



He Sings!

Singing has long been an integral part of worship among God's people. The Bible is full of songs. Throughout history many men and women have been inspired to write their own songs about God and to God. Singing songs is one of the most common forms of expressing worship in churches today. It is impossible to deny the power of song.

I have my favorite songs. They are songs that I look so forward to when I see the worship leader has planned to sing them on a particular Sunday. Sometimes I don't even want to sing. I just want to close my eyes and listen. I'm sure you have your favorites too. Sometimes we just want to be surrounded by the songs.

As you well know, singing is not just for this life. Revelation shows us pictures of the throne room. It is the picture of heaven, with all of its sights and sounds. What are those sounds? They are the sounds of songs being sung to the king. The angels sing. Those who have died in the name of Christ sing. Everyone surrounding the throne sings. I want so badly to be able to hear those songs. I can't even begin to imagine how beautiful they will sound.

I have discovered, though, a song that I long to hear more than any of my favorites, and more than the songs that are sung around the throne. I have not heard this song yet, and I don't know when I will hear it. I am sure that this song will be the song that trumps all other songs. I have no doubt that this song will be the most beautiful song to ever reach our ears. I do not doubt this because this song is written by the greatest musician to have ever created music.

Zephaniah 3:17 says, *"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."* I love that! God will rejoice over us with singing. He sings!

Of the thousands and thousands of songs written all through history, including the beautiful songs captured in the Psalms, I am confident that none of them will be able to match the beauty and power of the song that God will sing over us. I cannot wait to hear his song.

He sings!

-Gilbert

Living Out

At the CSC we are having a couple of events to get us all thinking more intentionally about reaching out to those around us and living a missional life. This Friday we are opening the CSC for lunch for any and all Purdue students (while supplies last, of course). We hope to warm students up with some chili, and the realization that there are people that care for them.

Next week the CSC is going on a prayer tour through Purdue's campus to pray specifically for groups and activities. We want to focus ourselves on serving the campus. I think it is important to do things like this because I believe we are called to live a life where we go outside of ourselves, and outside the walls of our buildings to take part in the community around us.

The Great Commission has these words, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

The word "go" has two connotations. First, I believe it means that we truly should "go." We should make a special effort to leave our comfort zone to reach others. The second meaning for the word is "as you go." As we go about our lives, our whole lives should be about living an outward-focused life. This is what it means to live missionally. Let us live out the Great Commission every day!

-Phil

Parent's Night Out



Help the College Students raise money for their mission trip to Washington D.C. and enjoy a night without your kids. On **Saturday, February 12th, from 5pm– 9pm** the CSC students will be hosting a “**Parents Night Out.**” A meal will be provided as well as crafts and games for the kids. We are asking that parents bring a monetary donation that will help lower the cost for the students going to Washington D.C. over spring break. Please contact Phil or Katy Travis if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry at Purdue University.

Snow Servants

Phil & Katy Travis are on call for light snow removal this week, January 23-29. You can reach them at 248-229-7904 if you need assistance.



On Wednesday, **February 2, 7 PM**, Gina Boyd and Katy Travis will begin a new women's class, “**Glorifying God by Living and Eating: locally, mindfully and simply.**” All women are welcome.

New address for **Adam & Burgess Brown:**
8699 Frontier Dr.
Newburgh, IN 47630



January 23, 2011

Class: 201 Worship: 280

Contribution: \$6,892.58

It's Sign-Up Time for Our New Picture Directory

We've now confirmed that sittings for our new picture directory will take place on February 28, March 1 through March 3, and March 10 through March 12. Pictures will be taken in the Elmwood Multi-Purpose room. Between the electronic and hard copy sign up options, there are 25 sitting times available on each day. Picture sitting times on weekdays are from 2:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. Picture sitting times on our only available Saturday are 9:30 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Sitting times vary from ten to twenty minutes in length. On the hard copy sign-up sheets, the sitting times are coded by color. There is one 10 minute sitting per day. It is coded in yellow on the sign-up sheets. The 15 minute sittings are coded in orange and the 20 minute sittings are coded in green. Ideally, singles and couples would sign up for the shorter time slots, allowing larger families the lengthier time slots. You may sign-up for picture times electronically or you may schedule a time on hard copies that are available in the Farris Foyer. Times are available on both schedule forms for all days. For those who choose to sign-up on line, the time slots available to you on a given day will vary by family size. The ability to sign-up on line will disappear at some point, most likely before mid-February.

If you choose to schedule a time electronically the website is www.signup.olanmills.com. Click on the 'Schedule New Appointment' button that is in the center of the screen. You will need to complete the 'Photography Appointment Information'. In the 'Church Membership List Information' section, you need to complete the box with your last name. The Elmwood phone number (765.447.2874) needs to be used for the Church Phone Number on the left side of the screen. Click on 'Save' at the bottom of the screen. This should then direct you to a calendar. If the month of January is showing, click on the arrow on the right side and it will advance you to February. Our dates will be high-lighted in red. Click on the date you prefer and it should provide you with the available times based on the size of your family. Click on your desired time (only click on it one time). Click on the 'Submit' button on the lower right side of the screen. A confirmation statement will be sent to your e-mail address. Please only reserve one time.

If you are spending the winter away from Lafayette or for some reason are unable to have your picture taken at one of the times scheduled for our directory, guest photography is available at other locations where Olan Mills is taking pictures. Contact Bill Hodges (765.449.1255) about finding alternate locations.

This is a multi-step process. More information will be provided as it becomes available to us. The current emphasis is to get your sitting time scheduled. This directory is for resident members, graduate students, and for local people who regularly worship with us but who have not placed membership with Elmwood.

Each family whose picture is taken will receive a free 8x10 picture of their family from Olan Mills. Each family will be given an opportunity to purchase their pictures immediately following the sitting. This is an opportunity, but there is no obligation on your part to purchase pictures.

We will need a considerable amount of help as the time for taking the pictures approaches. If you would be willing to help check people in on some of the picture days (or portions of days) or do other contact tasks leading up to the time that we take pictures, please contact Farrell Simmerman (474-6277) or Bill Hodges (449-1255). Questions may also be directed to Farrell or Bill.

ELMWOOD YOUTH ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2.5	Open House @ Hutchinsons', 11a-2p
Sunday 2.6	Superbowl Party, 4p @ the Staffords'
Saturday 2.12	Common Ground, 7-10p @ casteel casa
February 18-20	WINTERFEST @ Gatlinburg, TN
March 18-20	ILLUMINATE @ Rochester, MI
March 25-26	REVOLVE @ Columbus, OH [girls only!]

THINGS PONDERED

I've Got the Joy-Joy-Joy-Joy Down in my Heart!

What makes you smile? Our mouths are often the most common physical manifestation of joy [smiling, singing, laughing]. Of course, biblical joy is not the same thing as happiness. [And it is not the opposite of sorrow. You can experience God's joy even and especially among the storms of life.] When asked what makes us smile or happy, we probably don't have much trouble answering, but what brings us joy?

Searching Scripture for every reference to joy yields valuable insight and not what you might expect to find. There are so many reasons for joy that we will never be without reasons! But there are three reasons for joy consistently emphasized in the Bible, and all other reasons relate with one of these main themes.

1. His Presence — Before studying this, I would have said our greatest reason for joy is all the things God has done for us. While that is *one* reason, Scripture does not support it as our primary focus. To borrow a cliché, we should "love the Giver more than the gift." Others may quote David's psalm: "restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation." However, in the verse before that, he writes, "Cast me not away from Your Presence, O Lord..." The number one reason we have for joy is the Presence of the holy, living God. All other reasons flow from this one. Certainly our salvation brings us joy - because it is a means to being in His Presence!

2. His People — The second reason we have for overflowing with great joy is because of each other. There are many verses that support this, including I Thessalonians 3:7-9: "Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?" We can find joy in each others' salvation, faith, obedience, and company!

3. His Provision — His blessings, works, creation, healing, restoration, victory, comfort, strength... we are so incredibly blessed. We have every spiritual blessing in Christ [Eph. 1:3] and we have been given everything for life and godliness [2 Pet. 1:3]. He even knows what we need before we ask for it [Matt. 6:8]!

May we each find joy this week by being in God's Presence, loving one another, and being thankful for our many blessings!

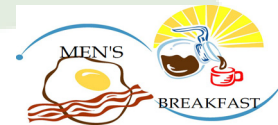
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Hattie Coffel is in room 435 at IU Health (Clarian)....**Betty Lucas** has been moved to Regency Place, room 216. She welcomes visitors....**Jan Lucas** is home after a short stay in the hospital....**Joshua Nelson**, son of Vickie Donohue, had surgery in Indianapolis to remove his spleen. Heart surgery will follow in about 6 weeks....Continue praying for **Patty Vice, Michelle Mullen, Annie Crowder, Steven Critser, Mike Kinsinger, Marceena Miller, Kaden Koebeke** and **Marie DeWoody**.



In the military: **Tim Beghtol** is in Afghanistan....**Josh Martin** is still in Iraq. **Matthew Kauffman** is now in Germany. **Joe Newman** is in Chicago.

Continue to remember the following people who are home-bound or in a nursing care facility: **Dovie Hurst & Dorothy Walters** (*Creasy Springs Healthcare*), **Argie Verett** (*Cumberland Point*), **Valley Stockton** (*Regency Place*), **Henrietta Frampton** (*Mulberry Health & Retirement*), **Mary Walker, Willie & Calvin Batts, Phyllis Gray, Carolyn Rigdon, Linda Bilyeu, Vickie Sanders, Janet Achor, Clifford Farner, Eugene Zinn, Irene Sims, Charles & Carolyn Moore, Delores Hill, and Wanita White** (*in Texas with her daughters*).



The Men's Breakfast is planned for **Saturday, February 5, at 7:43 AM** in the A2 fellowship room. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Farris foyer. Deadline for sign up is February 2.

Women's Breakfast, February 12

The men will be serving the Elmwood women breakfast on **Saturday, February 12, at 9:00 AM** in the A2 fellowship room. Pamper yourself and share in the delightful conversation and fellowship! There is a sign up sheet in the Farris foyer. Deadline for sign up is February 9.



January 19, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
February 5, 7:43 AM....Men's Breakfast
February 5, 11 AM-2 PM....Open House at Travis & Nicole Hutchinson's home, 2506 Roselawn, Lafayette
February 12, 9 AM....Women's Breakfast
February 12, 5-9 PM....Parents' Night Out hosted by college students to raise money for mission trip to Washington D.C. over Spring Break
February 25-26....Women's Spring Retreat! **Jackie Halstead**, of Lipscomb University, speaking; sign up in Farris foyer

Read:
Exodus 19-36; Luke 15:1-18:17

2011 Spiritual Adventures

Week 5: January 30-Feb. 5

Names of God

In the Old Testament (OT) a person's name was often an indication of a person's character or some peculiar quality. It often means that a person is this and not that, is here and not there. Because God is who He is, no one name can fully describe Him. In the OT we find a number of names and compound names for God which reveal some aspects of His character and dealings with mankind. The following is a brief review of selected names of God.

"In the beginning *God* created (Gen.1:1)..." the Hebrew word from which the word *God* was translated is **Elohim**. It is in the plural form, a name usually given in the Scriptures to mean the Trinity. It occurs 2,570 times in the Bible: KJV uses the term Lord; ASV uses Jehovah. The name *Elohim* contains the idea of creative and governing power, of omnipotence and sovereignty. *Elohim* who by His mighty power creates the vast universe: who says, and it is done... (Heb. 11:3).

When Abram was 99 years old, Jehovah appeared to him and said, I am *God Almighty* or *Almighty God* in Hebrew, **El-Shaddai** (Gen. 17:1,2) and changed Abram's name to Abraham. His name, *El-Shaddai*, implies one mighty to nourish, satisfy, supply, all-powerful, the mighty, the power to be able to do anything and everything at any time.

In the KJV the Hebrew word for **Jehovah** is translated LORD in capitals to distinguish it from another Hebrew word, *Adoni*, also translated Lord. *Jehovah* is the name of God most frequently employed in the OT, occurring 6,823 times. It appears first in Gen. 2:4, it appears as Jehovah-Elohim. *Jehovah* is the Being who is absolutely self-existent, the One who in Himself possesses essential life, permanent existence. As *Jehovah*, he expresses Himself in His essential moral and spiritual attributes and places man under moral obligations with a warning of punishment for disobedience (Ex. 20:3-7, Thou shalt not...).

Jehovah - Jireh is one of a number of names compounded with Jehovah. It occurs in Gen. 22:7-14 when Abraham was about to offer a burnt offering, his son Isaac. Isaac asked "Behold the fire and wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham's answer to the question was God will provide Himself a lamb. God provided a ram and it was offered in place of his son. Abraham called the name of that place *Jehovah-Jireh*; God provides or God will see to it. - Chuck and Betty Brown

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 463-7012 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653 Staff Ministers Gilbert Kerrigan 418-3652 Phil Travis 743-0954 Travis Hutchinson 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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Making Christ Known.



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