

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



January 2005



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Schedule

JANUARY 2005

- 8 Sat. DBA Meeting
9 A.M. Bedford
9-12 Florida/G.S.-D.S. Meeting
16 A.M. Shelbyville Grace
P.M. Concord
23 A.M. North Vernon
P.M. Austin
30 A.M. Terre Haute Faith
P.M. Petersburg

FEBRUARY 2005

- 5 Sat. Romans Class / Paoli
6 A.M. Corydon
P.M. Church Visit
13 Sun. Sanctity of Life Sunday
A.M. Greenwood
P.M. Edinburgh
19 Sat. Romans Class/Paoli
20 A.M. Otwell
P.M. Poplar Grove
27 A.M. Martinsville
P.M. Mitchell

Panama—Phase Two

Mark S. F. Eckart

As I write this I just looked out the window and there is about 24 inches of snow on the ground. Wow! The biggest snow-storm southern Indiana has had in years. This is a huge contrast to how the temperature was in Panama last month. During the eight days we were there it was in the seventies and eighties about every day.

Five years ago our district started partnering with Wesleyan World Missions in the country of Panama. Since that time churches have been built, people have been encouraged, and souls have been won to the kingdom as a result of our partnering in this project.

The D.B.A. has voted to continue this connection with those in Panama. After visiting and seeing the eight churches, I have a real appreciation for those who have sacrificed their time, talents, and resources to help those in need. Rev. Roy Hendershot, Rev. Kevin Kearby, and Rev. Chet Todd will be going down this month for another visit. Rev. Todd will be teaching a seminar on leadership, and the other two ministers will be scouting to see where it would be best to build another church. There will be more information coming about this project.

Note:

I have always had a burden for missions. When I was pastoring we supported the Panama Project for several months. We also added more missionaries that we send money to on a monthly basis. Our church gave thousands of dollars to missions both abroad and at home. So, I say that to let you know that I strongly believe in missions, and I desire that our district be mission minded as well.

However, the D.B.A. has asked for a reminder that all churches remember that their first responsibility is to pay the United Stewardship Fund of 11½ %. (By the way, when you do pay your budget assessment you are supporting missions, because part of this money goes to help Wesleyan missionaries spread the Good News of Jesus all around the globe.)

I would challenge your church though to go beyond giving the 11½ % for the district budget responsibilities and give to the Panama Project as well. Later, (the Lord willing) we will be highlighting a worthy project whereby you can contribute to the needs in Panama. Phase one was the first five years, and the next few years will be phase two. May God help us to advance HIS kingdom both at home and abroad!

RECOMMENDATION



Speaking of missions and missionaries I would like to take this opportunity to recommend an excellent missionary couple for you to support. Rev. Rick and Clara West are from this district and for many years served as missionaries in Latin America. Rev. West is now serving as the area director over 22 countries and he and his wife have been very helpful in assisting in the Panama project. I would like to see all of our churches put this couple in their missionary budget. They may be contacted by phone at:

1-954-572-4005 or by E-Mail
Lamerica@wesleyana.org Thanks!

When to Observe "Forty Days" in 2005

Traditionally, churches have used the forty days of Lent as faith journey time. In 2005, Lent is February 9, Ash Wednesday, through Holy Saturday, March 26 (excluding Sundays, in keeping with the ancient church practice of feasting, not fasting, on the Lord's Day). Many churches use *Forty Days* at other times during the year, as

a focus for church-wide prayer renewal—for example, leading up to revival meetings or a special outreach event. Ideas and resources for implementing *Forty Days of prayer and fasting* can be ordered from the Wesleyan Publishing House at 800-493-7539 or online at www.wesleyan.org.

Indiana Wesleyan University

In the Top Ten of Conservative Colleges in the U.S.A.

Young America's Foundation recommends I.W.U. as one of the top ten colleges in America. The 2004-2005 "Top Ten Conservative College" list features ten institutions that proclaim, through their mission and programs, a dedication to discovering, maintaining and strengthening the

conservative values of their students. These colleges offer an alternative to the liberal status quo, because they allow and encourage conservative students to explore conservative thought and emphasize principles of smaller government, strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values.

Remember Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Sunday, January 23, 2005

Junior High Lock-in

Friday, February 18, 2005
11:00 P.M.

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Activity Center
Louisville, KY
\$15.00 per person

Activities:

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

For more information, contact:
Rev. Chuck Morgan
812-966-2664

Senior High Lock-In

Friday, March 11, 2005
11.00 P.M.

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Activity Center Louisville, KY
\$15.00 per person

Activities:

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

For more information, contact:
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Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Barbara Hayes and Rev. Melvin & Rev. Michael Linville in the loss of their Father on December 5, 2004. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

TSUNAMI AID

Our prayers and thoughts are with those in Asia during this time of crisis. Our own organization **World Hope** is endeavoring to assist those in need. You are encouraged to make a donation at: www.worldhope.org, or US World Hope International, P.O. Box 96338, Washington, DC 20090

Ministerial Class - Book of Romans

FEBRUARY 5th & 19th, 2005

Paoli Wesleyan Church
Professor: Dr. Mark Eckart

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Thank You from the Eckart and England Families

We appreciate so much all of the cards and gifts that were given during the Christmas season. You are loved!

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Missionary Work in Panama

By Rev. Rick West

In May 1997, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the country of Panama for the first time. Panama is at the center of the Americas, and plays a major role in sea transport between the east and west, through the Canal. During my first visit I met



Rev. Rick West and Other Team Members in Worship

with a small group of leaders from a local independent church. The group had come to know the Wesleyan Church by way of missionary outreach of the Wesleyan Church in Puerto Rico. For the next two years I stayed in contact with the group in



Pastor Kevin Kearby Preaching the Word

Panama that was led by Pastor Irene Pascal.

Pastor Irene and her husband, Dr. Alfredo Pascal, a leading medical doctor in the Canal Zone, have a very interesting

testimony of God's saving grace in their lives. They tell of how they were Roman Catholic in

name, but in practice were people of the world, and involved in the pleasures of sin. About twenty years ago, due to the illness of one of their children, God

brought them to repentance and they experienced the fullness of Salvation in Jesus Christ which resulted in transformed lives and family. Nearly eight years ago, Pastor Irene felt the call to pastoral ministry. God has used the ministry of Pastor Irene and Dr. Alfredo to bring many people to the Kingdom.

After my first visit to Panama I sensed continued direction from the Lord to explore ministry there. In consultation with Dr. Donald Bray, General Director of Global Partners of the Wesleyan Church, he suggested that I seek the assistance of a District who would be willing to form a *partnership* to assist with the beginning of the Wesleyan Church in Panama. About that time, Rev. Marvin Hughes, former district superintendent of the Indiana South District contacted me and asked for ways I felt



Sharing the Good News

the District could be involved in a greater way in missions. I shared with Rev. Hughes about the possible partnership in Panama. As a member of the Indiana South District, I was delighted when the DBA accepted the challenge. In July of 1999, I accompanied a delegation from the district, led by Rev. Marvin Hughes to Panama. This visit led to a five-year partnership by the district to Panama, *INSPIRE*, *IND*iana South and *Panama In Relationship Evangelism* was born. God has honored the partnership in many ways. As we have partnered with Pastor Irene, she has been able to assist other leaders and young pastors which have resulted in church planting and other congregations



Pastor Edwin and family

joining the Wesleyan Church. While her ministry began with the *Unión Cristiana* congregation which she continues to pastor, she has been instrumental in facilitating six other congregations which make up the Wesleyan Church of Panama. The INSPIRE Partnership has helped make this a reality. The Indiana South District has partnered in many ways to facilitate ministry in Panama which include participating in the ordination of three pastors to ministry; pastoral teaching/training

tend a leadership seminar in Costa Rica; Pastor Irene and Dr. Alfredo Pascal attended the Indiana South Camp a couple of years ago and last but not least, the Indiana South District has been involved in vital prayer support for the young church in Panama.



Pastor Roy Hendershot and Friends



The "Original" Coconut Juice

teams; seven construction teams to assist with church construction; a Women's retreat; assisted with the cost of training in a local seminary for four pastors; assisted with the purchased of Bibles in Spanish and the Kuna language; provided over 500 packets of Bible Story cards for kids; assisted seven pastors to at-

also benefits both ways, it is a "*channel of blessing both ways.*" INSPIRE has been a *channel of blessing* to the beginnings of the Wesleyan Church in Panama, and while Panama can never repay in monetary value the Indiana South District, there are people from Indiana South who have had a life changing experience after ministering in Panama. God has used Panama to call people to ministry. Again, only eternity will reveal the full reward.

As the Indiana South District comes to the end of the five-year partnership commitment, I am happy to know that the District is committed to

the second phase and continuing a ministry relationship with Panama. In many ways I feel we have just begun. Your prayer support is imperative. Pray the Lord of the Harvest that He will send laborers into the Harvest of Panama, that God will call people from Indiana South to serve Him in Panama. I believe that God will honor you as you tithe in your local church and give beyond your tithe for the ministry in Panama. I also believe that God will honor the local church when local and district financial needs including USF are cared for, and then missions giving including Panama, is kept in focus. Clara and I are honored to be a minister of your district since 1972, and serving as missionaries representing you to Latin America since 1975. We look forward to continuing the ministry together in Panama with Dr. Mark Eckart and the INSPIRE board. On behalf of Global Partners, Clara and I, we deeply appreciate your support for the ministry of the Wesleyan Church in Panama.

In Christ,
Rick West

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Some Prosective Wesleyans

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Nov. SS '04	Nov. SS '03	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K. Wingham	12	14	2	0%	15	15	13
Bedford	G. Tilley	21	19	2	11%	29	21	13
Bicknell First	M. Reed	43	53	10	0%	52	21	90
Birdseye	D. Murphy	25	16	9	56%	27	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	14	18	4	0%	14	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	TBS	22	44	22	0%	22	11	7
Bloomfield Southside	D. Dustin	NR						
Bloomington Central	E. Hayes	48	47	1	2%	55	26	20
Bloomington Shepherd	B. Colburn	0	0	0	0%	22	19	14
Blue River	A. Marshall	22	21	1	5%	40	13	0
Boonville	E. Ames	27	26	1	4%	49	34	15
Brazil Jackson Street	E. Stewart	NR						
Carthage New Life	H. Smith	7	9	2	0%	22	8	20
Clear Fork	R. Hotle	12	NR	0	0%	19	12	12
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	0	0	0	0%	16	7	0
Columbus Central	B. Miller	25	14	11	79%	27	10	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	51	46	5	11%	71	49	71
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	40	43	3	0%	57	38	22
Concord	T. Whitham	27	34	7	0%	32	24	19
Connersville Grandview	R. Wallace	NR						
Corydon New Hope	T. Bye	14	23	9	0%	53	21	16
E. Enterprise	R. Albring	19	15	4	27%	23	25	20
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	37	40	3	0%	37	22	15
English	P. Jones	79	85	6	0%	85	59	58
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	139	142	3	0%	244	90	148
Evansville North Park	M. Linville	49	57	8	0%	111	15	32
Evansville Trinity	E. Freels	45	56	11	0%	74	24	78
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	20	33	13	0%	22	20	14
Franklin	D. Neal	39	37	2	5%	48	32	21
French Lick S.V.	J. Moffatt	71	63	8	13%	114	57	37
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	16	20	4	0%	22	11	14
Greenfield	J. Anderson	NR						
Greensburg	W. Thompson III	35	35	0	0%	39	14	12
Greenwood	J. Hughes	NR						
Helmsburg	D. Pfaff	NR						
Holton	W. Vandervort	20	20	0	0%	23	8	6
Hope First	E. Boston	29	20	9	45%	30	18	42
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR						
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	27	0	27	0%	0	0	5
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	14	0	14	0%	12	0	10
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	NR						
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	40	37	3	8%	56	39	35
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	68	71	3	0%	104	51	51
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR						
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	9	13	4	0%	12	0	8
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	60	65	5	0%	74	22	166
Medora	C. Morgan	35	41	6	0%	33	23	21
Milan	L. Brown	25	23	2	9%	33	31	0

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Mitchell	S. Jones	105	113	8	0%	221	107	219
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	21	23	2	0%	38	17	16
Morgantown Emmaus	S. Yager	NR						
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	14	0	14	0%	16	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	49	0	49	0%	63	44	0
Orleans	H. Carr	51	31	20	65%	57	37	17
Otwell	R. Stillwell	NR						
Paoli	L. Manship	139	202	63	0%	321	96	99
Petersburg	L. Lamar	10	13	3	0%	10	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	11	19	8	0%	30	15	8
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR						
Princeton	D. Reed	NR						
Rising Sun	J. Kelly	8	NR	0	0%	8	0	5
Rodney	M. Miller	17	13	4	31%	22	20	13
Rushville	H. Baker	NR						
Salem	C. Johnson	11	11	0	0%	17	15	15
Sandford	C. Hedden	19	13	6	46%	15	7	9
Scott City	D. Ault	NR						
Scottsburg	P. Mills	12	9	3	33%	14	12	9
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	23	24	1	0%	18	0	0
Seymour	I. Holt	25	23	2	9%	34	25	25
Shelburn	B. Noel	NR						
Shelbyville Grace	H. Weaver(S)	NR						
Shelbyville Westside	W. Seymour	NR						
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	9	0	9	0%	9	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	NR						
Spearsville	C. Bell	30	30	0	0%	30	28	17
Spencer - Emanuel	J. Knight	NR						
Sullivan	G. Larimer	30	33	30	0%	32	36	28
Sylvania	B. England	64	70	60	0%	105	53	41
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	135	153	18	0%	236	173	92
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	79	81	2	0%	109	60	58
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	NR						
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	3	7	4	0%	3	4	4
Valeene	D. Manship	NR						
Versailles	D. Jewell	34	33	1	3%	34	14	13
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	15	19	4	0%	35	0	11
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	36	36	0	0%	62	49	20
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	22	0	22	0%	21	33	13
Wesley Chapel	P. Kirk	NR						
Westport	E. Wakefield	77	57	20	35%	84	42	20
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	27	20	7	35%	28	10	10
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	63	83	20	0%	68	51	46
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	NR						
Whitehall	D. Campbell	26	27	1	0%	24	15	13
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	26	22	4	18%	26	21	11
TOTALS		2545	2536	9	0%	3713	1925	2008

*NR-No Report

Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain
Orleans	H. Carr	20	French Lick	(J. Moffatt)	8
Westport	E. Wakefield	20	West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	7
Columbus Central	B. Miller	11	Sandford	C. Hedden	6
Birdseye	D. Murphy	9	Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	5
Hope First	E. Boston	9	E. Enterprise	R. Albring	4

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Sandford	C. Hedden	46%
Hope First	E. Boston	45%
Westport	E. Wakefield	35%
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	35%
Scottsburg	P. Mills	33%
Rodney	M. Miller	31%
E. Enterprise	R. Albring	27%
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	18%