

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



MARCH 2007



Superintendent's March Schedule

- 5-6 Ministerial Convention
- 11 A.M. Wesley Chapel - Installation
- P.M. Rodney
- 13 Day of Dialogue with Dr. Armiger
- 17 DBMD/Orleans
- 18 A.M. Evansville Trinity - Installation
- P.M. Drop In
- 19 DS Meeting /Headquarters
- 25 A.M. Greensburg - Installation
- P.M. Trafalgar
- 29 & 30 IWU Trustee Meeting
- 31 USF Meeting/Orleans

April Schedule

- 1 A.M. Mooresville
- P.M. Drop In
- 3 & 4 Columbus, OH
- D.S. Training
- 8 HAPPY EASTER!
- 15 A.M. New Albany
- P.M. Madison
- 22 A.M. Westport - Installation
- P.M. Versailles
- 23 - 27 Work Week/Campgrounds
- 28 SUPER SATURDAY
- 29 A.M. Bloomfield Mt. Zion
- P.M. Salem - Installation

Little Boy David

By Mark S. F. Eckart

David was a little boy, and the little boy
was David.

The little boy David had a toy,
that brought him a lot of joy.

He shot birds, bears, and tigers with his
slingshot,
and hit things right on the dot.

There was a big soldier who killed man
after man
and shouted, "stop me if you can."

Little boy David picked up five smooth
stones,
and with one of them he made the
9-foot Goliath groan.

The giant came tumbling down,
right to the ground.

The Philistines ran with fright,
and the Hebrews fought with all their
might.

King Saul was a happy man,
and little boy David became quite a fan.

God helped little boy David win the war
in a great way,
on that victorious day.

In the end little boy David was a hero,
and Goliath became a zero.

Little boy David grew up to be Israel's
King,
even though he didn't know all this
would bring.

He was known as a warrior that was
strong,
but ended up doing what was wrong.

The king lusted after Bathsheba while she
took a bath,
which led him down the wrong path.

David committed adultery with Bathsheba
the wife of Uriah the Hittite,
and this was not right.

Then the king put Uriah in harm's way,
and he was killed in battle that day.

Nathan the prophet confronted David
about his sin,
then David realized you can never sin
and win.

Because of David's sin his baby did die,
causing those left behind to cry.

King David confessed to God and was
forgiven,
and he and Bathsheba as a couple went
on livin'.

Because of God's mercy Solomon was
later born to this marriage,
who was very wise and as Israel's king
rode in his own carriage.

SpringLife

March 4 – April 29, 2007 – Join The Church in celebration for this season of eternity.

SpringLife is a new resource series designed to help local Wesleyan churches maximize the opportunities presented by the preparation and celebration of the Lent and Easter Season. Truly experience and engage in Jesus' call to evangelize new believers and continuing with discipleship of the entire body of Christ through daily Bible study, prayer, fasting, faith sharing, worship and more.

Pastors, you should have received a complete information packet on this. For more information, go to www.wesleyan.org/springlife or call at 317-774-3900.

Indiana South District Ministerial Seminar

May 7-11, 2007

Orleans, Indiana
Wesleyan Campgrounds

Monday-Wednesday Noon

Philosophy/Ethics/C-31

Rev. Chet Todd

Wesleyan Church History and Discipline/C-35

Dr. Wayne Caldwell

Christian Education/C-23

Dr. Mark Eckart

Wednesday Noon – Friday

Old Testament/Prophets/Minor/OT-1

Dr. Wayne Caldwell

Evangelism/Church Health/C-28

Rev. Chet Todd

Pastoral Counseling/C-44

Dr. Mark Eckart

For more information, contact:

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BYF Spring Banquet

There will not be a BYF Spring Banquet this year. They are putting all of their time and energy into the Fall Retreat scheduled for Sept. 5-8, 2007. Make plans now to attend this fun-filled event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Work Week	April 23 - 27, 2007
Ministerial Seminar	May 7 - 11, 2007
WW Convention	June 9, 2007
District Conference	June 12, 2007
Kid's Camp	June 18 - 22, 2007
Teen Camp	July 9 - 13, 2007
District Family Camp	July 27 - Aug. 5, 2007
BYF Retreat	Sept. 5 - 8, 2007

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to **Pastor Guy Armstrong**, pastor at Gnaw Bone, in the recent death of his mother, **Mrs. Betty Jean Armstrong**.

Our sympathy also goes to **Pastor Vernon & Harriet Reed, Pastor Dan Reed, Pastor Mark Reed and Mrs. Debbie Fennell** in the unexpected death of their daughter and sister, **Mrs. Christine Woodberry**.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with **Pastor Edson Ames**, pastor at Boonville, in the death of his father, **Mr. Donald Ames**.

Wesleyan Men's Ribeye Steak Dinner

"A meal you won't want to miss"

May 19th at 12:00 Noon

Columbus Flintwood Wesleyan Fellowship Hall

\$15/person

Speaker: **Mr. Randy Ollis**, WISHTV8 meteorologist

We will be getting more information to you soon along with registration info. For any questions, contact **Pastor Jerry Travis** at 317-398-9495 or 317-398-8367

NOTE: I would encourage all of our Wesleyan Men to attend this one of a kind event! There will be a delicious meal, an outstanding speaker, and great fellowship. Pastors, encourage all of your men to attend. —Dr. Mark

Help needed for Kid's Camp:

Help is needed by adults and students as counselors and camp workers for the upcoming Kid's Camp, June 18-22, 2007. If you can help, contact Pastor Joe at 812-299-8365 or pastorjoe2@gmail.com



The **Sullivan Wesleyan Church (Pastor Gary Larimer)** recently purchased this building. It is a commercial building that is estimated to be valued at a lot more than it cost them. It is adjacent to their existing property and will make a great Family Life Center.



Pictured above are some of the congregation that attend the **Shelburn Wesleyan Church**. They are standing in the Family Life Center at their recently purchased property.



This is a picture of the recent purchase by the congregation at Shelburn. They were able to buy this church for only \$40,000.00. This includes a multi-purpose wing that was built just a few years ago.

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A Missionary to Support

Stephanie Boardman

"I graduated from IWU with a degree in Social Work in 2005. I had previously taken short term trips in the US to different Children's Homes, but after graduation, I went on a month long trip to Ukraine with a group of students from



Stephanie Boardman & Katiya at the Shepherd's Home in Odessa, Ukraine.

IWU. We helped a team of Christian Ukrainians who led a day camp for kids at an orphanage. During this month, I felt God telling me to trust Him even more and do mission work for a longer period of time. I prayed about it a lot and got in contact with Global Partners when I returned home. I found out that Global Partners works with World Hope Canada in Odessa, Ukraine.

In October 2006, I was able to take a weeklong trip to visit Odessa and see the ministry that is taking place. There is Shepherd's Home (a teen girl home), Hope House (a permanent home for street children) and First Step Center (a place that street kids can come to get food, clean clothes, shower and hear about God!). I instantly fell in love with the kids I met during my week and felt God confirming His plan for me to be in Odessa, Ukraine.

Since my return from Odessa, Ukraine, I have been appointed a Go-Net missionary through Global Partners and World Hope Canada. My goal is to be in Odessa by August 2007. **Of course, in order for this to happen, I need prayer and financial support.** My email address is striving4thegoal@hotmail.com. I also have started a blog with more pictures and information about my time in Ukraine. It is <http://striving4thegoal.blogspot.com/>.

I am willing to speak at churches. Feel free to contact me.

Easter Offering 2007

It begins with a drop, that becomes a ripple, that becomes a wave—causing the whole world to stand up and take notice. We often don't see the wave, but forget that it begins with a drop. A small investment in a great dream is what the **Easter Offering** provides...the beginning drop to cause the wave.

It is the mission of the Department of Evangelism & Church Growth to **equip and empower The Wesleyan Church to become a missional movement through the multiplication of believers, leaders and churches.** Your partnership through the Annual Easter Offering helps us initiate the "ripple effect" which will lead to more and more people coming to Christ. For more information, go to www.wesleyan.org or call 317-774-3899.

Wesleyan Women – "Blazing New Trails"

Wesleyan Women will be having a ministry Summit and Pre-Conference Speech Clinic on June 13-17, 2007 at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. This conference is sponsored by the Wesleyan Women. The Women's Ministry Summit will feature special speakers, seminars, great worship and business sessions. The cost of \$325.00 includes registration, lodging, and meals. The Pre-Seminar Speech Clinic is \$150.00. You may contact the Wesleyan Women's Office at 317-774-7974 or visit their website at <http://www.wesleyan.org/women> for more information.

SUPER SATURDAY

April 28, 2007

Orleans Wesleyan Family Life Center

Orleans, IN

"Refocusing the Church"

Speaker: Rev. Richard Meeks

Session One: 10:00 A.M.

Session Two: 1:30 P.M.

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 IN South are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions. Remember we are a TEAM and this is one team meeting you will not want to miss!

Lay people
are invited to
attend as well



Richard Meeks began his ministry in 1983. He is currently serving as the Lead Pastor of Bonita Wesleyan Church (Bonita, CA). He is also a field-staff representative for the General Department of Evangelism & Church Growth, providing training and assistance in the areas of church health and coaching. He has served as the pastor of churches in Indiana and Arizona. Prior to assuming his current pastorate, he was the Director of Church Development in the E&CG Department. Richard has a passion to help pastors and other church leaders revitalize local churches to more effectively fulfill the Great Commission.

When I received word that Rev. Richard Meeks and his presentation of "Refocusing the Church" was to be the materials presented at the "Super Saturday" training event for Pastors and laypeople of the District, I was elated. I went through the "Refocusing the Church" seminar last year at our Wesleyan Church Headquarters.

This is information every church will want to send a large delegation to. The information that Rev. Meeks will present will apply to any size church. It is not something difficult to understand or to implement.

I believe every church wants to be renewed, revived and see souls added to the Kingdom. This is not a program. It is information that is down to earth, practical and easy to understand, and if taken seriously, will change you and your church.

Pastors, if you and your leaders do not attend this seminar given by your district, and so inexpensive, you and your church will be the loser.

—Rev. Bob England, Asst. D.S.

DOOR PRIZE: There will be a drawing for a \$100.00 cash door prize for pastors who attend both sessions. Other gifts will be given away throughout the day. **NOTE:** The \$100 gift was donated by an anonymous donor.

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Jan. SS '07	Dec. SS '06	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk	Day
Austin	K. Wingham	10	14	4	0%	11	11	11	
Bedford	G. Tilley	25	24	1	4%	42	26	20	
Bicknell First	M. Reed	45	36	9	25%	50	21	66	
Birdseye	D. Murphy	16	16	0	0%	20	0	0	
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	NR							
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	M. Moore	30	24	6	25%	15	13	7	
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	19	14	5	36%	14	15	0	
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	NR							
Bloomington Shepherd	A. Hendershot	NR							
Blue River	A. Marshall	27	25	2	8%	37	13	0	
Boonville	E. Ames	31	23	8	35%	54	31	29	
Brazil Jackson	TBS	25	26	1	0%	34	13	11	
Carthage New Life	H. Weaver	0	0	0	0%	12	0	0	
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	11	13	2	0%	14	10	8	
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	NR							
Columbus Central	B. Miller	15	15	0	0%	15	12	0	
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	63	49	14	29%	90	44	0	
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	32	34	2	0%	56	26	19	
Concord	T. Whitham	31	26	4	15%	32	20	16	
Connersville Grandview	G. Stroud	8	9	1	0%	11	0	0	
Corydon New Hope	J. Moore	8	15	7	0%	42	0	20	
E. Enterprise	TBS	NR							
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	NR							
English	P. Jones	41	55	14	0%	58	39	52	
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	145	125	20	16%	252	85	148	
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	67	50	17	34%	103	29	55	
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	30	50	20	0%	31	18	0	
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	23	24	1	0%	27	12	45	
Franklin	D. Neal	37	35	2	6%	53	32	26	
French Lick Spgs Valley	J. Moffatt	56	54	2	4%	142	64	53	
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	17	27	10	0%	19	10	9	
Greenfield	J. Anderson	22	22	0	0%	28	17	21	
Greensburg	D. Preston	37	0	0	0%	53	17	34	
Greenwood	J. Hughes	nr	nr	0	0%	63	nr	nr	
Holton	W. Vandervort	21	19	2	11%	22	7	6	
Hope First	E. Boston	26	26	0	0%	30	8	50	
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR							
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	25	0	0	0%	0	0	12	
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	10	12	2	0%	30	0	15	
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	NR							
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	33	39	6	0%	46	30	25	
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	48	58	10	0%	84	50	70	
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR							
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	9	8	1	13%	10	0	9	
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	30	35	5	0%	50	20	25	
Medora	C. Morgan	31	38	7	0%	29	14	0	
Milan	L. Brown	NR							

*NR-No Report

Church	Pastor	Jan. SS '07	Jan. SS '06	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk	Day
Mitchell	S. Jones	73	95	22	0%	181	59	149	
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	20	19	1	5%	38	17	23	
Morgantown	J. Irvin	0	0	0	0%	0	9	0	
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	24	11	13	118%	34	0	0	
North Vernon	J. Terry	56	59	3	0%	85	27	36	
Orleans	H. Carr	32	40	8	0%	38	25	12	
Otwell	R. Stilwell	31	31	0	0%	31	20	0	
Paoli	TBS	NR	NR	0	0%	151	37	61	
Petersburg	L. Lamar	10	10	0	0%	10	0	0	
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	18	13	5	38%	30	17	14	
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR							
Princeton	D. Reed	NR							
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	NR							
Rodney	M. Miller	10	9	1	11%	12	14	6	
Rushville	H. Baker	NR							
Salem	S. Caniff	11	11	0	0%	16	14	7	
Sandford	C. Hedden	NR							
Scottsburg	P. Mills	9	9	0	0%	9	8	0	
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	NR							
Seymour	I. Holt	23	28	5	0%	31	24	25	
Shelburn	B. Noel	11	11	0	0%	11	0	5	
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	42	52	10	0%	55	41	15	
Shelbyville Westside	D. Pfaff	26	28	2	0%	24	17	10	
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	NR							
Somerville	D. Brandon	NR							
Spearsville	B. Bray	14	20	6	0%	14	0	5	
Spencer	J. Knight	9	8	1	13%	9	0	0	
Sullivan	G. Larimer	39	41	2	0%	44	42	46	
Sylvania	B. England	38	65	27	0%	76	45	56	
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	166	150	16	11%	230	126	150	
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	67	69	2	0%	90	34	34	
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	NR							
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	6	4	2	50%	6	3	4	
Valeene	D. Manship	11	19	8	0%	77	30	85	
Versailles	D. Jewell	25	28	3	0%	26	10	9	
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	NR							
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	53	26	20	
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	28	32	4	0%	33	27	16	
Wesley Chapel	W. Wickard	39	35	4	11%	46	29		
Westport	C. Bell	54	65	11	0%	66	46	11	
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	20	14	6	43%	23	0	6	
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	68	71	3	0%	72	49	41	
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	15	10	5	50%	18	21	16	
Whitehall	D. Campbell	17	18	1	0%	18	11	11	
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	18	20	2	0%	20	14	12	
TOTALS		2134	2135	-1	0%	3356	1549	1747	

Top Ten Churches For Numerical Growth:

Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor
20	Evansville For Hills	(Rev. Michael Stoelting)	9	Bicknell First	(Rev. Mark Reed)
17	Evansville N Park	(Rev. Stephen Boardman)	8	Boonville	(Rev. Edson Ames)
16	Terre Haute Faith	(Rev. Dan Gormong)	6	Bloomfield Mt. Zion	(Rev. Matthew Moore)
14	Columbus Flintwood	(Rev. Wesley Jones)	6	W. Terre Haute 6th St.	(Rev. Robert Weeks)
13	New Albany Spg Ave.	(Rev. Nathan Watters)	5	Bloomfield Southside	(Rev. Carl Thomas)

Top Ten Churches For Percentage Growth:

Percentage Gain	Church	Pastor
118%	New Albany Spring Ave.	(Rev. Nathan Watters)
50%	Trafalgar	(Rev. Carl Hilton)
50%	Wheatland	(Rev. Ken Mitchell)
43%	W. Terre Haute 6th St.	(Rev. Robert Weeks)
38%	Poplar Grove	(Rev. James Downs)
36%	Bloomfield Southside	(Rev. Carl Thomas)
35%	Boonville	(Rev. Edson Ames)
34%	Evansville North Park	(Rev. Stephen Boardman)
29%	Columbus Flintwood	(Rev. Wesley Jones)
25%	Bloomfield Mt. Zion	(Rev. Matthew Moore)

Membership Sunday

Are you a member of your local church? If not, you are strongly encouraged to join The Wesleyan Church. Pastor, the district has designated **April 22, 2007** as **Membership Sunday**. Please work towards this end.