



L.I.F.E. GROUPS

L.I.F.E. Groups will be starting back up on September 14th. I hope you are as excited about this as I am. This Sunday we will provide for you an opportunity to find out more information about each group. There will be a number of L.I.F.E. Groups for you to choose from, and we highly encourage you to be part of one this year. Below is a list of the L.I.F.E. Groups that will be offered this fall:

- **Sharing the Gift of Encouragement: Being Blessed by being a Blessing** Leader: Allen Baird
- **Gospel of John** Leader: Josh Boyd
- **Traveling Light** (Max Lucado) Leader: Brent Branstetter
- **1 Corinthians** (20-Something's Ministry) Leader: Jason Cochran
- **What About Those Mountains** Leader: Gene Dilling
- **How to Respond to New Age Religions** Leader: Max Houlton
- **In the Dust of the Rabbi** (Video Series) Leader: Jim Jones
- **Encounters with Jesus** (Newcomers) Leader: Gilbert Kerrigan
- **Homebuilders and Lifesavers** Leader: John Marks
- **The Letter of James** Leader: Joe Mathews
- **No Turning Back** (Youth Group) Leader: Lee Porter
- **A Study of Biblical Prophecy** Leader: Farrell Simmerman
- **The Letter of James** Leader: Kevin Walters
- **Clash Reality** (Topical Study of 1 Corinthians) Leader: Bob Waltz

I hope there is one in that list for you.

- Gilbert

Where Does My Help Come From?

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at our right hand.⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. -Psalm 121

What a joy to read the words of praise sung by many lips over the course of thousands of years. And what a wonderful sentiment! The Lord- the one who made Heaven and Earth- is my comfort, my help, my keeper! My keeper does not sleep, he is always at the ready to help me. He keeps an eye on me no matter where I must travel!

This text is nice to remember when things in your life are going well, but vital to remember when your life is afflicted by difficulty, by trouble, or by the slow, constant wearing down of one's energy by the everyday stresses and troubles. This text reminds us that no matter where we go, no matter what the difficulty or trouble, God himself is our help!

-Phil Travis

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Steve Cable remains at Methodist Hospital, room 4014, in Indianapolis in serious condition. An attempt to try solid food proved to be too much and he is back to the beginning treatment...**Eugene Zinn** is healing and doing much better, although not quite ready to be attending church....**Pauletta Smith's** sister-in-law, **Randi Verett**, is facing a year of intense chemo treatments for ovarian cancer....Doctors will decide soon how to treat the growing tumor on **Lance**

Pepper's head. He is the infant son of Pauletta's cousin, Lane Pepper, who is going through chemo treatment for his cancer...Continue praying for **Sharon Porter, Valley Stockton, Mandy Anderson, Beth Holt, John Adams, Dale Kiniser, Eileen Richardson, Kaden Koebecke, Amanda Powlen, Julie Lichty, Christi Everett, Hattie Coffel, Pat Johnson, Lois Powlen, Marge Campbell, Irene Sims, Henrietta Frampton, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, Delpha Allen, Eagle Bailey, Minnie Scott, and Irene Fox.**

Serving in our military: **Philip Devine, Mark Wilson, Shawn Wilson, and Ti Draughon.**

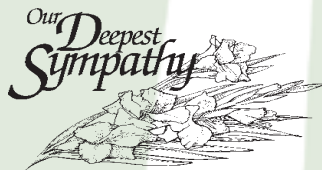
Women's Creativity Night August 22, 7 PM



Turn trash into treasures! Bring your supplies and join your friends in A-2 at 7 PM this Friday, August 22, for a fun-filled evening creating post cards, journals, scrapbooks, etc. Questions? See Dana Miller or Beth Miller.

Prayer Warriors Needed

Do you want to help school-aged students (K-12) grow in Jesus and lean on Him throughout their lives? In a few weeks there will be a sign-up sheet for you to be a **prayer partner** for one or two Elmwood students. Please consider being a prayer warrior for our young people. Christi Branstetter is organizing this project.



Glenna Mueller, Sue McClain's mother, died Sunday night in Indianapolis. She had COPD and recently diagnosed with Alzheimers. Visitation with the family will be at the Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home in Carmel on Thursday from 4:00 until 8:00 PM. Funeral is at 10:30 AM on Friday.

Ruth Myers, grandmother of Mark Bird, died on Monday evening. She also had Alzheimers and had been living with Mark's parents in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kurt and Don's uncle, **Henry Hodges**, 77, died Tuesday, August 12, in Pflugerville, Texas. Kurt was able to go the week before he died and spent four days with him. A memorial service is being planned when the whole family can attend.

Our sincere sympathies to all these families on the loss of their loved ones.



A new Doctor in the House!

A big congratulations to **Camilla Lawson** who was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Studies with a specialization in Higher Education Administration at Purdue University. Great news, Camilla!

Men's Breakfast, Aug. 23, 7:43 AM

The Elmwood men (males of all ages) and friends will be treated to a breakfast this **Saturday, August 23, at 7:43 AM.** Invite friends and family members to a great time of food and fellowship.



We would like to thank all the wonderful people who moved us from a third floor apartment to a first floor apartment in another area of town. Twenty "angels" used strength and energy to get the job done. Also, thanks for the very tasty meal that was provided by the Sutherlins to all the hard workers. To have a caring church family is such a blessing. Thank you all.

-Jan Lucas & Eugene Zinn

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Is This All There Is?

I like to be challenged. I like to challenge others. I believe that a good challenge can help us stretch and grow. This seems to be true in every area of our lives: spiritual, mental, physical, etc. A couple weeks ago, in a great lesson, Gilbert challenged us to think about what Jesus really had in mind for His church and he created a great video to introduce the thought. As I watched the video, I was really wondering what Jesus would be thinking as He watched us "do church." I'll be honest and tell you that I saw some things in the video that made me proud of our interaction with each other...before, during and after worship. But I'll have to admit, that I knew in my heart that there is so much more.

Gilbert's thoughts and the video really made me think. More than that, they made me dream. Using John 17 as Gilbert did, I have some things for us to think about. Jesus prayed that we would be one as He and the Father are one. Are we there yet? If not, are we still working at it? It seems to me that some of us are "getting all we want out of church." We really aren't interested in spending any more time with some of these people than we have to. Don't misunderstand, I know our schedules are packed (mine too), but when I see how some of us treat each other – we aren't "one." I Peter 2:9, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*" Do we believe that passage to be speaking of us as well as Peter's audience in the first century? Are we treating each other as special as that description demands? We are royalty... children of The King; let's act that way and let's treat each other like royalty, I personally need to make some changes there. Jesus' prayer for us to be one is not only so we will enjoy the fellowship that He and the Father enjoy, He wants us to live in that "oneness" so the world will know that we belong to Him and so they will come to know Him and will find that same saving relationship that we have been blessed with. I wonder, when the world looks at us, do they see us in such a bond with the Christ that they see Him? If not, I wonder what it will take for us to get to that place and I wonder what impact it will have on the world. Is it possible that Jesus' prayer in John 17 is so important that we need to refocus on His final wishes and bring Him the joy and glory He deserves? If Jesus is our Lord, it is our responsibility to follow, obey, honor, and glorify Him. The good news for you and me is that He never asks us to do anything that doesn't ultimately bring us blessing as well.

LIFE Groups are getting ready to start back up. LIFE Groups are a great place to learn and practice what Jesus prayed for in John 17. Sign up for a life group and attend it regularly – you'll be blessed, Jesus will be honored!

– Lee

Workday at CSC Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 AM

Kevin Walters is organizing a workday at the CSC this coming Saturday, August 23, at 9 AM. A lot of help is needed (men AND women). There will be a list of chores that need to be done outside AND inside posted at the CSC when you arrive. If you wish to work inside, any cleaning supplies and/or a vacuum cleaner would be most appreciated. If you can help outside, notify Kevin by email (kwalters1959@verizon.net) or phone (474-3110). He can give you a list of items you might bring with you.

Good \$ense Budget Course



"Good Sense Budgeting" is an experience that can be life-changing. This six-session (via DVD) Budgeting course will help you to help yourself in managing your money. The program is totally non-threatening, and you will receive a workbook to help you review the material and plan ahead for your future.

The first session will begin on September 3, 2008. It will continue weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5:50 PM-6:50 PM through October 8, 2008. Sessions will be held in the Conference Room at the church across the hall from the Food Pantry.

Facilitator, Janet Boston

Attention Parents:

Our **Children's Church** program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade will resume on **September 7th** during second service.



August 20, 7 PM....Bible classes

August 24, 6 PM....One-Man Drama of Matthew

August 24....Youth Group, "Back to School Bash"

Sept. 3, 5:50 PM....Good \$ense Class begins

Sept. 7, noon....Elmwood's annual

All-Church Picnic at Columbian Park

Sept. 21, 2-4 PM....Wedding shower for Phil & Katie at the Simmermans' home, 415 Oaklawn Dr.

Read:
 Eccl. 7-12; SS, Isaiah 1-6
 II Cor. 3-10

2008 Spiritual Adventure

Week 36: September 1-7

Treasure in Jars of Clay

2 Cor. 4: 7-10

This year I have watched 4 snapdragons bloom in the narrow crack in the concrete between my driveway and garage. Although much of the debris from leaky cars and salt from winter snow has found its way into that narrow space, 4 small seeds took root and blossomed in the midst of the debris. What a wonderful picture of 2 Cor. 4:8: "...hard pressed on every side, but not crushed." These seeds became what they were created to be despite adverse growing conditions.

In 2 Cor. 4, Paul reveals a truth that challenges my view of suffering. He reveals suffering as an avenue by which the life of Jesus can be revealed in me. Could it be that only the hardships of life can allow me to truly become the reflection of Jesus that I was created to be? How should that affect the focus of my prayers when facing challenges?

Paul's life and writings demonstrated that he viewed adversity as an opportunity, not an obstacle. He sang while chained in prison, ministered to prison guards and fellow prisoners, wrote letters which have challenged generations of believers, and shared his joy in the Lord. How did he so persistently face these challenges with such faith and joy? I believe Ps. 23:5 offers a key to overcoming in the face of adversity. The psalmist wrote, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows." Paul could not have responded with singing after being beaten and chained in a prison cell if he had not chosen to eat at the table God prepared. Often it is difficult for me to eat "in the presence of my enemies," but how painful it is when I don't, and what a blessing when I sit down and the cup overflows. The song "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" captures the table experience. "Turn your eyes upon Jesus...and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

-Ann Vaught

Weekly Schedule	Elders	World Missions
<p>Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Mathews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Ministers Gilbert Kerrigan 418-3652 Lee Porter 463-6993 Phil Travis 447-2874</p> <p>Office Sherry Marks, Manager 447-2874 Carol Bell, Secretary 447-2874</p>	<p>Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99536</p> <p>Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000 E-mail: lholly54@yahoo.com</p> <p>Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774</p>
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