



## Your Prayers Are Needed

I feel confident in making this statement: Find me a church that no longer prays for its preacher and I will show you a preacher that no longer has a chance for success. A minister's ability to touch lives, make wise decisions, and help a church grow in spirit and truth is strongly dependent on that church's prayers for him. Stop praying and that minister will stop being effective.

I believe that is true of our nation's leaders. I know our new president needs your prayers, because I know how much I need your prayers. He needs them no matter how you may have voted.

I was reminded in an article this week that *"after a divisive campaign, an extraordinary economic collapse, a period of ecological vulnerability, and a time of war and global instability, our president and our nation need humility, wisdom, and courage."* These three things should be the focus of our prayers. This is not a time to tell God what should and should not happen. Rather we should pray for God to bless our president with humility, wisdom, and courage.

In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 we find these inspired words: *"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."*

Have you prayed for our new president today?

~Gilbert

## Welcome to Nashville

Well, Spring Break is around the corner (about 2 months away) and this year the students at the Christian Student Center are going to Nashville, TN. We are going to be working with a group called Christian Student Ministries, and we will be partnering with a variety of inner-city ministries led by Nashville citizens (Nashvillites? Nashvillians?) that have a focus on reaching the people of the city of Nashville.

Most of us know that Nashville is Country Music's home, and that it is considered the "buckle" of the Bible Belt. Nashville is also home to 18 Universities, including Lipscomb University. But Nashville, like any large city, has its fair share of problems. In fact, 13.3% of the population is under the poverty line (\$20,000 for a family of 4). Furthermore, in Tennessee, a household would need 2.3 full-time jobs paying at minimum wage to afford the Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom home at 30% of income. The students will be in Nashville for 5 days/4 nights and will be working at a different ministry site each day. Not only will they be working to serve those who have fallen on hard times in a practical way (feeding, afterschool programs for children, etc.), but they will also be encouraged to interact with the people they are ministering to on a personal level.

Please remember to pray for the CSC students as they make decisions concerning being a part of this ministry opportunity

-Phil

**Hannah Vaught**, granddaughter of Ann Vaught and daughter of Joel and Laura, is home after some anxious days at Riley Children's Hospital. She is on medication for seizures and doing well now....**Vicki Henke** hospitalized on Saturday with an infection, was able to go home on Tuesday....**Katy Travis'** grandfather, **Ted Flynn**, had successful bypass surgery in Venice, Florida....**Cheri Vaughn's** shoulder surgery and **Annie Crowder's** surgery went well last week....**Delores Hill** has been suffering with chronic pain from arthritis....**Robert Ruckh**, Sally Smith's father, had a stint inserted to open a blockage in his leg.... **Elizabeth Tinkle** is now in a soft cast/boot after injuring her ankle last week....**Rose Hunt's** surgery has been rescheduled for February 2....Continue praying for **Ethel Cable** (*Heritage Healthcare*), **Pete Swank**, **Agnes Schubert** (*Hedi Devine's mother*), **Cherie Hanson** (*Kay Tavana's sister*), **Diane West** (*Andrea Browell's sister*), **Beth Holt**, **Phyllis Gray**, **Dick Stout**, **Eric Waltz** (*Bob's brother*), **Dorothy Walters**, **Eileen Richardson**, **Hattie Coffel** (*Rosewalk Village*), **Irene Fox** (*George Davis Manor*), **Wanita White**, **Willie Batts**, **Edith McCoy** (*Digby House*), **Jean Stockberger**, **Lance & Lane Pepper**, **Eugene Zinn**, **Kaden Koebecke**, **Marge Campbell**, **Valley Stockton** (*Regency Place*), **Irene Sims**, **Henrietta Frampton**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Paul & Argie Verett**, **Delpha Allen**, and **Minnie Scott**.



Serving in our military: **Shawn Wilson**.



*Elders and members of church family:*

*As we begin a new year, I just want to let you know how much we appreciate your ministry and support of the Christian Student Center on Purdue's campus. Amy considers you as her church family just as much as her "home" congregation in Kokomo. Thanks so much for the love you show to the Purdue students.*

Gary & Kim Berkshire (Amy's parents)

*I want to thank all who helped me move to a different duplex. Your help meant a lot to me. Thank you for your sweet spirit. I love you all.*

Elizabeth Tinkle

Elizabeth's new address: 2102 Banstead Ct., Lafayette 47904.

*Dear Friends at Elmwood Church of Christ,*

*Mental Health America's Holiday Gift Lift program was once again a success this holiday season. We reached out to over 400 Tiptecanoe County residents who might have otherwise been forgotten.*

*We are grateful for your continued support of this wonderful program and thank you for the tremendous donations made by your church members. Our Holiday Gift Lift simply would not be the success that it is without the support of friends like you.*

Sincerely, Michelle Murphy, Holiday Gift Lift Coordinator



## Snow Servants



The snow servants this week (1/18-24) for light snow removal are **Dan & Vicky Martin**, 248-872-1378.

## Parents:

There will be **NO Children's Church** (grades 1-5) this **Sunday, January 25**, as that is the 4th Sunday of the month.



Our sympathies to Josh Boyd's family on the death of his great-uncle, **Joe Boyd**. He died Thursday. The funeral was Monday in Columbus, Indiana.

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

**January 18, 2009  
Class: 168 Worship: 294  
Contribution: \$8,619**



## Light, Life, Word

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Midwest Leadership Training for Christ convention will be here before we know it (April 10-12, 2009). I do have some good news; a couple of deadlines have been extended: 1) T-shirt design concepts and scholarship forms (student and reference) are now due to be postmarked no later than January 31, and 2) Pre-convention Event submissions now need to be postmarked by March 1. Even with the extensions, our students know it is time to get serious about finishing up pre-convention and challenge event work. Speaking of T-shirt design concepts, some of you will remember that our own Rachel Stafford's design was selected for last year's shirt. Following her lead, Madi Tilley and Josh Robson have submitted their ideas for this year's T-shirt already...but remember, the deadline has been extended, so you still have time to get your design to Sharon Porter; you don't even have to mail it! Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, interested adults please remember that if you are not a 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade student participating in MWLTC events at the convention, you need to be registered as an observer (this goes for younger children as well). Please go to [www.mwltc.org](http://www.mwltc.org) and register as an observer, or let Carol Bell know so she can register for you. I am really excited to see what God does through our students this year at MWLTC as they proclaim the truth that Jesus is indeed: Light, Life, Word!

### LIVEALIVE Youth & Family Conference

The Lindberg Road Church of Christ in Anderson, IN is going to be hosting LIVEALIVE Youth & Family Conference on **April 24-26**. They will be having separate tracks for adults/parents, teens and children's classes. The theme of the event is 'Praxis - putting faith into action' They are having several speakers such as Wiley Lowe (big time favorite with Elmwood students) from Holly Hill Church of Christ, Jason Steckel from Rochester Church of Christ, and Major Boglin from North Atlanta Church of Christ come to speak. I have also been invited to speak and lead a breakout session, but I am really looking forward to hearing these other guys and, in addition, as a part of the conference, there will be opportunities for families to go out together and do "service projects" during the day on Saturday. Mark your calendars now and make every effort to attend. One thing that is very exciting to me about this conference is the dynamic of having students and their parents together for some of the sessions and activities. We know this is a good thing, just check the numbers of adults going with us to Winterfest (**it's not too late to join us!**) – it is great to have families learning, growing, and serving together.

-Lee



**Dan & Vicky Martin** were both baptized Sunday afternoon with close friends and parents in attendance. Dan and Vicky came to Elmwood in August 2006 to do graduate work at Purdue. Vicky is working on her Ph.D and is a graduate research assistant in Medicinal Chemistry. Dan currently works for Subaru and is traveling and staying in Canada every other week. When the Martins came to Purdue they checked out churches in the area and were impressed with the Christian Student Center and with Elmwood's emphasis on family and community. Their first visit brought them to their introduction to our LIFE Groups and they've been involved ever since! Their address is 4021 John Adams Rd., Lafayette 47909; phone: 248-872-1378. Congratulations, Dan and Vicky, and God bless your journey with Him.

## Women's Retreat February 27-28 Lisa Crowe, speaking!

We are excited to be hosting a Women's Retreat on Friday and Saturday, February 27-28. We are also excited that **Lisa Crowe** will be our speaker and look forward to her messages. Her theme: *Lessons from Luke*. The retreat will be at Elmwood. We'll have more information with the schedule and topics to be discussed in upcoming newsletters.



**January 21, 7 PM**....Bible classes for all  
**January 25**....LIFE Groups meet  
**February 20-22**....Youth Winterfest in Gatlinburg  
**February 27-28**....Women's Retreat, Lisa Crowe, speaker

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

Read:  
*Exodus 37-50 Lev. 1-13*  
*Luke 18:18-21:38*

# 2009 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 6: February 2-8






### Grossology

Leviticus does not tend to be the first place we turn when cracking open our Bibles for pleasure reading or inspiration. Frankly, not many of us turn to Leviticus for much of anything. I remember a college student a few years back who was bored by the church service and decided to pull out the pew Bible and start reading Leviticus because that had to be better than the church service. Truth of the matter is, Leviticus is not boring, it is downright gross! It is filled with blood and guts and pus! And in every other verse it seems they are killing something and spattering its blood throughout the altar. Hollywood has made millions of dollars capitalizing on gross-out premises such as these. So what makes this boring and uninteresting to us?

I went on a wild boar hunt this summer. (Yes, I'm serious.) But this was my first time hunting anything other than a good sale at the mall. I did not actually do the shooting, but had to help with all other aspects of bringing in and skinning the kill. This was not something I was comfortable doing. But in reading the required activities for providing a sin, guilt, or peace offering, this gave me new appreciation for the procedures described in Leviticus. And from firsthand experience, I can certainly say it IS gross, but definitely not boring or uninteresting! The craft of killing and butchering an animal sure has made me grateful that our offerings get to come in the form of prayer, service, or the way we live our lives.

So what purpose does Leviticus serve for us today? More than a way for future generations of older brothers to gross-out their younger sisters, it does serve as a reminder that God has provided a way for atonement to be made by the offering of sacrificial blood. Fortunately for us, that sacrifice was fulfilled by Christ shedding his blood on the cross and becoming the greatest sacrifice! And that by itself should make Leviticus anything but boring or uninteresting to us!

-Mindy Hart

 Weekly Schedule	 Elders	 World Missions
<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.  <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Mathews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653  <b> Staff</b> <b>Ministers</b> Gilbert Kerrigan 418-3652 Lee Porter 463-6993 Phil Travis 447-2874 <b>Office</b> 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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