



## Meeting Jesus at the Well

In the fourth chapter of John's gospel account we read of a woman who had approached a well looking for water, but instead she had a very special encounter with Jesus. She left that encounter desiring the living water Jesus had to offer.

This summer, while our LIFE Groups are taking a break, we are calling our Sunday night services *the Well*. For the past few months a great group of people have been meeting together to plan and pray for our Sunday night services this summer. Our hope is that on Sunday nights people will come to *the Well* to experience their own unique encounter with Jesus.

We have planned nights dedicated to prayer and other nights dedicated to praise and worship. We have planned a movie night and a live drama night. We have planned a night to serve those in the nursing home and a night to serve those in our Elmwood community. We also have a special night called Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. And there will be children's activities planned for most of our gatherings.

I want to really encourage you to invite friends and neighbors in hopes that they will have their own encounter with Jesus. Please see the schedule included in this newsletter and make plans to attend *the Well*.

*-Gilbert*

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## Nebuchadnezzar

I would like to say a quick thank-you to all of you who helped out with the Root Beer Kegger over the past week-end. It was a great success! Thank you so much for your donations, and for your continual support of this Campus Ministry!

When we read the book of Daniel we like the stories where Daniel is the hero (there are even extra stories in the Septuagint –the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures). It is easy to vilify the evil King Nebuchadnezzar and honor Daniel.

For me, though, I seem to find the king's story more interesting. Nebuchadnezzar makes a lot of mistakes, but it always seems that he grows from them. He does some horrible things to be sure, but his story is one of continually moving closer to God- and sometimes falling backward in that journey.

Nebuchadnezzar surprises me in chapter 4. The king has an issue with pride. Like the people building the tower of Babel, the king looks around at his country of Babylon and says, "Is this not magnificent Babylon, which I have built as a royal capital by my mighty power and for my glorious majesty?"

As Daniel had prophesied, these words lead the king into seven years of living with the wild animals and eating "grass like cattle." At the end of those seven years, the first thing the king does is praise God. He says, "No one can say to him 'what have you done?'" That is a powerful statement of faith, one that we should try to echo as we face life's difficulties.

*-Phil*

**Dick Waterstraat** continues his rehab at Heritage Healthcare. He hopes to go home soon...**Harry Linback** is back at Clarian Arnett Hospital, ICU, room 201....**Charles Carter** is at home now receiving hospice care....**Charles Moore**, Jim's father, is in the hospital in Texas....Carol Pica reports that **Josh Oliver** is home and receiving physical therapy.... Continue praying for **Diann Doty, Jan Lucas, David Brutans, Rose Hunt** (*injured her shoulder in a fall*), **Linda Jetton, Pete Swank, Ken Nicholson, John Adams** (*Bill's father*), **Eloise Shank** (*Andrea Browell's mother*), **Justin Thomas, Hattie Coffel, Mary Tavana, Diane West, Ted Heitman, Annie Crowder, Dorothy Walters, Irene Fox, Willie Batts, Ethel Cable, Edith McCoy, Eugene Zinn, Kaden Koebecke, Valley Stockton, Irene Sims, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, and Minnie Scott.**



In the military: Phyllis Simmerman's nephew, **Josh Martin**, is serving in Iraq.

## “God Never Wastes a Hurt”

Be sure to be here this Sunday to hear a powerful testimony about the power of God working in lives to overcome the damage of sin. **Mac and Mary Owen** will be our special guest speakers and they will share their story with us. Come and find out about the mighty work God is doing through them and the Celebrate Recovery ministry. You will be blessed by their message and encouraged to let God work through you in mighty ways.

## Rochester College Concert here on May 5, 7:30 PM

The Rochester College Chorus will be treating us to a special concert on **Tuesday, May 5, at 7:30 PM**. They need Elmwood to have a meal for them at 5:30 PM and provide housing for that night. If you are able to provide food for their meal (a side dish, meat item, or dessert) drop it off sometime before 5:00 PM. If you can provide a place to sleep for 2 or more students, provide a breakfast in the morning, and a packed lunch for the next day, and a ride back to the church, call Katy or Phil Travis at 248-229-7904 or the church office, 447-2874.

## Showers of Flowers

*Church families celebrating Life and Motherhood with a bouquet of sharing*



In honor of Mother's Day, Elmwood is partnering with Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center to raise the cost of providing necessities for one (or more!) new moms and babies. Together you can create a bouquet of sharing that will encourage and support life. Check out the "Shower of Flowers" display in the foyer. It will remain there until next Sunday, Mother's Day.

Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center is a Christ-centered ministry that offers life-affirming alternatives to women and men considering abortion by providing education and support before, during, and after pregnancy.

## It's a Girl!



**Noelani Kaylin** was born April 24, to Heaven & Matthew Welters. She weighed 7.1 pounds and measured 21 inches long. In case you are wondering about the name, Noelani means *gift from heaven*. Congratulations, Welters!



*I recently brought my daughter-in-law to your food pantry and your kindness and generosity really touched me. Thank you for being there for so many people in our community. People who have lost hope and trust find it again when they enter your doors. God bless you in your ministry and those who volunteer their time.* -Sue Rothenberger

*We want to thank all of you for your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, and gifts over all of last year, as David went through so many health challenges. Thank you seems like such a small thing to say.*

-David & Vicki Henke

*Elmwood family,*

*Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and all your cards and expressions of sympathy. I cannot begin to thank you for all you have done for my family and me during the time of my mother's illness and passing.*

*God abundantly answered prayers during this past year. Thank you to Elmwood's Senior Servants who always cheered Mom up with their cards. You will always be in my heart.* -Nan Waltz

**April 26, 2009**

**Class: 169 Worship: 288**

**Contribution: \$7,233**



## Honoring Elmwood Senior High Graduates

**Sunday May 3, 2009**  
**6:00 PM—Elmwood**  
**Church of Christ**

This year, we will be honoring 6 students connected to the Elmwood family: TJ Campbell, Ricky Doty, Noah Merriman, Evan Ratcliff, Bree Richards, and Josh Stafford. Three of the students have chosen to provide pictures of their lives to date and we will share those in a video Sunday evening. After the recognition of the students, we will enjoy a meal together. Fried chicken and cake will be provided. The church family is asked to bring dishes (vegetables, salads, etc.) to complete the meal. See you all there—Lee



**Save the dates:**  
**Vacation Bible**  
**School**  
**June 8-12, 6-8 PM**

## Changes in Adult Bible Classes

The last Wednesday night class on the “Restoration Movement in North America” will be held this week, April 29. The following Wednesday night, May 6, the regular Wednesday night classes that have been involved in this study will resume. Bill Farris will be leading a reading through Psalms in A-2. The Adult Challenger Class will begin a study of “Divided Kingdom” which covers the division of the tribes of Israel between Israel and Judah and the kings that led these divided kingdoms. Bill Hodges will be leading this class in room 19.

The upstairs women’s class meeting on Wednesday nights, has just begun a study of Nicole Johnson’s book, “*Fresh Brewed Life.*” Challenging and immensely practical, it is a heartwarming book that’s good to the last drop—good enough to change your life and help you touch the lives of others.

The Adult Challenger Class that meets in A-2 on Sunday mornings is winding down the study of “Life of Christ” and will begin a new study of “Early Church” in May. Bob Waltz leads this study that begins with the book of Acts.

The Sunday morning women’s class that meets in room 18, will begin a new study this Sunday morning. “*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*” by Joanna Weaver is the book of study. This 12-week study shows how all of us—Marys and Marthas alike—can draw closer to our Lord: deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy.



**April 29, 6:00 PM....**Creating VBS decor

**April 29, 7 PM....**Bible classes for all

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

**Heather Barrett, Craig Hodges, Tom Miller, Micah Moore, Scott Nogle, Matthew Welters, and Jared Wright**

**May 3, AM services....**Special Presentation, “**God Never Wastes a Hurt**”

**May 3, 6 PM....**High School Seniors honored (see Lee’s article for details)

**May 5, 7:30 PM....**Rochester College Concert

**May 7....**National Day of Prayer (various activities scheduled city-wide)

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

Read:  
*I Samuel 22-II Samuel 9;*  
*I, II Peter*

# 2009 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 20: May 11-17

As you meditate on Peter's second letter, use your Bible to fill in the following blanks.

God's divine \_\_\_\_\_ has given us everything we need for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through our \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. He has given us His precious promises so that through them we may participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ nature and escape the \_\_\_\_\_ in the world caused by \_\_\_\_\_. If we possess \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, brotherly \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ measure, they will keep us from being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in our knowledge of Christ; if we do not possess them, we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and have forgotten that we have been \_\_\_\_\_ from our past sins. The prophets were men who spoke from \_\_\_\_\_ as they were carried along by the \_\_\_\_\_. Peter said that false teachers were exploiting them with \_\_\_\_\_ they had \_\_\_\_\_. God did not spare \_\_\_\_\_ when they sinned, but sent them to \_\_\_\_\_, putting them into gloomy \_\_\_\_\_ to be held for \_\_\_\_\_. God know how to rescue \_\_\_\_\_ men from trials and to hold the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, while continuing their \_\_\_\_\_; this is especially true of those who follow the \_\_\_\_\_ desire of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature and despise \_\_\_\_\_. If those who become Christians are again \_\_\_\_\_ in the world's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by it, they are worse off than before; it would have been better for them never to have known the way of \_\_\_\_\_. God does not want anyone to \_\_\_\_\_; He wants everyone to come to \_\_\_\_\_. Did you get new insights? How will these influence your walk with the Lord? —Wanita White

Weekly Schedule	Elders	World Missions
<p><b>Sunday</b>  Worship 8:00 a.m.  Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  Worship 10:45 a.m.  Life Groups 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b>  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> <p><b>Staff</b></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>
<p><b>Our Vision:</b>  Knowing Christ,  Making Christ Known.</p>		

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