



The Great Communion

That the Church of Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one; consisting of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him in all things according to the Scriptures...

That although inferences and deductions from Scripture premises, when fairly inferred, may be truly called the doctrine of God's holy word, yet are they not formally binding upon the consciences of Christians farther than they perceive the connection.... Therefore, no such deductions can be made terms of communion...

That division among the Christians is a horrid evil, fraught with many evils. It is antichristian, as it destroys the visible unity of the body of Christ; as if he were divided against himself, excluding and excommunicating a part of himself.

These are just a few of the great quotes that can be found in Thomas Campbell's *Declaration and Address*. This great document was written 200 years ago, and while we acknowledge that it is merely a man-made document that holds no authority, it is a document that was instrumental in starting the movement we know as the Restoration Movement, of which Churches of Christ are a part.

One of Campbell's goals was to answer the prayer of Jesus: *"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me"* (John 17:20-21).

Elmwood will be participating in a worship service called The Great Communion on Oct. 4th, 11:00am. This is an event that seeks to unite the different churches from the Restoration Movement for a worship service that is centered around communion. There will be a blending of the different church traditions throughout the worship service, and we will all break bread as one body.

I am really excited about this worship service. I believe it will be a great testimony to this community about the unifying power of the gospel. I hope you plan on being a part of this great event.

Please note: we will have our 1st service and Bible classes that day, but we will cancel our 2nd service.

-Gilbert

Campus Ministry Update

Well, the semester is in full swing and students are putting their noses to their respective grindstones! Things at the CSC have settled down from the first week of classes, but we are still pretty busy on an average week.

Aside from meeting on Sundays and Wednesdays, this week marks our first week of the semester for Men's and Women's Bible Studies. We meet on Thursdays at 8PM and study for an hour together. The girls are led in a study called "Jesus the One and Only" by Katy Travis, and the guys are each taking turns leading a study as we talk about "Great Men of the Bible."

Our annual Fall Retreat is coming up! We will be spending the weekend of October 2-4th at Camp Tecumseh talking about "The Faces of Christ." The Fall retreat is a great opportunity every year for our students to get to know one another and get a chance to discuss a topic in depth. We spend our time worshipping, praying, playing games, eating, talking, and just getting to know each other.

As the school year progresses, I encourage us all to get to know the college students a little bit better. Meet them at a Sunday morning service. Get to know them better through your LIFE group. Or find some other way to get to know the students.

-Phil



Sara Postlethwait was taken from the hospital to the University Place healthcare. Besides broken ribs, she now has gout and is unable to walk comfortably....**Kaden Koebcke's** previous treatments didn't affect his condition as they hoped. He will begin kidney dialysis in the coming months. Kaden's father, **Travis**, ran a rusty nail into his knee joint over the weekend. He is on crutches and in great discomfort....**Elizabeth Tinkle** is experiencing pain in her foot following a seizure over the weekend....**Beth Holt** has continued to have swelling in her legs and ankles....Continue praying for **Scheryl Gaylor, Joe Seele, Thelma Hoyt, Bud Darby (broke his hip), Delores Hill, Clifford & Betty Farner, Annie Crowder, Pete Swank, Diann Doty, Jan Lucas, Christa Phillips, David Brutans, Charles Moore, Hattie Coffel, Mary Tavana, 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** and **Brent Kaufman** are serving in Iraq.

Weekly Prayer Focus

September Prayer Focus: Men's & Women's Ministries

These ministries foster knowing Christ by providing classes and fellowship opportunities that help men and women better know Christ and others in the body of Christ. Pray that opportunities that help men more fully know and understand their role as spiritual leaders in the home, at work, and in the church are encouraged. Pray that opportunities for women to feel welcomed in the church, to receive support, and to see God's people worship, work, and play are also encouraged. Pray that these ministries make Christ known by providing opportunities to serve others in the church and throughout the community.

-Dave Weckerly

LIFE CHAIN, October 4, 2:30-3:30

LIFE CHAIN is taking place this year on Sunday, October 4, from 2:30 until 3:30 PM. It is a time to set aside to remind people of faith of the sanctity of human life, and to confirm factual truth in the minds of people who waver about the humanity of a fetus--abortion is indeed the killing of an unborn child. Millions of Americans have had their lives terminated through abortion and the long term effects on their mothers, their families and society are only now coming to the light. Signs are provided. Join other pro-life people for one hour on Sunday, October 4, at S.R. 26 from Lafayette Courthouse across to Purdue. Contact John Marks about how to sign up.



Elmwood Church:

Thanks for all the cards and prayers during my stay in the hospital. I am hoping to be back with you all very soon. Love to everyone, Sara Postlethwait

I would like to thank *everyone* at Elmwood for the privilege of being allowed to get food from the food pantry. I appreciate all the good food! Love, Beth Holt



Hold onto Hope! Walk for Life

Join friends of Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center on Saturday, October 10, for an easy 2-mile walk around and through Columbian Park. Register to walk and obtain financial sponsors to help Matrix offer alternatives to abortion and free support services that include pregnancy tests, options information, parenting education and material assistance.

Walk for Life Sat., October 10
Columbian Park

(shelter 5 blue on Park Avenue)

Registration at 8:30

Walk begins at 9:00

Online registration and payments
matrixlifeline.org

742-1533 or

matrixlifeline@comcast.net

WCB China Trip

Gayle Crowe and Edward Short of World Christian Broadcasting are leading a group of 30 friends and staff on a 12-day trip to China that began September 12. Be praying for their safety as they tour the country.

Food Pantry Needs

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.

September 13, 2009

Class: 185 Worship: 287

Contribution: \$5,672



**Elmwood Church of Christ
Men's Retreat 2009
September 18-19 and 20, 2009**

RETREAT SCHEDULE:

September 18, Friday Night

5:00 - 6:00 PM Arrival and Registration

6:15 - 7:00 PM Dinner

7:00 - 7:15 PM Introduction and Charge -
Kevin Walters

7:15 - 9:00 PM **The Power of the Holy
Spirit - IN US - Kevin Walters**

Small Groups Prayer Time

9:00 Free Time

September 19th, Saturday Morning

8:00 AM - Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 AM - Singing

9:30 - 10:30 AM - **Gifts of the Holy Spirit -
IN US - Josh Boyd**

Small Groups Prayer Time

11:00 Free Time

Saturday Afternoon

12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 - 5:45 PM Free time

Saturday Evening

6:00 - 7:00 PM Dinner

7:00 - 7:30 PM Singing

7:30 - 8:30 PM **Fruit of the Holy Spirit -
IN US - Kevin Walters**

8:30 - 9:00 PM Small Groups Prayer Time
Camp Fire

9:00 Free Time

September 20th Sunday Morning

7:30 - 8:00 AM Breakfast

Singing and Communion - *Lee Porter and
Song Leader*

9:00 AM Head for Class and Worship at Elmwood



September 18-20, Ross Camp

What does the Elmwood Men's Retreat look like? Why would I want to attend? Do you struggle with being grounded and anchored in God's word? How does a Christian man live out his faith in today's society?

As men we all struggle with difficulties following Christ due to the constant pull of the world. We have all kinds of priorities (made by us) and most of the time God gets the tail end.

If you would like answers to the above questions, plan to join us at Ross Camp in West Lafayette while we fellowship, pray, sing, search God's word, and lead each other to experience being in the presence of God. Our study focuses on "The Holy Spirit In Us." We will start with dinner on Friday night at 6:15. If you have questions call Kevin Walters at 765-586-3486, or email him at kwalters1959@verizon.net. We are praying for you and eager to join with you in praising our *loving and mighty God!*
-Kevin Walters

Prayer Partner Ministry

The prayer-partner sign-up sheet will be available in the Farris Foyer this **Sunday, Sept. 20**. Please prayerfully consider praying for a K-12 student(s) this school year.

-Christi Branstetter



- September 16, 7 PM...Bible classes for all
- September 18-20....Men's Retreat, Ross Camp
- September 18, noon....Lafayette Christian School charity Golf Tournament at Ravines Golf Course
- September 20, 6 PM....LIFE Groups meet
- September 20, 2:00 PM....Hunger Hike 2009 begins at Riehle Plaza, downtown Lafayette
- October 4, 11:00 AM....The Great Communion, Harrison High School
- October 4-7....DOES GOD EXIST? John Clayton speaks at Eagle Valley Church of Christ, 8465 Crawfordsville Rd., Indianapolis; phone 317-297-5087; call office for times
- October 4, 2:30-3:30 PM....LIFE Chain, courthouse across to Purdue
- October 10, 9:00 AM....Walk for Life, sponsored by Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center, call office for details

Read:
Isaiah 62-66; Ps. 112-119;
Col. 1-4; 1 Timothy 1-3

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 40: September 28-October 4

Psalm Inspired






In a recent sermon about the purpose of worship, Gilbert compared and contrasted traditional hymns and contemporary praise songs. Many of both of these types of songs that we sing at Elmwood are based on the Psalms. In this week's reading, Psalm 112-119, is found the basis for the contemporary praise songs "Praise the Lord" (VBS), "Give Thanks to the Lord", and "Thy Word", and the traditional hymns "O, Praise the Lord", "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts", and "Open My Eyes, That I Might See". In fact, many of the attributes of these two different styles can also be seen in the Psalms themselves.

Many contemporary praise songs involve repetition of a simply stated but deeply insightful and meaningful theme, giving the songwriter and singer an opportunity to worship God with the heart. This style can be seen in Psalm 115: "trust in the Lord—he is their help and shield" and Psalm 118: "His love endures forever."

Many traditional hymns involve themes stated in carefully structured, remarkably eloquent language, giving the songwriter and singer an opportunity to worship God with the mind. This style can be seen in Psalm 119, an elaborate poem full of beautiful imagery: "My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word."

David had an incredible knack for praise and worship. It is difficult to read the Psalms and not be inspired. It is not surprising that song writers of many different styles draw such inspiration from them.

—Jim and Vicki Vaught

 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 <div style="text-align: center;"> Staff</div> 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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