



Remembering to Remember

My dad had a new car. This was back in the early 70's when cars were big, really big. He drove home one day, left the car in the circle drive on the hill, and went into the house. A few minutes later the neighbor across the street called. "Uh, I don't know how to tell you this, but your car is sitting in our living room." Apparently Dad had left the car in "neutral" instead of "park," and as soon as everybody was in the house the car decided to succumb to gravity. It rolled down the driveway, across the street, through the neighbor's lawn and flowerbed, and into the living room.

What do you say after something like that? Once all the apologies are offered and the repairs are completed, about the only thing left to say is, "Well, it's a great story to tell your grandchildren!" That's sometimes the only consolation when we've had to suffer the consequences of failing to remember something important.

"I forgot." We've all said it. Forgot to put the car into "Park." Forgot to do a school assignment. Forgot to pack socks for a trip. Forgot to say "Thank you." Forgot to read your Bible. Date books and PDA's help, but we still forget. I just talked with somebody who forgot to listen to a voice mail I left him five weeks ago.

Sometimes when we forget it hurts us. When he was about to die, Moses warned the people, "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live." The people had been through incredible, unique experiences with Moses and God—does he think they could forget? Yes, they not only could but they probably would, so he cautioned them not to forget.

Sometimes when we forget it hurts other people. In spite of how much the people of Philippi owed Paul—they owed him their very spiritual lives—somehow they forgot him. He wrote the letter of Philippians when they remembered him again and sent a gift.

Remembering is hard work. It's good for us, but it's also good for the people we're around. It lets them know we think they're important and valuable. That's worth remembering. *G. Crowe*

Dependent

We try in so many ways to be independent. When we are just children we want to walk without the help of mommy and daddy. Then, as we age, we want to ride our bikes without someone running alongside. We want to drive on our own, no help from parents or a certain Student Driver teacher. The desire to be independent only grows as we get older. We take on hobbies that we can do on our own. We have our own life goals and dreams. We leave the place that we grew up so that we can LIVE on our own. We are independent people indeed!

So, shouldn't it strike us as somewhat peculiar that the Bible relentlessly encourages us to be DEPENDENT? We are told to "lean not on *our own* understanding." It is stressed to us in Ecclesiastes that a cord of *more than one* is not easily broken. We are even told to be like little children...utterly dependent. And yet we remain a people striving for independence. We frown upon dependence, seeing it as a sign of weakness. But we know that dependence is the only way to achieve growth.

I know this. Without the families of Elmwood, the community that you provide, a lot of college students would not grow. They would have no CSC, no campus minister, and no local church family. It is amazing to see community in action and what amazing things it can do! If you are a really independent person, don't you think it is time to stop kicking against the goads and to start leaning on God and on his community? It is what God desires and to fight against what God desires is to be on an independent losing team.

~Dan

In Memory of Joe White

Joe White, 83, died Wednesday, October 5, at University Place, where he and Wanita had been staying since his illness. Joe had been diagnosed with a brain tumor in late February. In recent weeks his condition deteriorated rapidly and he was not able to attend worship.

Joe and Wanita came to Lafayette in 1947 when Joe began his work with Purdue. He was an agronomy professor at Purdue and a world-renowned soil scientist, giving lectures all over the world. Mission work was an important part of Joe's life, and he and Wanita traveled to many countries during their 60 years of marriage. Through the years he taught Bible classes to all ages here at Elmwood. Most recently he taught the adult challenger class. Always willing to provide a ride to church, pick up groceries, take someone to a doctor's appointment, Joe was truly a servant of God who will be greatly missed not only by the Elmwood family, but by the Purdue community as well. Our sincere sympathies to Wanita, and their children, Lerrill, Darla, Ronna, Bren, and Janeil and their families.

Friends may visit with Wanita and the family at Hippensteel's on Friday, October 14, from 4:00 until 6:00 PM. The funeral will be at Elmwood on Saturday at 10:00 AM.

Prayer Concerns...

David Swank, 51-year-old son of Vernell & Pete Swank, has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He is in the hospital, and doctors are determining what treatment he will receive....**Ty Anderson** is recovering from pneumonia at home now. His brother, **Caleb**, will have a colonoscopy at Riley Children's Hospital on Wednesday.... **Alice Follick** is at St. Anthony's Health Care, room F160....David Hunt's aunt, **Nancy Minor**, is receiving hospice care after a long battle with cancer....Continue to pray for **Elizabeth Tinkle, Natasha Risley, Lucie Levy, Marie DeWoody, Merville Zin, Mark Eddy, Geneva Hamilton, Terry Pepper, Anna Dale, Eunice Whitesell, Ramona Farris, Irene Fox, and Delpha Allen**. Those in Rosewalk Village: **Paul & Ruth Marks, Minnie Scott, and Burnell Gulden**.... **Thelma Hoyt** is in Gdansk, Poland, on a mission trip.

Serving in Iraq: **Dustin Holley** (relative of Paul & Argie Verett and Pauletta & Rob Smith), and **Brad King** (Joe and Sandy Seele's neighbor's son).

Men's Retreat 2005



This year's **Men's Retreat** will be held at the Tecumseh YMCA Camp at Brookston, Indiana, on **October 21, 22, 2005**. Retreat activities will begin Friday evening with dinner at 5:30 PM and conclude Saturday afternoon. Inspirational messages on becoming more Christ-like will be presented by **Ken Chaffin**, former minister at Elmwood, currently preaching in Wake Forest, North Carolina. The theme of this year's retreat is **"Husbands Love Your Wives"** as presented in Ephesians 5:22-23. Men of all ages, married or single are invited to attend. Sign up sheets are posted in the Farris foyer.



He's Home!

Hope you had a chance to check out Monday's *Journal & Courier*. On the front page of the local section was an article about Josh Hunt's return from Iraq. At both services on Sunday, John Marks read a letter from Senator Lugar addressed to Josh, and presented him with a flag that was flown above the capitol building in Josh's honor. Josh then climbed the ladder and removed the yellow ribbon that was put there at the time of his departure. Welcome home, Josh. We praise God for your safe return!

Happy Birthday!



Paul Verett, Pauletta Smith's father, will celebrate his **90th** birthday on October 17!! Congratulations, Paul!



The food pantry is in need of **canned peas and vegetable soup** this week.

The Elmwood Boys (Ben, Patrick, Josh & Andrew) will be singing at The Carpenter's Son on Saturday, October 22, from 12 noon until 2:00 PM. Please join them as they praise the Lord in song!

October 9, 2005

Class: 201 Worship: 307

Contribution: \$5,272

Budget: \$8,100



CROSSROADS – Fall Retreat at Spring Mill

Peter Bell, Philip Devine, Craig and Jay Hodges, Mark Moore, Patrick Ruhl, Ben Stafford, Heather, Melissa and Sheryl Willison, and I had a great time with about 100 others at Spring Mill this weekend as we talked about peoples' lives that were changed after meeting Jesus at a crossroads in their lives. The fall retreat is always well done and is coordinated by the Central Church of Christ in Bedford, Indiana. My only regret for the weekend is that many who wanted to go could not because of schedules, etc., and for that matter, we only have a limited number of spaces available at the camp. Speaking of camp, if you want to plan ahead, Senior Week will be July 16-22, 2006 and Intermediate Week will be July 23-28. Mark your calendars now!

Open House – Thank You!

The teens and I really appreciate being able to meet at the house next door. It is a great place and it opens up so many opportunities for ministry. As I mentioned before, it is still a work in progress. I was very pleased with how many of you came over to the house before finger foods last night. All of you are welcome to come over any time you would like. We do still have a few needs upstairs like re-upholstering some furniture and things like that, but the big project is the basement. Next up is the basement... game room and theater, maybe!

Greetings from Amber Bollinger

This morning, I got a really sweet e-mail from Amber (she and Ike and Sherry) left here for Texas about 5 years ago. I thought you would like to read some of what she said. I'll close my article with Amber's words. – Lee

I am proud to say I am a student at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, majoring in social work. I want to some day be a counselor to teens at a place like Shults Lewis. I live in McKinney with my dad so it takes me about 45 minutes to drive out to Denton. I really rely on my faith and my friends to get me through hard times. I work part time as a pet sitter for a pet sitting company and part time as a nanny. I feel like I am finally getting some control of where my life is headed. God has blessed me so richly. Thanks for helping me out in a tumultuous time in my life.

I have been meaning to tell you all this for a long time but just hadn't until now. I think about you and all the people at Elmwood and in West Lafayette a lot. You have made a life-long impression on me. I will be forever grateful.

~ Amber Bollinger



On Sunday, October 9, the whole Baker family confessed Jesus as Lord of their life and obeyed him in baptism. What a joyful day for their family and many friends and relatives who came to share the experience with them! Both Scott and Lori run their own business, Baker Construction and Remodeling Inc. Their son, Brighton, 16, is a sophomore at McCutcheon High School, and Braxton, 11, is a sixth grader at Wea Ridge Middle School. We welcome them to our Elmwood family! Their address is 412 Old Romney Dr., Lafayette 47909; phone 474-9017.

Race Against Katrina

The Air Force ROTC Attachment 220 at Purdue University is sponsoring a 5K Run-Walk on Saturday, October 22. Registration begins at 7:00 AM in room 101 of the Purdue Armory. The race begins at the Armory at 8:00 AM. There is a registration fee of \$15.00. All proceeds from this event go to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. If you have questions, contact Robbie Mullinax at 812.583.0528 or rmullina@purdue.edu.

The Spiritual Adventure Page Needs You!

As illustrated by the quality of Rob Smith's words on the back page of this Newsletter, the Spiritual Adventure column has come to be a weekly source of spiritual encouragement and Biblical direction for many. The time has come to sign up writers for our 2006 Spiritual Adventure articles. Opportunity will be provided Sunday morning for you to sign up, or just email us at elmchurch@aol.com today and let us know you're willing to write. We'll assign you a date and the specific passages of Scripture you'll choose to write from, along with guidelines for writing. Thanks for your help!



October 12, 7 PM...Bible classes for all; Young Mom's Class, room 202, is beginning a new series, titled **"Celebrating Friendship"**
Oct. 21-22...Men's Retreat at Camp Tecumseh; sign-up sheet in the Farris foyer

Read:
 Jeremiah 32-37;
 I Timothy 3-II Timothy 3
 Psalms 81-87; Prov. 25:20-26:8

2005 Spiritual Adventure

Week 43: October 24-31

Imagine that you are standing in the middle of a large plain. On each side of you is a ferocious army bearing down on you. They will meet just where you are standing.

This situation is similar to the one faced by Israel in the days of the prophet Jeremiah (circa 600 B.C). To the northeast was Babylon with a mighty army while to the east was Egypt, and both wanted to control territory that included Israel.

"What should I do?" worried the minds of Israel's kings. Israel was far too small to maintain its independence against the threat of the day's great super-powers. Yet if the king allied himself with the wrong super-power, the results would be disastrous. The fate of Israel hung in the balance, but every course of action was fraught with terrible consequences.

Jeremiah regarded the situation from a theological view instead of a political view as did the majority. Israel's situation was due to the failure of the people to hold up their part of the covenant that God made with them. For their disobedience, they were to lose their independence to the mighty kingdom of Babylonia and be under its control. They were to be subjected to harsh punishment: the destruction of their capital, Jerusalem, and exile from their homeland.

The story is a bleak one, but Jeremiah did more than foretell disaster. He also brought the news that God was not through with the Israelites. He had not written them off, and they could look to the future with hope.

Though our world is in many ways different from that of Jeremiah, in many ways our lives are like those ancient Israelites to whom Jeremiah preached. We live in a world of political intrigues, disasters, centuries-old conflicts, and moral dilemmas. In the midst of disasters, even those of our own making, God does not cut us off.

-Rob Smith

 Weekly Schedule	 Elders	 World Missions
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Matthews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653	Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99556 Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000 City of Children Ensenada, Mexico Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774
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