



Dancing to the Tune of God

Josh and I challenged you on Sunday to dance with the Spirit. We want to be intentional about being people who are constantly led by the Spirit and constantly in step with the Spirit. Those are all challenges that Paul gives us in Galatians 5.

After 1st service someone came to me and showed me a really neat illustration that fit with our sermon. I wish I had seen it before the sermon so that I could have incorporated it into our discussion. The illustration dealt with a neat definition for the word *guidance*. It looked like this:

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I like that. When we are open to God's guidance we are essentially saying, "*God, you and I dance.*" Remember, that God takes the lead in this dance. Our job is to trust Him fully and keep in step with Him.

Many of you accepted Josh's challenge to list on the yellow card how you plan to dance with the Spirit this week. Some of you said you wanted to quit quenching or grieving the Spirit in your lives. Others said they wanted to do a better job of listening to the Spirit. Others referred to a fruit of the Spirit that was missing in their lives. One person referred to a line in our invitation to song by saying they wanted *to be taught by the Bible, led by the Spirit.*

My prayer for myself and for Elmwood is that we will all be open to God's guidance. Let us all cry out to Him, "*God, you and I dance!*"

-Gilbert

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

Why?

Job, as you know, did not have a life that would be envied by many. After building for himself a large family and fortune, it was all lost to him in a matter of minutes. Then he was afflicted by sores that covered his body and by friends that were less than friendly. Job cries out. He asserts his own righteousness and questions the goodness of God to allow something like this to happen to him. It is at this point that God- silent until this time- responds to Job.

I wouldn't want to be in Job's shoes, for "Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm" (Not a good sign!) "He said: Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man I will question you and you shall answer me." (Job 38:1-3)

God goes on for some time reminding Job that Job is not God, that God is infinitely more powerful than Job and that Job has no way of knowing anything compared to God.

Job responds to God by saying "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

Though Job did not receive a direct answer about why the things in his life were happening to him, he did receive an answer that gave him peace. He received an answer that reminded him of his place, but more importantly of God's place of power in the world. He received the answer he truly needed.

-Phil

Jim Johnson, Marihelen's husband, and **Anita Amstutz**, Shirley Farmer's daughter, both had angiograms on Tuesday morning....**Kaden Koebecke**, Jack & Sue McCoy's 2-year-old grandson, was to begin his first chemotherapy on Monday at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis....**Carol Bell**, **Ginger Maxwell-Spenard**, and **Oscar Miller** are recuperating at home....Continue praying for **Ann Vaught**, **Dick Waterstraat**, **Diann Doty**, **Jan Lucas**, **David Fulkerson**, **David Brutans**, **Charles Moore**, **Eloise Shank**, **Hattie Coffel**, **Mary Tavana**, **Ted Heitman**, **Annie Crowder**, **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.

Women's Ministry News

The first Ladies' Tea will be held this **Saturday, June 27**. If you haven't signed up and want to attend, please call Terri Miller at 471-1045 and she will tell you whose home to visit. The second Ladies' Tea will be on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Our lending library still has plenty of room for more books. Please consider lending your Christian books to the women's ministry so that others can read them. Books are expensive, and this is a great way to recycle and share good reading. The library is run on the honor system--you can retrieve your books at any time.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is a "blind-date style" opportunity for you to share in small group fellowship this summer. Each host will select a main dish and be told how many guests to expect. Guests will be given an address to go to and a dish to bring to complete the meal. We hope you will be blessed by breaking bread with your Christian family on **July 26**. Please sign up by **July 12** so we can put together groups. See Burgess Brown, Mindy Hart, or Vicky Martin for questions.

Thank You...

*Dear Family at Elmwood,
Thank you for your love, prayers, cards, visits, food and flowers. The surgery went well and I am delighted in God's blessings beyond expression. The Bell family has been blessed by your prayers and we appreciate your continued prayers for my healing and speedy recovery. Thank you so much.* In Christian love, Carol, Bill & Peter

Thank you, Elmwood family, for ALL the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. Friends, you have been very busy these last months on my behalf. As I continue recovering, your prayers are needed and will be greatly appreciated. Again, thank you. May God continue to bless each of you.
-Dick Waterstraat

I want to thank everyone for their prayers for my son-in-law, David Fulkerson. He is at home and recovering well. Thank you so much for all your prayers. -Ethel Cable

Thanks to **ALL** who made VBS so great!

-Elmwood's Senior Servants

Congratulations on 50 years!



Willard & Shirley Farmer celebrate 50 years of marriage on June 28. Their daughter is hosting an open house for them at 7820 S. 250 E., Lafayette, on Sunday at 1:00. Congratulations, Shirley and Willard as you celebrate 50 years together!

Mission Trips

Rebecca Kady & Elizabeth Erickson are in Japan with Let's Start Talking" for 6 weeks.

Jason Cochran & Jimmy Huff are in Haiti working with churches for 10 days.

New Addresses



After many years at her home in south Lafayette, **Margaret Gustafson** has moved. She now resides at University Place, 1700 Lindberg Rd. Apt. 322, West Lafayette 47906. Her new phone: 497-2785.

Beth Holt has also moved. Her new address: 3238 S. 9th St. Apt. C, Lafayette 47909. Ph: 471-0455

Our Sympathies

Margaret Ellis, Doug Smith's grandmother, died Sunday, June 14. She lived in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Doug and son, Drew, were able to attend her memorial service on Wednesday.

June 21, 2009

**Class: 161 Worship: 267
Contribution: \$5,445**



Voice of the Martyrs

A few months ago, our teens were able to see a video of several teens going to Viet Nam with VOM as they smuggled Bibles into the country. The teens felt it would be good to have a representative with us again to tell us more. They talked to David Brackemyre at Winterfest and he agreed to come and share with a combined teen and adult class in the auditorium this Sunday morning. Adult classes are not required to dismiss, but all are encouraged to join in the auditorium.

David Brackemyre

David is the Director of Voice Ministries, a division of VOM that maintains direct contact with the American church in several ways. Voice Ministries includes the Voice Volunteer Network (200+ volunteer speakers), Mission Representatives (salaried speakers), b.a.s.i.c. fellowship, and summer interns and short and long-term volunteers.

David and his wife Cheryl came to Christ as adults in 1970. They spent the next three decades raising their four children and participating in the work of their congregation in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

In October 1998, David and Cheryl attended a Steve Green concert. There, David was given a VOM Special Issue, reading about the church. In a short period of time, he began to pray for Christians on a regular basis. In the VOM office signed up to be a five-year volunteer speaking at churches persecuted church, displaying VOM resources at conferences and conventions, and later supervising other volunteers in a six-state area in the Midwest. David also served on the VOM Board of Directors for two-and-a-half years. He has been on the VOM staff since April 18, 2005.



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David has traveled on several VOM trips overseas, visiting such countries as Vietnam, Laos, Burma/Myanmar, China, Sudan, and Bangladesh. He also went to Cambodia in January 2002, 2003, and 2004, teaching in house churches around the country. These trips were inspired by his first trip into Vietnam with VOM in 2000.

David's passion remains the persecuted church. His main responsibility is with his new position in Bartlesville, but he still appreciates the opportunity to speak to interested groups about our precious brothers and sisters who persevere in the face of pressure to deny their faith.

-Lee Porter



“Let Us Exalt His Name Together”

Psalm 34:3

This DOCK ROCKED! VBS 2009, Crocodile Dock, had 126 kids registered with an average daily attendance of 100. It was a joyful time of learning about God and praising Him.

Thank you Elmwood! It could not have come together without the help of each and every person who contributed in one way or another. Scripture tells us that “to each one a manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” This was very evident in the way so many people gave what they could. Some gave a little....some gave more....some gave a lot. For that I am truly grateful. How exciting and humbling to see what happens when we let God use us.

Excellent, church! I cannot say “Thank You” enough. What a blessing!

-Michelle Robson

Weekly Prayer Focus

Prayer Focus – 6-23-09 – Our Youth, the Church of Today

Many times people (with good intentions) have said that the youth are the church of tomorrow. If tomorrow comes, that is a true statement. It is also true that the youth are the church of today. This church family believes that – we invest in our youth and we listen to them. Young people today need to sense that they have a valid place in the life of the church and that they can and do make a difference. Pray that we will continue to support their missional drive by providing them opportunities to serve beside us and that we will *together* be the church God wants us to be.



June 24, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
June 28, 6 PM....Praise and Worship Night at Elmwood
July 1, 11:30 AM....Senior Servants meet

Read:
 I Chron. 26-29; Prov. 15-24;
 Matthew 22:23-25:46






2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 28: July 6-12

Matthew 25 Revisited

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” (Matthew 25:35-36 NIV). Jesus spoke these words to the Jewish people and also to us. Christ has established a standard for us in this passage. How should we treat others? How much love do we show God’s people? At Elmwood, you have helped with transportation, food, meals, and many other forms of assistance as needs arise. Actually, I have observed all of what Christ said in versus thirty-five and thirty-six being done at Elmwood. You have provided loving connections to those hurting at Elmwood, and to those who come our way. Often these forms of love are not reported because you wanted no public credit or fanfare. All the ministry areas at our church provide components necessary for Elmwood to thrive as a family. But where do you fit in? You see postponement can be a problem for the church. We realize we should reach out to others, but we worry about what to do. We may be unsure so we ask ourselves “Can I do a good job?” or maybe “I don’t think I can do it.” Ask God to help you overcome your insecurities. Pray and give yourself a fresh start to the Lord. Your church needs you. Let us remember that the church “activities” we do as a parent and family can lay a foundation for what your children will become as they grow into adults. Also, ask God to help you overcome. Look around at what others may be doing at church and ask to join in. Use “small steps” if you need to, and try several things. *“...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40 NIV).*

-David Weckerly

 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 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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Sunday Night



June 28: Praise & Worship Night...this night is dedicated to praising and worshipping our God.

July 5: Nursing Home Mission...we are going to split up into groups and scatter to different nursing homes.

We will visit, sing, and share

communion with many of our members confined to nursing homes.

July 12: Concert of Prayer...A concert of prayer is an activity for people to experience different types and moods of prayer as they spend time at different "prayer stations" throughout the building. Come and be blessed by this experience.

July 19: Live Drama...This will be a powerful night as we get to witness a message of the Bible lived out in drama.

July 26: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?...Do you like fellowshiping with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? This will be a great opportunity for that. Check this week's newsletter for more information.

August 2: Community Block Party...We want to make an impact in our community, right? What better way than by inviting them to a cookout at our building? Come and meet people from our community as we share hot dogs and a good time with them.

August 9: Youth Night...Our youth group will be presenting reviews of their summer activities.

August 16: Open Night...for now, this night is open in case we have to reschedule one of our activities.

August 23: A Night of Prayer & Songs...It is what it sounds like it is - a night of prayer and songs. Come as we lift up our God in song and pour out our hearts in prayer.