



## How Would You Sum It Up?

If you were challenged to stand on one foot and recite the whole law of God could you do it? This was actually the question that was posed to Rabbi Hillel, a rabbi during biblical times. His response, while standing on one foot, was, *“What is hateful to you, don’t do to your neighbor. That is the whole law, the rest is commentary.”* What a great response. Rabbis in biblical times would challenge each other like this. The real goal was to see who could best sum up the laws of God.

I once heard a theology professor suggest that the Bible really only has a few very critical lessons to teach us. He went on to suggest that the Bible is as big as it is because God is trying to say those few things in as many different ways as possible, hoping to reach everyone in some unique way. I think there is a lot of merit to this theory. There are so many different stories throughout the Bible that teach the same thing, just in different ways.

So, how would you sum up the Bible? Is that possible? What if today you were challenged to stand on one foot and recite the whole law of God? What would you say?

Jesus was not asked to stand on one foot, but he did take the whole law of God and sum it up into a few powerful words. The Sadducees and Pharisees got together to test Jesus, which is never a good idea. One of their own experts faced Jesus and asked, *“Which of the commands of God is the greatest?”* Jesus replied, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* ~ Matt. 22:37-40  
-Gilbert Kerrigan

## Nondisciplineship

Dallas Willard, professor at Southern California University, wrote about the nature of being a disciple in his book *The Spirit of the Disciplines*. Willard’s thesis for part of his book is that the modern church has, in many cases, made two omissions from the great commission found in Mt. 28:16-20. Instead of following Jesus’ words to “go therefore and make disciples,” we have the tendency to instead say “Make converts (to a particular faith and practice) and baptize them into church membership’. In addition, we often fail to take our converts through training that will bring them ever increasingly to do what Jesus directed” (Willard).

It is a dangerous thing for our churches to make converts rather than disciples. To make a convert, we begin to lay out all of our arguments, defenses, and apologies for our particular belief system and try to convince someone to agree with us. The discipleship process is a longer and more involved process. Making a convert may add a single person to the pew; it results in a shallow faith for the individual, which--due to the nature of the church--means the whole body is weakened. Willard states that “In the heart of a disciple there is a desire and there is decision or settled intent. The disciple of Christ desires above all else to be like him.” Nondisciplineship has a cost: It costs “abiding peace, a life penetrated through by love... In short, it costs exactly that abundance of life Jesus said he came to bring” (John 10:10).

Are you ready to strive for discipleship in your own life? How can you encourage a spirit of discipleship at Elmwood?  
-Phil Travis



**Steve Cable** is in St. Elizabeth Hospital, room 2102, with severe pancreatitis....**Sharon Porter** remains in Home Hospital, room 2314, with pancreatitis....**Mandy Anderson's** surgery went well. She will have a lengthy recovery at home....**Valley Stockton** and **Eileen Richardson** are now home recuperating....**Kaden Koebcke** continues to receive treatment with a new drug for his kidney condition....Continue praying for **Randi Verett, Lance & Lane Pepper,**

**Julie Lichty, Christi Everett, Hattie Coffel (Rosewalk Village), Pat Johnson (Westminster Village), Lois Powlen, Eugene Zinn, Marge Campbell, Irene Sims, Henrietta Frampton, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, Delpha Allen, Eagle Bailey, Minnie Scott, and Irene Fox (Davis Manor).**

Serving in our military: **Philip Devine, Mark Wilson, Shawn Wilson, and Ti Draughon.** **Chris Crable** is in Columbia, SC, receiving advanced training with the Army.

## Women's Creativity Night August 22, 7 PM



Learn how to turn trash into treasures! Take advantage of all your junk mail, boxes from groceries and household items, and make scrapbooking fun! Bring any items you are willing to share: markers, scissors of all types, stamps and ink pads, hole punches, ribbon, card stock, pencils, stencils, colored pencils, etc. If you scrapbook on your own, bring any paper or stencils you wish. The reason for this evening--**August 22, 7 PM**--is to put your creative caps on and have fun with things you already have and make a lighter load of your recycle bins. Examples of items to save: pretty tissue boxes, junk mail that had a fancy attachment or box/envelope, etc. Clip images from old magazines or save cards you have received in the mail. We will be making post cards, journals, and anything your creative mind can ponder! Questions? See Dana Miller or Beth Miller. *-Dana Miller*

## Taste & See, August 16

On August 16 we will be participating in Trinity Mission's annual **Taste & See.** This is a great event where local churches have the opportunity to meet with people from all over the Lafayette community. We get to share our story with them, talk about our churches, and pass out some tasty foods.

Dorothy Miller has come up with a great trail mix type snack that we will be distributing. We need to make enough to pass out to about 450 people. **Please** help Dorothy prepare these snack bags. If you would like to volunteer please sign up in the kitchen. There is a list of items to donate.

Also, I need a few people who would like to attend this event with me and greet people that day. Contact me ASAP. *-Gilbert*

## Wedding Shower, September 21

Our campus minister, **Phil Travis** and **Katie Dzwigalski** will be married August 30 in Michigan. They have already bought a home--3601 Golden Ln., Lafayette 47909. To honor them and welcome Katie to Elmwood, Phyllis & Erin Simmerman and Chris & Kelsey Sutherlin are hosting a wedding shower for them at the Simmerman home, 415 Oaklawn Dr., Lafayette, on **September 21, from 2:00 until 4:00.** Money for a group gift may be given to Phyllis, Erin, Chris or Kelsey.



*Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, all your hugs, concerns, cards, phone calls and words of comfort. It means so much to have a loving Christian family. In Christian love,  
Margaret Gustafson*

*To our Elmwood family:  
Thanks for the prayers and support during Mom's illness. And thank you for all the cards, phone calls and beautiful flower arrangement. A big thank you for the food and those who prepared and served the family after the funeral. God bless you all.  
The family of Don Vice*



The food pantry is always in need of personal items: **soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and toilet paper.** **Grocery sacks are needed!**

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## Character Versus Skill

Over the summer we have been studying teens in scripture and focusing on their character. I have borrowed the following from Leadership 101 by Denise VanEck. I believe it sheds good light on what we have talked about and on what/who we need to be.

*There are those who say leadership is about your character or who you are, while others say leadership is defined by your skills or what you do.*

*People who defend the first perspective point out the importance of integrity, charisma, and other internal characteristics. They say who you are affects what you do. On the other side, there are many who believe the quality of one's leadership is determined by one's leadership skills. This is where powers of communication, persuasion, knowledge, and experience come in.*

*So who is right? I believe the answer is found in a verse that will be foundational to your study of leadership: "And David shepherded them with integrity of heart, with skillful hands he led them" (Psalm 78:72).*

*For years the secular leadership community has argued about the values of skill and character. Volumes have been written in dozens and dozens of leadership books expounding on the importance of one or the other. But the greatest manual on leadership was written thousands of years ago, and it contains about every answer to about every question you could ever ask about the topic! The Bible contains at least 170 direct references to leading and many more stories that illustrate leadership—both good and bad examples. So how does God's Word define leadership? According to Psalm 78:72, good leadership requires both integrity of heart and skill, in equal measure. What comes to mind when you think of the word "integrity?" Most of us leap to words such as "honesty" or phrases such as "man of his word." Those are good definitions, but integrity literally means "to integrate" or bring many parts together.*

*Having integrity of heart carries the idea of bringing together all the parts of who you are. It means having one "self"—being the same person whether you are alone or in a crowd, at school or with your family. News Flash: You have a distinct, unique personality and temperament. You have a unique pathway in which you relate to God. Your experiences and influences have uniquely shaped you. You have physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual parts of your self. Understanding these things and bringing them into unity is key to having what we call integrity of heart.*

*David had integrity of heart. I want integrity of heart—and I believe you do, too. The journey takes effort, perseverance, and much courage; but as David's life shows us, the results are very much worth the effort.*

For you students, the challenge is always present, but the new horizons are just ahead. The new school year is about to begin. Will you accept the challenge? Are you ready to show your friends what a true Christ Follower is made of? I believe you will and are...I'm here to support you and I'm praying for you and I know your parents are as well.

– Lee Porter



Congratulations to **Chris Macaluso** who made the decision to make Jesus Lord of his life and obeyed him in baptism on Tuesday, July 29. A small group of young adults were there to support and encourage him. Chris and Suzanne (Fournier) were recently married in California. They will be making the trek to California on August 8 as Chris has taken a job with Pepperdine University in their Sports Information Department. Suzanne will accompany him to California and then return to finish her dissertation and sell their home. Words from Chris express his feelings for the Elmwood family: *"My two years at Elmwood have been a blessing. Thank you! What a great church and community you have been to me. I appreciate all the love!"* God bless you, Chris, in your new endeavors.

## Men's Breakfast, August 23, 7:43 AM



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



- August 6, 7 PM**....Bible classes
- August 8-10**....Youth in Action, Louisville, KY
- August 10, 6 PM**....Fun, food & fellowship  
*(bring finger foods, please)*
- August 16**....Taste & See at Trinity Mission
- August 17, 6 PM**....Presentation of Elmwood's summer camp activities: Camp Cumo, Spring Mill Bible Camp, & Camp Wabashi
- August 24**....Youth Group, "Back to School Bash"
- Sept. 3, 5:50 PM**....Good Sense 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:  
 Job 13-30;  
 I Corinthians 9-13

# 2008 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 34: August 18-24

### Riding Life Job Style

Job is a person that we should always try to be like. He is a positive person and never blames God for unpleasant events in his life. Job's devotion toward God through all his troubles in life is very inspirational to us all. It encourages us to praise God all the days of our life, and reminds us that He will keep us safe and give us all the things on this earth that we need. Life is like a rollercoaster, up and down and up and down. If you keep your focus on God throughout your life that rollercoaster will not go down as much, and you will find happiness in places you never thought possible.

Job 19: 25-27 states, *"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will see him with my own eyes- I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"*

-Peter Bell

Weekly Schedule	Elders	World Missions
<b>Sunday</b> Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m.  <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Mathews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653	Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99536  Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000 E-mail: lholly54@yahoo.com  Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774
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