



## Our Campus Ministry

God has blessed Elmwood with a great ministry on Purdue's campus. Many of the brightest minds in the world come to Purdue. They come from all over the United States and many foreign countries. Their studies are preparing them to be leaders all over the world. God has blessed us with the great opportunity to reach out to these young minds - these future leaders - and make them disciples. What a wonderful blessing!

As you know, we have been going through the process of looking for a new Campus Minister. We have a great team of people who have comprised our search committee; Mindy Hart, Joe Mathews, Jim Jones, Craig Hodges, Catie Jones, Josh and Gina Boyd. They have worked hard, put in lots of hours, and have been in constant prayer over this process. I hope you have taken the time to give each person on this committee a big "thank you" hug. They have brought in three great candidates, and they have more work to do. The most important of those jobs is to seek God's counsel.

I hope you took the time to meet all three of our Campus Minister candidates. I hope you are praying for them and their wives. I have been through all of this and it can be stressful. They have just as many decisions to make as our committee does. They each had different strengths and different weaknesses. They had different passions. My personal prayer is that God will bless us with the right servant, and will bless the others by placing them in the ministries where they can shine the brightest.

In all of this we need to be showering Phil Travis with great praise and encouragement. He, along with some great help, has done some awesome work with our students. He has created an environment in the student center that is going to be a blessing to whoever God anoints as our Campus Minister. I ask that you continue to pray for Phil throughout all of this.

Speaking of our campus ministry, find a student this Sunday and take them out for lunch!

- Gilbert

## What's the Story?

There was a show on Public Television several years ago called "Wishbone" that featured a dog who imagined himself as part of great literary novels and short stories. It was simply a half hour show that quickly told the stories of "Faust," "The Purloined Letter," "The Hound of the Baskervilles," "Journey to the Center of the Earth" and others. In each of the episodes Wishbone would place himself as the main character in the book and the audience would experience a new literary work each week.

What I like about this concept is the fact that Wishbone so quickly and effortlessly imagines himself part of a great story. Usually assuming the role of the main character, Wishbone completes amazing feats and conquers the challenges various authors have placed before him.

While I know that I don't have the imaginative powers of Wishbone, I do know that I am part of an epic story. The story of God's work on the Earth has been playing out for many years, and there are many great figures in the storyline, from Adam and Eve, to Samuel, Ruth, David, Jesus, Paul, Augustine, and so many more! God accomplishes his will on this Earth through his people, and we are blessed to be counted among his people! Don't forget that you are a part of a long, epic story, and that the story is shaped and molded into form as we do God's will. What a scary and empowering notion to be charged with writing God's story, let's write it well!

-Phil



**Kaden Koebecke**, son of Cami & Travis, is still battling kidney problems....**Linda Dilks** had surgery on Tuesday....**Joe Ruhl** will have surgery this Thursday ....**Mandy Anderson** had surgery last Thursday and was released from the hospital on Sunday afternoon.... **David Henke**, now at home recuperating, will continue to receive dialysis treatments at White County Memorial Hospital.... **Emily**

**Jaekel**, Lynae Stafford's niece who has cerebral palsy, has been moved to Methodist Rehab in Indianapolis. They hope doctors will approve 2 weeks of rehab to help her get back to where she was as well as treat other ongoing issues...**Jim Moore** has had some unexpected problems following his recent sinus surgery....Beth Holt's stepfather, **Charlie Penn**, has had two heart attacks following recent surgery....Continue praying for **Max Houlton, Gary Verett, Henrietta Frampton, Carolyn & Charles Moore, Herb King, Eileen Richardson, Marie DeWoody, Hattie Coffel, Irene Sims, Mary Tavana, Paul & Argie Verett, Delpha Allen, Ivan Ellis, Valley Stockton, Eagle Bailey, Minnie Scott, Anna Dale, Irene Fox, and Burnell Gulden.**

Serving in our military: **Michael Farris** in Afghanistan; **Steve Brady, Ti Draughon** in Iraq; and **Chris Martin**, in South Korea.



The Bells are hosting a wedding shower/open house for **Naomi Hunt and Sean Richards** (men, women, children welcome) on **Sunday, March 2, 2:00-4:00 PM**, at their home, 216 Jennings St., West Lafayette. If you wish to contribute towards a group gift, see Marsha Moore, Scheryl Willison, Kelsey Sutherlin or Carol Bell.



Elmwood Family,  
Kaidynn, Kennedy, and I would like to thank you for the precious gift that the church gave us to honor Kaidynn's birth. Your welcoming and giving spirits are phenomenal! We are so grateful to have found Elmwood. Thank you!

-Kelly Peckinpaugh

Elmwood Family,  
Thank you for the cards, visits and food for me and my family after my recent surgery. Most importantly thank you for the many prayers offered on my behalf. I love you all and appreciate you so much.

-Mandy Anderson

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## Directory Pictures being scheduled



Directory Picture update is in progress. If you (new families) haven't been contacted by Bill Hodges, please give him a call at 449-1255 to schedule an appointment.

## VBS

### Be a Part of It!

Mark the date! **VBS 2008** will be **June 2-6, from 6:00-8:00 PM**. More information is coming soon.

## Children's Church

Since this is the last Sunday of the month, **Children's Church for children in grades 1-5 will not meet this Sunday, February 24.**

## Save the Date: CSC Alumni Reunion (1989-1995)

Come join us to rekindle with old friends July 25-27, 2008. Activities for all ages! Further details to come. For more information contact Donna Porter at danddport@comcast.net and stay tuned for further announcements.



### Winterfest

By now, most of you have heard that we got off to a little rough start to our Winterfest event last weekend. Actually, we got off to a smooth start and were making great time. And then there was Knoxville, TN. We were on track to be at the hotel in plenty of time to rest a little, freshen up and then get a bite to eat before the first session – pride goes before the fall! I had just thought to myself that the road had a weird vibration; Ed Tilley said something felt funny; I thought we had just had a flat and one of the teens commented that our wheel just took off in front of us; it was followed closely by our brake drum. I moved the van to the shoulder of the road where God had provided a nice grassy area so our crew could be 100 feet off the road and then we began to evaluate the situation. Several vehicles stopped. One of the vehicles was our friends from Washington, Indiana (Jonathan Melton’s home church) and they took Ed Tilley with them so he could get us registered at the convention center and checked in at the hotel. To make a long story short, Bill Bell and AAA got us towed to Pep Boys, we moved the trailer to the Bell’s car, and we rented a van at Avis and we were on our way again. We didn’t get to rest, freshen up, or eat, but we only missed the first 15 minutes of our session. God was really watching over us during this whole challenge and I am convinced it went a lot smoother because of your prayers.

As always, Winterfest was an incredible experience. Among the special guests we got to meet was a lady from Valparaiso, Indiana, who had worked as a Wycliffe translator in New Guinea and a teenage girl who had gone with the Voice of the Martyrs and smuggled Bibles into Viet Nam. As I mentioned before, the theme was “**The Mission**” and the focus was on getting back to the great commission. Several of our teens noticed the sessions fully fleshed out our mission statement. The lessons involved lecture by Jeff Walling, dramas, art, special music and more. This year’s sessions were made available on DVD and I was encouraged by my daughter that the whole church should experience a session, so I have the DVDs ordered.

Many of you helped make this trip a huge success and we are very thankful! Thank you for your prayers, for the breakfast food and drinks, the financial support and the support and interest. We pray that our time in Gatlinburg will be a blessing to our whole church family. Some are probably wondering if we will be as excited to go back after our little “loose wheel challenge.” I believe we are more determined than ever and we would love to have you come join us!

– Lee



With extra family members present **Carl Wilson**, husband of Leslie, and son-in-law of Tammy Tatman, made the decision to make Jesus Lord of his life on Sunday morning. Carl works for ConAgra at Brookston, as well as being on the Brookston Volunteer Fire Department for the last 10 years. He and Leslie have two children: Kyra and Allen Jay (A.J.). They live at 806 Brackney St., Brookston 47923. Phone: 563-6744. Congratulations and welcome to the Elmwood family, Carl!



**Vickie Sanders** has asked to be identified with Elmwood. Vickie has been coming for some weeks and is a close friend and neighbor of Jan Lucas and Eugene Zinn. She is retired after working at the hospital for many years. Vickie is enjoying the Senior Servants and attends the Mathews LIFE Group. She lives at 619 N. 9th St. Apt. 302, Lafayette 47904. Phone: 423-7681. Welcome to Elmwood, Vickie.

## Budget Planning



We will soon be putting together our congregational budget for next fiscal year which begins July 1. If you are a ministry leader please be giving thought to your spending plans. Bill Hodges will be sending budget planning information to ministry leaders over the next three weeks. Budget spending plans will be due back to Bill by April 10. Call Bill at 449-1255 if you have questions on the budget process.



- Feb. 20, 7 PM....Bible classes for everyone**
- Feb. 20, 5:50-6:50 PM....Good \$ense Budget Class**
- Feb. 20, 11:30 AM....Senior Servants meet in A2**
- Feb. 24, 6 PM....LIFE Groups meet**
- March 2, 2:00-4:00 PM....Open House/wedding shower for Naomi Hunt & Sean Richards at Bill & Carol Bell’s home**

