



## Knowing Him

*“You may love something that you do not see, but you may never love that which you do not know.”* This quote is attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo. If indeed he did say this, his words echo in the halls of our church auditoriums with great relevance.

St. Augustine’s quote has great relevance because one of the easiest things that the church can do is to “follow” the Lord without being in relationship with Him. We, therefore, try to love Him without knowing Him. The results can be disastrous. Here are some examples of trying to love God without knowing Him:

- 1) False theology because we don’t know Him.
- 2) False religion because God is left out of the equation.
- 3) False worship because we are praising a God in ignorance.

Without knowledge and a personal relationship with the Savior, our discipleship becomes a stale routine, a pattern without rhyme or reason. But when our worship is founded in a loving, intimate relationship of Him, people won’t be watching the clock to make sure they get out on time! When our discipleship is based on a deep knowledge of and love for Him, people will be drawn to our kindness, mercy, and righteousness.

How well do you know God? Do you love what you grew up hearing about the Lord or do you love Him because you know Him personally? Knowing him personally changes our theology, our religion, and how we worship Him. When we know Him personally, it is much easier to follow him. –Dan

Our vision:  
Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

## Preacher Search Update

Our search for a new senior minister is progressing. We have, either unsolicited or by recommendation, 22 candidates. Of these we have resumes for 17. We expect additional candidates to emerge (shortly, we hope) because not all of the people and institutions from whom we have requested candidate recommendations have responded. Because our search for candidates by networking has been so successful, we do not, at this time, intend to publicize the position in the general church of Christ media. We have sent all of the candidates who can be contacted by email a notice that they have been recommended and a request that they confirm their interest in the position here. In the meantime, we are reviewing the resumes we have. Each team member will assess the candidates and then we will compile our assessments with the idea of arranging phone interviews with the top five or so. We hope that by the time we complete our assessment we will have a clear indication of which candidates are interested and which have withdrawn.

We are committed to finding the man God wants planted in our congregation. If no strong candidates emerge, we will keep looking. We continue to pray over this activity asking God for wisdom and discernment. Please pray for us.

For the search team,  
*Bill Bell*

# National Day of Prayer, May 3

This Thursday, May 3, has been designated National Day of Prayer. The theme is "America, Unite in Prayer" -2 Chronicles 7:14. Three city-wide events will take place on May 3. A prayer breakfast is scheduled for 7:00 AM at the University Inn in West Lafayette; a Noon Day Observance will be held at Riehle Plaza in downtown Lafayette from 12:10 to 1:00 PM; and a City-Wide Concert of Prayer Celebration at First Assembly of God in Lafayette at 7:00 PM.

## College Graduates

**Judy Campbell** is graduating from Indiana State University this Saturday, May 5, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Special Education. She is currently looking for a teaching position in the surrounding Lafayette area.

**Courtney Buss** receives a Bachelor of Science degree in Core Mathematics. Courtney will be living in Lafayette and looking for a job in her field.

**Karla Childress**, Master of Science degree in Engineering, is going to Honduras and then to work at Jacobs Engineering in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

**Kyle Hodges**, receiving a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, will begin work immediately at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.

**Amber Mullinax** is receiving a Bachelor of Science in general Biology. She is moving to Bossier City, Louisiana, to be with her husband, Robbie, and will be looking for jobs in Mississippi when they move there for his flight school.

**Sam Rodkey** is receiving a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics. He'll be moving to Clearfield, Utah, where he will be working for Northrop Defense Contracting.

**Lindsey Verlaire** receives her degree in Youth/Family/Adult Services. She is moving back to her hometown of Chicago where she will be looking for a job in her field.

Our congratulations and prayers go with these students as they begin their new careers and serve God in all they do.



## Picture Directory Update

It's been a year since we took the pictures for our directory. We are planning to take pictures of new families. These will be additions to the existing directory. The new pictures will be in black & white, similar to our old directories. We hope to take the new pictures this **Sunday, May 6** and on **May 20**. To minimize waiting in line, Bill Hodges will be attempting to contact new families about a time to have their picture taken. If you have questions or haven't heard from Bill by May 4, please call him at 449-1255.



*Thank You!*

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of Elmwood Church of Christ for the prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, flowers, gifts of food and food cards, presence at the showing and funeral of our brother, Mike Dilling. Your kindness and support are deeply appreciated.

-Gene & Jean Dilling

Thanks to everyone who donated food for the Root Beer Kegger. We had at least 150 attend and we couldn't pull off an event like this without all your support! Thanks.

-Dan & CSC students

**Spring Mill  
Bible Camp  
annual Rally Day,  
May 19, 1:00 PM**

**Avalanche  
Ranch!**

Saddle up your horses! We're going on a wild ride through God's word. To find out how to be a part of this great adventure listen Sunday, May 6, for details.

April 29, 2007  
Class: 172 Worship: 261  
Contribution: \$7,013  
Budget: \$8,550



## Phil Travis – Interim Associate Minister

Sunday morning, Rick Swensen (representing the elders) announced that arrangements had been made to bring Phil Travis (last year's summer youth intern) in to work with us as an interim Associate Minister from May 14 to December 31, 2007. Travis will be graduating from Rochester College on May 5 with a degree in Youth and Family Ministry and Greek. Phil is also recently engaged to Katie Dzwigalski – no date has been set as yet. As Rick mentioned, there are many areas of ministry that Gayle normally handled that need to be tended to but Dan and I are not able to cover them all at the present. The purpose of Phil's ministry among us is to help free up time for Dan Cooke and me to be able to better cover some of the ministry areas not being neglected or overlooked during the search for a pulpit minister.

Here is Phil's basic job description while he is with us:

- 1) Assist Elmwood staff in all areas equipped/willing/or requested
- 2) Be available to Youth Minister/Youth Ministry majority of time during summer
- 3) Be available to Campus Minister/Campus Ministry majority of early fall
- 4) He will be under the oversight of the Elmwood Shepherds, answerable and accountable directly to Lee
- 5) Assume many administrative responsibilities (news-letter article, news and events, trip planning, record and book keeping, phoning, etc.)
- 6) Teach at least one class weekly (sometimes two)
- 7) Continue to build relationship with church family
- 8) Help coordinate special events (Fall Harvest Festival, Christmas Program, LTC, etc.)
- 9) Participate in Shepherd/Minister & Staff meetings
- 10) Maintain regular office hours and communication with secretarial staff
- 11) Other responsibilities added or changed as necessary (he loves this one!)
- 12) His contract may be extended as needed if Elmwood's Pulpit Minister is not in place and if Phil has not accepted full-time work (youth ministry) with another congregation

Phil was well liked and warmly received for his internship; we would expect nothing less for this special ministry. While he is with us, he will be living in the youth house, but if you would like to have him over or out somewhere for a meal, that would be a great ministry to him. Please keep Phil in your prayers as he prepares to (re-) join us in the ministry at Elmwood. – Lee

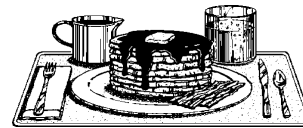


Lynn Robinson, daughter of Oka LeMaster, is now in hospice care....Elaine Crowder had surgery to correct a deviated septum on Friday....Charles Carter, Marsha Moore's father, was admitted to St. Elizabeth Hospital, room 3116, over the weekend....Charles Moore, Jim's father, has developed serious complications while in the hospital in Texas....Kathy Cirota, Mandy Anderson's mother, has had some complications (*including pneumonia*) following a recent stroke....Sheryl Willison's sister, Mary Shidler, is in St. Elizabeth Hospital, room 3203 ....Teresa Moffitt, Margie's daughter, had surgery on May 2....Continue praying for Nancy High, Gene High, Willie Batts, Irene Sims, Candace Sinclair, Guyula Robinson, Mary Tavana, Willard Farmer, Annie Crowder, Paul & Argie Verett, Kaden Koebcke, Ruth Marks, Delpha Allen, Anna Dale, Minnie Scott, Carrie High, Irene Fox, & Burnell Gulden.



Serving in our military: Jeremy Crable & Michael Bryenton in Afghanistan; Brian Guthrie in Qatar, Persian Gulf; Philip Devine, Joshua Thompson (*grandson of Mary Lou Baugh*), and Jon Kiefner (*Amanda Guthrie's brother*) in Iraq; Phyllis Simmerman's nephew, Chris Martin, is in South Korea.

## Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday morning, May 19, at 7:43 AM in A2. The breakfast concludes at 8:59 AM. A sign-up sheet is located in the Farris foyer. Men of all ages are encouraged to attend. If you haven't been before, you're missing out on some great fellowship with some of the best men God created. If you don't believe it, check it out May 19.



- May 2, 6 PM.... Good Sense class meets
- May 2, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
- May 6, 6 PM....LIFE Groups meet
- May 13....Baby Day Recognition
- May 20, 6 PM....High School Senior Sunday

Read:  
*I Sam. 22-II Sam 9;*  
*I, II Peter*

# 2007 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 20: May 14-20

### Do What It Takes to Stay on Course!

The Odyssey, an epic Greek poem, tells the story of King Odysseus and his heroic struggle against the gods. The tale begins when the ship of Odysseus is blown off course on the way home from the Trojan Wars. Poseidon tries to prevent Odysseus from ever reaching home.

To accomplish his goal, Poseidon places Odysseus's ship in the path of the Island of Sirens. The island is inhabited by beautiful women (sirens) who sing out to sailors on the sea, enticing them to steer their ships to destruction on the jagged reefs that surround the island. The sirens' songs could be heard for great distances.

As Odysseus sails for home, he can hear the songs of the sirens. He's also well aware of his vulnerability to their seductive power. His solution is to lash himself to his ship's mast so he can listen to their songs but not respond to them. The crew stuffs their ears to block the sound. In agony, Odysseus remains lashed to the mast until his ship makes it safely past the island. As a result, he manages to stay on course until he arrives home safely. (*adapted from Youth Specialties Hot Illustrations*)

This week's readings include a reminder to us of who our enemy is and how skillful he is in laying traps for us...his schemes are endless - Satan "prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). If we hope to arrive safely at *home* we need to do all we can to stay firmly connected to the cross. Let's all be in the Word, be constant in prayer, and truly BE the church so we can all "stay on course!"

– Lee

|  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 |
|   | <b> Staff</b>  | City of Children<br>Ensenada, Mexico<br><br>Bren and Cheryl White<br>P.O. Box 245<br>New Market, MD 21774                                   |
| <b>Elmwood Nursery School &amp; Pre-K</b><br>Preschool: Tues-Thurs 9-11:30 am<br>Pre-K: Mon-Thurs 9-11:30 am<br>Director, Susan McClain 447-2874        | <b>Ministers</b><br>Gayle Crowe 447-6940<br>Lee Porter 463-6993<br>Dan Cooke 543-7469<br><b>Office Manager</b><br>Sherry Marks 447-2874 |   |

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