



## Good News for Those Around Us

I've said this once before, but it bears repeating. Not only do we have good news for those around us, but we should also **be** good news for those around us. That is a message that we need to remind each other of daily. We are meant to be good news people. Everyday we should seek to be good news to someone we cross paths with. I think it is also important for the church, as a collective body, to be good news and do something that proclaims to our community, "We want to serve you!"

We hope that our Sunday evening activity for August 2<sup>nd</sup> will do just that. If you have been paying attention to our summer calendar called *The Well* then you may have noticed that on August 2<sup>nd</sup> we are having a Community Block Party. Our plan is to set up some grills in the parking lot to cook hot dogs, set up a few tables outside for people to have a place to sit and eat, have some children's activities set up outside, and then invite the community around our church building to come hang out with us for a while.

We have two main goals. First, we want to be visible. We are going to try our best not to hide away inside our church building. We want to be outside where people can see us. We want to be visible. We want people to know we are here. Hopefully they will see us fellowshiping with one another. Hopefully they will see a church that really cares for one another. Hopefully they will see the joy and peace of Christ alive in the body at Elmwood. We want all of that to be visible.

Second, we want to be available. We want the community around us to know that we exist to share good news and to be good news. We want the community around us to know that we care. We want the community around us to know that at Elmwood no one stands alone. The good news that we share, the care that we have, and the relationships built are not restricted to us. Those things are not exclusive. God has called Elmwood Church of Christ to be available to others.

Please come and join us on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will not be performing church. Our goal is to be the church. Come be a part of this and pray that God will bless us with visitors from all over our community.

-Gilbert

## Dependent on God's Presence

*"They that wait upon the Lord...shall walk and not faint"*  
*Isaiah 40:31.*

There is no thrill in walking; it is the test of all the stable qualities. To "walk and not faint" is the highest reach possible for strength. The word "walk" is used in the Bible to express the character - "John looking on Jesus as He walked, said, Behold the Lamb of God!" There is never anything abstract in the Bible, it is always vivid and real. God does not say - Be spiritual, but - "Walk before Me."

When we are in an unhealthy state physically or emotionally, we always want thrills. In the physical domain this will lead to counterfeiting the Holy Ghost; in the emotional life it leads to inordinate affection and the destruction of morality; and in the spiritual domain if we insist on getting thrills, on mounting up with wings, it will end in the destruction of spirituality.

Our problems come when we refuse to bank on the reality of His presence. The experience the Psalmist speaks of, "Therefore will we not fear, though . . ." will be ours when once we are based on Reality, not the consciousness of God's presence but the reality of it - Why, He has been here all the time!

-Excerpts from: *My Utmost for His Highest*

How great it is to know the presence of God is with us, and to walk before God as we experience that presence! -Phil

**Sheryl Willison** is home recuperating from gall bladder surgery last week....**Kaden Koebcke** had his last chemotherapy treatment. Their hope is that this treatment will put his condition in remission....Continue praying for **Annie Crowder, Elaine Crowder, Henry Hunt, Ella McCullough, Christa Phillips, Pete Swank, Ginger Maxwell-Spenard, LeAnn Egle, Diann Doty, David Brutans, Charles Moore, Eloise Shank, Hattie Coffel, Mary Tavana, Ted Heitman, 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** (Phyllis Simmerman's nephew), **Brent Kaufman**, and **Matt Kaufman** (nephews of Ronda Tidrick) are serving in Iraq.

## Weekly Prayer Focus

### July Prayer Focus: God's Spiritual Warriors

This week our prayer focuses on each individual member. Take the time to pray for specific people individually. Challenge yourself to pray for as many members as you can think of. Focus your prayers on their spiritual gifts and spiritual beauties. Lift up every one of them and pray that God will bless them. Pray that the spirit of God will flow through these individuals as an example in the life of all they touch. Lift up the weak, the strong, and the hurting. Each member of our body is important and we all need prayer!

## You Can Help with Tools for Schools!



There are many in the Lafayette community who have been hit hard with the nation-wide economic situation. Once again Elmwood will be a collection site for Salvation Army's "Tools for Schools." If you would like to help children in the community with school supplies for the

upcoming school year, a box has been placed in the Farris foyer for your donations and will be there until the end of July. Some suggested items: glue sticks, Fiskars scissors (5 in. pointed), zippered pencil packs, 1 inch 3-ring binders, new backpacks, plain pocket folders (no prongs), highlighter markers (yellow), colored pencils (12 count/24 count), solar powered calculators, 8 count large crayons, 8 count regular crayons, Prang oval paints (8 pan), washable markers, notebook filler paper, Pedigree pink erasers, and black, Expo dry erase markers. **You have until the end of July to bring these items.** Your generosity is much appreciated.



## Happy Anniversary!



**Pete & Vernell Swank** celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 26. Congratulations Vernell and Pete!

## Sunday Night, July 26:

### Guess Who's

### Coming to Dinner?

This **Sunday night, July 26**, we'll have our "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" opportunity. Burgess Brown, Mindy Hart or Vicky Martin will be contacting you soon about the location.

## Can You Help?

Trinity Mission Men's Ministries is looking for volunteers. Men are needed for various class opportunities including fitness, life skills, Biblical and devotional topics. Anyone who is interested or who would like to know more about Trinity Mission can call 447-0271 or email Doug Patty at [dpatty@trinitymission.org](mailto:dpatty@trinitymission.org).

## Lunch with Senior Servants

Everyone who's schedule allows is invited to lunch with the Senior Servants at the Golden Corral next **Wednesday, July 29, at 11:30 AM.**

July 19, 2009

Class: 157 Worship: 286

Contribution: \$7,264



## Camp Pix

This week Lee Porter, Randy Kerrigan, and Elmwood students are serving as counselors at Camp C.U.M.O. in Cincinnati. The following pictures are of last week's experiences at Spring Mill Bible Camp and some of this week at Camp C.U.M.O.



Spring Mill



Camp C.U.M.O.



Continue to pray for our Elmwood group ministering to the group at Camp C.U.M.O this week.

## Our Sympathies



Dovie Hurst's younger sister, Dean Weatherly, 85, passed away on July 14. She lived in Oakland, Mississippi. (Of five sisters, Dovie is the only one surviving and Dovie is the oldest!) Our sincere sympathies, Dovie.

Dave Weckerly's sister, **Linda Jetton**, who lived in Dayton, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly Monday evening. She recently had heart bypass surgery and was doing well. Funeral arrangements are pending but will be through Abbot Funeral Home in Delphi.

## Women's Ministry News

All Elmwood women are invited to "Ladies' Tea Number Two" on **Saturday afternoon, August 1**. It's not too late to sign up on your yellow card this Sunday indicating whether you want to attend or host. You'll enjoy the experience!

-Terri Miller

## Financial Report Available



Bill Hodges has compiled the financial results for the fiscal year just ended and the budget for this year. Copies are available in the Farris foyer. See one of the elders or Bill Hodges if you have questions.

## E-Newsletter?

We have begun sending our newsletter via e-mail in a pdf format. Sending it this way has already saved the church \$10+ per week! If you opt for e-delivery of the newsletter, let the church office know via e-mail or write your request on your yellow card on Sunday.



- July 22, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
- July 26, 6 PM...Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
- July 29, 11:30 AM....Lunch with Senior Servants at Golden Corral
- August 2, 6 PM....Community Block Party

Read:  
*Psalm 93-111;*  
*Romans 13-16; I Cor. 1-2*






# 2009 Spiritual Adventure


## Week 32: August 3-9

When I was reading over the Psalms for this week's scripture, I was struck by the all the rich descriptions for our Lord in these verses. Our Lord is indeed multi-faceted:

He is a King dressed majestically and armed with strength and might (Psalm 93); He is the Avenger and Judge (Psalm 94); He is the Rock of our salvation, God above all Gods, our Maker and Creator (Psalm 95); He is worthy of our praise and glory, but also worthy of our fear and trembling (Psalm 96); He guards us and delivers us (Psalm 97); He is faithful (Psalm 98); He will forgive and punish (Psalm 99); He is Good and his love endures forever (Psalm 100); and the list goes on and on.

Sometimes I think we forget just how complex God really is. We want to simplify Him or just focus in on a few aspects of his personality that we find most appealing; for example, "He is my loving father," or "He is the God of compassion." It is easy to imagine what it would feel like to be pigeon-holed into just a couple of roles. What if your spouse only saw you as "provider" or "cook" or if your friends only appreciated your ability to listen - not good, right? We have so much more to offer and we desire to be known beyond just our roles. I believe the same is true of our Lord. Now, I do think it is only natural to be more closely drawn to certain facets of God's personality - this reflects your personality, your needs and past experiences. But I also think we lose some of God's richness and depth if we do not try to grapple with the whole of who He is. I challenge you to get know your God, all of Him. *-Yssa DeWoody*

 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   Staff <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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