



The Image of God

“You can safely assume you have created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates the same people you do.”

—Anne Lamott

Anne Lamott has authored a number of books dealing with her own faith journey. She is a little rough around the edges, and her books can often make you feel uncomfortable. As uncomfortable as her books are, her honesty has to be admired. She is brutally honest. The quote above can be found in her book *Traveling Mercies*.

I believe this is a temptation that many of us fall into. Many times our view of God becomes one that likes what we like and dislikes what we dislike. He becomes a God that we are comfortable with. This is not new to us. I believe that God’s people before the time of Jesus had grown comfortable with God, mainly because He became God created in their own image. They were sure they had Him figured out, and He liked who they liked and disliked who they disliked.

This is where Jesus enters the picture. Jesus is *God with us*. He is God in the flesh. He is the perfect image of God. As the perfect image of God he totally shocked the religious establishment of his day because he was not the image they had created. He did not look like the God they had come to believe in, mainly because the God they had come to believe in looked just like them.

God created us to be in His image, not the other way around. We have the perfect example of what it looks like to be in His image when we see the life of Jesus. Jesus showed us a life of love, not hate. A god whose image is based on something other than the life of Jesus is not the God of the Bible. Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians that Jesus *is the image of the invisible God* (Col. 1:15).

Our task is to strive everyday to conform to his image, not the other way around. We want to be able to echo the words of Paul when he wrote, *“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit”* (2 Cor. 3:18).

-Gilbert

CSC Update

Well, we sure were busy last month! Here are some of the things that we did in October:

Weekend Retreat at Camp Tecumseh
Campfire Worship @ The Travis’
Habitat for Humanity Project
Halloween Party
Trunk or Treat

We have also been studying “tough questions” at Encounter on Wednesday nights, talking about issues such as “Why does God let bad things happen,” “Gender and the Church,” and “Salvation”.

On Thursday nights we have our Men’s and Women’s Bible studies. Our women are going through a Beth Moore study titled, “Jesus, the One and Only,” while the men are taking a look at different male role-models throughout the Bible.

It’s still a little more than a month away, but keep in mind that the annual “Midnight” Breakfast is coming up on the Monday of exam week: December 14th. We would love to have volunteers from Elmwood come out again and help us serve our students some late night breakfast to give them the energy they need to study and complete their exams!!

Things are always going on at the CSC, and we really appreciate your support of this ministry! As always, if you are interested in finding out about what is going on at the CSC, you can talk to me, or you can visit our website:

www.purduescsc.org

-Phil



Andrea Browell will have a biopsy on November 9....**Gene High** will have cataract surgery November 10....**Beth Holt** and **Lynia Coates** are both recuperating from having carpal tunnel surgery last week....**Dick Waterstraat** is recuperating at home....**David Brutans** is recovering from surgery for liver cancer....Continue praying for **Elaine Crowder** (*skin cancer*), **Melissa Willison**, **Jim Kiefner**, **Bud Darby**, **Kaden Koebcke**, **Sara Postlethwait**, **Roger Birky**, **Delores Hill**, **Clifford & Betty Farner**, **Annie Crowder**, **Diann Doty**, **Jan Lucas**, **Charles**

Moore, **Hattie Coffel**, **Dorothy Walters**, **Eugene Zinn**, **Valley Stockton**, **Irene Sims**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Paul & Argie Verett**, and **Minnie Scott**.

In the military: **Joe Newman** (*Naval training*), and **Brent Kaufman** is serving in Iraq.



A baby shower for **Craig and Angela Loy** and their new baby, **Ramsey Scott**, is this **Sunday, November 8, from 2 o'clock until 4 o'clock** in the afternoon. Scheryl Gaylor is hosting it at her home, 4524 Bur Oak Lane, Lafayette. Angela Asbill and Vicki Vaught are the hostesses. Donations will be accepted by them for a group gift, or suggestions for a gift: older outfits and diapers.



The men's breakfast is this **Saturday, November 7, at 7:43 AM**. We will be dismissed at **8:59 AM**. Come fellowship with other Christian men and enjoy the food. Bring your sons, grandsons, friends, and neighbors. Let Kevin Walters (474-3110) know if you plan to come.

Welcome To Elmwood Church of Christ, How Can We Help You?

We're new in town and have not worshiped here before. Where is the sanctuary? We don't know anyone so can we sit toward the back? Do you have a nursery? Where are the restrooms? What classes are available for us and our children and where are they located? What are they studying? When does "church" begin/end?

Providing visitors with helpful answers to these questions along with extending a friendly welcome hand shake at the church door can go a long way in showing guests that they are welcome and we are interested in having them return. If you would like to help with this effort, you will soon have an opportunity.



**Prayer
OF THE WEEK**

November Prayer Focus: Give Thanks!

Psalm 106:1 "Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Pray and give thanks for the goodness, mercy and everlasting love of God.

Eagle Scout Honors

Seth Mullen has his **Eagle Scout** ceremony at Elmwood on **December 5 at 3:00 PM**.



The **food pantry** is always in need of personal items: **soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and especially toilet paper**. These items are not available at the Food Bank. More and more people are visiting our food pantry every week. If you would be interested in volunteering to help, notify John Stafford (474-8478).

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Trunk or Treat Fun!

Trunk or Treat was a blast! Some 76 children from the community came and enjoyed the “trunk displays” and the games and goodies that were planned for them. Take a look at these pictures!

- Lee



Longtime Elmwood member, **Edith McCoy, 86**, mother of Jack McCoy, died Saturday morning at Digby House where she had been living in recent years. She had been in hospice care for several weeks. Edith was involved in various activities with our senior servants, and will be greatly missed. Her funeral was Tuesday at Soller Baker Funeral Home in Lafayette.

Willie Batts lost her cousin, **Marie Woodson**, of Mayfield, Kentucky, last Thursday. Willie and Calvin attended her funeral on Saturday. Willie said, “*she was like a sister to me.*”

Shults-Lewis



Milk Money Contribution

One of the ways Elmwood members have of showing their gratitude for God’s bounty all year is through our willingness to provide milk for the children of Shults-Lewis Home in Valparaiso, Indiana. That collection will be **Sunday, November 8**. That day **Ray Crowder**, the Shults-Lewis director, will speak to the combined adult classes at 9:30.

Christmas Hang-ups



Elmwood’s Christmas Musical, “**Christmas Hang-ups,**” has rehearsal this **Wed., November 4, at 6:20 PM**, for children in **Pre-K through 6th grade**.



- November 4, 6:20 PM....Christmas Musical rehearsal
- November 4, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
- November 7, 7:43 AM....Men’s Breakfast at Elmwood
- November 8....Shults-Lewis Milk Money contribution
- November 8, 2:00-4:00 PM....Baby shower for **Ramsey Loy**, at Scheryl Gaylor’s home, 4524 Bur Oak Ln., Lafayette
- November 15....Guest speaker, **Mike Stroud**
- December 12....Christmas For Everyone distribution day

Read:
Ezekiel 38-Daniel 2;
John 17-21

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 47: November 16-22

The River of Life

The final chapters of Ezekiel speak of a time when God reasserts His authority over the world and over His people, bringing about great change and great healing again, both to His people and to the world. In chapter 47 the author of Ezekiel is taken by a divine messenger to the temple. Out of the temple flowed a small stream of water. It became deeper and deeper as it flowed away from the temple, until the ankle-deep stream became a raging torrent of a river.

This river, growing by the moment, though entirely without any tributaries, flows all the way to the desolate Jordan Valley and into the Dead Sea. Here, we see something amazing, perhaps more amazing than the deepening of the stream. We see that ‘The River’ which flowed out of the temple has restorative, even redemptive powers. The land that was once desolate and barren, and the Dead Sea which was once so full of salt that it was unable to support life, both burst with the living power of ‘The River.’ Where the river flows into the Dead Sea, the salt water is made fresh!


It is this same restorative, redemptive River that flows through us as God’s people. When God reasserted His authority and dominion over this worldly Kingdom by sending His Son, and thus, beginning the in-breaking of His Kingdom, The River began its journey. Even now The River deepens and brings life, restoration and redemption to the people of The River.

And we, the people of The River, are blessed to experience the redemption, the restoration and the surging power of The River as it proceeds from the House of God and flows through each of us. *Praise God from whom all mercies flow!*

-Phil Travis

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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