



## SUCCESS! (A Mixed Blessing)

The Great American Dream . . . success! When historians look back on our culture thousands of years from now, they will most certainly unearth the word "success" as one of the key words of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Now that's a paradox. Many of the people I encounter, whether in person or by email or by reputation, do not seem to be experiencing much success. I am hearing from people whose lives have been hit by everything from divorce to scandal to bankruptcy. I talk with people who have lost jobs, who have unrest in their families, who are sick, whose lives have been devastated by unexpected death. They may hear about success, but all too often it's somebody else's success, not theirs.

Perhaps it's time to put success in its place. Yes, it's great when it happens, but it's not #1. Think a minute: if all you ever had was success, when would you have time to grow . . . to rethink . . . to reevaluate? What would ever remind you that you are less than perfect?

Actually, our view of success is shaped largely by who we think we are. If I see myself as the great one, the center of the universe, the most talented of all people, then of course success is what is owed me. But if, on the other hand, I see myself as part of something larger, one part but only a part of a broader plan, then I will be braced for some setbacks as well as some successes.

I have gazed in wonder at world-class Italian sculptures, including some done by Michaelangelo. Michaelangelo would take a chisel to a piece of carrara marble that other people might throw out, and shape it into a masterpiece like The Pieta or David or my favorite, Moses. If the marble could have spoken, would it have said, "Oh, Mr. Michaelangelo, thank you for choosing me to display your talents on?" No, it would have screamed out, "Stop! Quit! Your chisel hurts! Go work somewhere else!"

A work of art requires patience, time, pain, and sacrifice. God's shaping of us is no different. G. Crowe

## Campus Ministry Is Beautiful

Full-time ministry is a really great thing. One of the greatest parts about ministry is that a ministry does NOT equal the sum of its parts. Ministry is always GREATER than the sum of its parts. There is a reason for that: *God is involved!*

The campus ministry here at Elmwood is a special thing. Year after year, semester after semester students are encountering God. It is not because of great lessons; it is not because of perfect retreats; and it is surely not because they have the greatest campus minister in the world. The lessons are sometimes subpar; retreats never flow exactly the way you want them to; and I have it on good authority that the campus minister is far from being the greatest in the world.

Indeed, the only reason people encounter God semester after semester is because God cares about these college students and he refuses to let them go!

And that, brother and sisters . . . that is the beauty of ministry. God acts even in spite of us sometimes to encompass His people in His love, to share the hope that He created, to liberate those enslaved to sin, and to reclaim his children for His purpose!

I thank God that this campus ministry fits neatly within the caring, capable hands of the living God, and that . . . those hands will never lose their grip.

~Dan

# Prayer Concerns...

Continue to pray for **Joe White, Bill Andrews, Geneva Hamilton, Anna Dale, Darrel Martin, Eunice Whitesell, Mark Eddy, Irene Fox, Ramona Farris, Bernice Todd, and Delpha Allen.** Those in Rosewalk Village: **Paul & Ruth Marks, Minnie Scott, and Burnell Gulden.**

Serving in the military: **Josh Hunt** is in Iraq.

*Thank You!*

To my Elmwood church family,

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me, who brought meals to me, who went to the grocery store and for all of the many phone calls during the time of my illness. You are all very kind. God bless you!

-Beth Holt



The food pantry is in need of **cereal and chicken noodle soup** this week. A big thanks to all for the **many** boxes of cereal brought last week and on Sunday!

## Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming **Focus on the Family** programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at **6:30 PM Monday-Friday.**

- July 20-21* **Advice for the Modern-Day Family**—Speaking at a town hall event in Seattle, Washington, Focus staff members John Fuller, Dr. Bill Maier and Bob Waliszewski provide practical advice and insights on a variety of family topics. (Parts 1 & 2)
- July 22* **You've Gotta Have a Sense of Humor**—Comedian Dennis Swanberg shares anecdotes from his childhood and pokes fun at his relationship with his parents as an adult.
- July 25-26* **Building a Christian Home**—Robert and Bobbie Wolgemuth, along with their daughter Julie, talks about what a Christian home looks like and how to build one. (Parts 1 & 2)



## HANNAFEST 2005 Calling all Bakers!

The Hanna Community Center will hold their 22nd Annual HannaFest on Saturday, August 13. Hanna Community Center is a not-for-profit United Way Agency whose goal is to better serve the needs of the multi-cultural community. HannaFest, an excellent community service opportunity, is their outdoor festival that promotes neighborhood pride and strength. HannaFest's most popular event is the Cake-Walk. Their committee is seeking individuals and/or groups that would be willing to donate homemade baked goods for the Cake-Walk. If you would be willing to provide baked goods, call the Hanna Center at 742-0191. Baked items should be delivered on Friday, August 12, between the hours of 9 AM and 6:00 PM.

### HoosierRx provides prescription drug help to Indiana seniors

Do you or someone you know need help paying for prescription drugs and are age 65 or over? The state of Indiana's HoosierRx Drug Card can save eligible seniors 75% off the cost of prescriptions. Get a HoosierRx application at your pharmacy or by calling 8-866-267-4679. You may also visit their website at [www.IN.gov/HoosierRx](http://www.IN.gov/HoosierRx).

**July 17, 2005**

Class: 182 Worship: 248

Contribution: \$6,583

Budget: \$8,100



More pictures from Camp CUMO:



*Some of the projects where the campers live...*



*Picking up the campers!*



*Camp CUMO campers and staff.*



*Craft time...*

*and archery too!*



What: **Food and Fellowship**

When: **Sunday, July 24th, after Bible Study (11:00) and late Service**

Where: **Lucas/Sutherlin Porch, 2805 Union Street, Lafayette**

Details: Go through a drive-thru, pack your own picnic, or eat and then come to visit. We will be there from 11:00 a.m. until the last person wants to leave. Just thought it would be fun to get together and enjoy the company of our church family. (Rain or shine) If you have questions, call the Sutherlins at 447-7785. Hope to see you there!

## Sunday Night: Luggage

Do you want what somebody else did to you to control you? We want to put the bad stuff behind us, but how? Sunday night at 6 PM we'll be addressing those (and related) questions.

## Nursery School is Enrolling for Fall



The Elmwood Nursery School and Pre-K is in the process of enrolling children for the fall. Classes begin on September 6. Two classes are offered, a preschool class for children who are 3 years old by September 1, and a Pre-K class for children who turn 4-years-old by July 1. Contact the church office for more information or to enroll your child.



**July 20, 7 PM...**Bible classes for all

**July 20, 7 PM...**Men's Class, room 204,

Young Mom's Class, room 202

**July 24, 6 PM...**"Luggage" (Rob Bell), Gayle Crowe

**July 24-29...**Intermediate Week at Spring Mill Bible Camp

*Read:*

II Chronicles 17-31;  
Romans 9-14; Psalms 117-21;  
Proverbs 20:1-15

# 2005 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 31: August 1-7

What do these words have in common? *Adjustment, correction, development, diversification, metamorphosis, modification, reconstruction, refinement, revision, transformation, transition.* Or how about *acclimate, accustom, alter, amend, comply, conform, harmonize, readjust, reconcile*? I know some of you teachers out there are thinking this is just an old high school writing assignment ploy to fill up a paper, not that I'm speaking from personal experience of course. These words are all in the thesaurus for the word "change." Some of us look at change as a new adventure. Some of us look at change as something that will take us out of our comfort zone while we would prefer to keep things as status quo.

In Romans 9-14, Paul is talking to the Jews about their unbelief. He is telling them that it's time to change. He tells them that they will suffer the same fate as everyone else unless they believe in Christ. If that weren't enough, he tells them that Gentiles can be part of this group as well. Can you imagine what a formidable task Paul was taking on? He's asking them to change their theology as well as accepting "outsiders" into their group.

We struggle today with accepting change in very similar ways. How often do we accept "outsiders" into our church? Someone who looks different possibly from poor hygiene or health reasons (disfigurement). Someone who dresses differently (possibly not being able to afford good clothes) or someone who chooses to dress a certain way intentionally (gothic). Someone who speaks too loudly or too softly. Or whose vocabulary or language are different than ours. What if they have no religion or their faith is not the same as ours? How about mixing up the Sunday order of worship and see how we react. Add PowerPoint presentations to singing or the sermon and some people think the end of civilization as we know it has come. We all need to review what Paul is really saying and consider "change" when it's about following Christ or accepting "outsiders" as a new adventure . . . an adventure definitely for the good!

**Elaine Baird**

|  Weekly Schedule  |  Elders  |  World Missions   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Worship 8:00 a.m.<br>Bible Study 9:30 a.m.<br>Worship 10:45 a.m.<br>Life Groups 6:00 p.m.<br><b>Wednesday</b><br>Bible Study 7:00 p.m. | Bill Bell 463-1139<br>Joe Matthews 474-8369<br>Rick Swensen 463-6822<br>Don Vice 471-8653  | Kevin Chambers<br>World Christian Broadcasting<br>Anchor Point, Alaska 99556<br><br>Loren and Penny Hollingsworth<br>Phuket, Thailand 83000 |   |
| Elmwood Nursery School & Pre-K<br>Preschool: Tues-Thurs 9-11:30 am<br>Pre-K: Mon-Thurs 9-11:30 am<br>Director, Susan McClain 447-2874                   | <th> Staff</th> <td>           City of Children<br/>           Ensenada, Mexico<br/><br/>           Bren and Cheryl White<br/>           P.O. Box 245<br/>           New Market, MD 21774         </td> |  Staff   | City of Children<br>Ensenada, Mexico<br><br>Bren and Cheryl White<br>P.O. Box 245<br>New Market, MD 21774 |
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