



Happy Mother's Day

May 11th is Mother's Day. This is my way of reminding all of you to **thank your mom this Sunday**. Don't forget! My personal opinion is that mothers deserve way more than one day to be honored. Mothers wear lots of different hats. All in one day a mother can be a doctor, a master chef, a teacher, a chauffer, a cheerleader, and a maid. Even with all the hats, being a mother is often a thankless job. I'm grateful my mom never quit being a mom despite my lack of thanks.

To all the moms at Elmwood, "Happy Mother's Day!" This poem is for you:

*"Happy Mother's Day" means more
Than have a happy day.
Within those words lie lots of things
We never get to say.*

*It means I love you first of all,
Then thanks for all you do.
It means you mean a lot to me,
And that I honor you.*

*But most of all, I guess it means
That I am thinking of
Your happiness on this, your day,
With pleasure and with love.*

May God bless you all with a "peace which exceeds anything we can understand" (Phil. 4:7). You deserve it.

-Gilbert Kerrigan

*You are not loved by God because you are valuable -
you are valuable because you are loved by God.
Praise God today for His grace.*

How Long?

Maybe you can relate to this scenario: Often, when Katy and I decide to go out we start to play the "I don't care" game. Katy will ask me where I would like to eat, and my immediate response is "Oh, I don't care, wherever you would like to go is fine by me". Now this may seem like a good response (self-sacrificing? Check: two points!) though it is not a healthy response. When I deny Katy knowledge of that part of me (even if it's just the "where I want to eat" part of me) it hinders our ability to be in full relationship with one another.

Our relationship with God is no different. I often find myself hiding behind "Thy will be done" and not ever truly speaking to God the desires of my heart. While it is good and right to submit to the will of God, if we rob God of the aches and desires of our hearts, we rob God of an opportunity to come into closer and more perfect relationship with him. A quick glance through the Old Testament shows us many depictions of brutal truth and honesty with God; Job, Psalms, Habakkuk, and Lamentations. All of these books are full of frustration and anger and praise directed towards God.

When we are faced with sin and injustice in this world, with gender, racial, and economic discrimination, with sickness and death, we are given the freedom through our relationship with the God of the universe, to cry out "How long, oh Lord, how long?"

-Phil



Jenna (McCoy) Powlen is in the hospital in California awaiting the delivery of her baby. At just under 30 weeks, doctors hope to wait as long as possible....**Oka LeMaster** recently spent time in the hospital with congestive heart failure....**Tana Lee** recently had gall bladder surgery....**Lori Baker** continues to battle ongoing health problems...**Jera Feltz**, cousin by marriage to Jessica (Porter)

Hottmann, is in serious condition with numerous health problems....Praise God! **Joe Bailey's** infection is gone! He will now continue with physical therapy.... Continue praying for **Kaden Koebcke** (*treatment for nephrosis*), **Marge Campbell** (*Nan Waltz's mother, chemo treatments*), **Eugene Zinn** (*more tests on his heart*), **David Henke** (*ongoing chemo treatments*), **David Hughes** (*much improved and moved to a rehab center*), **Sara Postlethwait**, **Greg Wyant**, **Mike Sutherlin**, **Henrietta Frampton**, **Charles Moore**, **Herb King**, **Hattie Coffel**, **Eileen Richardson**, **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**, and **Ti Draughon**. **Shawn Wilson**, nephew of Armilda & Bernie Follick and brother to Mark Wilson (already in Iraq), spends this week in Kuwait before being sent to Baghdad next week. Remember all these young men as they serve our country in Iraq.

Power Lab VBS

June 2-6, 6:00-8:00 PM

“Get Connected!”

There are 3 workdays left. We will be meeting this Saturday, **May 10 (11 AM-2 PM)**, **May 17 (following the all-church breakfast)**, and **May 24, 1-4 PM**.

Supplies are still needed for props and decorating. They may be dropped off at the Farris foyer. We need: foam board (bought at craft stores), spray paint (metallic silver), aluminum foil, dowel rods (1 inch thickness), PVC pipe (5 pcs. 5 foot tall, 3-4 inches in diameter), pipe cleaners (2 pkgs. neon colors); dryer vent tubes (2-6 foot long), styrofoam balls (all sizes), paint brushes (not craft brushes, 2 inches wide or wider), balloons (translucent & clear), silly string (8 large cans of neon colors), CD's (old or used ones), lava lamps, electric static ball, and string lights (flashing one color).

Kids may be registered by going online at elmwood-church.org or by completing the form located near the bulletin board near the teachers' workroom. Music CD's are available for \$7.00 Contact Michelle Robson if you want one.

And finally, pick a molecule off the wall. Posted in the hallway (near the Farris foyer) are molecules which represent items needed for the station leaders by May 25. Thanks for all your help.
-Michelle Robson

New Women's Class offered

The Wednesday night upstairs women's class is starting a new series on May 14. We will be studying Beth Moore's **Jesus, the One and Only**. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Class discussions led by Kate Kerrigan.



We failed to mention **Justin Gardiner** along with our college graduates. Justin has graduated from Wabash College. He is the son of Kim Hollingsworth and grandson of Bill & Sue Adams. Congratulations and God's blessings, Justin!



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

CSC Alumni Reunion (1989-1995)

Rekindle with old friends **July 25-27, 2008**. Activities for all ages. Contact **Donna (Burrell) Porter** at danddport@comcast.net by **May 15**, if you plan to come.

May 4, 2008

Class: 175 Worship: 275

Contribution: \$9,651.40

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A Call to Be Involved

That is what I read in the subject line. I wondered what involvement opportunity I was being offered. I noticed that Barbara Tilley was the author of the e-mail and she has never steered me wrong when she has mentioned opportunities for me/us to serve, so I was anxious to see what she had to say. She said, *"Thank you so much Lee (and the Elders) for the well worded letter inviting parents to involve their children in life changing events related to their church family. This has been an area near and dear to my heart and one that I pray often about. I couldn't help thinking during the graduation celebration last night that Nelson doesn't have 10 friends to go through it at church with him...right now (just three 7th graders right now, LP). I do appreciate your sincere efforts to convince (and convict) us as parents to step up to our given responsibility."* It wasn't what I thought at all...Barbara was telling me she got the message we were sending.

I write a lot of communication to parents/teens/families. Sometimes I wonder if anyone is reading, (listening). Each year, the Elders and I try to send a letter about what we believe are the four most significant activities we offer for our young people here at Elmwood: summer camp, mission trip, Leadership Training for Christ, and Winterfest. We say, *"We, as your Shepherds and as your Youth Minister, ask you to consider this letter very carefully. Years of experience and many surveys (of youth) have shown us that the most important faith shaping events in young peoples' lives are camps and mission trips – virtually tied for first. Not far behind are "special events" and retreats. As the ones who physically, mentally, and spiritually nurture your children, we urge you to make every effort to have your children involved in these activities as we provide them through the church. Practically, this means we want you to see that the time is made available, particularly with regard to school related and extracurricular activities, for your children to participate in as many of these events as possible."*

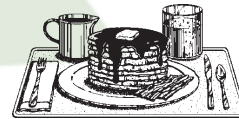
There are lots of activities we offer through the eCty ministry, but these are the "biggies." In other words, please hear "a call to be involved." Summer is upon us. Now is the time to be deciding what week your children will be going to camp (pick whatever week and location that works best for your family) – camp really is that important. It is much cheaper than the sports camps your children are encouraged (almost demanded) to attend and the impact of Bible camp lasts all their lives. For our 9th-12th graders (2008-2009), we will be going back to Camp CUMO, July 20-25 for our mission trip and then it won't be long before it will be time to start signing up for Winterfest and Leadership Training for Christ. Please hear the "call to be involved!" – Lee



Allison Ruhl & Will Wade

A wedding shower for **Allison Ruhl and Will Wade** is being given by Gina Boyd, Mariah Roberts, Lynae Stafford, and Carol Bell **this Saturday, May 10, from 2:00 until 4:00** at Gina's home, 3528 Indianbrook Dr., Lafayette (south). Donations for a group gift may be given to Carol, Lynae, or Gina. They are also registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

All-Church Breakfast, May 17, 7:43 AM



Everyone is invited to attend breakfast on **Saturday, May 17, at 7:43 AM, at Elmwood in A-2.** We will have a great breakfast prepared by Bob Evans. Plan to join us for a great time of fellowship.

Following the breakfast we hope you can stay to help with a to-do list of things that need to be done around the building; assist with assembling the new playground equipment; and/or lend your help at the Wayne Terrace house for various jobs.

Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Farris foyer. This will enable us to order the correct amount of food.



May 7, 7 PM....Bible classes for everyone

May 7, 5:50-6:50 PM....Good Sense class

May 10, 2-4 PM....Wedding Shower for **Allison Ruhl & Will Wade** at the Boyds' home

May 17, 7:43 AM....All-church breakfast & workday

June 2-6, 6-8 PM.... Elmwood's Vacation Bible School

