



## Youth and Family Minister Search Update

We want to use this space this week to update everyone on the search for a Youth and Family Minister. First, I want to offer an abbreviated re-cap of the team's activities. After updating the congregational prospectus and refining the job description, we tried to generate a list of candidates by networking. This yielded only three or four candidates. Last month we agreed to post our position opening at the Christian colleges. Since then we have received resumes from a dozen or so candidates. We found from among all these candidates six in whom we were interested. This list was reduced to four as a result of inquiries we made of the candidates' references and former colleagues. These are the four resumes we placed in the elders' conference room for your review. One of those candidates recently withdrew himself from consideration.

Two weeks ago we conducted phone interviews with the three remaining candidates, one of which has since withdrawn his candidacy. It was unanimous among the search committee that one of the candidates was extremely impressive. Their resumes remain in the elders' conference room. We are currently making plans to invite one of the candidates for a site visit. We are preparing a site visit itinerary, which we will share with you.

Additionally, we have received four new resumes in the last two weeks which we have reviewed. We plan to pursue three of those candidates once VBS has been completed.

In addition to our continuing efforts to hire a full time Youth and Family Life Minister, the elders have agreed to employ Danae Casteel as a part-time, temporary youth ministry coordinator. It is expected that this will be a 20-30 hour a week position. Danae and her husband, Shaun, have been working on a volunteer basis with our youth since December and are familiar with the programs and needs of our youth ministry.

The elders felt the need to have an individual that can provide administrative support and coordinate the ongoing youth activities in a more formal capacity. We also felt the need to provide our young people with a more stable environment during this transition period. There will also be a need to have an individual to help provide support to assure a smooth transition when a new minister is hired. If you have any questions or comments about the youth ministry activities during this period feel free to contact Danae.

*—The Shepherds*

## Adventures in Missing the Point

It's a thing we do. We look for the ways in which we can apply scripture to our everyday lives. Sometimes, in our effort to apply the story, we completely miss the point of what the author of the text wants us to know in the first place.

Take, for instance, the story of Jesus calming the storm. In order to turn this story into a "good class" or "good sermon" we may think about the "storms" in our own lives which Jesus can calm. Or perhaps we look at the story of David and Goliath, and think about how we can face the "giants" in our own lives (there was even a movie about that one!). But the reality is that the purpose of those texts is not to give us comfort when we are facing a giant or a storm (or a giant storm for that matter). When we focus on those "life application" meanings, we miss out on the far more important and relevant meaning.

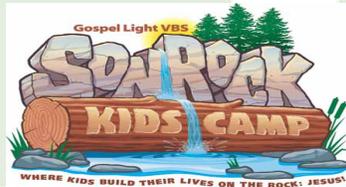
The story of Jesus calming the storm in the book of Matthew ends like this: "The men were amazed and asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'" (8:27). The point of the story is not that God will help us in the midst of a storm, but that He is supremely powerful! Let us not forget how powerful our God is!

**-Phil**



**Joe Seele** had a CT scan of his lungs for ongoing problems with shortness of breath....**Kay Tavana** is having sinus surgery on Thursday, June 10, at Unity Surgery Center....**Mike Hart**, Mindy's father, has been and will further undergo testing for lesions on his liver....**Tom Maxson**, father of Callie Maxson and former co-worker of John Marks, has been diagnosed with stage IV liver and bone cancer....**Sandy Towle**, friend of Katy Travis and young mother of 2 children, has been receiving chemo treatment at MD Anderson in Texas. Her cancer is stage IV melanoma....**Robert Jewell**, Raymond's uncle, is recovering from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident....Continue praying for **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**, **Elaine Crowder**, **Steve Cable**, **Valley Stockton**, **Delores Hill**, **Willie & Calvin Batts**, **Connie & Ken Nicholson**, **Niel Postlethwait**, **Kaden Koebecke**, **Annie Crowder**, **Jan Lucas**, **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.



### Vacation Bible School, June 7-11

Though the numbers were a bit smaller than we hoped for, the first night of VBS was a fun-filled time with enthusiastic children (and leaders)! There will be NO regular Bible classes on Wednesday, but you are welcome to come and witness the children learning about Jesus at **SON ROCK CAMP!** On Friday there will be a dinner served (at 5:30) to the parents and children to wind up the week of activities. Be praying for God to be glorified throughout the week as we teach Jesus to some who may have never heard about Him before. Thank you to all who have worked so hard at the workdays leading up to the week, and to those who have loaned/donated items to make our building truly look like a camp site.

### Let's Start Talking Team Leaves June 14



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

- our safe journey
- the readers we will study with, that their hearts will be open to the story of Jesus
- our 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. We pray for God's richest blessings as they take the good news of Jesus and glorify God in another culture.*

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### Kidney Walk-A-Thon



This Saturday, **June 12**, **Jack & Sue McCoy**, **the Gambles**, **the Powlens (Jenna)**, and **the Koebckes (Cami)** will be walking in the American Kidney Foundation Walkathon in Indianapolis along with **Kaden**, who continues to be on kidney dialysis as he waits to become eligible for a transplant. Anyone wishing to join them or contribute to the American Kidney Foundation should contact Jack or Sue or Cara Gamble.



### A Note of Thanks

*Thank you for your prayers, your cards, and the lovely planter sent in memory of my father. It is encouraging to know that we have such a circle of comfort surrounding us.*

—Rob & Pauletta Smith

### Softball



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.

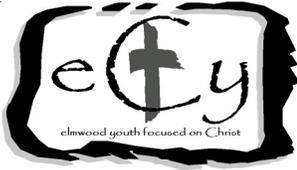
—Elmwood Softball team

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Olivia Branstetter** who received the "Building Others Up" award for her 2nd grade class at Lafayette Christian School. Good job!

**June 6, 2010**

*Class: 174 Worship: 277  
Contribution: \$9,565.45*



## Youth Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 6.12	Common Ground Coffeehouse, 7-10p
Saturday 6.26	Youth House "Extreme Makeover", 10a-3p
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

### NEED TO KNOW

**re: Youth House "Extreme Makeover"** – We're going to gather for an intensive but FUN day of cleaning & painting the youth house!!! We're going to vote before the 26<sup>th</sup> on the colors. We'll work for a couple hours cleaning, eat lunch, & then paint for a couple of hours! Stay tuned for what you can bring to help...

**re: Twilight Night** – We're going to gather at the Casteel Casa for dinner & movie-viewing pleasure. This will include discussion about how the Twilight series affects and/or applies to us as Christians. We'll watch the first two Twilight movies, then we'll head to the movie theater to watch the latest chapter of the saga, "Eclipse"! *\*\*Instead of limiting this by age, we're leaving it to the discretion of the parents. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Danae.\*\**

**re: Camp C.U.M.O.** – This is an awesome mission trip experience working with inner-city children. The opportunity is for all rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. See Phyllis Simmerman if you're interested or have questions and come to the information and support meeting on June 27, even if you're not planning on attending this year!

**re: YOUTH IN ACTION** - The theme this year is "**Consumed**," about how easy it is to be consumed by things of the world, but how we should only be consumed by Christ! Not only are we talking about an awesome van ride but David Bowden is going to be there!!! (If you haven't heard his poetry, you're missing out!) Mark your calendars-more info coming soon!

### SHOUT OUT

To our own Bianca "Bee" Allen who qualified for STATE in the shot put event of track and field. She was the only track athlete from McCutcheon who made it to state, and she traveled to Bloomington last Friday to compete, along with an entourage of youth group fans! She did such a great job, and we are so proud of her!!



Our beloved **Sara Postlethwait, 90**, died Wednesday afternoon, June 2 after a number of months struggling with different health problems. A private, family-only, funeral was Saturday. A memorial service is planned for **Sunday, June 27, 1:00-3:00 PM**, at the church building. All are invited to share this time of special "**Sara**" memories. Sam shares the following thoughts: *"Again, thanks to all you good people of my church family. Your love is overwhelming. Your support through this very difficult time has been such a wonderful blessing for both me and Sara. She had a very bad month and her sickness seemed to increase progressively until her death on Wednesday. She loved all of you very much. Words cannot express how grateful I am to God and to you for helping me live through these hardest days of my life. I love you dearly."* -Sam



Congratulations to the Weckerlys and Browns on the baptism of their grandson, **Luke Brown**, and also to Dave and Lorraine on the baptism of their granddaughter, **Bailey Van Matre**. Luke is the son of Mark and Lisa, and Bailey is the daughter of Graeme and Lara. Mark Brown baptized both of them on Luke's 12th birthday recently.



**June 9, 7 PM**....NO Bible classes; VBS at the building

**June 13, 6:00 PM**....Worship at Elmwood—we'll break up into the focus groups after some singing & sharing communion

**June 27, 1:00-3:00 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

All of our students are very talented and involved in a multitude of activities, ranging from drama to music to sports and beyond. We are blessed by attending their events and enjoying their gifts. Please keep us in the loop if you have performances coming up—we'd love to come and cheer you on!

-Danae Casteel

Read:  
 Ephesians 4-6; Lev. 4-6;  
 I Kings 14-18; Ps. 72-74; Prov.  
 5-6; Ezekiel 7-12; Luke 13-14

# 2010 Spiritual Adventures

## Week 25: June 20-26

### “ONE”

Have you ever thought or stated that life seemed a lot easier when there was *one* size Coca-Cola, *one* size catsup, *one* day (Sunday) of the week to rest while most businesses were closed and churches were open, ... (you may add your take on this matter). In the suggested readings this week, the apostle Paul reminds the Ephesians (4:4-6) of a number of things of which there is **ONE** and only **ONE**. All of these **ONEs** are essential for Christians but for the purposes of this article, I wanted to focus on “**ONE GOD.**” Why was it necessary for the Ephesians to be reminded of all of these “**ONEs**”, especially **ONE GOD**? Remembering there was one God was a problem for the Ephesians and it has been a problem for mankind since creation, and it still is. God continually reminds his people today who He *is* and that He is a loving God. A few examples to illustrate this point include:

- I am the Lord your God...
- You shall have no other gods... -Exodus 20:1-2
- I AM WHO I AM. -Exodus 3:14
- Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one... -Deuteronomy 6:4
- The Mighty One, God, the Lord! -Joshua 22:22
- I am the first and the last, And there is no God besides Me. -Isaiah 44:6bc
- For I am God, and there is no other: I am God, and there is no one like Me. -Isaiah 46:9bc
- One God one mediator... - I Timothy 2:5

Without reminders along the way, we may get distracted and substitute other “gods” for the **ONE GOD**. As you read through these scriptures, try to focus on the **ONE GOD** who sent his son that whoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

**-Chuck 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  <div style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">  Staff           </div> 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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