



## Becoming

Scripture is meant to be lived, not just learned. I often feel like a broken record because I talk about this a lot. But I feel like this is an important reminder, especially in the land of academia. This is a reminder for me, as much as it is for anyone reading this article. Scripture is meant to be lived, not just learned! James gives us this much needed reminder in his letter when he writes, *"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are just fooling yourselves."* ~ James 1:22

I ran across an article the other day that was discussing the difference between the methodology of Greek education and Hebrew education. In this article the author writes, *"Greek education focused on content. Hebrew education focused on relationship. Greek teachers tried to shape students' minds. Hebrew teachers tried to shape students' hearts. Greek students were to learn what their teacher knew. Hebrew students were to become what their teacher was."*

I found this quote interesting. Our schools are built upon this Greek methodology of education. They are designed to dispense knowledge; to fill heads with information. That makes sense because that is what schools are all about - shaping minds. But is this what our churches should be focused on? Are we to be in the business of merely shaping minds? I don't think so. I believe that scripture is more concerned with what we do than with what we know. Again, scripture is meant to be lived, not just learned.

The author of that article also wrote, *"In the Greek model the goal is for the students to LEARN what their teachers KNOW. In the Hebrew model the goal is for the disciple to BECOME what his teacher IS."* My opinion is that most churches have adopted this Greek methodology in our churches. Churches have become dispensers of information. It is easier because it is less personal. It doesn't take much investment in each other's lives. You show up, hear a bunch of information, and go home. But I don't believe it is biblical. With this in mind, here is my prayer:

*Dear God, may we at Elmwood always put before us the goal of BECOMING, not just LEARNING. May we focus on SHAPING LIVES, not just SHAPING MINDS. I pray that we will always remember that scripture is meant to be LIVED so that everyday we look more and more like your Son. Amen.*

-Gilbert

## Dandelions

There is a song that is performed by the band "Five Iron Frenzy," titled Dandelions. It tells the story of a young boy who, while playing outside, picks a bouquet of dandelions and brings them in to his mother. The song stresses that while anyone else would see weeds that should just be thrown away, this boy's mother treasures them and puts them in a vase on display for everyone to see. Because of the mother's love for her children, even a weed is a precious gift when it is given out of love. This is surely a nice sentiment about the love a parent has for her child, but the song doesn't end with that sentiment.

At the start of the second verse, the song shifts from a story of a parent's love for her children, to the love that God has for his children. The song continues to express our own inability to offer to God something perfect and wonderful. We offer our everything to God, but we are unable to give him something perfect, without blemish. All we have to offer him are the dandelions. Even though we are imperfect and we struggle to offer to God even a dandelion, he "sees love, where anyone else would see a weed."

These words are important when we remember that we fail. Even in the weeds of our failure and inability to be perfect, God loves us, and puts the flowers of our efforts— a treasured gift from the children he loves—in a vase.

-Phil



**Don Vice** had eye surgery last Monday. It required him to lay on his stomach with his head down for a week! He was to visit the doctor on Tuesday afternoon ....**Kaden Koebcke** continues to receive treatment with a new drug for his kidney condition....**Eugene Zinn**, had surgery in Indianapolis on Wednesday, July 9.... **Linda Dilks** was hospitalized over the weekend. After surgery Monday night, she was able to return home on Tuesday....**Julie Lichty**, a longtime friend of Lynae Stafford continues

weekly kidney dialysis....**Pat Johnson**, who formerly attended Elmwood, is battling ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease)....**Christina Everett**, niece of Bo Downing, continues to receive chemo treatments for kidney cancer. (She has only one kidney.)....Continue praying for **Amanda Powlen** (*now weighing over 5 pounds and doing well*), **David Henke, Rick Swensen, Hattie Coffel, Colin Wilson, Phyllis Mow, Lois Powlen, Barbara Scott, Grace Hamilton, Kenneth Clubb, Marge Campbell, Alan Dale, Eileen Richardson, Irene Sims, Henrietta Frampton, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, Delpha Allen, Valley Stockton, Eagle Bailey, Minnie Scott, Irene Fox.**

Serving in our military: **Philip Devine, Mark Wilson, Shawn Wilson, and Ti Draughon.** **Steve Brady** is now home and in North Carolina!

Please remember our LST team in Thailand: **Josh, Gina, Kinley, & Knox Boyd, Farrell Simmerman, and Steve & Lanita Boyd** (Josh's parents). (**Mandy Anderson** returns to Lafayette this week.) Be praying for God's blessings as they share the gospel there.

**Rob Smith** is in Guatemala for 2 weeks with Health Talents International, a medical mission group, acting as an interpreter for them. He'll visit his father in Texas before coming home. Pray for his time there and a safe return.

## News from Thailand's LST team

It's hard to believe the project is halfway over and Mandy is about to head home! We continue to be blessed by our conversations with readers—Gina's readers Joy and Pey, who she has every day, are really interested in the stories and not just the English.

And of course the best news of the week is that Mandy's reader Na was baptized Wednesday night! We all piled into cabs and drove to the church building late at night for the baptism, and it was exciting to be a part of that.

One picture: Mandy with Na after her baptism.\* And if you'd like to see the baptism on video, it's on YouTube—just search for the term "Na's baptism."

Thank you for your prayers! -Josh

*\*Mandy and Na's picture will be in the Sunday slides.*



*Thank you for your cards, prayers, concerns, and phone calls before, during, and after my recent surgery. It truly meant so much to both of us to know we were being cared for by all "you good people." I am finally feeling well and look forward to no more doctor visits!*

-Sara Postlethwait



## Friday at the Park!

This week **Friday at the Park** will be at Happy Hollow Park. Bring the kids and come join in on the fun and fresh air. Questions? Call **Vicki Vaught** or **Barb Tilley**.

## New Addresses



**Courtney Buss**  
1131 Burberry Dr. E.  
Apt. C  
Lafayette, 47905

As of July 12, **Kay & Peter Tavana** will have a new address: 3784 Winston Dr., #78, Lafayette 47905. Phone: 474-6519



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

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AUGUST 8-10, 2008

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS!



### Friday Night Event at HOOPS

- Opening Message
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Wiffleball
- Volleyball
- Guitar Hero
- Wii

### Main Event (Saturday and Sunday) at Okolona Church of Christ

Speakers: Dave Skidmore and Rich Little  
Worship Leaders: Deeper Still

Youth in Action is always a great youth rally! The cost for the event will be \$65 plus a little for travel and a couple meals...three meals are covered in the registration price. New this year: if we register by July 31, we get free t-shirts for the group! It looks like the CSC will have a table with the other college groups this year. Also, I have been asked to be one of the teachers. Mark your calendars now and let me know if you plan to attend...this is a great way to get ready to go back to school (I know, yuk)!

### We're Off!

Thursday, a group of us will be headed to Sandusky, Ohio and will be spending the day at Cedar Point... it is not too late to go – show up at 5:00 Thursday morning with your money (\$70 for travel, ticket, and lodging – souvenirs and meals extra). We will return on Friday afternoon. Saturday, a group of us serving at the Senior Week at SMBC will be headed down to get ready for the week. Sunday, one group will be headed to Spring Mill and another group will be headed to Wabashi for an incredible week at camp. It is not too late...let me know if you want to go. On Sunday July 20, a group of us will be headed to Cincinnati to help run "Camp CUMO," a camping experience for about 50 inner city kids from the projects in Cincinnati. The next big event will be YIA, detailed above and then the question will be, "Where did the summer go?" Once again, it is NOT TOO LATE...let me know if you want to go, you won't want to miss out on any of this!

- Lee



Longtime Elmwood member, **Anna Dale, 89**, died Wednesday afternoon, July 2, at George Davis Manor where she had been for just a short while. She recently had a stroke and was having heart problems. Husband, Alvin, preceded her in death last November, 2007, and daughter Anita, died in November 1993. Her children, Ava Berkheiser, Alan Dale, and Alice Dale-Thomason, will receive friends and family on Wednesday evening, July 9, from 6:00-8:00, at Hippensteel Funeral Home. Her funeral will be Thursday morning at 10:00 at Hippensteel. Our sincere sympathies to the whole Dale family which also includes 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Former Elmwood member and father of Elaine Borie, **Burnell Gulden, 79**, died Sunday morning at Rosewalk Village where he had been a resident for several years. He recently had been having small strokes. Visitation for friends and family will be Thursday evening at Hippensteel Funeral Home from 5:00-8:00. His funeral will be Friday at 10:00 in the morning at Kossuth St. Baptist Church. Our sincere sympathies to Elaine & Austin, Michael (Burnell's son) and his wife and triplet daughters of Spokane, Washington, and his daughter, Beth, who lives in England.



Once again, Elmwood will be a collection site for Salvation Army's "Tools for Schools." If you would like to help children in the community with school supplies for the upcoming school year, a box has been placed in the Farris foyer for your donations. Bring them anytime during the next month.

**Our vision:  
Knowing Christ, Making  
Christ Known**



**July 9, 7 PM....Bible classes**  
**July 10....Youth Group to Cedar Point**  
**July 13, 6 PM....Fun, food (finger foods) & fellowship**

