



## What's Happening at Elmwood?

I hope you have been part of the excitement this summer. There has been a lot going on around Elmwood and we have more to do.

As you already know, we have tried something new this summer on Sunday nights. It was a change from the norm. I realize that change is not always easy for many people, but so many of you have taken to this change well. I have heard so many encouraging and positive words regarding our Sunday nights. Here is what we have done so far:

- We have had a night dedicated to singing.
- We spent our time on another Sunday night praying for VBS as we walked through the neighborhood behind our building, wrote letters to many of our Sunday morning visitors, and went through each room that a VBS activity would take place in.
- We watched an amazingly powerful movie about the power of the gospel to change lives: [The End of the Spear](#).
- We laughed with each other as we spent time around tables eating great food and playing some silly games.

It has been encouraging to me to see so many of you get involved in these activities. I want to see so many more of you get involved on Sunday nights. If you do not normally attend here on Sunday nights we have many more nights just like these lined up for the rest of the summer. Don't miss them.

Another great event that took place just last week was VBS. Michelle Robson and her crew did a wonderful job putting this great event together. It was wonderful! There were so many kids running through this building learning about the power of God. They were singing and dancing before the Lord (*yes, I even saw Chuck Brown doing a little dancing too!*). There were so many great volunteers that helped make VBS special. We may not see the immediate fruit of VBS (new members, baptisms, etc...), but we planted seeds. We may not see it, but believe me when I say, "The fruit is there!"

Elmwood, keep up the great work!

-Gilbert

## A Discipling Vision

I am currently reading a book by Milton Jones titled *"Discipling: The Multiplying Ministry"*. Jones takes a look at our model for evangelism and finds that it is wanting. In our mindset, evangelism is confined to the realm of "converting" someone: "get up and talk to a whole bunch of people," or "walk up to someone on the street that you have never met before and tell them about Jesus." While neither of these things are wrong, neither of them are particularly effective in growing the church either numerically or spiritually.

The method of one person going out and telling other people about Christ as defined by Jones is growth by arithmetic progression. His example is if a person spoke to 500 new people each day, it would take 24,658 years for the message to be heard by everyone only once- and this was written when the world population was 4.5 billion. However, there is another way posited by Jones. If instead of preaching at someone, we disciplined them and instead of converting people, we grew and nourished disciples, encouraging them to do the same, we would have geometric growth.

In defense of geometric, relational growth: if one person disciplines 3 other people each year, and encourages them to do the same in the next year, within 17 years there would be 17 billion disciples (well- if there were that many people in the first place).

You may be wondering about this term discipling; what it looks like and how you can do it. I will write more about that next week. -Phil



**David Henke** went home over the weekend. He is doing much better....**Colin Wilson** continues to recuperate from neck surgery....**Phyllis Mow**, Brenda Gibson's sister, was released from the hospital and will be treated with medication instead of surgery....**Lois Powlen**, mother of Craig & Brad Powlen, has pancreatic cancer. Cards can be sent to: 8973 N. 150 W., Delphi, IN 46923. An email can be sent to ladyblue@tds.net....**Steven Klint**, uncle of

Andrew Foor, was recently diagnosed with bladder cancer....**Amanda Powlen** continues to grow and improve....Continue praying for **Kaden Koebcke** (treatment for nephrosis), **Barbara Scott** (St. Mary's Nursing Home), **Chris Vice** (Beth Miller's uncle, stroke), **Kenneth Clubb** (Kristi Smith's father, pulmonary problems), **Marge Campbell** (cancer treatment), **Eugene Zinn** (will have further tests and surgery at IU Medical Center), **Joe Bailey**, **Sara Postlethwait**, **Alan Dale** (cancer), **Henrietta Frampton**, **Charles Moore**, **Eileen Richardson**, **Hattie Coffel**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Irene Sims**, **Mary Tavana**, **Paul & Argie Verett**, **Delpha Allen**, **Valley Stockton**, **Eagle Bailey**, **Minnie Scott**, **Anna Dale**, **Irene Fox**, and **Burnell Gulden**.

Serving in our military: **Steve Brady**, **Mark Wilson**, **Shawn Wilson**, and **Ti Draughon**.

Please remember our LST teams who will be leaving soon. Leaving June 14 for two weeks in Panama: **Jimmy & Susan Huff**, **Jason Cochran**, and **Amy Berkshire**. Leaving June 16 for six weeks in Thailand: **Josh, Gina, Kinley, & Knox Boyd**, **Farrell Simmerman**, **Mandy Anderson**, and **Steve & Lanita Boyd** (Josh's parents). Be praying for their safe travels, their health, and those God will lead to read with them. God's blessings on both teams!

Your are invited to a come-and-go wedding shower for **Josh Hunt** and his fiancée **Amanda Stoops** on **Sunday, June 22, from 2:30 until 4:30 PM**, at the home of Scheryl and Mike Gaylor, 4524 Bur Oak Lane, Lafayette. Josh is the son of Rose and David Hunt. Josh grew up at Elmwood and has just recently been living (working and completing a Masters degree) in Indianapolis following his tour of duty in Iraq (2004-05). Elmwood is "home" for Josh and he looks forward to the opportunity of introducing Amanda to his Elmwood family. Please make time to visit with Josh and Amanda and to offer "Best Wishes." For donations toward a group gift, see Carol Bell, Scheryl Gaylor, Patty Vice, or Joyce Mathews. Josh & Amanda are registered at: Bed, Bath & Beyond. We look forward to seeing you there!



*You're invited to celebrate the marriage of Matthew Welters and Heaven Miller this Friday, June 13, 2008, at 2:30 PM. The ceremony will take place at the Purdue Memorial Union in room 118. There will be a reception following at Pappy's Sweet Shop, which is also located in the Purdue Memorial Union. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by informing the couple, calling (609) 356-4421 or emailing at purdue\_boiler09@yahoo.com.*



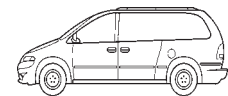
## Women: Breakfast is Served!



On **June 21, at 9:00 AM**, the women will be served breakfast by the men in the congregation. Come feel pampered (no cooking, no clean up!) and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in the Farris foyer.

## "Sweet Remembrances"

On **July 3rd Barb Newberry** is going to remember what would have been Stan's and her **50th wedding anniversary**. Calling it "Sweet Remembrances," she invites everyone to drop by her home (1058 Southernview Dr. S., Lafayette) anytime from 5:00-9:00 PM. She will serve dessert. Questions? Call Barb at 474-7231.



Peter & Kay Tavana are in need of a van (which will accommodate 6 individuals) for their upcoming vacation, July 3-12. If you have a full-sized van you would be willing to rent, please call their home phone: 474-6519, or Kay's cell phone: 479-6188.

**June 8, 2008**

Class: 214 Worship: 293

Contribution: \$10,789



## VBS – Power Lab Don't Fizzle Out!

I would like to add my appreciation to Michelle Robson, Dana Miller and their crews for an awesome job with VBS this year. I felt like everything was done with excellence and that we offered the students a great experience. The Bible lessons were very timely and practical and the skits/activities/general sessions were very engaging. I think the numbers for this year's event were about the same as last year's and I personally think that is fine because it felt like everything was under control...I have been involved with some VBS's that seemed more like chaos because we couldn't serve the students well; there were too many of them and not enough of us. The Friday night event was also very well attended, by the students' parents, grandparents, etc. and by many of you. The question is, "What will we do now?" We can just sit back and pat ourselves on the back for a "job well done," or we can take the next step. I know that Michelle and company are putting all the info into a useable format so WE can do follow-up visits (phone, notes, personal visits, etc.) with the families. I know for a fact that a couple of the families had no church affiliation at all...they need a place to call home, why not Elmwood? If you would be willing to help with contacting the students and their families, please let me know. I would tell you to check with Josh Boyd or me, but as you know, the Boyds are getting ready to head for Thailand. Let's do all we can to make sure the Power Lab experience doesn't fizzle out for our new (and old) friends. Jesus has given us the power to tell others about Him (aha!) so let's honor the opportunity.

### Summer is Here!

I really don't think any of you needed me to tell you that...although, Gilbert tells me it was hotter down south where they went last week. This is just a reminder that we have a flurry of activities coming soon. First, a group of us are planning to make the trek over to Cedar Point on July 7 & 8. If you would like to go, please let me know as soon as possible. July is also the month most people plan to go to camp. In addition to a couple of groups going to Wabashi, several plan to make their way to Spring Mill (July 13-19, Senior Week and July 20-25, Intermediate week). Finally – for July – our group will be joining with the group from the Withamsville church in Cincinnati for Camp C.U.M.O., July 20-25. August lightens up, Youth In Action at the Okolona church in Louisville, KY is August 8-10 and then it will be time to head back to school. Gear up now! Let's have a great summer while it lasts.

– Lee

## Rick & Doris Swensen Celebrating 60 Years!



Help **Doris & Rick Swensen** celebrate this milestone anniversary by coming to **University Place** (Great Room) from **2:00-4:00 PM** on **June 14**. Their children are planning a special celebration with lots of wonderful memories!

## Jesus Gives Us the Power!

God's power was in full force at Elmwood last week at VBS. It was seen in the adults who served and who spread the news of Jesus. It was seen in the kids who were having a great time while becoming closer to Jesus and to each other.

I want to extend my gratitude to all those who prayed, created and set up decorations (the building looked wonderful), worked with the kids (the station leaders and the crew leaders did a fantastic job making the experience both fun and meaningful), registered kids, prepared snacks, fixed a dinner, stepped up to fill in where needed throughout the week, brought in needed items, and cleaned up afterwards.

Average daily attendance was 61 children--over half of them being visitors. It truly would not have turned out so well without the effort of each and every individual who contributed in one way or another. A HUGE thank you to all!

I also want to thank Chik-fil-A, Sunbelt, Joe Mathews and Ice Cream Specialties, Pay Less, and Midwest Party Rentals for lending and donating items for our use. *Psalm 34:1-3.*

-Michelle Robson



**June 11, 7 PM....Bible classes**

**June 14, 2:00-4:00 PM....60th Anniversary party for Rick & Doris Swensen at University Place**

**June 15, 6 PM....Guest speakers--representatives from Churches of Christ Disaster Relief**

**June 21, 9 AM....Women's breakfast; sign up now**

**June 22, 2:30-4:30 PM....Wedding shower for Josh Hunt & Amanda Stoops at Gaylors' home**

**June 29, 6 PM....Joe Ruhl speaking:**

**"The Price of Freedom"**

