



Upcoming Events

I want to use this time to share with you some events that will take place at Elmwood that I am very excited about.

In April our sermons will focus on the last of the four devotions found in Acts 2:42. The earliest disciples devoted themselves to prayer. It seems that at every turn in the book of Acts we find the disciples of Jesus praying. I found this quote as I was thinking about prayer today: *"We cannot and will not see a spiritual awakening unless there is much prayer. No conference, seminar, retreat, book, committee, or tape will serve as a substitute for prayer. Simply put—no prayer, no revival."*

During the month of April, every Monday night the auditorium will be open from 6-7pm for a time of prayer. There will be no program or formal procedures. The only agenda is to offer you a nice quiet place to pray with no distractions. You can come and go as you please. I really hope that you decide to take advantage of this time.

Another special day that I want you to mark in your calendars is May 3rd. We will be having special guest speakers that day to speak during both services. Mac and Mary Owen are a married couple from West Monroe, Louisiana, that have a special story about the power of God to bring blessings out of pain. Mac is a recovering addict that now serves as an elder at White's Ferry Rd. Church of Christ, and every Friday he leads a group of about 200 men and women through a recovery ministry called Celebrate Recovery. Mac and Mary will share their story that they have called, *God Never Wastes a Hurt*.

I am so excited about them being here on May 3rd. They are two very dear friends to me. Please don't miss hearing this very powerful story.

-Gilbert

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

What's Happening at the CSC

Well, spring break is upon us once more and that can only mean one thing: It's about to get really busy for the next couple of months! I speak for myself and all the students when I say we really appreciate all the love and support the members of Elmwood give us. With that in mind, here are some events we have planned that are coming up before the end of the semester.

By the time this newsletter has reached your mailbox, eight students, as well as Katy and I, will be doing inner-city mission work in Nashville, Tennessee. Please pray that God will work through us, and that we will return to you all safely.

April 25th is the date of our annual Root Beer Kegger. Every year we have a root beer kegger to encourage Purdue students to make wise choices. Plus, it's a great opportunity to invite Purdue students to the CSC. We hope you make time to bring your family to visit us for this event!

Finally, the end of the school year marks the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of our graduating seniors. We will be celebrating our CSC graduates on the evening of May 1st. This is an excellent opportunity to say goodbye and to send on their way those students who have been a part of the Elmwood family during their time at Purdue.

Be on the lookout for more information about the Mission Trip, the Root Beer Kegger and the Senior Banquet!

-Phil

Hattie Coffel is in room 401 at Clarian Arnett Hospital for tests....**Jan Lucas** has 3 radiation treatments this week and will consult with a surgeon next week on surgery to remove her right kidney (a malignant mass)....**Diann Doty** will begin chemotherapy this Thursday, March 19....**Dick Waterstraat** will have two tests for heart-related problems on Wednesday and Thursday....**Peter Tavana** is home recuperating.... **David Brutans**, son-in-law of Shirley Farmer, had successful surgery for colon cancer. The pathology report will determine his next treatment... **Lorene Poindexter**, sister-in-law of Carolyn Burrell, had cancer surgery on Tuesday in Indianapolis....**Dick Stout**, former Elmwood member, is receiving hospice care...**Sheryl Willison** will see a gastroenterologist soon for recent health concerns....Continue praying for: **Charles Carter, Charles Moore, Justin Thomas, Ray Peden, Mary Tavana, Landyn Martin, Ted Heitman, Annie Crowder, Cherie Hanson, Eric Waltz, Dorothy Walters, Irene Fox, Willie Batts, Ethel Cable & Edith McCoy (Digby House), Eugene Zinn, Kaden Koebecke, Margie Campbell, Valley Stockton (Regency Place), Irene Sims, Marie DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, Delpha Allen, and Minnie Scott.**



68 Years!

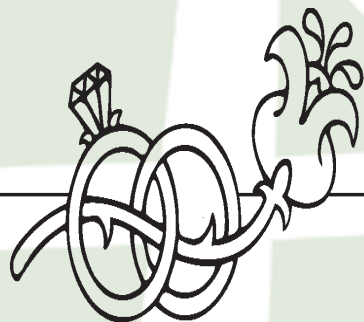


Sam & Sara Postlethwait will celebrate their **68th wedding anniversary** this Sunday, March 22! What a wonderful testimony to their love and dedication to each other! Congratulations!



A **BIG thank you** to **Terry and Lori Miller** for getting a refrigerator for the youth house--delivering it and taking the old one away (courtesy of Menards).

Thank you everyone, for the hugs, the cards, the prayers, and well wishes you extended to me on the death of my mom. I am so thankful to be part of this family! Love, Hedi Devine



James & Pamela Buss
Invite you to share and celebrate the marriage of their daughter
Courtney Machell Buss
 to

Craig Robert Hodges
son of William and Amy Hodges
on the 4th of April, 2009,
at one thirty in the afternoon.

The ceremony will take place at
Northside Church of Christ
(812) 282-6272

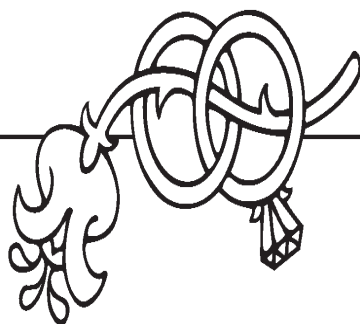
2510 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

A dessert reception will immediately follow at
Culbertson West
(812) 941-8100

904 East Main Street, New Albany, Indiana 47150

Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP at
www.mywedding.com/chodges

Driving directions posted on bulletin board



Parents:

There will be **NO Children's Church** (grades 1-5) this **Sunday, March 22**, as that is the 4th Sunday of the month.

Men's Breakfast, March 21



The men will enjoy breakfast together **this Saturday, March 21, 7:43-8:59 AM**, in the fellowship room (A-2). Call the church office or let Kevin Walters know if you plan to attend. After breakfast there will be time to pray together.

March 15, 2009
Class: 169 Worship: 294
Contribution: \$6,481



Don't Waste It!

"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:8).

I remember kind of hating it when I was a student and people would tell me, "You can do anything you want to with your life." It's the kind of statement that sounds empowering to adults, especially those who maybe wish they'd done something else with their lives. To me, though, it sounded like pressure, like an unfinished sentence with a threat on the end: "You can do anything you want with your life . . . so don't blow it!" Yikes! How was I supposed to know what to do that wouldn't be a huge waste of my one time around the track before heading to heaven?

Peter offers a great answer to that paralyzing question. Whether you become a microbiologist or a sanitation officer or a Hollywood stunt man, here's the key to not wasting your life: Use all that freedom and potential to build into you the 8 qualities he mentions in II Peter 1:5-7: *"For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

That's the only way you as a Christian can keep from wasting all your potential in Christ, period.

Think: Do you really believe that growing in these 8 areas is more important than where you go to college or who you marry or what you do for a living? Do you really? If so, how does that belief play out in your every day choices?

Pray: Ask God to help you not to be ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

Do: Write down the 8 qualities from verses 5-7 and put them in your Bible or on your computer screen (post it note, not on the screen), or on your forehead or somewhere that you'll be forced to see and think about them all week!

I adapted the previous thoughts from "A Daily Devotional" from *Planet Wisdom*. I believe the article makes a great point. There is so much in this world clamoring for our attention, our time, our talents, our money! We need some healthy standards or filters to help us not waste what we have – I guess we are even more aware of that with our present economy. Peter offers us a great way to look at the opportunities that lie before us. If the opportunities presented will make it through the funnel of II Peter 1:5-7, I think we will be using our resources wisely...Don't Waste It!
- Lee

Baby Shower for the Welters, March 29



A baby shower for **Heaven & Matt Welters** is **Sunday afternoon, March 29, from 2:00 until 3:30**, at the Boyds' home, 3528 Indianbrook Dr., Lafayette. You may give money for a group gift to hostesses, Gina, Mindy Hart, or Katy Travis. Gift ideas? Call Mindy.

Offsite Communion Stewards Needed:



This is an opportunity to meet some of our members in a one-on-one setting as you deliver communion to their homes. You can serve with a commitment of one month or on an as-needed basis. Several stewards are needed to serve on a rotating basis. Elmwood has an increasing number of shut-ins, and this is an essential service to our members. Both men and women are needed for this service. Several communion travel kits are available for use and the elements will be provided. Contact David Weckerly (765-564-4155) if you are interested in this service opportunity, or use a yellow attendance card for your message.

-Dave Weckerly

Employment Opportunity

The Tippecanoe County Right to Life is looking for a part-time Office Manager for the Lafayette Office. Applicants should possess strong communication and organizational skills as well as have experience directing volunteers. Applicants should also be proficient in both Microsoft Word and Excel. Resumes may be sent to Rev. Daniel B. Gartland, 1916 Meharry St., Lafayette, IN 47904. For more information please call 765-742-2107.



March 18, 7 PM....Bible classes for all

March 22, 6 PM....LIFE Groups meet

March 29, 2:00-3:30....Baby shower for Heaven & Matt Welters, Boyds' home, 3528 Indianbrook Dr., Lafayette

April 10-12....Leadership Training for Christ

Read:
Deut. 31-34; Ps. 41-55
Acts 27-28; 1 Thess. 1-3

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 13: March 30-April 5

The Song of Moses






Songs do lots of things: they express joy, they praise, they admonish, they confess, and they pray. But in Deuteronomy 31-32, God writes a song with the express purpose of convicting the Israelites of sin they haven't even committed yet. Knowing the inclination of His people for evil, God says to Moses and Joshua, "And when many disasters and difficulties come upon them, this song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants" (31:21).

There are two things about God's words that strike us about songs as a part of our fellowship. The first is fearsome: songs convict. If you're like us, you may have been struck while singing a song about the extraordinary commitment you're making with the words, or maybe an affirmation or a promise that you realize you haven't really been living.

The second is a lot happier: songs last. What we learn in song we don't quickly forget. In fact, many Bible-based songs that children sing stick with them for their whole lives, putting not only a song, but the Word of God in their hearts. "The Steadfast Love of the Lord," "I Will Call Upon the Lord," and "Seek Ye First" all make it easy to memorize Bible verses. How much harder it would be to remember Galatians 2:20 if it weren't for the "I've Been Crucified with Christ" song!

A happy result of songs' persistence is that we are joined in song to the faith of our fathers and mothers. When we sing "A Mighty Fortress," we connect with generations of believers who affirmed the strength of God and his power over the forces of evil. When we sing "Angels We Have Heard on High," we sing the words that some believe have been sung almost as long as Christmas has been celebrated—perhaps 1700 years. And so God's purpose for the Song of Moses may be startling, but in it we find how well He knew His people and the enduring power of song.

-Josh and Gina Boyd

 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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