



Invisible People

There are plenty of invisible people in this world. Invisible people come in all shapes and sizes. Some are orphans. Others are widows. There are those that are poor and oppressed. Others are alien to the country they live in. I'm sure you can think of others who tend to be invisible to the majority of the world. And the truth is that, for the most part, they are not invisible by any fault of their own. They are usually invisible because others tend to look right over them, or worse yet, right through them. The world is full of invisible people.

God does neither. It is simply amazing, and humbling, to go through the scriptures and see how much God cares for the invisible people of the world. It is all through the Bible. One particular passage that has really convicted me over the years is Psalm 68:6. There the psalmist writes, "*God makes a home for the lonely.*" Lonely people tend to become invisible people.

God has always cared for the lonely. It was Adam's loneliness that led God to create Eve. He looked at Adam and said, "*It is not good for the man to be alone*" (Gen. 2:18). It has never been good to be alone. So God quickly moves to solve the loneliness problem. He creates a woman, Eve, to be his companion. Again, "*God makes a home for the lonely.*"

I believe that is a vision that God has for the church. He envisioned the church being a home for the lonely - a place where the invisible are seen. My prayer is that you never feel alone at Elmwood. My hope is that the invisible find in Elmwood a place where they can be seen—a place they can call home. I've mentioned this before, but it is always good to be reminded, one of the statements that can be found on our board in the foyer is, "*Where no one stands alone.*"

-Gilbert

An Imperishable Wreath

The 2010 World Cup has begun! Thirty-two teams from around the world play in 64 games totaling over 96 hours of the planet's favorite game (over 322 million people watched the last final game in 2006). The winning team will be crowned World Champion... at least for the next four years when the entire process begins again.

The team that wins and its players will be honored and celebrated by their home country; reviled and envied by the rest of the world. And, yet it will all be forgotten before long.

Does anyone really care who won the World Cup in 1950 or 1966? Perhaps those men who actually played that game, but beyond that, there are very few.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds his readers about the difference between the athlete's crown and the Christians crown. He writes, "*Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified*" (9:24-27).

While the athlete's crown will fade, we pursue a crown that will never fade, how much more should we work in order to attain that crown!!

-Phil

Let's Start Talking Team in Malaysia



Our **Let's Start Talking** mission team left the United States on Monday, June 14, for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They will work with the church there for 6 weeks sharing Jesus using English conversation. Please pray for:

- their safe travels
- the readers they will study with, that their hearts will be open to the story of Jesus
- their interaction and encouragement with the Malaysian church.

Josh, Gina, Kinley (who will have her own readers this year), Knox, and Josh's parents, Lanita and Steve Boyd will keep us updated on the events and progress of their readers. Pray for God's richest blessings as they take the good news of Jesus to Malaysia.

**Faith is...remembering I am
indispensable to God when I
feel I only clutter up the
landscape.**

-Pamela Reeve

Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming *Focus on the Family* programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at **2:00 PM Monday-Friday.**

- June 16-17* ***Being a Champion to Your Wife and Kids.*** Author Carey Casey encourages men to be great husbands and fathers through accountability and consistent, loving involvement in their family's lives. (Parts 1 & 2)
- June 18* ***Leaving a Legacy Through Letters.*** Greg Vaughn and Lyndy Edwards talk about the value of writing letters of blessing to family members as a precious keepsake.
- June 21* ***Expectations: Do They Satisfy?*** Speaker Judy Hampton illustrates how our expectations for our lives can differ from God's plans by describing how her life changed after she committed herself to Jesus Christ.
- June 22-23* ***Wedded Bliss: Fact or Fiction?*** Author Jerusha Clark encourages singles to challenge their unrealistic expectations about marriage so they can avoid disappointment and have a stronger relationship with their spouse when they get married. (Parts 1 & 2)



The **food pantry** is always in need of personal items: **shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and**

especially toilet paper. Your donations are so appreciated, as these things are not provided at the Food Bank. We rely on the generosity of our congregation to provide these items.

Senior Servant's Schedule

The **Senior Servants** meet for lunch (*bring your own*) at 11:30 every first and third Wednesday. They have a wonderful card ministry (*maybe you have received one*) that blesses all those who receive them. Their next meeting is **this Wednesday, June 16, at 11:30 AM.**



Thanks for coming out to support us this season! You make us try harder, play stronger, and have tons of FUN! You are encouraged to come and watch us on Saturdays.

—Elmwood Softball team

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Youth News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 6.26 Youth House "Extreme Makeover", 10a-3p
- Sunday 6.27 C.U.M.O. Meeting, 6p
- Tuesday 6.29 Twilight Night, 5:30p-2a [girls only!]
- 7.18 – 7.23 Camp C.U.M.O.
- 8.13-8.15 YOUTH IN ACTION Conference

THINGS PONDERED

Resting in God

Summer vacation has officially begun! Our youth are looking forward to sleeping in, going on trips, and having a break from homework. Schools realize the need for breaks (and not just for the students), so they build them in throughout the year. We also have national holidays for observance of special occasions and traditions. Even coffee breaks and recess are periods of rest from our work. It's good to take a break now and then—to relax from our work and to recharge for the next task. God Himself rested on the seventh day of creation, and for centuries He commanded His people to set aside one day a week for rest. We will somewhat carry on this observance with weekends, with Sundays. We use all these breaks to have fun, to spend time with family, to enjoy hobbies, to catch up on things we'd been putting off....But how much do we use our breaks to really rest? Most of our days off are characterized by as much busyness as our work days! And how much do we use our breaks to rest in God? To grow in God? If you're like me, not often. Or at least, not often enough. Psalms 62:5 says, "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him." As we all enjoy summertime or any break that comes our way, may we devote some of it to actual rest, and to rest in God. And even as we work, let us remember that our rest is found in God alone. "Therefore, since the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it...There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God, for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His" (Hebrews 4:1, 9-10).
 —Danae

Memorial Service for Sara Postlethwait

On June 27, at 1:00, we will fondly remember the life of Sara Postlethwait. After being led in a few songs by Farrell Simmerman, Gayle Crowe and a few other participants will share remembrances of Sara. All are welcome to attend this tribute which should only last about an hour.



All prayers for these individuals suffering chronic health problems or recuperating from surgery are much appreciated....Barney Smith will have "clean up" work done on both knees on June 28....David Henke's great nephew in California (grandson of Sara & Harry Hodges) is recuperating

after being hit by a pick-up truck Monday evening. He has a broken pelvis, bruised lungs, and road rash....Continue praying for Kay Tavana (sinus surgery), Lorraine Weckerly (heart related tests), Joe Seele, Jan Lucas (tests on her heart), Mike Hart (Mindy's father), Tom Maxson, Sandy Towle, Robert Jewell, Dorothy Walters (Westminster for rehab), Carolyn Rigdon (Creasy Springs rehab), Pete Swank, Mike Shirley, Diann Doty, James Thomas, Cecil Koons, Wanita White, Joe Erwin (lung cancer), Ernie Kirk (cancer), Steve Cable, Valley Stockton, Delores Hill, Willie & Calvin Batts, Connie & Ken Nicholson, Niel Postlethwait (cancer), Kaden Koebecke, Annie & Elaine Crowder, Hattie Coffel, Eugene Zinn, Henrietta Frampton, Irene Sims, Marie DeWoody, and Paul & Argie Verett.

In the military: Tim Beghtol is in Afghanistan....Matthew Kauffman & Michael Flynn are serving in Iraq. Joe Newman is in Chicago.



- June 16, 7 PM...Bible classes for all
- June 20, 6:00 PM...Worship at Elmwood—we'll break up into the focus groups after some singing and sharing communion
- June 27, 1:00 PM...Memorial service for Sara Postlethwait at Elmwood
- July 11, 2-4 PM...Wedding shower for Erin Simmerman & John Fyffe at Carol & Bill Bell's home, 216 Jennings St., WL

Read:
 Philippians 1-2; Leviticus 7-9;
 I Kings 19-22; Ps. 75-77; Prov.
 7; Ezekiel 13-18; Luke 15-16

2010 Spiritual Adventures

Week 25: June 27-July 3

As I read Philippians chapter 1 I became fascinated with verse 6, "...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Within Christianity, we are all pretty comfortable with the idea that we are all "works in progress." In fact, you can buy t-shirts stating, "Please be patient, God isn't finished with me yet," from toddler sizes up through adult sizes expressing this very thought. But what about this idea that we can have confidence that God will indeed finish the project—carry it on to completion? The implications of this idea have been pretty controversial within Christianity. In fact, it is hard to read any commentary about this scripture without being drawn into the debate about the doctrine of "eternal salvation" or the "perseverance of the saints." Many bright people have differing opinions about what the "good work" is, when it begins, who's entitled to this same confidence and is this a guarantee. Could this mean "once saved, always saved?"

As I stepped back from the debate though, I reread verses 9-11: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in the knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless unto the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God." Paul's confidence that the good work would be completed in the end did not stop him from praying for spiritual growth now. It is all going to work out in the end, great! This should bring us joy! But God desires to help us abound in love (here and now!), so that we can discern what is best (here and now!) and be filled with his fruit (here and now!)—to His glory and praise (here and now!).

-Yssa DeWoody

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 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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