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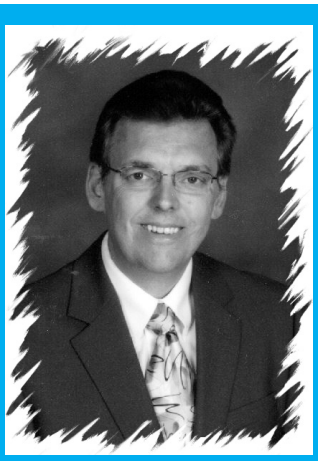

Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Schedule
February & March 2010

February

6 Spiritual Formation/Paoli Wesleyan
7 A.M. Simpson Chapel
P.M. Church Visit
14 A.M. Fort Branch – Installation
P.M. Bloomfield Southside
20 Spiritual Formation/Paoli Wesleyan
21 A.M. English
P.M. Otwell
26 Louisville – Youth Lock-In
28 A.M. Petersburg

March

1 & 2 Ministerial – Bloomington
7 A.M. Greensburg
P.M. Edinburgh
14 A.M. Brazil
P.M. Bicknell
21 A.M. Greenwood
22 Headquarters Meeting
28 A.M. Corydon
P.M. Boonville

SOMETHING NEW – Lay Appreciation Month in April

Each October I encourage all of our churches to honor their pastor(s) during that month and rightfully so. They work hard all year to serve the churches across this great district. However, for a church to exist it also takes people for a preacher to have someone to minister and serve. Consequently, I am designating the month of April as Lay Appreciation Month across IN South. This will be a time for the pastor and their leadership team to select one or more persons to give recognition to for their faithful ministry in the local church. Here are some ideas:

★ Have a time in the worship service where you recognize workers by giving out a plaque(s).
★ Have a special Sunday "carry in" lunch to honor the lay people and workers in the church.
★ Select one lay person or couple by a drawing and send them to a getaway weekend.
★ Choose one lay person from your church and submit their name to my office as a candidate to be recognized at conference as the Lay Person of the Year. We will draw one name out of those submitted in the selection process for this honor.

I have had the privilege in the last seven years to spend time with many of you lay people across the district. I have been to some of your homes, eaten many meals with you in fellowship settings, worked with vice-chairmen in getting pastors, and I am convinced we have some of the best Christians attending our churches here in IN South Wesleyan. Paul gave great advice when he said in Galatians 6:10, "*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*"

Dr. Mark

WESLEY SEMINARY

It has been my privilege to visit in your district in the past and get acquainted with so many of the wonderful pastors and spouses who serve churches throughout Southern Indiana.

Since that time I've been given the opportunity to provide leadership for the first Seminary owned by and commissioned to serve The Wesleyan Church. As a pastor who led a church while completing my seminary education, I've experienced the benefits of engaging in the living laboratory of ministry while participating in a learning community. I believe that gives a ministry leader the best of both worlds when the "seminary is designed for those in ministry."

From the beginning that has been the prevailing pursuit at Wesley Seminary. We've created a Seminary that is focused on practical ministry, stretching your spirit and building your skills while still matching your budget and fitting your schedule. If you'd like to learn more, visit us online at Wesley.indwes.edu or call toll-free 877-673-0009.

Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Vice President for Wesley Seminary
Indiana Wesleyan University

LoveMercy Reflection –

Micah 6:8,"*He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

The Wesleyan Youth Convention **LoveMercy**, was held in 4 locations this year December 28-31, 2009; Denver, Baltimore, Charlotte and Louisville. The North Central Area conference was held in Louisville. We stayed at the Galt House which also served as the facility that held our rallies and seminars.

There were 116 from our District which came from 7 churches. (Columbus Flintwood, Evansville Forest Hills, Evansville North Park, Fort Branch, Sullivan, Terre Haute Faith, and Valeene)

They had morning and evening rallies and afternoon LoveMercy training. The Aaron Pelsue Band led us in spirit filled worship and Johnny Vermilya spoke at each of our evening rallies. He is the son our Wesleyan Missionaries Jim & Jeanette Vermilya. Their son Joe was also the keyboardist with the worship band. Dr. Jim Dunn, General Director of the Spiritual Formation Department also spoke in one of our morning rallies.

We have several students from our district whose hearts were warmed and stirred and are going back to their communities, families, and schools and are going to "*act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God*".

Rev. Joseph Mark Gormong
District Youth President

Gormongs Headed to Russia

God has opened the door for Philip, Kara, and Adalynn Gormong to be missionaries in Vladimir, Russia. Their vision for ministry is to help build and strengthen the national Church by being involved in teaching, leadership development, and discipleship while also focusing on learning the Russian language and culture.

They have targeted June 2010 to be in language school and on the field by August 2010. They are currently looking for churches to partner with them, as well as wanting the opportunity to visit your church to share about Russia. They are scheduling for winter and spring of this year. You can contact Philip and Kara at 812-241-4005 or email them at pkgormong@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.reachingrussia.blogspot.com.

UPCOMING MINISTERIAL CLASSES

Saturday Class

February 6 & 20, 2010

Spiritual Formation

Professor – Dr. Mark Eckart
at Paoli Wesleyan Church

May Seminar

May 3-7, 2010

Advanced Theology & New Testament-Acts
– Rev. Joey Nelson

Pastoral Ministries & Expository Preaching
– Dr. Mark Eckart

Sociology/Cultural Anthropology & Psychology
– Rev. Charles Stroud

Give Hope – Heart of Ministries Offering

Since 1903 Wesleyan Women has been serving and giving to those in need, and from this commitment we have never strayed. Every year, we challenge the entire Wesleyan Church to join with us to "give hope" through the annual Heart of Ministries Offering.

In 2010 the needs have not diminished! In fact, just last year the General Church commissioned Wesleyan Women to spearhead ways that the Church can address the issue of human trafficking. We have only begun this fight, and we need you to join with us to defeat this scourge throughout our world.

For more information or to give, visit their website at www.wesleyan.org/ww or call 317-774-7974.

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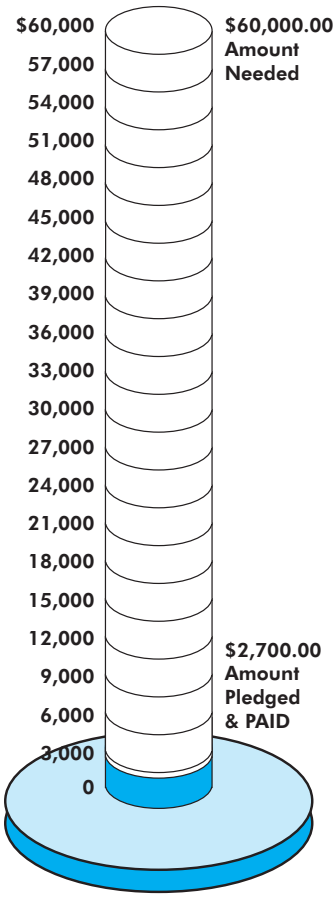
EXTRA G.L.A.D. UPDATE

The DBA has approved an initiative I am proposing. We are endeavoring to raise $60,000.00 to connect with the sewer system at the town of Orleans and also at the same time connect Snyder Hall so it is functional on the system as well. The idea is to prayerfully get 300 people or churches to give at least $200.00 to the program for a total of $60,000.00. We would encourage and welcome those who could take more than one share.



The goal would be to have the $60,000.00 paid and the program finished by the December 31st, 2010.

An account has been set up and Rev. Charles Stroud has once again agreed to serve as the Extra GLAD treasurer and we have already raised $2,700.00. Praise the Lord!

If you are interested in joining, please contact the District Office at 812-865-3979 or P.O. Box 174 Orleans, IN 47452

58th Annual
Ministerial Convention
of the
Indiana South District
of
The Wesleyan Church
March 1 & 2, 2010
St. Paul United Methodist Church
4201 W. Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47404
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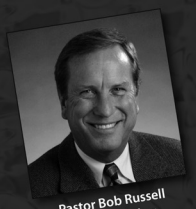
Pastor Bob Russell
Guest Speaker

Monday, March 1—St. Paul United Methodist Church

Afternoon Session I
11:00 - 1:15 Registration
1:30 - 2:30 Welcome - Dr. Mark Eckart
Worship - Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker - Pastor Bob Croft, Hyde Wesleyan Church
Clearfield, PA / Pastor of the Year

Afternoon Session II
2:45 Worship & Special Music - Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker - Pastor Bob Croft

Evening Session III
7:00 Worship & Special Music - Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker - Pastor Bob Russell, Louisville, KY
Author & Church Leader

Tony & Abby McCrary
Special Music

Tuesday, March 2—St. Paul United Methodist Church

Morning Session I
9:00 - 10:00 Worship & Special Music - Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker - Dr. Mark Eckart
9:00 - 10:00 Women's Meeting
Speaker - Mrs. Sharla Somers
District Wesleyan Women Director
10:15 - 10:30 Break

Morning Session II
10:30 - 12:00 Worship & Special Music - Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker - Pastor Bob Russell
12:00 - 5:30 Lunch & Free Time*
*A DVD will be shown at 2:30 p.m. for anyone interested

Evening Session III
5:30 Banquet - St. Paul United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Special Music - Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker - Pastor Bob Russell

Pastor Bob Croft
Guest Speaker

All sessions will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church at 4201 W. Third St., Bloomington, IN 47404

Dr. Mark Eckart
District Superintendent

District Lock-In 2010

(6th grade – 12th grade)

Friday, February 26th – 11:00 p.m. Thru
Saturday, February 27th – 6:00 a.m.

Walnut Street Baptist Activity Center, Louisville, KY

$20 – Student • $5 – Youth Sponsors
• Youth Pastors – Free

Bring $20 cash with you for the fee the night of the lock-in.
Make sure to bring extra money for the snack bar
There is basketball, volleyball, bowling, roller skating, ping pong, and pool.

PRAYING THROUGH THE JOURNAL

The Bible tells us to "pray without ceasing." God has laid it upon my heart to pray through our district journal in 2010. Ever since I have had the privilege to serve in this office I have tried to pray for the pastors and their families in rotation. This year though I plan to take three churches at a time and pray for the pastor and their family but also all the others listed in the journal in each respective church. One person said it well when he said, "When we work we work but when we pray God works." May God help us be a district that faithfully calls to HIM in prayer.

So, I will start with Austin/Pastor Kent Stroud, Bedford/Pastor Carl Gilmore, Bicknell/Pastor Mark Reed and pray for them and their churches until I feel led to go to the next three in the journal. Do you have a plan to pray for those attending your church?

—-Dr. Mark

SUPER SATURDAY 2010

March 27, 2010

@ Paoli Wesleyan Church

Special Speaker –Dr. Elmer Towns

TOPIC: The Next Three Methods to Revitalize the Sunday School and Grow the Church

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT DECEMBER 2009

Church	Pastor	SS Ave. 2009	SS Ave. 2008	SS Gain or Loss	SS % Gain	AM Wshp Ave. 2009	AM Wshp Ave. 2008	AM Wshp Gain/ Loss	AM Wshp % Gain	PM Serv. Aver. 2009	Spiritual Formation	# Saved or Sanct
Austin	K. Stroud	27	18	9	50%	40	21	19	90%	16	13	0
Bedford	C. Gilmore	15	16	1	0%	17	18	1	0%	20	14	0
Bicknell First	M. Reed	NR										
Birdseye	C. Johnson	NR										
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	M. Harper	0	0	0	0%	12	12	0	0%	11	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	A. Adams	17	18	1	0%	45	42	3	7%	14	31	0
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	17	19	1	0%	12	15	3	0%	14	0	0
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	29	29	0	0%	32	37	5	0%	18	14	0
Bloomington Shepherd	F. Shannon	NR										
Blue River	A. Marshall	23	22	1	5%	27	31	4	0%	0	0	0
Boonville	E. Ames	16	16	0	0%	53	38	15	39%	10	47	0
Brazil Jackson	E. Stewart	18	25	7	0%	22	33	11	0%	12	11	0
Carthage	C. Stroud	26	40	14	0%	51	50	1	2%	25	30	0
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	9	13	4	0%	22	22	0	0%	9	6	0
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	0	0	0	0%	9	9	0	0%	0	0	0
Columbus Central	B. Miller	16	15	1	7%	16	15	1	7%	13	0	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	86	60	26	43%	121	87	34	39%	81	101	0
Columbus Ohio Street	C.Bullock	26	33	7	0%	51	59	8	0%	30	15	0
Concord	J. Vandervort	26	21	5	24%	26	22	4	18%	18	18	0
Corydon New Hope	C. Morgan	NR										
E. Enterprise	D. Meriwether	NR										
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	31	35	4	0%	31	35	4	0%	18	14	0
English	D. Lochbihler	33	38	5	0%	41	60	19	0%	16	93	0
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	119	119	0	0%	247	243	4	16%	122	153	4
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	NR										
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	41	39	2	5%	58	57	1	2%	10	0	0
Faith Pointe	J. Wriston	8	14	6	0%	10	14	4	0%	0	0	0
Fort Branch	R. Comer	44	52	8	0%	66	66	0	0%	19	42	0
Franklin	D. Neal	33	32	1	3%	38	41	3	0%	34	21	0
French Lick Spr. Valley	J. Moffatt	60	56	4	7%	160	145	15	10%	78	73	0
Gnaw Bone	TBS	21	19	2	11%	16	18	2	0%	9	7	0
Grace Fellowship	T. Friedman	16	17	1	0%	25	25	0	0%	13	10	0
Grace Pointe	N. Watters	20	14	6	43%	39	21	18	86%	18	13	0
Greenfield	R. Albring	14	25	11	0%	30	33	3	0%	27	18	0
Greensburg	D. Preston	57	54	3	6%	97	92	5	5%	59	83	0
Greenwood	J. Hughes	40	56	16	0%	60	78	18	0%	0	15	0
Holton	W. Vandervort	16	25	9	0%	17	23	6	0%	5	5	0
Hope First	E. Boston	0	0	0	0%	11	12	1	0%	4	17	0
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR										
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	11	10	1	10%	20	23	3	0%	0	9	1
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	14	24	10	0%	54	50	4	8%	10	8	0
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	29	36	7	0%	51	60	9	0%	26	30	0
Marengo	S. Lock	45	57	12	0%	125	131	6	0%	59	64	0
Martinsville	K. Kearby	20	7	13	185%	35	12	23	192%	28	0	0
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	7	7	0	0%	13	12	1	8%	0	6	0
Mecca New Life	D. Hardesty	NR										
Medora	C. Breeden	14	25	11	0%	23	28	5	0%	22	9	0

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Milan	L. Brown	23	23	0	0%	28	28	0	0%	13	6	0
Mitchell	W. McCallum	38	49	11	0%	88	118	30	0%	34	55	0
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	18	23	16	0%	47	46	1	2%	24	16	0
Morgantown	D Pfaff	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	25	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	52	47	4	11%	71	86	15	0%	31	20	0
Orleans	M. Hester	42	38	4	11%	46	41	5	12%	24	32	0
Otwell	R. Stilwell	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%	18	0	0
Paoli	B. England	47	76	29	0%	121	138	17	0%	56	66	0
Petersburg	L. Lamar	0	0	0	0%	12	10	2	20%	0	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	14	11	3	27%	27	32	5	0%	14	17	0
Potter's Shop	S. Avila	NR										
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR										
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	7	8	1	0%	7	8	1	0%	0	5	0
Rodney	M. Miller	16	11	5	45%	12	13	1	0%	14	11	0
Rushville	H. Baker	2	2	0	0%	2	2	0	0%	3	3	0
Salem	S. Caniff	6	9	3	0%	19	30	11	0%	15	14	0
Sandford	C. Hedden	15	14	1	7%	15	14	1	7%	9	0	0
Scottsburg	P. Mills	10	9	1	11%	10	9	1	11%	7	7	0
Seelyville	F. Burk	15	15	0	0%	8	8	0	0%	0	0	0
Seymour	I. Holt	32	30	2	7%	52	47	5	11%	43	27	0
Shelburn	B. Noel	9	9	0	0%	9	9	0	0%	0	0	0
Shelbyville Grace	J. Allen	58	56	2	4%	73	67	6	9%	32	30	0
Shelbyville Westside	D. Bowden	36	35	1	3%	51	45	6	13%	7	12	0
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	9	12	3	0%	9	12	3	0%	0	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	31	29	2	7%	32	30	2	6%	14	14	0
Southwind Washington	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	91	72	19	26%	38	20	0
Spearsville	T. Phillips	13	13	0	0%	13	13	0	0%	0	0	0
Spencer	J. Knight	9	8	1	13%	9	9	0	0%	0	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	63	59	4	7%	72	66	6	9%	60	49	0
Sylvania	D. Taylor	48	42	6	14%	72	84	12	0%	42	15	0
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	126	126	0	0%	225	249	24	0%	145	111	0
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	56	68	12	0%	99	91	8	9%	50	138	0
Terre Haute Northside	E. Hayes	26	25	1	4%	31	39	8	0%	33	11	0
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	4	4	0	0%	4	4	0	0%	4	4	0
Valeene	D. Manship	20	11	9	81%	93	83	10	12%	47	60	0
Versailles	J. Hundley	39	34	5	15%	39	34	5	15%	20	8	0
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	25	22	3	14%	57	57	0	0%	0	18	0
Wash. Vincennes	J. Gilley	19	19	0	0%	25	20	5	25%	37	19	0
Wesley Chapel	D. Little	26	22	4	18%	31	36	5	0%	16	17	0
Westport	D.Quesenberry	67	68	1	0%	75	84	9	0%	49	35	0
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	20	30	10	0%	22	36	14	0%	0	4	0
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	82	66	16	24%	82	71	11	15%	67	35	0
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	22	13	9	69%	62	34	28	82%	45	0	0
Whitehall	D. Campbell	27	16	11	69%	26	16	10	63%	23	11	0
Wilmington Hills	D. Gary	18	21	3	0%	27	28	1	0%	21	0	0
TOTALS		**2264**	**2309**	**45**	**0%**	**3747**	**3739**	**8**	**0%**	**1948**	**1880**	**5**

Top 5 For Numeric Gain In Sun-School

Church	Pastor	Gain
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	26
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	16
Martinsville	K. Kearby	13
Whitehall	D. Campbell	11
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	9

Top 5 For Percentage Gain in Sun-School

Church	Pastor	Gain
Martinsville	K. Kearby	185%
Valeene	D. Manship	81%
Whitehall	D. Campbell	69%
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	69%
Austin	K. Stroud	50%

Top 5 For Numeric Gain in AM Worship

Church	Pastor	Gain
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	34
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	28
Martinsville	K. Kearby	23
Austin	K. Stroud	19
Grace Pointe	N. Watters	18

Top 5 For Percentage Gain in AM Worship

Church	Pastor	Gain
Martinsville	K. Kearby	192%
Austin	K. Stroud	90%
Grace Pointe	N. Watters	86%
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	82%
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	39%