

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



January 2007

55th Annual Ministerial Convention of the Indiana South District of The Wesleyan Church March 5 & 6, 2007

Mayfields Meeting Room

2100 Liberty Drive • Bloomington, Indiana 47403 • 812-323-1625

Monday, March 5 – Mayfields Meeting Room

Afternoon Session I

11:00 - 1:15 Registration
1:30 - 2:30 Concert of Prayer & Worship

Afternoon Session II

2:45 Welcome – Dr. Mark Eckart
Congregational Singing – Don Gessner
Special Music – Don & Shirl Gessner
Speaker – To be announced

Evening Session III

7:00 Congregational Singing – Don Gessner
Special Music – Don & Shirl Gessner
Speaker – Dr. H. B. London

Tuesday, March 6 – Mayfields Meeting Room

Morning Session I

9:00 - 10:00 Congregational Singing – Don Gessner
Special Music – Don & Shirl Gessner
Speaker – Dr. Mark Eckart

9:00 - 10:00 Women's Meeting
Speaker – To be announced

10:15 - 10:30 Break

Morning Session II

10:30 - 12:00 Congregational Singing – Don Gessner
Special Music – Don & Shirl Gessner
Speaker – Dr. H. B. London

12:00 - 6:00 Lunch & Free Time

Evening Session III

6:00 Banquet – Mayfields Meeting Room
Special Music – Don & Shirl Gessner
Speaker – Dr. H. B. London

All sessions will be held at The Mayfields Meeting Room at 2100 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403.



Dr. H. B. London
Guest Speaker



Don & Shirl Gessner
Convention Musicians



Dr. Mark Eckart
District Superintendent

Sanctity of Human Life Observance

Mark S. F. Eckart

While reading the Bible through this year, I was noticing the several places in Scripture that talk specifically about life in the womb and God giving life at birth. As you know, abortion is a terrible societal sin that is practiced in America each day.

Here is a recent report from the National Right to Life: "On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court handed down the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision, legalizing abortion for any reason. Now, after thirty-four years under *Roe*, more than 48 million innocent unborn babies have been aborted. There are 3,500 abortions every single day in the United States. That is 146 per hour or one about every 25 seconds. For every 1,000 live births, there are 306 abortions. And...there are more than 140,000 second and third trimester abortions done in our country each year. We will not cease working on their behalf until their lives are, once again, valued by our laws and our society."

I would encourage all of our churches to pray, asking God's forgiveness for this sin in America, especially on the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 21, 2007.

Find below an acronym I arranged from Scripture dealing with this topic:

Redeemer who formed you from the womb
– Isaiah 44:24

Iformed you in the womb...I ordained you a prophet to the nations
– Jeremiah 1:5

God was conceived by the Holy Spirit
– Matthew 1:18

Hands that shed innocent blood – God hates
– Proverbs 6:16 & 17

The Lord has called me from the womb; From the womb of my mother
He has made mention of My name – Isaiah 49:1

Thus says the Lord who made you and formed you from the womb...
– Isaiah 44:2

Ouse of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have
been upheld by Me from birth, Who have been carried from the
womb... – Isaiah 46:3

Leaped in the womb for joy – John the Baptist
– Luke 1:41 & 44

Iam fearfully and wonderfully made
– Psalm 139:14

Formed me from the womb to be His servant
– Isaiah 49:5

Even when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts
of the earth my frame was not hidden from you
– Psalm 139:15

Thank You from the Eckarts & Englands

Dr. & Mrs. Eckart along with Rev. & Mrs. England would like to thank each of you for the lovely Christmas cards and the gifts that you have shared with us this Christmas Season. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

January Schedule

- 2-4 The Gathering/Florida
5-7 DS Institute/Florida
14 A.M. Medora
P.M. Mitchell
21 A.M. Wesley Chapel
P.M. Marengo
28 A.M. Washington Main Street
P.M. Bicknell

February Schedule

- 3 Saturday Class at Paoli
4 A.M. Birdseye
P.M. Church Visit
11 A.M. Shelburn
P.M. Sullivan
16 Lock-In/ Louisville, KY
18 A.M. Boonville
P.M. Somerville
24 Saturday Class at Paoli
25 A.M. Martinsville
P.M. Church Visit

Ministerial Class 2007

Expository Preaching
Professor – Dr. Mark Eckart
February 3rd & 24th, 2007
Paoli Wesleyan Church

Super Saturday

“Refocusing the Church”

With **Rev. Richard Meeks**

Saturday, April 28, 2007

At Orleans Wesleyan Fellowship Center

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DID YOU KNOW?

Marengo Wesleyan Church performed their annual Christmas play again this year. Their total attendance for their two-night performance was **522**. They also served **196** meals from their "Soup Kitchen" ministry on Saturday. Keep up the good work! May God continue to bless **Pastor Steve Lock** and his congregation!

Mecca New Life had their **ROCK (Redeeming Our Community's Kids)** Christmas give away. God was faithful and they were able to supply Christmas gifts for **85** families. The total number of kids provided for was **225**. They also opened their clothes closet and food pantry for those in need and were able to pray individually with each of the parents. Most of the people do not attend church anywhere and many have expressed interest in coming. Praise the Lord for what He is doing through the congregation at Mecca New Life and **Pastor Chet Todd**.



Third Annual District Ministerial Christmas Banquet

December 1st was truly the beginning of the Christmas season as the ministers with their spouses and children gathered in their festive attire to eat, sing, pray, laugh and even shed a tear together. As we walked thru the door, our spirits were lifted. The lovely room, the beautiful Christmas music being sung by **Jonathan White**, the good smells coming from the kitchen and our fellow friends in ministry greeting us, gave us a sense of *Peace on Earth Good Will to Men*.

Throughout the evening names were drawn for door prizes. The men received books and the ladies received beautiful poinsettias being used as centerpieces. Retired ministers were given fruit baskets in appreciation for their years of faithful service. Then the beautiful Christmas story, *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... ending with, And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them (Luke 2:1-20)*.

Thank you *Dr. Eckart and family*, Thank You *Jonathan White and family*, and most of all *Thank You Jesus*. O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

—By Mrs. Hettie Tilley

Church	Monthly Budget	Month	Budget Assessed	Budget Paid	Percentage	
Austin	104%	363.98	7	2,547.86	2,643.34	100%
Bedford	34%	580.83	7	4,065.81	1,400.00	34%
Bicknell	0%	252.31	7	1,766.17		0%
Birdseye	86%	55.48	7	388.36	333.85	86%
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	171%	145.70	7	1,019.90	1,748.46	100%
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	100%	377.58	7	2,643.06	2,643.06	100%
Bloomfield Southside	0%	114.18	7	799.26		0%
Bloomington Central	171%	568.25	7	3,977.75	6,819.04	100%
Bloomington Shepherd	184%	77.63	7	543.41	1,000.00	100%
Blue River	99%	460.31	7	3,222.17	3,189.97	99%
Boonville	26%	339.85	7	2,378.95	615.80	26%
Brazil	19%	191.71	7	1,341.97	260.00	19%
Carthage	0%	130.73	7	915.11		0%
Clarksburg	0%	0.00	7	0.00		0%
Clear Fork	119%	214.90	7	1,504.30	1,790.00	100%
Columbus Bethel	100%	204.91	7	1,434.37	1,434.37	100%
Columbus Central	103%	224.23	7	1,569.61	1,615.38	100%
Columbus Flintwood	105%	776.79	7	5,437.53	5,708.58	100%
Columbus Ohio St.	105%	531.43	7	3,720.01	3,920.00	100%
Concord	91%	232.30	7	1,626.10	1,487.60	91%
Connersville	107%	60.77	7	425.39	453.23	100%
Corydon	100%	455.27	7	3,186.89	3,186.89	100%
East Enterprise	0%	313.94	7	2,197.58		0%
Edinburgh	0%	206.03	7	1,442.21		0%
English	97%	707.96	7	4,955.72	4,831.04	97%
Evansville Forest Hills	99%	2,578.65	7	18,050.55	17,830.00	99%
Evansville North Park	100%	953.74	7	6,676.18	6,676.18	100%
Evansville Trinity	106%	1,046.98	7	7,328.86	7,750.00	100%
Fort Branch	100%	305.88	7	2,141.16	2,141.16	100%
Franklin	73%	404.63	7	2,832.41	2,080.00	73%
French Lick	100%	709.90	7	4,969.30	4,969.30	100%
Gnaw Bone	106%	255.89	7	1,791.23	1,900.00	100%
Greenfield	32%	441.17	7	3,088.19	1,000.00	32%
Greensburg	71%	571.21	7	3,998.47	2,856.05	71%
Greenwood	30%	1,034.28	7	7,239.96	2,160.00	30%
Holton	129%	259.39	7	1,815.73	2,334.51	100%
Hope	101%	264.94	7	1,854.58	1,864.58	100%
Lawrenceburg	53%	417.65	7	2,923.55	1,540.00	53%
Lewis Creek	97%	287.34	7	2,011.38	1,944.41	97%
Lewisville Trinity	129%	0.00	7	330.00	425.00	100%
Loogootee Mt. Zion	0%	172.50	7	1,207.50		0%
Madison Calvary	0%	731.95	7	5,123.65		0%
Marengo Valley	98%	1,169.61	7	8,187.27	8,059.24	98%
Martinsville	64%	246.81	7	1,727.67	1,104.00	64%
Martinsville Bethel	99%	172.31	7	1,206.17	1,188.48	99%
Mecca	108%	601.83	7	4,212.81	4,567.67	100%
Medora	100%	302.09	7	2,114.63	2,114.63	100%
Milan	100%	591.18	7	4,138.26	4,138.26	100%
Mitchell	100%	1,128.38	7	7,898.66	7,921.30	100%
Mooreville	0%	573.07	7	4,011.49		0%
Morgantown	16%	70.91	7	496.37	80.00	16%
New Albany Spring Ave.	100%	155.36	7	1,087.52	1,087.52	100%
North Vernon	86%	630.20	7	4,411.40	3,781.20	86%
Orleans	86%	551.33	7	3,859.31	3,308.00	86%
Otwell	97%	230.00	7	1,610.00	1,565.58	97%
Paoli	28%	1,540.40	7	10,782.80	3,000.00	28%
Petersburg	71%	35.48	7	248.36	177.40	71%
Poplar Grove	94%	265.95	7	1,861.65	1,757.00	94%
Prairie Creek	0%	274.51	7	1,921.57		0%
Princeton	100%	710.19	7	4,971.33	4,971.63	100%
Rising Sun	86%	98.78	7	691.46	592.68	86%
Rodney	36%	321.39	7	2,249.73	800.00	36%
Rushville	112%	122.83	7	859.81	961.80	100%
Salem	130%	133.34	7	933.38	1,211.24	100%
Sandford	88%	93.40	7	653.80	578.40	88%
Scott City	0%	19.78	7	138.46		0%
Scottsburg	99%	123.27	7	862.89	855.01	99%
Seelyville	0%	115.95	7	811.65		0%
Seymour	96%	424.12	7	2,968.84	2,835.82	96%
Shelburn	171%	97.75	7	684.25	1,173.00	100%
Shelbyville Grace	59%	888.26	7	6,217.82	3,646.79	59%
Shelbyville Westside	72%	199.33	7	1,395.31	1,000.00	72%
Simpson Chapel	90%	51.63	7	361.41	325.00	90%
Somerville	42%	443.42	7	3,103.94	1,300.00	42%
Spearsville	36%	66.98	7	468.86	170.00	36%
Spencer	86%	70.45	7	493.15	424.00	86%
Sullivan	100%	357.21	7	2,500.47	2,500.47	100%
Sylvania	100%	1,014.88	7	7,104.16	7,104.16	100%
Terre Haute Faith	100%	3,202.39	7	22,416.73	22,416.73	100%
Terre Haute Hulman	100%	484.35	7	3,390.45	3,395.00	100%
Terre Haute Northside	131%	218.52	7	1,529.64	2,000.00	100%
Trafalgar	86%	57.34	7	401.38	344.04	86%
Valeene	73%	686.26	7	4,803.82	3,500.00	73%
Versailles	171%	256.54	7	1,795.78	3,078.55	100%
Walker Chapel	103%	252.29	7	1,766.03	1,825.00	100%
Washington Main St.	100%	638.09	7	4,466.63	4,466.63	100%
Washington Vincennes	86%	191.42	7	1,339.94	1,148.52	86%
Wesley Chapel	85%	563.28	7	3,942.96	3,339.60	85%
West Terre Haute 6th	48%	206.54	7	1,445.78	700.00	48%
West Terre Haute 8th	100%	547.84	7	3,834.88	3,834.88	100%
Westport	100%	755.56	7	5,288.92	5,289.14	100%
Wheatland	86%	119.79	7	838.53	718.88	86%
Whitehall	171%	136.11	7	952.77	1,633.34	100%
Wilmington Hills	0%	367.40	7	2,571.80		0%

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Nov. SS '06	Nov. SS '05	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk	Day
Austin	Wingham	18	14	4	29%	24	17	15	
Bedford	G. Tilley	25	23	2	9%	37	25	15	
Bick First	M. Reed	55	42	13	31%	57	18	50	
Birdseye	D. Murphy	27	17	10	59%	20	0	0	
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	NR							
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	M. Moore	20	27	7	0%	20	27	9	
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	21	13	8	62%	14	0	0	
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	47	44	3	7%	55	27	19	
Bloomington Shepherd	A. Hendershot	16	16	0	0%	16	14	9	
Blue River	A. Marshall	31	25	6	24%	38	22	0	
Boonville	E. Ames	29	24	5	21%	52	33	29	
Brazil Jackson	TBS	24	28	4	0%	28	12	9	
Carthage New Life	H. Weaver	NR							
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	14	10	4	40%	19	13	9	
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	NR							
Columbus Central	B. Miller	18	20	2	0%	18	12	0	
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	64	60	4	7%	87	45	70	
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	36	34	2	6%	54	32	16	
Concord	T. Whitham	40	31	9	29%	43	23	20	
Connersville Grandview	G. Stroud	7	9	2	0%	10	0	0	
Corydon New Hope	J. Moore	NR							
E. Enterprise	TBS	NR							
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	36	38	2	0%	36	28	21	
English	P. Jones	48	54	6	0%	64	38	60	
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	135	133	2	2%	279	119	139	
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	74	60	14	23%	111	36	77	
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	27	45	18	0%	41	15	0	
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	31	25	6	24%	39	15	47	
Franklin	D. Neal	44	43	1	2%	61	39	32	
French Lick Spgs Valley	J. Moffatt	62	60	2	3%	144	68	54	
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	19	20	1	0%	21	14	15	
Greenfield	J. Anderson	30	27	3	11%	41	26	15	
Greensburg	D. Preston	34	0	0	0%	58	15	15	
Greenwood	J. Hughes	0	0	0	0%	92	0	0	
Holton	W. Vandervort	19	25	6	0%	24	7	7	
Hope First	E. Boston	25	31	6	0%	28	10	52	
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR							
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	NR							
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	12	18	6	0%	28	0	11	
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	18	19	1	0%	42	25	11	
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	45	44	1	2%	69	40	35	
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	56	55	1	2%	99	54	58	
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR							
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	10	9	1	11%	11	0	8	
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	35	33	2	6%	55	0	108	
Medora	C. Morgan	35	41	6	0%	31	19	0	

*NR-No Report

Church	Pastor	Nov. SS '06	Nov. SS '05	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk	Day
Milan	L. Brown	26	30	4	0%	33	23		
Mitchell	S. Jones	83	94	11	0%	182	80	135	
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	22	25	3	0%	48	27	25	
Morgantown	J. Irvin	0	0	0	0%	0	15	0	
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	23	15	8	53%	32	0	0	
North Vernon	J. Terry	59	58	1	2%	89	35	33	
Orleans	H. Carr	43	49	6	0%	45	38	14	
Otwell	R. Stilwell	38	38	0	0%	38	23	0	
Paoli	TBS	NR							
Petersburg	L. Lamar	11	10	1	10%	11	0	0	
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	16	12	4	33%	27	18	14	
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR							
Princeton	D. Reed	27	33	6	0%	37	25	28	
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	NR							
Rodney	M. Miller	9	8	1	13%	11	15	5	
Rushville	H. Baker	7	11	4	0%	7	7	0	
Salem	S. Caniff	15	13	2	15%	24	14	7	
Sandford	C. Hedden	NR							
Scottsburg	P. Mills	10	10	0	0%	10	8	10	
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	NR							
Seymour	I. Holt	29	30	1	0%	37	29	24	
Shelburn	B. Noel	14	12	2	17%	14	0	8	
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	55	55	0	0%	67	39	12	
Shelbyville Westside	J. Farnsley	25	29	4	0%	28	22	9	
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	NR							
Somerville	D. Brandon	37	44	7	0%	38	32	23	
Spearsville	B. Bray	0	25	0	0%	18	5	0	
Spencer	J. Knight	11	0	0	0%	14	0	0	
Sullivan	G. Larimer	43	41	2	5%	48	43	43	
Sylvania	B. England	51	62	11	0%	95	46	58	
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	146	145	1	1%	267	175	167	
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	82	66	16	24%	111	50	52	
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	10	7	3	43%	11	10	9	
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	6	6	0	0%	6	4	3	
Valeene	D. Manship	17	19	2	0%	67	35	65	
Versailles	D. Jewell	31	34	3	0%	31	12	10	
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	NR							
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	55	52	20	
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	NR							
Westley Chapel	W. Wickard	33	37	4	0%	47	32	19	
Westport	TBS	62	70	8	0%	79	48	21	
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	23	30	7	0%	28	0	5	
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	68	74	6	0%	71	52	36	
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	13	11	2	18%	15	22	14	
Whitehall	D. Campbell	18	23	5	0%	19	14	12	
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	NR							
TOTALS		2450	2443	7	<1%	3726	1938	1924	

Top Ten Churches For Numerical Growth:

Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor
16	Terre Haute Hulman St.	Rev. Dan Willis	8	Bloomfield Southside	Rev. Carl Thomas
14	Evansville North Park	Rev. Steve Boardman	8	New Albany Spring Ave	Rev. Nathan Watters
13	Bicknell First	Rev. Mark Reed	6	Fort Branch	Rev. Marvin Hughes
10	Birdseye	Rev. Delbert Murphy	6	Blue River	Rev. Aaron Marshall
9	Concord	Rev. Troy Whitham	5	Boonville	Rev. Ed Ames

Top Ten Churches For Percentage Growth:

Percentage Gain	Church	Pastor
62%	Bloomfield Southside	Rev. Carl Thomas
59%	Birdseye	Rev. Delbert Murphy
53%	New Albany Spring Ave	Rev. Nathan Watters
43%	Terre Haute North Side	Rev. Vernon Reed
40%	Clear Fork	Rev. Carl Uebel
33%	Poplar Grove	Rev. Jim Downs
31%	Bicknell First	Rev. Mark Reed
29%	Concord	Rev. Troy Whitham

Middle/High School District Lock-In

Friday, Feb. 16, 11:00 p.m.

Walnut St. Baptist Church,
Louisville, KY

\$20/student
\$5/youth sponsor

Activities: Skating,
Bowling, Ping Pong,
Racquetball, Air Hockey,
Basketball Tournament
and Volleyball