



Great Communion Was Great!

The Great Communion service at Harrison High School was everything I hoped it would be. The attendance was great. We had between 550 and 600 people in the school auditorium. All four churches (ours, West Lafayette Christian, Crossroads Christian, and First Christian) were well represented in the crowd of worshippers. There was excitement in the air as we felt a sense of unity. Most importantly it was a Spirit-filled time of worship, with the crucified/risen Christ as the focus.

I was so impressed and encouraged by the Elmwood praise team that helped to lead us in our acappella singing. I believe many from the other churches were moved by our acappella singing. I was equally impressed and encouraged by those that led us in songs accompanied with instruments. Great men and women from all four churches put in a lot of time and prayer as they planned that portion of our time together.

Greg Eberhard, Sr. Pastor at First Christian Church, opened up with a heartfelt welcome and a brief talk that put this service in its historical context. He reminded us of the vision the early Restoration Movement leaders had. It was a vision that encouraged Christians to be united in Christ and to quit dividing over non-essentials.

I had the opportunity to talk about the bread and the power of the table to unite people together. I reminded everyone that this Great Communion gathering – our time around the table together – has the power to preach a message louder than any sermon we could ever preach.

John Dittmer, Sr. Minister at West Lafayette Christian, did a wonderful job of preparing our hearts and minds for the cup. It was a powerful reminder that Christ intended for this cup to truly be a cup of blessing. The New Testament is full of passages describing the blessings of Christ's blood.

As we prepared to close the service, Mike Duff, Sr. Minister at Crossroads Christian, gave us all a challenge. His challenge seemed so simple, yet we struggle with it all the time. The challenge was this: *love others as Christ loved others*. Jesus makes it clear that this is how the world will know we belong to him. Unity is not based on doctrinal correctness (history has proven that over and over). Neither is our identity based on this. Doctrine is important, but our identity is based on Christ and his love pouring through us. Unity is based on love, but not just any love. It has to be the love that Christ exhibited.

I want to thank everyone who attended and participated. I want to especially thank our elders for empowering me to involve Elmwood and for being behind this great event. I'm looking forward to doing this again.

-Gilbert

2009 Fall Retreat

This past weekend a dozen students joined us at Camp Tecumseh for our annual weekend Fall Retreat. We spent Friday through Sunday getting to know one another better, enjoying the cool October air, and studying the Bible.

We took some time to discover the transformative power that Christ has when he is brought into a situation. The catchphrase for the week was "When you insert Jesus into a situation, something changes." We saw this change when Jesus visited the temple as a child, when he called his disciples, and when he drastically changed Saul's life.

We finished the weekend discussing how we can allow Christ to change us-if even in very small ways- in order to become more like him.

The weekend was also full of games, and other activities. We built spaghetti-and-gumdrop towers as teams- the catch was that we weren't allowed to talk. This reminded us of the rewards and difficulties of working together in groups for a common goal. We also tried to determine all of the ingredients in two different steak sauces: Heinz 57 and A1. It's harder than you might think- for some reason there is apple and raisin in there!! We then compared our lists to a list made by a professional cook. We talked about how we need to "train our palates" through practice and slowing down in order to "taste" Jesus better.

In all it was a great weekend to learn about Christ and to get to know each other better!

-Phil



Roger Birky was dismissed from Clarian last Wednesday**Ted Holderfield** will have knee replacement surgery on both knees on October 13....**Beth Holt** has hand surgery on October 29....Continue praying for **Penny Stafford, Jeanette Tidrick, Sara Postlethwait, Kaden Koebcke, Travis Koebcke, Thelma Hoyt, Bud Darby, Delores Hill, Clifford & Betty Farner, Annie Crowder, Diann Doty, Jan Lucas, David Brutans, Charles Moore, Hattie Coffel, Mary Tavana, Dorothy Walters, Edith McCoy, Eugene Zinn, Valley Stockton, Irene Sims, Marie**

DeWoody, Paul & Argie Verett, and Minnie Scott.

In the military: **Joe Newman** reports to the Navy on Wednesday....**Josh Martin** and **Brent Kaufman** are serving in Iraq.



Longtime Elmwood member, **Irene Fox**, 95, died Monday, September 28. She had been in failing health for some time and in Cumberland Pointe (formerly George Davis Manor) for many years. Her son-in-law, Ray Nelson, spoke at her funeral on Saturday, October 3, here in Lafayette. Our sympathies to daughters, Judy Hollis, of Lafayette, and Kathy Turner, of Milford, Ohio, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy and her oldest daughter, Adene.

Former Elmwood member **Jannie Chaffin** lost her father, **Carl Bullock** on September 29. He was 90 years old and lived in Dresden, Tennessee. His funeral was Friday. Jannie's mother died several years ago. Our sympathies to Jannie and Ken and their family.

Our sympathies also to **Dan Martin** whose grandmother, **Rebecca Martin**, 84, died last week. Her funeral is Wednesday in Waterford, Michigan.

Women's Ministry News...

- The **Women's Newsletter** went out this week. If you did not receive an electronic copy, please add your email address to the list on the ladies' bulletin board. There are a limited number of hard copies available on the table in the Farris Foyer.
- There will be a **Women's Retreat Planning Committee meeting** on Sunday, **October 18**, during regular Bible classes (9:30-10:30). All women are welcome to attend.
- A **Women's Appreciation Luncheon** is on the calendar for **October 17, 1:00 PM, in the A-2 fellowship room**. We will honor our ministers' wives—Kate Kerrigan, Sharon Porter, and Katy Travis—and recognize the women who have tirelessly and cheerfully taught our children in 2008 and 2009. Come show your support and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheets for food are available this week.
- **Barb Newberry** is hosting a get-together for women at her home on **October 30, at 6:00 PM**. **Requirements:** bring your own 6" sub sandwich and a drink. She will furnish the rest of the food. Also, a **must:** come dressed in **"different than regular clothes."** Questions? See Barb.



Ethan James Johnson was born October 1 to Steve & Jennifer, in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents Marihelen and Jim think he is perfect! Congratulations all!



Thanks for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. I'm improving a little each day and able to do some sewing and embroidery work.

-Scheryl Gaylor

To Elmwood Church of Christ, the Senior Servants, Ladies' class, & Shirley Farmer's Life Group: Dave and I would like to thank all of you so very much for your thoughtful cards and well wishes and especially remembering Dave in your prayers. It is so wonderful to know so many people care about him. Once again, thank you so very much.

-Teresa & Dave Brutans

Putt-Putt Tourney for David Brutans

A Putt-Putt tournament is scheduled for October 11 at 1:00 for cancer patient David Brutans. Tournament proceeds will help him with medical expenses. Entry fee is \$20. Trophies will be awarded. To enter call Denny Hickman at 714-7701 or Gene Hurt at 490-0027. Tournament location is the Lafayette Putt-Putt near U.S. 52 and Teal Road.



We had a small group for LIFE Group on Sunday night, but we had a lot of fun. Okay, we didn't sit down and have a lesson, per se, but I think we learned a lot. I am very proud of this group of young people!

I told the students to each bring \$10. Once they got to the building, I took them through the food pantry and the food pantry storage area and told them to take note of what we have. Then I told them the \$10 was for them buy their dinner and to purchase items for the food pantry they would like to see if they were food pantry patrons. The group wanted to go shopping first and then eat with the money they had left after the shopping trip – I did encourage them to save enough to have a “decent meal”. Some ended up using the full \$10 because they had other money available to them. I was very proud of how the teens took on the task and how thoughtful they were. They were very careful to pick necessary things and they watched for items that could be “stretched” and for good value. Oh, my goodness, we went to a dollar store and more than once, I heard students say, “That’s not a very good deal.” After they shopped, I met them outside and said, “Ok, now you can go back in and spend this \$10 on small toys”...everyone had a blast. I just wish there was some way to communicate the love the group felt for the people who would be getting food and other items from the pantry this week. I guess we will have to leave that part up to God. We were blessed by the experience itself!

– Lee



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October Prayer Focus: The Spirit Within Us

Pray that the Spirit within us will help us identify and use our spiritual gifts. Ask that we will use our gifts for the glory and service of God.



Men, mark your calendars for the upcoming men's breakfast on Saturday, November 7, at 7:43 AM until 8:59 AM. Bring a friend, son, grandson, or neighbor.



- October 7, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
- October 10, 9 AM....*Walk for Life*, Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center fund-raiser, 1 3/4 mile family-friendly route through Columbian Park, contact John Marks for more information
- October 10, 9:00 AM....Ladies' Inspiration Day at Lebanon Church of Christ, 1204 Indianapolis Ave., Lebanon. Speaker: Cynthia Dianne Guy speaking on “*Hungering for More.*”
Lunch served; no childcare available
- October 11, 2:00 PM....Coalition for Living Well's annual fall walk at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds
- October 12, 13....Lafayette Christian School's DUTCH APPLE PIE fund-raiser. Volunteers are needed to turn almost 400 bushels of apples into 6,500 Dutch apple pies.
Call 447-3052 if you would like to help.
- October 17, 1:00 PM....Women's Appreciation Luncheon
- October 30, 6:00 PM....Women invited to Barb Newberry's home for Halloween fun and fellowship
- December 12....Christmas For Everyone distribution day

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

Read:
Jeremiah 33-52;
John 3:1-6:24

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 43: October 19-25

“For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son...”

- To be born a human being by His virgin mother Mary.
- To be Immanuel (God with us); the image of the invisible God.
- To show us the face of God the Father; the perfect example of love.
- To be the gospel to mankind and call us to be His children.
- To be the good shepherd, one who knows the name of His sheep.
- To be the “way,” the “truth” and the only name by which “we” may be saved.
- To provide grace, the cornerstone of faith.
- To be the light of the world.
- To be the living water and the bread of life.
- To be the great physician and heal all of mankind’s physical and spiritual illnesses.
- To be the lamb of God, suffer persecution, rejection and sacrifice his life for mankind’s sins.
- To die by crucifixion, be buried in a tomb three days, and be resurrected to never die again.
- That at the name of Jesus every creature will bow his knee and confess that He Is LORD.

“that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”
-Chuck & Betty Brown

Weekly Schedule	Elders	World Missions
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