

# INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



MAY 2007



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart  
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

## Superintendent's May Schedule

- 6 A.M. Paoli  
P.M. Drop In
- 7-11 May Seminar – Orleans
- 13 A.M. Simpson Chapel  
P.M. Happy Mother's Day!
- 19 Noon: Men's District Lunch  
P.M. Sullivan – Dedication of New Building
- 20 A.M. Martinsville  
P.M. Morgantown

## June

- 3 A.M. Evansville North Park  
P.M. Princeton
- 10 A.M. Faith Pointe  
P.M. Drop In
- 12 District Conference
- 13-17 Wesleyan Women's Ministry Summit
- 17 Happy Father's Day!
- 18-22 Kid's Camp
- 23 WW District Conference
- 24 A.M. Loogootee  
P.M. Drop In

## New Church Plant

Mark Eckart



Pictured are the people that attended the first service on Easter Sunday at Dale, IN.

For several months myself and others have been praying, strategizing, and planning to plant a new church in our district. In our culture one of the best ways to reach new people for Christ is to start a new place for worship.

I have some great news! That is, a new church was born in our district. We officially launched a new church plant at Dale, IN. The church is called Faith Pointe Wesleyan Church. Pastor Joe Wriston is going to be the pastor of this new endeavor. Thanks to the Boonville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Ed Ames) for loaning us their Assistant Pastor for this new work.

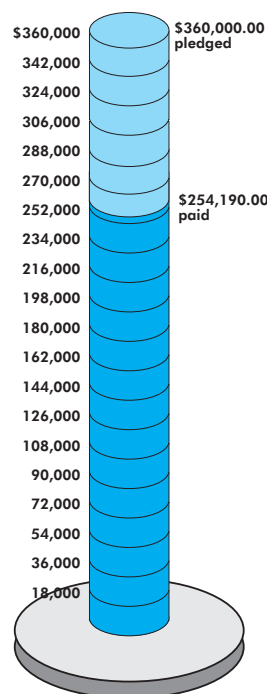
Help me pray that God will bless our efforts at Faith Pointe. This new plant has a lot of potential. Pastor Joe is excited, and I believe God will use him and those attending to reach new people for HIS kingdom.

There were 21 that attended Easter and someone from the community put a \$300.00 check in the offering plate! Praise God!

The church is currently meeting in a community building with the hopes of one day having their own building to worship in around the Dale, IN, area.

## G.L.A.D Update

I want to thank each of you that have and are faithfully paying into the G.L.A.D. Program. For the program to work as planned, we will need to have the pledges paid by January of 2009. May God bless you for being faithful to give to further the ministry of Indiana South Wesleyan. Please keep sending your payments to **Rev. Gordon Tilley, 2450 I Street, Bedford, IN 47421.**



## 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The daughters of **Rev. Marvin and Roberta Hughes** request the pleasure of your company at their parents' **50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Saturday, June 23, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **Forest Hills Wesleyan Church Family Life Center** 2746 Claremont Ave., Evansville, IN. No gifts, please.

## Twelve Lessons Learned Along The Way

**Rev. John and Shanda Croft and their family, Travis, Brooke and Rachael**, have served as pastoral family, missionaries for 11 years in the Czech Republic, and are now living in Fishers, IN, where he serves as **Director of Partner Services** at the Global Partners' home office.

*The Crofts' reflection upon the past 20+ years of ministry:*

1. People are basically the same everywhere. Don't run when it gets difficult.
2. Your calling is stronger than the trials. Tough times are part of the journey.
3. God cares about the little things. Never underestimate God's interest in you.
4. Don't take things personally. Not everyone likes you. (You will always have those that oppose you or your ideas.)
5. There is strength through weakness. Humility is never out of season.
6. Teamwork is more effective than individualism. Be a team player!
7. Successful ministry requires both time and presence. Don't be too busy for others.
8. God wants us to have fun and enjoy life. Ministry should never be boring. If it is, you are not doing it right.
9. God is always training us for His next missions. Always be ready!
10. Lighten up! God has a plan. God knows the moment.
11. It is not about me! Never make ministry about you or your personality. God must always be the draw and must always get the glory.
12. Live for the line not for the dot! Life is short so get on with it.



## Presidential Petition

(Courtesy of The Republic Newspaper)



Rev. Ed Boston

**Rev. Ed Boston, pastor of the Hope First Wesleyan Church** is one of 48 leaders nationwide of the **Presidential Prayer Team**, a volunteer, nonprofit, nonpartisan Christian group that recruits people to pray for everyone from Bush to House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to Cabinet Heads. He understands that President George W. Bush has his share of detractors in a world of diverse political opinion. In fact, he occasionally speaks online with such people. "Who better

to pray for than those you disagree with?" asks Pastor Ed. "If we disagree so much with what President Bush does, don't you think that he really needs your prayers?"

Members also pray for organizations as varied as the military and the media. Boston acknowledged that he has grown as a believer asking God to help others. "I didn't always pray for past presidents as I should have," he said. He became a member

of the six-year-old donation-supported group in 2003 after finding a Web link. He became an ambassador, part of the leadership, after an over-the-phone interview last year. He likes the fact that he could provide support for all lawmakers, among others.

Soon, Pastor Ed will begin serving as a mentor, responsible for training other ambassadors. His most heartfelt prayer for the nation is a basic one. "I pray for wisdom for the president and all of our leaders," he said.

## Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of **Rev. Clyde Oliver Moreillon** who passed away April 12, 2007. He was a pastor in the district for 14 years.

## District Conference

**June 12, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. with registration beginning at 8:00 A.M.** Conference will be held in the tabernacle on the Orleans Campground for all ministers and delegates. General Superintendent Dr. Thomas E. Armiger is the presiding chairman for this conference.

## Camp Housing Information

If you reserved a room at last year's camp for Family Camp 2007, please call or write to confirm that room in case someone else needs a room, and you have decided otherwise. Please contact: **Joyce Bailey, 812-825-5765, RR # 4, Box 454, Bloomfield, IN 47424.**

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## Some of What the Bible Says about Mothers...

✿ Gen 3:20 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

✿ Exo 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

✿ Lev 19:3 "Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

✿ Deu 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

✿ 2 Ki 4:30 But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

✿ Prov 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son grief to his mother.

✿ Isa 66:13 "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."

✿ Ezek 16:44 "Everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb about you: 'Like mother, like daughter.'"

✿ Luke 1:43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

✿ Luke 2:51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

✿ John 19:26-27 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

## Wesleyan Women

The Wesleyan Women Convention will be held June 23, 2007. Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M. We will be giving you more information at a later date.

## Good News from Indiana Wesleyan University

Recently, under the leadership of President Henry Smith, I.W.U. now has a policy that the **children of an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church can now attend the university and receive 50% in grants.** The student can also apply for additional grants and scholarships along with this new financial aid policy.

## Funeral for Jesus



Trinity Wesleyan Church of Lewisville celebrated Palm Sunday and Easter in a unique way this year. After



Rev. Doug Stroud conducting the service

spending countless hours remodeling and cleaning, the church called upon a local funeral home to assist with a special "funeral for Jesus." A hearse brought a closed casket to the church on Palm Sunday. Pall bearers carried the casket to the front of the sanctuary. A large picture of Jesus was placed on the closed casket. An obituary was read! Church members portrayed different Bible characters such as Lazarus, Mary Magdalene, John the Beloved, Peter and others to express their love for Jesus and tell what He did for them. Mary Magdalene made it clear that she was never married to Jesus, John the Beloved made it clear that Jesus was not gay. Pastor Charles Stroud brought the funeral message and some members of the congregation sang songs during the "funeral." It was made clear during the service that Jesus was only dead a short time. The service ended with church members

filing past the closed casket to look at the picture of Jesus. It was a very touching service.



On Easter Sunday a picture of the open, empty casket was displayed via powerpoint and a message of hope was given. Pictures of the open, empty casket with the words Hope, Love and Forgiveness inside the casket were also displayed to show that the tomb did not hold Jesus but it did hold Hope, Love and Forgiveness! It was a very exciting and encouraging two-week period.

# CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Mar. SS '07	Mar. SS '06	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K. Wingham	15	14	1	7%	16	19	13
Bedford	G. Tilley	24	21	3	14%	45	26	19
Bicknell First	M. Reed	45	47	2	0%	49	20	72
Birdseye	D. Murphy	22	12	10	83%	25	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	NR						
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	TBS	19	27	8	0%	19	14	8
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	18	13	5	38%	14	15	0
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	NR						
Bloomington Shepherd	A. Hendershot	11	10	1	10%	12	10	9
Blue River	A. Marshall	23	21	2	10%	34	11	0
Boonville	E. Ames	35	30	5	17%	59	32	28
Brazil Jackson	TBS	30	28	2	7%	34	12	12
Carthage New Life	H. Weaver	0	0	0	0%	15	0	0
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	10	15	5	0%	15	9	8
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	0	0	0	0%	17	13	0
Columbus Central	B. Miller	NR						
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	65	55	10	18%	84	38	65
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	33	39	6	0%	56	28	20
Concord	T. Whitham	29	27	2	7%	30	21	11
Connersville Grandview	G. Stroud	8	7	1	14%	11	0	0
Corydon New Hope	J. Moore	NR						
E. Enterprise	TBS	NR						
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	33	40	7	0%	33	20	19
English	P. Jones	40	49	9	0%	55	40	42
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	140	125	15	12%	261	98	140
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	64	62	2	3%	90	23	54
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	34	51	17	0%	55	15	0
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	27	24	3	13%	32	15	53
Franklin	D. Neal	36	42	6	0%	54	38	24
French Lick Spgs Valley	J. Moffatt	55	55	0	0%	137	71	57
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	19	18	1	6%	20	12	11
Greenfield	J. Anderson	26	21	5	24%	38	14	13
Greensburg	D. Preston	40	31	9	29%	80	16	45
Greenwood	J. Hughes	NR						
Holton	W. Vandervort	17	18	1	0%	20	8	7
Hope First	E. Boston	NR						
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR						
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	23	23	0	0%	23	0	20
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	9	11	2	0%	29	0	13
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	NR						
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	38	45	7	0%	50	31	30
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	45	62	17	0%	98	55	59
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR						
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	10	11	0	0%	10	0	0
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	NR						
Medora	C. Morgan	30	40	10	0%	29	13	
Milan	L. Brown	26	23	3	13%	32	13	6

\*NR-No Report

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Mitchell	S. Jones	88	121	33	0%	213	86	134
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	20	21	1	0%	38	20	23
Morgantown	J. Irvin	0	0	0	0%	0	12	0
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	20	12	8	67%	26		
North Vernon	J. Terry	51	61	10	0%	73	32	0
Orleans	H. Carr	43	36	7	19%	52	35	25
Otwell	R. Stilwell	35	36	1	0%	35	19	0
Paoli	TBS	0	0	0	0%	126	50	82
Petersburg	L. Lamar	12	8	4	50%	12	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	19	13	6	46%	32	20	17
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR						
Princeton	D. Reed	25	27	2	0%	38	30	26
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	9	10	1	0%	10	0	5
Rodney	M. Miller	9	8	1	13%	16	14	6
Rushville	H. Baker	7	10	3	0%	7	5	3
Salem	S. Caniff	7	9	2	0%	14	14	8
Sandford	C. Hedden	13	8	5	63%	8	8	7
Scottsburg	P. Mills	8	8	0	0%	8	7	7
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	NR						
Seymour	I. Holt	21	32	11	0%	27	23	22
Shelburn	B. Noel	11	12	1	0%	11	5	0
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	43	48	5	0%	53	28	20
Shelbyville Westside	D. Pfaff	22	19	3	16%	27	20	10
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	NR						
Somerville	D. Brandon	38	60	22	0%	48	39	29
Spearsville	B. Bray	NR						
Spencer	J. Knight	8	9	1	0%	9	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	45	37	8	22%	51	67	40
Sylvania	B. England	58	72	14	0%	93	56	47
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	NR						
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	66	73	7	0%	91	45	47
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	14	8	6	75%	14	10	11
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	6	4	2	50%	6	5	4
Valeene	D. Manship	15	19	4	0%	80	30	79
Versailles	D. Jewell	26	28	2	0%	26	10	9
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	19	19	0	0%	52	0	11
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	53	28	29
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	29	33	4	0%	38	32	18
Wesley Chapel	W. Wickard	35	35	0	0%	53	28	29
Westport	C. Bell	67	69	2	0%	83	64	40
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	28	30	2	0%	28	0	5
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	65	65	0	0%	71	50	37
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	13	10	3	30%	16	14	16
Whitehall	D. Campbell	16	20	4	0%	17	14	11
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	20	20	0	0%	23	18	12
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2130</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>3330</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>1740</b>

## Top Ten Churches For Numerical Growth:

Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor
15	Evansville Forest Hills	(Rev. Mike Stoelting)	8	Sullivan	(Rev. Gary Larimer)
10	Birdseye	(Rev. Delbert Murphy)	7	Orleans	(Rev. Harold Carr)
10	Columbus Flintwood	(Rev. Wes Jones)	6	Poplar Grove	(Rev. James Downs)
9	Greensburg	(Rev. Doug Preston)	6	Terre Haute Northside	(Rev. Vernon Reed)
8	New Albany Sprg Ave.	(Rev. Nathan Watters)	5	Boonville	(Rev. Ed Ames)

## Top Ten Churches For Percentage Growth:

Gain	Church	Pastor
83%	Birdseye	(Rev. Delbert Murphy)
75%	Terre Haute Northside	(Rev. Vernon Reed)
67%	New Albany Spring Ave.	(Rev. Nathan Watters)
63%	Sandford	(Rev. Carl Hedden)
50%	Petersburg	(Rev. Lloyd Lamar)
50%	Trafalgar	(Rev. Carl Hilton)
46%	Poplar Grove	(Rev. James Downs)
38%	Bloomfield Southside	(Rev. Carl Thomas)
30%	Wheatland	(Rev. Ken Mitchell)
29%	Greensburg	(Rev. Doug Preston)

