore Lyn Searls</p> <p><b>7 pm Pie and Ice Cream Social</b></p>	<p>5 B—Brian Nowitzki</p> <p><b>LABOR DAY Church Office will be closed</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Asbury Theological Seminary begins</b></p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Youth Fall Kick-off 7 pm CLC Begins</b></p>	<p>8 B—Nicholas Riffell A—David &amp; Betty Tullar</p>	<p>9 B—Lynn Cooper Liam Hamilton Dan Smith Paul Tippey</p>	<p>10 B—Timberly Kidwell Hannah Schell Ian Tippey</p>
<p>11 B—Loyd Cook, Ginny Proctor, Luke Tippey</p> <p><b>Grandparents' Day 9:40 am Membership Class Begins Music Rehearsals Begin</b></p>	<p>12 B—Stephen Anstett, Carol Blankenship, David Doty, Joyce Thomas</p> <p><b>AU Revival begins</b></p>	<p>13 B—Hope Owsley, Faith Ury, Dena George, Wyndham Cannon</p> <p><b>Handbells rehearsals begin</b></p>	<p>14 B—Michael Dickie, Barry May, Judy Metcalf, Jason Sherry</p> <p><b>6:15 pm Children's Music begins</b></p>	<p>15 B—Dorré Mitchell, Devon Roxberry, Hunter Swaim, Jennifer Reynolds A—K &amp; G Proctor</p> <p><b>7-10 pm Ladies' Night Out</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 B—Timothy Bowen, Dave Blankenship, Derrick Simpson A—V &amp; S Hamilton, L &amp; M Koss</p>
<p>18 B—Tamra Nowitzki</p> <p><b>9:40 am Membership Class 6:00 pm Communion</b></p>	<p>19 B—Christine Maynard, Kara Ostrom, Betsy behm, Amy Hogue, Ben Riffell</p>	<p>20 B—Ted Hall, Millie Hall</p>	<p>21 B—Jeneane Denger, Jonathan Gomez, Patti McPeake A—Rick &amp; Christine Maynard</p>	<p>22 B—Gary Bailey, Sam Gilmore</p>	<p>23 B—Ethan Bickert, Gene Lintemuth</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 B—Sarah Kusche A—Daryl &amp; Annette Diddle</p> <p><b>9:40 am Membership Class</b></p>	<p>26 B—Laura Busch, Vic Hamilton</p>	<p>27 B—Edward Print, Sarah Spencer, Kendra Tippey</p>	<p>28 B—Nancy Fellows, Isaac Lane, Cameron Ury</p> <p><b>7 am "See You at the Pole"; 8 pm Board of Administration</b></p>	<p>29 B—Fred Gillis, Marilyn Swaim A—Wayne &amp; Alice Rogers</p>	<p>30 B—Mattie Albertson, Amanda Reifsnnyder, Ralph Yoder</p>	

# Wilmore Free Methodist Youth

## Bible Quiz Nationals Spring Arbor University



**Senior Teen Veterans #1: (Grand Champions)**  
Caleb Blankenship, Christa Stackhouse, and Sam Cooper

**Senior Teen Veterans #2: (Third Place)**  
Andrew Wittenberg, Rachel Wittenberg, and Adam Schell

**Senior Teen Rookie: (Second Place)**  
Trinity Rudd, Meg Hull, and Melyssa Wittenberg

**Young Teen Veterans: (First Place)**  
Sarah Blankenship, Kelleyann Stackhouse, David Madill



# New South Conference Teen Camp

~Rooted in Love~



## *Foundation, Faith, Future—Capital Campaign Notes by John R. Swaim*

In late June, the membership of the church approved a 2-year extension of our Capital Campaign to raise funds needed for the planned building expansion. The current phase of the Campaign expires December 31, 2011.

The extension is a “second mile” effort and will allow everyone an opportunity to declare, in the form of a new and confidential pledge, their giving intentions for 2012 and 2013.

In September, you will hear a great deal more about this. Briefly, we plan to secure pledges in October and early November, keep everyone informed with respect to our progress, and announce a final total around Thanksgiving.

If the total of FFF designated cash and new pledges exceed \$2mm at that time, we plan to proceed with construction in 2012.

In anticipation of successful “second mile” pledging results, and in order to nail down more precise construction costs, the church membership authorized the re-launch of the Construction Planning Team. They also authorized the engagement of an architect to help with all the preliminaries which must be completed prior to beginning construction and to guide us through the project once it is begun.

Future generations will reflect on this time in the life of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church. It will be good to have been a part of what is taking place here in these days. Please keep the entire process in your prayers and plan to be a significant part of the 2-year Capital Campaign extension.

### **Worshipping Truly During the Week** *A message from the prayer team* by Kathy Davila

Have you noticed how easy it is to worship truly on Sunday mornings? We feel enraptured by the music and see the beautiful flower arrangements and the smiles all around us. Lately, I was noticing a rather stark contrast between that and my daily devotions. My daily devotions were cerebral, somewhat robotic. I would tell myself, "I am now reading the Bible passages for the day. I am now working my way down this prayer list. I am now reviewing what I am memorizing this week, etc." Where was the wonder and the affection?

I figured it was time to plan some multi-dimensional worship. Just as we don't do the same old things as we connect with friends, we can have some creativity in our re-creation with Jesus. These are some ideas to try:

- ◆ Sit by a window and gaze out at some leaves. Spend ten minutes in silence. Reflect on the vine and the branches. Think about our connectedness to Christ and to each other. Enjoy the uniqueness, interdependence, and the beauty of it all.
- ◆ Prepare a cup of tea and a list of 3-5 questions about how to deal with your week. Sit in a comfortable chair. Slowly drink your tea and prayerfully listen.
- ◆ Walk quietly around the prayer garden at church or another garden. Rest among the flowers and the birdsong. Think about how the Lord walked with his disciples to garden spots to teach them.
- ◆ Incorporate music in a new way. Pull out an instrument you used to play. Put on your dancing shoes. Sing along with a recording that is a different style for you, and “make a joyful noise” unto the Lord.
- ◆ Prepare a simple snack and eat it by candlelight. While eating, give thanks for all of the Lord's physical provision and the illumination He has given you during the day.
- ◆ Rub lotion on the soles of your feet. Reflect on how the Lord chooses to use even someone as funny looking and odd as yourself to spread His gospel of peace.
- ◆ Look at the stars, or if it is daytime, find a fountain, pond, or stream. Watch and pray. Thank God for His creative work and ask Him to well up and work His creativity through you.

Let's remember this month to worship fully. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your soul, as well as your mind.



## PERSONAL FINANCE

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

### Open hand or closed fist?

Have you ever observed the different reactions children have if you ask for a taste of their ice cream cone?

It's a hot Sunday evening and some ladies from the Social Committee are passing Dreamsicles out after church. Over on the grass is the adorable little girl who will one day be my wife. She's dressed in her cutest little sundress, with golden light streaming through her soft blond hair. Her shoes have been kicked off under a nearby bush so she can more comfortably run around the churchyard with the other children and work off some of that pent up energy. She's a little bit hot and tired now and she's ready to enjoy that frosty, smooth orange and vanilla treat. But with a smile of delight on her face and sticky sweetness dripping from her elbow, she's always ready to hold up her treasure and say, "want some?"



Then there's me. After church I make a beeline to the lady with the ice cream. Sure other kids have started playing, but they obviously have their priorities mixed up. Who knows if they will run out of Dreamsicles? Maybe if I get one now and they have leftovers, I can get a second one before mom and dad take me home. I quickly get my "first" Dreamsicle since, after all, the line is still pretty short. Next I stealthily take it over to the edge of the property, and under a tree, peel back the paper and, holding on tightly to the stick, enjoy my treat in peaceful solitude. Of course I bring the paper and stick back with me, so I can throw it away properly, because littering is bad.

Let's face it, we are each born with different strengths and weaknesses. For some of us it is a tremendous challenge to save for a rainy day. For others of us it is a tremendous challenge to be generous with the gifts God has given us. The scriptures teach us that both are vital. Jesus tells the parable of the man who was mocked when he couldn't finish building his house because he hadn't counted the cost. But Jesus also accepts with gratitude Mary's magnificent gift of adoration when she anointed his feet with costly perfume, just before He Himself gave us the Supreme gift.

May the Lord teach us to be good stewards of the gifts that have been bestowed on us. May He fill us with love and joy. May He bless us with generous hearts and open hands.

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## Wilmore Free Methodist Church

### Vision Statement

A Community Reflecting the Vision  
and Values of Jesus

### Mission Statement

Wilmore Free Methodist Church  
will faithfully offer  
members and neighbors,  
near and far,  
the written Word of God,  
the overcoming love of the Father,  
the saving grace of Jesus,  
and the transforming power  
of the Holy Spirit.

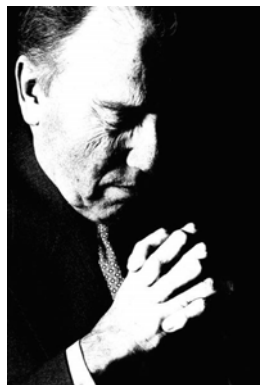


# The Plumbline

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## Grandparents Who Pray

Are you praying regularly for your grandchildren?

We invite you to pray with other grandparents  
for each one's grandchildren

Two groups meet monthly: 1) First Monday or 2) Third Thursday

First meetings of the fall: Monday, Sept 5, or Thursday, Sept 15

- 6:00 pm Pot Luck Meal
- 7:00 pm Brief devotional and sharing time
- Followed by small groups praying for grandchildren by name

Hosted at the home of Jay and Margaret Dargan, 301 Corbitt Dr., Wilmore

If you have further questions, call Margaret at 858-3183.