

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



March 2006



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. & Mrs. Bence C. Miller



Superintendent's Schedule

March

2		DS/GS meeting at Headquarters
5	A.M.	Sylvania
6-7		Ministerial Convention-Bloomington
12	A.M.	Spencer
	P.M.	French Lick
16		Day of Dialogue with GS
19	A.M.	Walker Chapel
	P.M.	Scottsburg
26	A.M.	Scott City
	P.M.	Wheatland

April

2	AM	Westport
	PM	Columbus Ohio St. / LCC
6-7		IWU Trustees Meeting
8		Super Saturday Orleans Family Life Center
9	AM	Lewis Creek
	PM	Franklin LCC
16		Easter Sunday
23	AM	Rushville
	PM	Milan LCC
24-28		Work Week at Orleans Camp
26-28		Coach Training at Headquarters
30	AM	Church Visit
	PM	Paoli / LCC

I vividly remember sitting in the president's office at God's Bible School & College in 1980 looking across the desk at President Bence Miller. There had been a mixup on my application, and the person told me that I could not stay for college because there was no work position for me. I was starting to pack my bags to go back home, and someone suggested I should make an appointment to see the president. I did, and after I presented the situation to Bro. Miller, he turned around in his big chair and called someone on the intercom system and said, "We have one more guy here; let's make room for him on the work program." Because of President Miller's generosity, I was able to attend college by working my way through school.

By the providence of God, I ended up spending the next 15 years of Bro. Miller's administration at G.B.S. by finishing my college degree and then working there for several years. He was not only the president but also became an intricate part of the development of my family. He married Deb and me in 1984, and also dedicated our son Joshua to the Lord after he was born.

President and Mrs. Miller pastored several years here in this district before assuming the presidency of God's Bible School in 1975. They served there for twenty years in that capacity. In 1995 they moved back to the great state of Indiana. For the last few years they have been pastoring once again the Columbus Central Church here in Indiana South.

One of the gifts that Bro. Miller has is fixing up and restoring buildings. Once again the Lord has used him in doing repairs at the Central Church. Since he has pastored there they have water proofed the basement of the church, put new plumbing in the parsonage, and put new siding on the church. They have spent \$13,000.00, and it is all paid for!

Dr. & Mrs. Miller are older now, but they keep working for the Lord. Bro. Miller was raised a catholic but got saved when he was a teenager. All throughout their ministry they have promoted fasting and seeking the Lord, missions, and trying to help others in need. May God continue to bless the Millers as they serve God and others. We appreciate you both! – Dr. Mark

Best Year's Fellowship Banquet

I need the help of all pastors and BYF Directors to promote our annual spring banquet at the Orleans Camp Ground. This year it is Saturday May 6 at 12:00 noon. Please help by announcing from the pulpit and in your church bulletin. Dr. Jerry Pence, our newest General Superintendent, will be our speaker. There will be good music, special singing and a great meal. Let's get together for a wonderful time of fellowship.

Please complete and mail the below reservation form if you plan to attend.

Best Year's Fellowship Banquet

Saturday, May 6, 2006 • 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Orleans Campground, Orleans, IN • Cost \$10 per person
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jerry Pence
Special Music

I plan to attend: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Church _____

Number Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Will Pay at banquet _____

Mail to:

Please return this form as soon as possible, so we will know how many plan to attend.

Rev. Philo Jones
6739 E. Speed Rd.
Milltown, IN 47145

Missionaries

Our vision is to disciple and train believers in the Wesleyan Bible Institute by giving them instruction in English and Child Evangelism. We also desire to help strengthen the growing church in Cambodia by encouraging and discipling the believers and new Christians as we visit them around the country.

Goals:

1. To see pastors and teachers leaving the Bible School equipped with sound Biblical teaching and instruction in English and Child Evangelism, ready to reach the lost for Christ.

2. To see the fruit of a strong national church that not only provides for itself, but has a heart to reach out to the lost around them.

3. To be used by God to the fullest measure (in unlimited and unknown ways) to further the ministry in Cambodia; enabling the Cambodians to take ownership of the ministry.

Missions are important. Would you consider calling the Gallants for a service?

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Easter Offering 2006

Easter will be here before we know it, and that is the day we are to use our offering to support the Wesleyan Evangelism and Church Growth. This year the theme is "Love is Always Worth the Risk." This special offering will help provide evangelism aids, support and encouragement for church planters, compassion centers, church health and strengthening existing churches, and leadership training. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Indiana South District Ministerial Seminar

May 1-5, 2006

Orleans, Indiana Wesleyan Campgrounds

Monday – Wednesday Noon

Old Testament Introduction/
C03, Dr. Wayne Caldwell

Doctrine of Holiness/
C42, Dr. Mark Eckart

Spiritual Formation/
C26, Rev. Chet Todd

Wednesday Noon – Friday

Wesleyan History & Discipline/
C35, Dr. Wayne Caldwell

Church Leadership/Management/
C38, Dr. Mark Eckart

Advanced Theology/
C32, Rev. Chet Todd

For more information, contact:

Rev. Bob L. England,
Seminar Coordinator
812-825-5917 or

E-mail: bob_e_sr_47424@yahoo.com

I found this Seminar to be an excellent way to complete ordination requirements. The instruction was timely. The beautiful Orleans campground is a great place for good fellowship and wonderful food.

Rev. Charles Stroud
Lewisville Wesleyan Church
Lewisville, IN

Prayer Request

Please remember **Mrs. Carolyn Manship**, our district office secretary, in your prayers. She recently had surgery. Please pray for her healing and recovery.

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Pictured above are Professor Dr. Mark and the students that recently took the Bible Study Methods Class at the Paoli Wesleyan Church. We had a great time learning better how to "rightly divide the word of truth."



Pastor Roy Hendershot (the District World Mission Director), Pastor Kevin Kearby (the Panama Inspire Director) and several other people headed to Panama to help build a church. We are thankful for the sacrifice, work, and dedication of these Christians to help others in their need.

Women's Conference:

*"Spring Clean Up"
for the Heart and Soul*

Speaker: Jo Ann Lyon,

Director of World Hope
International

April 7 & 8, 2006

Forest Hills Wesleyan Church
2800 Claremont Avenue
Evansville, IN

Contact:

Marlys Stoelting: 812-962-2655 or
Rosemary Schmitz: 812-962-2652
for more information.

New Additions

We would like to congratulate Pastor Chris and Pam Bennett on the birth of their son - **Caleb Michael Terrance Bennett.**

Good News Note

We have received a generous donation of \$2,400 in support of our G.L.A.D. Program. Now we only need 73 more G.L.A.D. members to finish the program. Will you join the program to help us?

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday May 4, 2006. Focus on the Family has some outstanding resources to encourage your congregation in the area of prayer. These are available by calling 800-444-8828 or online at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

Upcoming Dates for Indiana South District

- 3/6 - 3/7 Ministerial Convention
- 4/8 Super Saturday
- 4/24 - 4/28 Camp Work Week
- 5/1 - 5/5 Ministerial Seminar
- 5/6 Best Years Fellowship Banquet
- 6/10 WW Convention
- 6/13 District Conference
- 6/19 - 6/23 Kids Camp
- 7/10 - 7/14 Teen Camp
- 7/28 - 8/6 Family Camp
- 9/6 - 9/9 Best Years Fellowship Retreat
- 10/1 - 10/7 Heaven Week

Super Saturday

April 8, 2006

Orleans Wesleyan Family Life Center

Located one mile South of Orleans, IN, on Hwy. 37

Session One: 10:00 A.M.

Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey Mansell

Topic: Church Growth and Health

This is a presentation you will not want to miss! Pastor Jeff teaches this seminar to help us understand how churches properly function in the 21st century. The focus will be on relationships and how they relate to effective pastoral ministry. Jeff was an effective pastor and for the last several years has served as the District Superintendent for The Wesleyan Church in Ohio.

Note:

1. Lunch will be on your own from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. There are several restaurants within 6 miles of the Family Life Center.
2. A **free will offering** will be taken at both sessions to help cover the cost of the seminar.
3. ALL ministers from Indiana South are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions.

Lay persons are invited to attend, also.

Session Two: 1:30 P.M.

Speaker: Rev. Keith Studebaker

Topic: The Development & Delivery of Sermons

Keith is a gifted communicator of the Word. He pastored several years in three different states and is currently serving as a teacher at Indiana Wesleyan University. He teaches Bible, philosophy, and communication courses. He has a Masters of Divinity degree in Biblical studies. You will enjoy his fresh and insightful approach to dynamic preaching.



Rev. Jeffrey Mansell

Door Prize:

There will be a drawing for a \$75.00 door prize package for those who attend both sessions.



Rev. Keith Studebaker

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Jan. '06	Jan. '05	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K. Wingham	17	11	6	55%	17	13	11
Bedford	G. Tilley	24	21	3	14%	37	20	13
Bicknell First	M. Reed	36	44	8	0%	46	25	78
Birdseye	D. Murphy	16	14	2	14%	20	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	No Report						
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	M. Moore	24	12	12	100%	24	19	18
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas (s)	14	12	2	17%	11	18	0
Bloomington Central	E. Hayes	59	47	12	26%	63	24	20
Bloomington Shepherd	A. Hendershot	11	nr	0	0%	16	13	10
Blue River	A. Marshall	21	18	3	17%	38	17	0
Boonville	E. Ames	23	26	3	0%	52	27	29
Brazil Jackson Street	E. Stewart	25	27	2	0%	30	17	12
Carthage New Life	H. Weaver(s)	No Report						
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	13	12	1	8%	20	10	9
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	No Report						
Columbus Central	B. Miller	15	18	3	0%	15	10	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	49	49	0	0%	77	43	71
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	34	36	2	0%	52	36	14
Concord	T. Whitham	26	23	3	13%	27	18	15
Connersville Grandview	R. Wallace	9	5	4	80%	10	7	5
Corydon New Hope	T. Bye	15	25	10	0%	48	23	21
E. Enterprise	R. Albring	No Report						
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	33	32	1	3%	33	22	23
English	P. Jones	55	59	4	0%	64	42	54
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	125	137	12	0%	233	86	150
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	50	44	6	14%	81	15	44
Evansville Trinity	M. Belt	50	38	12	32%	92	28	37
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	24	21	3	14%	26	13	24
Franklin	D. Neal	35	29	6	21%	54	28	23
French Lick Sps Valley	J. Moffatt	54	52	2	4%	110	57	38
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	27	17	10	59%	30	15	9
Greenfield	J. Anderson	22	24	2	0%	26	22	13
Greensburg	W. Thompson III	No Report						
Greenwood	J. Hughes	No Report						
Helmsburg	DBA	No Report						
Holton	W. Vandervort	18	18	0	0%	21	9	6
Hope First	E. Boston	26	33	7	0%	27	13	44
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	No Report						
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	No Report						
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	12	12	0	0%	15	0	12
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	No Report						
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	39	29	10	34%	63	37	35
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	58	60	2	0%	100	57	59
Martinsville	K. Kearby	No Report						
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	8	8	0	0%	9	11	8
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	35	48	13	0%	67	37	0
Medora	C. Morgan	38	34	4	12%	38	23	11
Milan	L. Brown	27	22	5	23%	34	17	0

Church	Pastor	Jan. '06	Jan. '05	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Mitchell	S. Jones	95	105	10	0%	202	108	182
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	19	20	1	0%	41	26	26
Morgantown	J. Irvin(S)	No Report						
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	11	nr	0	0%	19	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	53	48	5	10%	75	32	0
Orleans	H. Carr	43	38	5	13%	49	38	19
Otwell	R. Stilwell	34	23	11	48%	34	18	0
Paoli	L. Manship	No Report						
Petersburg	L. Lamar	10	11	1	0%	10	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	13	8	5	63%	22	14	11
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	No Report						
Princeton	D. Reed	30	nr	0	0%	48	28	47
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	No Report						
Rodney	M. Miller	No Report						
Rushville	H. Baker	No Report						
Salem	S. Caniff	11	11	0	0%	15	11	9
Sandford	C. Hedden	10	17	7	0%	9	8	5
Scott City	D. Ault	No Report						
Scottsburg	P. Mills	9	9	0	0%	11	7	8
Seelyville	"F. Burk, Jr."	No Report						
Seymour	I. Holt	28	25	3	12%	34	26	25
Shelburn	B. Noel	11	nr	0	0%	11	0	0
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	52	52	0	0%	68	37	12
Shelbyville Westside	W. Seymour	25	22	3	14%	26	18	10
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	7	8	1	0%	7	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	No Report						
Spearsville	B. Bray	25	26	1	0%	20	14	0
Spencer	J. Knight	8	nr	0	0%	8	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	41	31	10	32%	44	36	41
Sylvania	B. England	65	65	0	0%	104	62	41
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	150	163	13	0%	236	117	134
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	69	65	4	6%	105	52	51
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	7	nr	0	0%	11	9	8
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	4	4	0	0%	4	3	5
Valeene	D. Manship	19	22	3	0%	68	31	52
Versailles	D. Jewell	28	28	0	0%	33	14	13
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	20	16	4	25%	48	0	10
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	35	38	3	0%	62	40	15
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	32	22	10	45%	34	36	25
Wesley Chapel	W. Wickard	35	32	3	9%	43	34	26
Westport	E. Wakefield	65	70	5	0%	71	49	20
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	27	27	0	0%	28	11	15
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	69	61	8	13%	73	58	41
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	10	15	5	0%	11	15	12
Whitehall	D. Campbell	18	21	3	0%	19	14	11
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	20	20	0	0%	23	25	14
TOTALS		2375	2240	135	6%	3452	1863	1804

*NR-No Report

Top Ten Churches for Numerical Gain for Dec. 2005

Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	(Rev. Matthew Moore)	12	Madison Calvary	(Rev. Monty Mahoney)	10
Evansville Trinity	(Rev. Mike Belt)	12	Sullivan	(Rev. Gary Larimer)	10
Bloomington Central	(Rev. Ed Hayes)	12	Wash. Vincennes Ave.	(Rev. Jewell Gilley)	10
Otwell	(Rev. Roy Stilwell)	11	W Terre Haute 8th	(Rev. Paul Shelton)	8
Gnaw Bone	(Rev. Guy Armstrong)	10	Austin	(Rev. Keith Wingham)	6

Top Ten Percentage Gain for Dec. 2005

Church	Pastor	Percentage Gain
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	(Rev. Matthew Moore)	100%
Connersville Grandview	(Rev. Ron Wallace)	80%
Poplar Grove	(Rev. Jim Downs)	63%
Gnaw Bone	(Rev. Guy Armstrong)	59%
Austin	(Rev. Keith Wingham)	55%
Otwell	(Rev. Roy Stilwell)	48%
Wash. Vincennes Ave.	(Rev. Jewell Gilley)	45%
Madison Calvary	(Rev. Monty Mahoney)	34%
Evansville Trinity	(Rev. Mike Belt)	32%
Sullivan	(Rev. Gary Larimer)	32%