



## Moments Matter

I am currently reviewing materials to see if there is any way we can use them at the Christian Student Center. The materials are called *Chasing Daylight*, which is also the name of a book authored by the same person who came up with the materials. I am reminded by the material that we are all chasing daylight and the most important question we have to answer is *What will we do with the time we have?* All of us are chasing toward the moment that our lives come to a conclusion, but what will we do with the brief span of time between our birth and the moment of our death?

Time is a highly prized item. If you have forgotten the value of a minute, just ask someone who missed their bus or train by a minute. If you have forgotten the value of a second, just ask someone who managed to avoid a traffic accident that was only seconds away. The people in the lines above will tell you that time is a precious thing indeed.

Choose to use your time, as valuable as it is, for kingdom activity. Make your moments matter. Call an estranged loved one and give that relationship another try. Push someone's car out of the snow even though you don't want to get out in the cold. Demonstrate to your children the value of giving. Take the precious moments needed to tell a non-Christian about the Savior. Read your Bible. Tell your spouse you love him or her.

Time is valuable.

Moments matter.

Use your moments for the Lord. Oh look at the time . . . I have to go!

~Dan

***Our vision:  
Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known***

## New Minister Search

There are many things to do in searching for a new pulpit minister. To help the elders with this task a search team has been formed. The members are Joe Ruhl, Pam Houlton, Betty Brown, Kevin Walters, and Mindy Hart. Bill Bell will chair the team. This team is putting the final touches to a congregation prospectus that we will use to communicate to prospective candidates some characteristics of our congregation and the area in which we are located. We expect this task to be completed this week. We will be seeking a man who is outreach oriented, capable of supporting our life-group ministry, and is a scholarly student of the Bible. We expect to begin distributing this prospectus in a week or so using, initially, the Ministry Resource program at Abilene Christian University. We will, of course, give frequent updates on our progress, sharing, among other things, the information about candidates we will consider.

The most important element of this search, though, is prayer. We will be praying for the one who will come and for our own wisdom and discernment in seeing God's will.

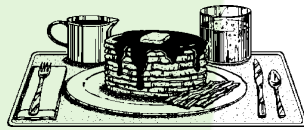
—Bill Bell

# A Women's Tea Is Being Planned!



Let's have tea on Saturday, March 17 from 1:30-3:30 PM. The Women's Tea will be held in the homes of various hostesses. Smaller groups will make it easier to become better acquainted. Hostesses will provide hot drinks, and guests bring goodies to share. **You may still sign up to attend. Let Barb Tilley know by calling her at 474-5161.**

## Men's Breakfast, March 17, 7:43 AM



Men, mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 17, 7:43 AM-8:59 AM**, for breakfast in A2. The food and fellowship are great. After eating and singing, we'll listen to Tom Miller give us some encouraging words.

-Kevin Walters

## Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming *Focus on the Family* programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at 2:00 PM Monday-Friday.

- March 7 **A Visit from Ernie Haase & Signature Sound**-Dr. Dobson interviews the music group Ernie Haas & Signature Sound which recently performed for the Focus on the Family staff at the ministry's chapel service.
- March 8 **Rediscovering Our Nation's Spiritual Heritage**-Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, discusses his book **Rediscovering God in America.**
- March 9 **The Growing Threat of Radical Islam**-Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, joins Dr. Dobson to discuss the growing threat posed by Islamic extremists.
- March 12, 13 **Christ's Influence on History**-Sociologist Alvin Schmidt discusses his book **Under the Influence: How Christianity Transformed Civilization.** (Parts 1 & 2)



## A Note from the Boyds. . . .

*Brothers and Sisters,  
We have been enjoying our time here in Italy, but we think of you all often. We were able to go to church in Florence last Sunday which was great. We miss having a regular church family. We went to Padova recently where we visited St. Anthony's Basilica and grave. We also visited the university there where Galileo and Copernicus taught. Kinley and Knox are doing great and have added Croatia, Slovenia, Switzerland, France, and Morocco to their passports. We love you all!*

-Gina & Josh

**THE SNOW SERVANTS  
FOR THIS WEEK  
(March 4-10) are  
Tom & Beth Miller  
THEY ARE ON CALL TO  
REMOVE SNOW**



The food pantry is in need of **paper grocery sacks and toilet paper.** -John Stafford

**March 4, 2007**  
Class: 195 Worship: 284  
Contribution: \$10,378  
Budget: \$8,550



## Midwest Leadership Training for Christ April 6-8, 2007 – Marriott East, Indy “UNSTOPPABLE!”

It is hard to believe, but we are just one month away from the annual Leadership Training for Christ convention. As most of you are aware, our 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders have been preparing for some time now for this very special event. In case any of you might not know, LTC is a convention where our young people have the opportunity to display or showcase their talents, gifts and abilities to glorify God. This is NOT a competition where the students try to outdo each other; they just give their best efforts to honor God and to encourage those in attendance. If you are able, we would love to encourage all of you to come to the Marriott East and support our students as well as the other 400 or so from all around the area. If you have been to LTC before, I don't have to convince you of the value; if you haven't, talk to someone who has been...it is a wonderful experience and it only costs you the gas over and back. IF YOU DO PLAN TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION but are not a registered student, you will need to register as an observer – this is true for everyone, ages zero to 115. If you are comfortable with computers, you may register at [http://www.mwltc.org/lcreg/observer/observer\\_walkup.php](http://www.mwltc.org/lcreg/observer/observer_walkup.php). If you don't have a computer or are not comfortable, let Rose Hunt or me know and we can get you registered. Rose has helped register our observers for several years, now. You will be able to register at the convention, but you may have to wait in line to do so and it could cause you to miss an event you are interested in...a full schedule will be available the week before the convention. I hope to see you all there!

### “Why I Believe”

Sunday night Joe Ruhl finished his two part series entitled “Why I Believe.” If you were not able to attend, we will have recordings available shortly. If you would like an audio copy on CD, or a video on DVD, please let us know in the church office and we will get them duplicated as soon as we can. For those of you wanting DVDs, be sure to thank Farrell Simmerman for recording the sessions. The series by Joe was very informative and convincing. This can be useful in many ways for many years to come. Joe is a scientist who is very passionate about his faith and we are blessed to have him (and the whole Ruhl family) as our brother here at Elmwood. Thank you Joe for a great job!  
– Lee



**Dick Waterstraat** had heart tests postponed until this week. They hope to have test results at his appointment on March 12....**Mary Tavana**, Peter's sister, had surgery Friday for vasculitis in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is in critical care in serious condition....**Sarah Watts**, Suzanne Fournier's sister, will have a mastectomy March 16. She was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and had a mastectomy then. Suzanne would appreciate our prayers....Continue praying for **Henrietta Frampton, Seth Mullen, Willard Farmer, Roy Stafford, Julie Lichty, Annie Crowder, Paul & Argie Verett, Beth Holt, Kaden Koebecke, Marcia Swails, Lynn Robinson, Ruth Marks, Delpha Allen, Anna Dale, Minnie Scott, Carrie High, Irene Fox, & Burnell Gulden.**

Serving in our military: **Jeremy Crable & Michael Bryenton** (Afghanistan); **Brian Guthrie** (Qatar, Persian Gulf), **Philip Devine** will be leaving for Iraq this month; **Joshua Thompson** (grandson of Mary Lou Baugh in Iraq), **Jon Kiefner** (Amanda Guthrie's brother in Iraq); and **Amanda Martin** (South Korea:).

*Thank You!*

To the women of Elmwood,  
Our potluck together Saturday evening was both delicious and delightful! I appreciate the efforts of all who came (in some questionable weather) and all who had a role in the enjoyable event. I truly was honored—roast and all. What a joy all of you have been in my life! Thank you!

Purdue will host a retirement reception for me on March 29, with the 30th ending my career there. I will take a few weeks off before beginning my job as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Lipscomb University in Nashville the end of April. Thank you sincerely for your prayers as I have been seeking God's new ministry opportunity.  
–Lisa Crowe



**March 7, 6 PM**....Good Sense budget class  
**March 7, 7 PM**....Bible Classes for all  
**March 11, 6 PM**....LIFE Group meet  
**March 17, 7:43 AM**....Men's Breakfast in A2  
**March 17, 1:30-3:30 PM**....Women's Tea

Read:  
*Numbers 32-Deut. 13*  
*Acts 17:16-21:16*

# 2007 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 12: March 19-25

### NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!!

**"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.** These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart, hand, forehead and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you get up. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). Note that God demands exclusive love and total devotion to Him as keys in the relationship between God and mankind.

The Shema (above quotation) became the Jewish declaration or confession of faith, which is often recited by religious Jews three times daily, and recited at the beginning of synagogue services. Some Jews take these verses literally and tie phylacteries (leather boxes containing four Scriptures written on parchment) to their foreheads and left arms, and attach a mezuzot (a small wooden or metal container in which Scriptures are placed) to their houses.

While it is very important to hear the word of God, there also seems to be some urgency for the hearer to focus and respond with his total being. We may internalize our thoughts of God's word by meditating and writing it on our hearts and minds. King David stated, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).  
*-Chuck Brown*