



God in the Workplace

Elmwood is full of teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs, students, cooks, accountants, managers, factory workers, homemakers, etc... Sometimes we forget that God is present in our work. I ran across an article by Jim Martin, a preacher in Texas, and I thought it was a great reminder for us all. Jim writes:

Someone has said that 75% of our waking hours is spent at work. If this is true, then your work today is the place where God will also be at work, ministering through your life. I believe that God does not see your ministry as something happening only when you are at a church gathering or when you are participating in a church program or project. Rather, ministry is what you are called to at work as the place where you are spending much of your time.

Let us consider a few realities for everyday ministry at work:

1. The primary ministry of the church each day is what we do wherever we are. For many of us, the bulk of our waking hours is spent at work. Consequently, when you go to work, you are involved in ministry because the presence of God is ministering through you, through his Holy Spirit. Sometimes this will be obvious to you. Often, you will be completely unaware of how he is working.

2. The church is the church wherever the work of the church is being done. When you go to work today, you are a part of something great as you seek to model kingdom living and kingdom values before your co-workers, clients or customers. You are doing something important.

3. Don't underestimate the value of your work. Yes, much work can be boring or tedious. There may be an aspect to your work that seems so unimportant in the grand scheme of things. Yet, let me suggest that no matter what you do every day, God can redeem that moment and cause it to make a difference. At times, it may not be what you do but how you handle yourself in the midst of frustration and monotony that may be used by God.

4. God cares about your work and the Gospel can make a real difference wherever you are. Never underestimate the power of the Gospel being lived out where you work.

5. Begin work today with a God-centered perspective. Pray for your meetings today. Pray for your employer or employees. Pray for the time spent with customers or clients. Pray that God might redeem your work today and use it to make a difference. Pray for wisdom in both your words and actions.

~ Article taken from <http://godhungry.org>

You are Out of Your Mind!

Christianity, while largely being an accepted part of Western culture, is not always considered in the best light. As far as many non-Christians are concerned, we are participants in a faith that makes people do crazy things.

We look at Shane Claiborne, Mother Teresa, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the early Christians who died for their faith, and many others who made decisions that the rest of the world (and that, admittedly, sometimes includes us) looks at and just does not comprehend. The thought processes that brought those people to the decisions that they have made often confuse us.

Paul was also thought to be crazy by Festus. Paul is making his defense before Agrippa, talking about how Jesus' death and resurrection was a proclamation of light to both the Jews and the Gentiles. Suddenly, Festus interrupts and says "You are out of your mind, Paul. Too much learning is driving you insane!" ²⁵But Paul said, 'I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth' (Acts 26:24-25).

Jesus himself was thought to be out of his mind by his own family. In fact, they were so concerned about his mental health that they traveled to where he was, to take care of him and bring him back home. "When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind'" (Mark 3:21).

Sometimes God's calls us to crazy things. Have you been crazy today? -Phil



Thelma Hoyt was dismissed and able to go home on Tuesday. Her daughter, Susan, will be staying with her for a couple of weeks and taking her to rehab at a nursing home....**Delores Hill** fell and injured her back last week. She was fitted with a brace on Tuesday**Clifford Farner**, Sue Adams's father, fell and injured his head. He is undergoing other tests while at St. Elizabeth Hospital....**Bud Darby** is not doing well following a stroke a few weeks ago....Carol Bell's nephew, **Wesley Sanders**, was injured in a car accident....Continue praying for **Annie**

Crowder, Pete Swank, Diann Doty, Betty Farner, Jan Lucas, Elaine Crowder, Kaden Koebecke, Henry Hunt, Ella McCullough, Christa Phillips, David Brutans, Charles Moore, Hattie Coffel, Mary Tavana, Dorothy Walters, Irene Fox, Edith McCoy, Eugene Zinn, Valley Stockton, Irene Sims, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, and Minnie Scott.



In the military: **Josh Martin** and **Brent Kaufman** are serving in Iraq. Ronda Tidrick's nephew, **Matt Kaufman**, is now home. Praise the Lord!



September 18-20, Ross Camp

We want to remind men of all ages that the Men's Retreat is coming up soon at Ross Camp, West Lafayette. The Planning Committee is developing an interesting program applicable to church and family life situations. To help offset retreat costs, suggested donations are as follows: \$40 per family; \$30 single; \$20 for students. Can't stay overnight or every day? We understand so come and attend as much as you can. Money a little tight right now? Not a problem, scholarships are available. Money not a problem, why not sponsor someone else? If you have questions, contact one of the planning committee members: Chuck Brown, Jason Cochran, Jim Moore, Lee Porter, Don Vice, Kevin Walters, Bob Waltz or David Weckerly.



We are so blessed to be a part of this family. Thank you so much for helping us welcome this new addition to our family by showering us with gifts and love last week. And, boy were we surprised!! Thank you for continually loving us.

Love, Gilbert, Kate and Cole



Sunday Night, August 30: Mission Report

This Sunday night at 6:00 is **Mission report night**. **Jason Cochran** will report on his trip to Haiti. College students, **Rebecca & Elizabeth**, will report on their Let's Start Talking trip to Japan.



Mark your calendars! **Bill Farris** will be moving to Westminster this **Saturday, August 29**. If you can help that day, contact Chris & Greg Sutherlin, 447-7785.



Evelyn Sarah McCullough was born August 16 to Karen & Allen McCullough (Doris & Rick's granddaughter & her husband) on August 16. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Karen and Allen live in Macon, Georgia, where he is a professor at Mercer University. Congratulations to grandmother, **Lisa Eddy**, and uncles, **Paul & Matthew**, too!

August 23, 2009
Class: 201 Worship: 328
Contribution: \$5,167



Hunger Hike Sunday, September 20, 2009

How does the Hunger Hike help?



Hikers and their sponsors help meet the needs of hungry

families in the Greater Lafayette area and overseas. Donations will go to the Lafayette Urban Ministry's food programs, Food Finders Food Bank, and St. Tom's Haiti Ministry. Thousands of low-income families depend upon these programs for food security.

What should I know about hunger?

- The number of hungry people in the world has reached a record 1 billion. Hunger now affects one in six people.
- In the U.S., 36 million people live in households that experience hunger or the risk of hunger, including 13 million children.
- Approximately 60% of Lafayette school children are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program (over 80% in some schools).
- In the first quarter of 2009, Food Finders Food Bank saw a 44% increase in the amount of food distributed.
- The St. John's/LUM food pantry serves over 2,000 people each month.

How much should I donate?

One helpful suggestion is to consider a donation equal to 10% of your monthly food budget or the cost of fast food meals for a month.

Every step makes a difference in the fight against hunger!

For Registration/Sponsor forms, see Lee. This is a great service opportunity for all!

Women's Ministry

There were many women's ministry ideas proposed during our Ladies' Teas this summer. These ideas have been put together in "pink packets" that will be distributed to all women at Elmwood this weekend at our final tea and also during services/classes on Sunday.. Women are encouraged to review and sign up for ministry options that they are interested in on sign-up sheets posted on our new bulletin board outside the ladies' classroom. There are a wide variety of options available, as we hope to involve every woman at Elmwood. Please prayerfully consider your involvement.
-Terri Miller

Weekly Prayer Focus

August Prayer Focus: Campus Ministry

Pray for all of the students who have joined us at Elmwood. Pray that we might be a family to them, and that they might grow closer to God during their time here.



All-Church Picnic September 13

Elmwood's annual all church picnic will once again be at Columbian Park at **noon on September 13** (following the second service). Bring plenty of food to share and enjoy getting to know our new students and other new faces at Elmwood. No evening service or LIFE groups on September 13.

New Sunday AM Class

The adult discussion class that meets in **room 19** and is led by **Rob Smith** is beginning a new study of Genesis on Sunday morning. All are invited to join them.



August 26, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
August 29.....Ladies' Tea, various locations
August 30, 6 PM....Mission Reports
September 13, noon....All-Church Picnic
September 18-20....Men's Retreat, Ross Camp

Read:
Isaiah 7-26
II Cor. 11-Galatians 2

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 37: September 7-13

Christ Jesus is in You

II Corinthians 12: 19-21- 13:14.

Encouraging the Corinthians to live the Life, Paul describes those things that should never be lived among those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Life actions such as: "...quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder,..." and continuing in a later verse, "unrepentant of impurity, sexual sin, and debauchery which they have practiced..." are never to be lived out among one another. Such things, if found among them, were to be confronted by Paul when he came again to Corinth. The reading selected first tells us that living a life in Jesus is not found in the above manner of living. In 13:5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test?" At least one of the concepts of the passage, that we each enjoyed, is that the test of our faith is in the life we live. The passage screams at us that Life in Jesus is to be lived; our relationships and actions are to be based in good doctrine, but most importantly that good doctrine is to be shared, expressed, poured out in the way we are with others. Paul lists and points with anger to those things that when lived, bring nothing but pain and grief to us and to those around us. But Paul's correcting statement, his second key concept, in 13:5 is equally instructive. He doesn't tell us what the correct life qualities are in a list, rather he points the Corinthians to Jesus, and states "Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you..." "Test yourselves." May we all live in a way that expresses Jesus in us.

-Bob and Nan Waltz

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