



L.I.F.E Groups

A new semester of L.I.F.E. Groups start this Sunday. I hope you are involved and committed to a group. I believe there is no better way to build relationships and feel connected to this church than through involvement in a L.I.F.E. Group.

I came across a quote the other day that read, *"People need to be reminded more than instructed."* I believe that is true. We all need reminders in life. So let me remind you what L.I.F.E. stands for:

Love

Involvement

Fellowship

Evangelism

I hope that you are using those words as measuring sticks in your groups. I hope that all of those, on some level, are taking place.

As mentioned last week, we want to be a people who know Christ. Our L.I.F.E. Groups are intended to serve as a tool for knowing Christ. We are going to be spending lots of time in the word of God this semester. Our L.I.F.E. Group material for this semester is designed so that you will digest the word of God throughout the week. We are calling this time in the word, Spiritual Reading. Everyone will be provided with a Spiritual Reading Guide that will take you through Paul's letter to the Philippians. Each week you will have one section to read and reread every night, and the guide will give you instruction on what to do each night.

The goal is for everyone to come to each group meeting ready to discuss what they read throughout the week. I think this will be a great way to get you in the word, eating and digesting all that God has to say. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are too!

-Gilbert Kerrigan

Serving

Ah, January. It is the time of the year where many people take it upon themselves to make some personal changes in their lives. Some people decided to shed a few pounds, others plan on adding some. Some people's resolutions are to reduce the time they spend watching TV. Of course we are also far enough into the year that some resolutions are being broken!

I hope that you are all successful in your new year's resolutions, and I hope that you have considered your spiritual life in your resolutions as well. Though anytime is a good time to learn and grow in Christ, there is no time like the present. One area that you may need growth (well, I know I do anyway) is the area of service to the community.

Service to those around us is integral to the Christian life, and it tends to be the one thing that is easiest to forget, perhaps because it is the most difficult to do. James 1: 27 says *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* Though it may be intimidating at first, service does not necessarily have to be difficult. Not only are there many opportunities within the walls of the church building to use your various skills, there are also many organizations in the community that have a very similar mission as we do... to help people that can't help themselves. Find one that you are interested and ask if there is any way you can help! *-Phil Travis*

Prayer Concerns....

David Henke sees a doctor this week about surgery for a tumor in his colon.... **Jim Willison** travels to Ohio State University on Wednesday where hopes to be a member of a drug study that may help his MD-SMA condition....Lori Kuchta's nephew, **David Riley** (17 years old) is in need of lense replacement eye surgery....Continue praying for **Mandy Anderson** (*shoulder surgery and ankle that my require surgery*), **Paul Thomas, Herb King, Barbara Scott, Max Houlton, Scott Baker, Eileen Richardson, Henrietta Frampton, Delores Nolan, Rick Sims, Willie Batts, Marie DeWoody, Hattie Coffel, Kaden Koebecke, 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** (*Rick & Doris Swensen's son-in-law, Barbara's husband*), **Ti Draughon** in Iraq; and **Chris Martin**, in South Korea.

Thank you... .

*Elmwood's encouraging presence was felt strongly and warmly during all the events following the sudden death of Lisa's brother, **Joe Luttrell**. Joe and Wanda visited Elmwood several times on their trips to Indiana, and commented on the friendliness of the church. The beautiful flowers from Elmwood (picture is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway) along with the cards, emails, and phone calls, helped more than we would have predicted. Thanks so much for continuing to embrace us as a part of the Elmwood family, and for your expressions of love for us, Wanda, and Woodrow during this difficult time.* -Gayle & Lisa Crowe

*Dear church family,
Thank you for your calls and cards and PRAYERS during my recent surgery and recuperation time! Your support made a very difficult time a little easier! I am thankful for you.* Love, Delores Nolan



David & Rose Hunt of West Lafayette, Indiana
and

Grady & Junko Richards of Terre Haute, Indiana
are very pleased to announce
the marriage of their children,
Naomi M. Hunt
and
Sean G. Richards.

The couple were married on Saturday, January 5, 2008
at Thomas Duncan Hall, Lafayette, Indiana.

Congratulations can be sent to the newlyweds
at their home address:

Mrs. Naomi M. Hunt & Mr. Sean G. Richards,
1809 Jackson St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

An afternoon tea will be held to honor the couple
in the near future.

Farewell.... for a little while

Last Sunday was the DeWoody family's last Sunday with us for a while. **Yssa, Andrew, Taylor, Audrey, and Marie** leave Thursday for Ithaca, New York, (Cornell University) where Andrew will be on sabbatical from Purdue this semester. They will stay at least through the end of May. We will miss them terribly, but wish them well on this new adventure. Their address while there will be: 184 Ellis Hollow Creek, Ithaca, NY 14850. You can still send email messages to Yssa at: dewoody@purdue.edu.



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Youth Ministry Meeting

I guess we initially billed it as a parents' meeting, but Sunday's meeting at noon (yes, I know the Colts play at 1:00) is for all teens and their parents...of course, siblings are welcome, too. Please bring your calendars and food (just food for your family, this is not a pitch-in or pot luck). We will have drinks for you. We have lots of things to discuss and two of the biggest events of the year for the youth ministry are just ahead: Winterfest and Leadership Training for Christ.

Winterfest

This year's Winterfest at Gatlinburg is February 15-17. The theme for this year is "The Mission" – based on the great commission. Cost for this year's event is \$85 plus \$24 registration. If you want to go to the concert (Kutless) it is an additional \$10 and T-shirts are \$8. To be able to get these prices, we need to have your money for registration, concert, and T-shirts by January 30...if it is not postmarked by February 2; the rates on everything go up. Remember that meals are not included in the prices. We may take some food items along to help out, however. I have already reserved rooms for about 35 people at the same place we stayed last year (The Riverside Motel); it isn't fancy, but it is clean and close to the conference center. Jeff Walling will be the keynote speaker again this year and Bob Stromberg will be back to make us laugh. You don't want to miss this one! Mark your calendars and get your money in now...or Sunday will be okay, too.

Leadership Training for Christ

"Here I Am" (1 Samuel 3:16) is the theme of this year's Midwest Leadership Training for Christ. The dates for the event are March 21-23, 2008 and we will once again be back at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis. The hotel has just finished a huge addition and we will have access to the meeting rooms as well as the guest rooms. I am fully aware that those dates are at the beginning or the end of virtually everyone's spring break this year – Easter moves around, but my hope and prayer is that you will choose to start or finish your spring break with an incredible experience at the LTC Convention. Of course, if there is just no way it will fit into your schedules to be at the convention, you can still participate in the pre-convention events and you can send your art work, bulletin boards, etc. with those of us who will be in attendance. Cost of registration is still \$35 (no increase for several years) and that covers all awards, T-shirt, etc. I have also taken the liberty to reserve some rooms at the hotel, but I need to know if your family is interested in staying there...I will release the rooms we don't use. Cost for rooms at the Marriott East is \$79 per night and \$64 at the La Quinta.

– Lee



We wish to welcome **Eugene Zinn** to our fellowship at Elmwood. Eugene is the brother of Jan Lucas. After their mother died in May, Jan brought Eugene to Indiana in July to live. He is now retired and getting to know his way around Lafayette. He lives at 619 N. 9th St. #316, Lafayette, 47905; phone: 838-2183. Eugene passes along this message to Elmwood: "Thank you for your warm welcome." Welcome to the family at Elmwood, Eugene.

Help!

Becky Pitt is scheduling a clean-up/organizing/decorating time on January 19 from 8:30 AM-1:00 PM, for the younger children's rooms. If you can help, contact Becky (471-9155) or Cara Gamble (538-2995).

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.



Terry Spenard's 91-year-old father, **Floyd**, died early Sunday morning at Home Hospital. He was a lifelong member of the Lafayette community. Our sympathies to his wife, Zedia, and Terry & Ginger, and the rest of the Spenard family. His funeral is Wednesday, January 9, at 1:00 with visitation an hour prior to the funeral at the Hippensteel Funeral Home.



January 9, 7 PM....Bible classes for everyone
January 13, 6 PM....LIFE Groups resume meeting
January 19, 7:43 AM....Men's Breakfast in A-2

