



Praying for Change

To pray is to believe in change. Or to quote Richard Foster, “*To pray is to change.*” It is to believe in a change that the world says can never happen. If one does not believe in change, why pray? If one does not desire change, why pray?

In my preparation for this sermon series on prayer I ran across this Franciscan Benediction:

*May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war;
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the
poor. Amen* –Gilbert

***God is good...all the time.
All the time...God is good.***

Coming Events

There are a couple of things going on at the CSC that I would like to draw your attention to and for which I would like to ask your assistance!

First of all, the CSC’s annual Rootbeer Kegger is coming up quickly! It is going to be on Saturday, April 25. This event is open to all of Purdue, and we want to welcome you and your family to spend some time on campus as well. It starts at 7 PM, and we will have food, activities, games, and more. We could also use your help! If you would like to donate any dessert, or snack items to the CSC for the Rootbeer Kegger, please bring them to the church building by Friday, April 24. We are purchasing food for the main course, but would love some home-made or store bought goodies from Elmwood. They are always delicious!

Secondly, as the school year comes to a close, it is time again to say goodbye to our seniors and wish them well on their future endeavors. Please join us as we do this on Friday, May 1, at the Outpost catering facility, next to Sgt. Prestons. The dinner will begin at 7 PM. I especially want to encourage any adopted parents of Purdue students to come, but would love to have all of you there. There is a limit of approx. 60 people, so sign up in the Farris foyer on Sunday mornings.

Finally, CSC t-shirts are now available for purchase. The cost is \$10 (\$5 for students).

Thank you so much for your love and continued support of the CSC!

-Phil

Dick Waterstraat had open-heart surgery at Clarian Arnett Hospital on Tuesday morning.... **Charles Carter**, Marsha Moore's father, is now at Seton Hospital, room 2318....**Ginger Maxwell-Spenard** will have surgery June 8 to repair a hernia....**Jan Lucas** will not have chemo treatments. Praise the Lord! She will be carefully monitored each month for any new developments with her cancer**Diann Doty** continues chemotherapy treatments every other week....**Harry Linback**, was moved to University Place Rehab....**David Brutans**, son-in-law of Shirley Farmer, begins radiation and low-dose chemo treatments this week....Continue praying for: **Pete Swank, Ken Nicholson, Matt Moore, Dottie Munson, John Adams (Bill's father), Josh Oliver, Eloise Shank (Andrea Browell's mother), Charles Moore, Justin Thomas, Ray Peden, Hattie Coffel (Rosewalk Village), Mary Tavana, Sheryl Willison, Diane West, Ted Heitman, Annie Crowder, Dorothy Walters, Irene Fox, Willie Batts, Ethel Cable & Edith McCoy (Digby House), Eugene Zinn, Kaden Koebecke, Margie Campbell, Valley Stockton (Regency Place), Irene Sims, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, and Minnie Scott.**
In the military: Phyllis Simmerman's nephew, **Josh Martin**, is serving in Iraq.



Congratulations to **Gene & Nancy High** who celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this **Friday, April 17!**

Prayers Offered

Recent economic events have placed additional stressors on many individuals and families. On **April 26**, the Sunday morning women's class will spend their class time in prayer for members of our church family who are facing problems or crises. The class will pray for God's strength, courage, joy, and blessings on all members of the Elmwood family, but especially for those who request prayers at this time. If you would like your name or your family's name individually mentioned in the prayer session, contact any member of the Sunday morning women's class and ask that woman to present your name. You can also contact the church office (447-2874) and ask that your name be included. Details are not necessary and will not be shared except at your request. Your name will simply be presented as someone who would like prayerful support. -Sue Wilder



*Elmwood Church Family,
Thank you very much for the outpouring of cards, calls, and visits from our dear friends. Your kind thoughts and prayers are appreciated very much. Harry is now at University Place Rehab and making improvements daily. Thank you again.*

-Harry & Peggy Linback

Picture Directory Update



We'd like to update our picture directory in April to include those who are worshipping at Elmwood, but who are not currently in the directory. If you've been here more than a couple of times, we'd like to include you to help connect names and faces. Farrell Simmerman will be taking pictures on Sunday mornings. Bill Hodges will be attempting to contact you for a picture time to minimize waiting. Bill can be contacted at 449-1255 if he fails to make connections with you.

It's Free!

Elizabeth Tinkle loves making latch hook rugs. She has MANY. She would like to give some away to young children, junior and senior high kids, or to anyone who might be able to use them. (They are for display on a wall.) If you would like one, contact her at 742-8429.

April 12, 2009
Class: 177 Worship: 352
Contribution: \$7,526



MWLTC Awards 2009 Elmwood Students

Daniel Branstetter: Traditional Art **SILVER**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 1) **GOLD**; Scrap Books (Team: Scrap Books D) **GOLD**

Emily Collins: Bulletin Boards **GOLD**; Group Singing Small (Team: Jr Team) **GOLD**; Live Modern Christian Drama (Team: Elementary Team) **GOLD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 1) **GOLD**

Audrey DeWoody: Bulletin Boards **SILVER**; Group Singing Small (Team: Jr Team) **GOLD**; Live Modern Christian Drama (Team: Elementary Team) **GOLD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 1) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**

Taylor DeWoody: Bulletin Boards **SILVER**; Group Singing Small (Team: Jr Team) **GOLD**; Live Modern Christian Drama (Team: Elementary Team) **GOLD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 1) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**

Kayleigh Gamble: Bulletin Boards **GOLD**; Live Modern Christian Drama (Team: Elementary Team) **GOLD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team -2) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **BRONZE**

Kaitlin Henke: Bulletin Boards **SILVER**; Group Singing Small (Team: Jr Team) **GOLD**; Live Modern Christian Drama (Team: Elementary Team) **GOLD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 3) **GOLD**

Tyler Lee: Leadership Challenge **AWARD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 3) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **SILVER**

Britt Nelson: Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 3) **GOLD**; Scrap Books **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**

Joshua Robson: Traditional Art **SILVER**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 1) **GOLD**; Scrap Books (Team: Scrap Books D) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**

Joshua Stafford: Leadership Challenge **AWARD**; Scrap Books (Team: Scrap Books D) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**

Rachel Stafford: Bible Bowl **SILVER**; Bible Bowl-Indiv **SILVER**; Bulletin Boards **GOLD**; Traditional Art **GOLD**

Puppets (Team: Puppet Team - 3) **GOLD**; Scrap Books (Team: Scrap Books D) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**

Madison Tilley: Bulletin Boards **GOLD**; Live Modern Christian Drama (Team: Elementary Team) **GOLD**; Puppets (Team: Puppet Team -2) **GOLD**; Scrap Books (Team: Scrap Books D) **GOLD**; Service Challenge **GOLD**; Alternative Art - Indiv **SILVER**

We are proud of our participants!

-Lee

Setting the Scene for Vacation Bible School

Sessions for creating VBS decor will take place on Wednesday nights during the months of April and May. We will meet at 6:00 PM in room 102 (former preschool room near the kitchen). If you would like to help, bring your dinner (if desired) and join us for part or all of the sessions. Everyone is welcome and appreciated. Looking forward to a God-glorifying VBS!
-Michelle Robson

VBS DECORATING NEEDS

A BIG thank you for the donation for the specialty knife!

MUST needs: paint brushes, paint rollers (2 sizes), green or brown duct tape, clear packing tape, containers to mix paint, cardboard carpet rolls, green cellophane, carpet remnants (donated from stores), empty, large juice bottles, wire (medium gauge), twine (larger diameter), "boat rope," block sand paper (medium grain), greenery (ferns, moss, vines, etc.), cheese cloth, rope lights, plastic insects (amphibians, snakes, critters & fish), plush animals, tin penny nails (need 12), fish nets (all colors & sizes).

Our sympathies...

Ruey Ray, 90, Scheryl Gaylor's aunt, who lived in Danville, Illinois, died April 1. Our sincere sympathies to her three children and to her sister, Jo Sweet (Scheryl's mother).

Dick Mow, 83, Brenda Gibson's brother-in-law, died Easter Sunday, April 12. He had recently been diagnosed with leukemia. His funeral is Thursday at Soller-Baker Funeral Home. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, **Phyllis**, and their sons, **Dick** and **Larry**.



April 15, 7 PM....Bible classes for all

April 19, 6 PM....LIFE Groups

April 25, 7 PM....CSC Root Beer Kegger

May 1, 7 PM....CSC Banquet, seniors honored

May 3, AM services....Special Presentation,
"God Never Wastes a Hurt"

May 3, 6 PM....High School Seniors honored

June 8-12, 6-8 PM....Vacation Bible School

Read:
Judges 10-21, Ruth, 1 Sam. 1-3; Mark 9-12

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 18: April 27-May 3

The Greatest Commandment

We're probably all familiar with Jesus' response to the scribe in Mark 12:28 who asks, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus' answer in the following verses to "love the Lord your God" with everything that you have and to "love your neighbor as yourself" is usually called the Greatest Commandment. We may not be as familiar with the verses that immediately follow this commandment. In them we read that the scribe agrees with Jesus, after which Jesus says that to live out these commands "is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Jesus tells the man in verse 34, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."


We think that many of you would agree with us when we say that, often, the world we live in, the ways that we interact with each other, our attitudes, and our actions are, sadly, "far from the kingdom of God." As Christians, we are to act as agents of God's kingdom on earth and live in such a way that makes the kingdom a reality. Sometimes this can seem like a daunting task. We often pray for guidance for how we can show Christ to those with whom we come in contact each day. However, in just three verses in Mark 12, Jesus provides that guidance: Love the Lord with your whole self, and love your neighbors as yourself.

How different would our world look if we made this Greatest Commandment the filter in our minds and hearts, and were intentional about letting it guide our words and actions? We're sure that we all do allow this Commandment to guide our lives in some way each day. However, we're also sure that each day there are decisions that we make or actions we take that, in all honesty, don't reflect this Commandment.

We have no great new revelation for you about these scriptures this week, only a challenge for all of us. Pray that God helps you to be intentional each day about keeping this Greatest Commandment in the front of your mind so that your actions are guided by it.

—Jeffrey and Rachel Ravellette

Weekly Schedule	Elders	World Missions
<p>Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Mathews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653</p> <hr/> <p>Staff</p> <p>Ministers Gilbert Kerrigan 418-3652 Lee Porter 463-6993 Phil Travis 447-2874</p> <p>Office Sherry Marks, Manager 447-2874 Carol Bell, Secretary 447-2874</p>	<p>Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99536</p> <p>Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000 E-mail: lholly54@yahoo.com</p> <p>Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774</p>
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