



The Wink and Nod

Early in my ministry I had the opportunity to speak at White's Ferry Rd. Church of Christ in West Monroe, LA. WFR is a great body of believers and I am always encouraged when I visit there. I have built some great relationships with different members from that congregation and I always enjoy the opportunity to worship with them. Mac and Mary Owen are part the WFR family. Mac is one of the elders.

WFR used to have a school of preaching and many of their current elders were teachers for that school. I must admit, it was slightly intimidating to be conducting a Bible class or preaching a message when you know that the group you are speaking to is full of former Bible professors. My fear was that at any moment one of these former teachers could possibly jump up and push me out of the way. I have never been part of a "pulpit takeover," but it could happen at anytime! Thankfully, it never did.

Bill Smith, one of their elders and a former teacher, sat on the front row listening intently to every word I spoke. He was such a comfort because he kept giving me the wink and nod. You know what I am talking about? We have all experienced the wink and nod. It is a gesture that speaks volumes. It says, "*You are doing fine. Keep up the good work!*" It was affirming and encouraging. It was just what I needed as I stood before this large church on a lonely stage.

We find ourselves living in a society that thrives on being negative, impatient, intolerant, and critical. I know that is not an accurate picture of everyone in the world, but it is a picture that often seems to overshadow the good in the world. This should not be true of life in the church. We should be able to surround ourselves with believers and be showered with winks and nods. The Hebrew writer says something similar when he writes, "... *let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another*" (Heb. 10:24-25). Our time together should be uplifting and encouraging. Today, give someone the wink and nod!

-Gilbert

Radical Living

I am currently reading a book by Francis Chan called *Crazy Love- Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*. Chan is the pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi California, which he started in 1994 with 30. Cornerstone Church's membership is now over 1600.

In this book he asks the question, "Have you ever wondered if we're missing it?" Chan's answer is "Yes!" Chan believes that modern Christianity has forgotten the radicalism of following Christ. He invites his readers to reflect on who God is, to praise God for who He is as a first step to radical worship and radical Christianity.

Chan encourages his readers to go beyond the status quo, to experience God's love and to fall in love with God themselves. His premise is that the person who loves God passionately will look and act differently because "when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything."

I believe this book is an important one. It brings with it a valuable reminder that we should not be satisfied with being lukewarm Christians. Chan reminds us that God offers another way. He writes that God's love for us, and our love for Him should drive us to live radically. That may look different for different people, and Chan gives many examples of people who have felt the love of Christ, and carried that love to others in many different ways.

I recommend that you read this book carefully and prayerfully and consider how you might experience the love of the creator of the universe.

-Phil



Penny Stafford had surgery in Indianapolis on her foot on Tuesday. Surgery went well....**Sara Postlethwait** was able to return to their apartment on Tuesday....**Roger Birky** remains in Clarian Arnett Hospital in room 239 with respiratory problems**Jeanette Tidrick**, Harry's and Joe's mother, fell and broke her pelvis recently....Continue praying for **Kaden Koebeke**, **Travis Koebeke**, **Scheryl Gaylor**, **Thelma Hoyt**, **Bud Darby** (*broken 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.

Women's Ministry

Ladies, please check out our new bulletin board outside the ladies' classroom, and sign up before October 1 for any ministry opportunities that might interest you. Also, please add your email address to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to receive our newsletters. We have confirmed our dynamic speaker at our Women's Retreat to be held February 27, 2010, and need women to sign up to be on the planning committee, which is also on the bulletin board.

-Terri Miller

Weekly Prayer Focus

September Prayer Focus: Food and Catered Events Ministry

This ministry fosters knowing Christ by providing opportunities for fellowship, to engage guests, and to show Christ's love through hospitality. Pray for God's blessing on this ministry that provides catering activities for the church. Pray for God's blessings for funeral meals, finger foods, the Martha Ministry, church picnics, meals for families with illness, meals for families with new babies, and other special events. Pray that this ministry is blessed with member support for catering needs and for volunteers to help events operate smoothly.

-Dave Weckerly

Congratulations!

Our own **Gina Boyd**, a Mayflower Mill Elementary School teacher, has been awarded the 2009 Regional Olin W. Davis Award by the Indiana Council for Economic Education. The award is given to Indiana teachers for teaching excellence in economics. It is named in honor of Davis, who formalized the economic education programs at Purdue University in 1954. Gina will be recognized at a luncheon on September 25 at the Indiana Statehouse. She will receive a \$500 award and a plaque for her accomplishment.

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 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. 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.



He has arrived! **Beau Asher** (*ask how he got his name*) **Kerrigan** was born Saturday, September 19. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Big brother, Cole, and parents, Kate and Gilbert, sure are happy he is at home!



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Food Pantry Needs

The **food pantry** is in need of **soap, shampoo, and deodorant**. These items are not available at the Food Bank.

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Contribution: \$7,502

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Men's Retreat, Ross Camp



Enjoying
the
view...

Josh
speaks



...the men
listen



Game
time!



Appreciation Luncheon Saturday, October 17

An Appreciation Luncheon honoring our three ministers' wives - Kate Kerrigan, Sharon Porter and Katy Travis - and acknowledging the teachers from 2008 and 2009, is planned for **Saturday, October 17, at 1:00** in the afternoon. More information coming in future newsletters.

-Doris Swensen

Senior Servant Schedule

The Senior Servants will meet for lunch at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, September 30 at Cristos on Teal Road. "If you want to see old people eat, come and join us." The Senior Servants' regular meeting on October 7 is being canceled to allow them to attend the Senior Fair at the Tippecanoe County fairgrounds that day.

Prayer Partner Ministry

It's not too late! You may still sign up to choose one of Elmwood's youth for a prayer partner. We hope you'll consider praying for a K-12 student(s) this school year. Contact Christi Bransetter if you're interested.

A note from....

We have been going to Terre Haute most weekends worshiping with the Eastside Church of Christ there. Even though Elmwood will continue to be our home church, we will be in Terre Haute quite a bit. Tony's Mom has moved back to her house and TJ is staying with her there and going to ISU. I'm sure Elmwood will see us some weekends. Just wanted you to know what is up with our family. Lots of love and good wishes to all our brothers and sisters in Christ,

-Judy Campbell



- September 23, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
- September 27, 6 PM....LIFE Groups meet
- October 4, 11:00 AM....**The Great Communion** worship service at Harrison High School.
- No second service at Elmwood that day.
- October 4-7....**DOES GOD EXIST?** John Clayton speaks at Eagle Valley Church of Christ,
- October 4, 2:30-3:30 PM....LIFE Chain, courthouse across to Purdue; see John Marks for more info

Read:
Jer. 1-16; Psalms 120-130;
I Tim. 4-6; II Timothy

2009 Spiritual Adventure

Week 41: October 5-11

My people have committed two sins: they have deserted ME

The source of LIVING WATER

And built their own cisterns, cisterns that won't hold water. Jeremiah 2:13

This metaphor is superbly accurate in describing the tendency of God's people. In the era of the kings, it was a constant pattern of behavior of nearly every king. Something would happen and the king would become reminded and aware of God as the "SOURCE of LIVING WATER" but, before long the king would (desert Me) look elsewhere and use other gods as a source "To build their own cisterns, cisterns that wouldn't hold water." Today, not many of us have had much experience with one of the problems common to cisterns—leaking water. At the beginning of the last century, it was one of the necessary components of most households. Cisterns were recognized as ultimately going to fail and, here, God tells us that if our eternal hope lies in the cisterns we build, we are doomed to failure as well.

Do we (God's people) still follow the pattern of the kings' behavior? Do we still commit these two sins? In this enlightened age, with so many sources of knowledge—Google, wise interpreters of the scriptures, books written by intelligent and articulate men, do we DESERT GOD THE SOURCE OF LIVING WATER and DIG FOR OURSELVES OUR OWN CISTERNs, BROKEN CISTERNs THAT WILL NOT HOLD WATER. How many times do I search for ways around what the scriptures say? How many times do I look in man's literature and knowledge to find answers to solve my problems? Do I let the word dwell in me richly as my source of guidance for my behavior? Do I look to the scriptures as help for many of the common problems of life? Should I?

-Sam Postlethwait

Weekly Schedule	Elders	World Missions
<p>Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Mathews 474-8369 Joe Ruhl 463-6822 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Ministers Gilbert Kerrigan 418-3652 Lee Porter 463-6993 Phil Travis 447-2874</p> <p>Office Sherry Marks, Manager 447-2874 Carol Bell, Secretary 447-2874</p>	<p>Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99536</p> <p>Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000 E-mail: lholly54@yahoo.com</p> <p>Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774</p>

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Making Christ Known.

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