



Love

This Sunday we will close out our sermon series, *Building on Faith*. I hope you have enjoyed the journey as much as I have. The things I learned as I studied the scriptures each week for this series were so insightful and encouraging. I only hope I was able to communicate that same insightfulness and encouragement during my sermons.

Peter tells us that God expects growth. He wants us to take our faith and build on it. He encourages us to make every effort to do so. I want Elmwood to be known as a church that truly is making every effort to build on its faith. We build on our faith knowing that every effort we make is only made with the power of God on our side. He helps us build on our faith.

We add goodness, but God gives us the power to do so. We add knowledge, but God imparts that knowledge. We add self-control, but it is only by giving up our control to God. We add perseverance, but only because God fills us with the hope of eternal life. We add godliness, but it is because we find true contentment in God's blessings. We add brotherly kindness, but it is because God answers his son's prayer that we all be one.

This week Peter says we are to add to our faith, love. This rounds out the list, and for that reason is probably to be given special prominence. The starting point is faith and it ends with love. It is almost as if those two encompass all other virtues. One of the early church leaders, Ignatius, says this about faith and love: *"The beginning is faith and the end is love, and when the two are joined in unity, it is God."* What an amazing picture of the power of love when it is built upon faith.

As we close out this sermon series I again want to leave you with a challenge: *"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith..."*

-Gilbert Kerrigan

Memories

I don't remember much about my grandpa (my mother's father), he died when I was only two or three and though my family lived with him and my grandma, I was too young to be able to retain any memories of him. Though I have no personal memory of my grandpa, I did grow up hearing many stories about him. He was a manager of a bank, a mayor of a small town in Michigan, a loving husband and father, and a regular in the rotation for preaching and song leading at church.

Over the years my grandma has given me different things that belonged to him; most recently I acquired a stack of 11 notebooks filled with his sermon notes. These documents are important to me, on a personal level to be sure, as they provide a chance to have a conversation of sorts with my grandfather, but also because they are words spoken to the community of which I am a part. It is an important and valuable thing to converse with those in our past, to understand them, and to learn from them.

Thankfully we all are blessed to have this opportunity; there are many early Church fathers that helped shape Christianity for centuries. Here are a few: Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Origen, Augustine, Tertullian, Jerome and many more! I encourage you to make an opportunity to learn more about our heritage, to learn more about the development of the Christian faith, and to engage in conversation with some members in the history of the body of Christ!

-Phil Travis



Remember in Prayer

Kaden Koebecke will undergo a series of 4 mega dose treatments of prednisone this week at Riley Children's Hospital...**Sara Postlethwait** is home after a brief hospital stay for her gall bladder. She is improving and will have gall bladder surgery at a future date....**David Hughes**, a young man who grew up in Kate Kerrigan's home congregation, in Alabama, has been serving with the Marines in Afghanistan. He was

seriously injured when his platoon was involved in a bombing over the weekend....**Julie Lichtey**, friend of Lynae Stafford, is experiencing serious problems with diabetes....Continue praying for those who have had recent surgeries and/or are struggling with chronic health problems: **Eugene Zinn** (now at home), **Kaidynn Peckinpaugh**, **Joe Bailey**, **Mike Sutherlin**, **Amanda Martin-Draughon**, **Emily Jaekel**, **Jarred Eckman**, **Wayne Richey**, **Henrietta Frampton**, **Carolyn & Charles Moore**, **Herb King**, **Eileen Richardson**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Hattie Coffel**, **Dottie Roberts**, **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**, **Ti Draughon** in Iraq.

Good \$ense Budgeting Class



Do you ever wonder where the money goes? Most people do. We cannot ignore the reality of the importance of money. Some view it as the root of all evil, because it has led to crime, suicide, divorce, worry, scheming and many other nightmares. This crucial matter has no shortage of information in the Bible. Some two thousand Scripture passages touch on the theme of money.

A six week DVD series will be facilitated by Janet Boston beginning Wednesday, **April 23, 2008**, in the Conference/Media room. The program will begin at 5:50 PM each Wednesday evening until 6:50 PM. You will discover tools and develop skills to help you to manage and control your finances. **THIS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**

Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming *Focus on the Family* programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at **2:00 PM Monday-Friday**.

- March 26-28* **God's Grace is Sufficient**—Diet Eman shares her moving story of involvement in the Holland resistance movement against the Nazis during World War II. (Parts 1, 2, 3)
- March 31,
April 1, 2* **Preparing for Adolescence**—Dr. James Dobson offers advice to parents on preparing their children for the teenage years. (Parts 1, 2, 3)
- April 3, 4* **Let the Buyer Beware**—Author and radio host Dave Ramsey describes how listeners can avoid impulse spending and unnecessary debt. (Parts 1 & 2)



This Friday, **March 28**, at Dena Point (on the beach at sunset) in San Clemente, California, **Philip Devine** will marry **Loretta Fuentes!** Philip's mother, **Hedi Devine**, will not be able to attend the ceremony, though she says both Philip and Loretta will be in Lafayette for a brief time in April. Philip will be deployed to his next assignment the end of April.

Congratulations and God's richest blessings, Philip and Loretta! Their mailing address: P.O. Box 4293, San Clemente, CA 92674-4293.



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

March 23, 2008
No Class Worship: 303
Contribution: \$6,560
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MWLTC 2008 – Here I Am

Elmwood Medal Count: Gold: 25 //
Silver: 2 // Bronze: 1

Gamble, Kayleigh Puppets (Team: Elmwood PT 2)
GOLD

Moore, Mark Leadership Challenge Award (Radio
Minute Message), Service Challenge **GOLD**

Nelson, Britt Scrap Books (Team: Elmwood Scrap-
book) **GOLD**

O'Donnell, Caroline Puppets (Team: Elmwood PT
2) **GOLD**, Radio Minute Message (Team: Elm-
wood) **GOLD**, Scrap Books (Team: Elmwood
Scrapbook) **GOLD**

O'Donnell, Kaitlyn Puppets (Team: Elmwood PT 1)
GOLD, Scrap Books (Team: Elmwood Scrap-
book) **GOLD**

Risley, Natasha Leadership Challenge Award,
Scrap Books (Team: Elmwood Scrapbook)
GOLD, Service Challenge **GOLD**

Stafford, Joshua Leadership Challenge **PARTICI-
PANT**, Scrap Books (Team: Elmwood Scrap
book) **GOLD**, Service Challenge **GOLD**

Stafford, Rachel Bible Bowl **BRONZE**,
Bulletin Boards **GOLD**, Traditional Art **SILVER**
Puppets (Team: Elmwood PT 1) **GOLD**,
Radio Minute Message (Team: Elmwood)
GOLD, Scrap Books (Team: Elmwood Scrap-
book) **GOLD**, Service Challenge **GOLD**

Tilley, Madison Bulletin Boards **SILVER**, Puppets
(Team: Elmwood PT 2) **GOLD**, Radio Minute
Message (Team: Elmwood) **GOLD**, Scrap-
books (Team: Elmwood Scrapbook) **GOLD**,
Service Challenge **GOLD**, Alternative Art -
Individual **GOLD**

Tilley, Nelson Puppets (Team: Elmwood PT 1)
GOLD, Radio Minute Message, Scrap Books
(Team: Elmwood Scrapbook) **GOLD**, Service
Challenge **GOLD**

Congratulations for a job well done! We are proud of all
of you
– Lee



Longtime Elmwood member, **Ivan Ellis, 56**, died
Sunday afternoon, March 23. Ivan had battled diabetes
since a young boy, and recently experienced many
problems associated with diabetes. Ivan loved his
church family and was involved with the adult Challenger
Bible class, the Whites' Thursday night Bible study,
and Sunday night LIFE Groups. A memorial service is
planned for this **Sunday, March 30, 2:00 PM, at
Elmwood**. Our sympathies to his mother, Viva Ellis,
of Peru, Indiana, and his five siblings.



*I really appreciated the cards and support after my
baptism and also after my surgery. Thanks to every-
one!*

-Linda Dilks

LUM Meal Providers

Serving dinner at Lafayette Urban Ministry Monday
night, March 24, were **Christi Branstetter, Becky Pitt,**
and **Michelle Robson**.

Many thanks to those at Elmwood who participate
in this ministry to provide food for Lafayette's homeless.
If you would like to be involved in this ministry, call
Mandy Anderson at 448-4456.



March 26, 7 PM...Bible classes for everyone

March 30, 6 PM...LIFE Groups meet

April 18...College Root Beer Kegger

April 23, 5:50 PM...New Good \$ense class begins

April 25...College Spring Banquet at the **Outpost**

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

