

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



February 2005



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Schedule

February

- 5 Saturday Romans Class/Paoli
- 6 A.M. Corydon
- 9 Ash Wednesday
- 13 A.M. Greenwood
- P.M. Edinburgh
- 19 A.M. Saturday Romans Class/Paoli
- 20 A.M. Otwell
- P.M. Bloomfield Southside
- 23 P.M. Indoor Camp/Greenfield
- 25 P.M. Indoor Camp/Columbus
Flintwood
- 27 A.M. Martinsville
- P.M. Whitehall

March

- 6 A.M. Bloomfield Mt. Zion
- P.M. Church Visit
- 7-9 District Ministerial Convention
- 12 SAT DBA Meeting
- 13 A.M. Clear Fork
- P.M. Shepherd of the Hills - LCC
- 16 P.M. West Terre Haute 8th - LCC
- 20 A.M. Shelbyville Grace - LCC
- P.M. Columbus Ohio Street - LCC
- 27 Easter Sunday

Some Good News!

Mark S. F. Eckart

Certainly we get bad news every day. Bad news can come from the church treasurer indicating the money is getting low; it can come from the doctor saying I need to see you for another visit; or it can come from Iraq where we hear more American soldiers have been killed. Basically, every day we hear some form of bad news.

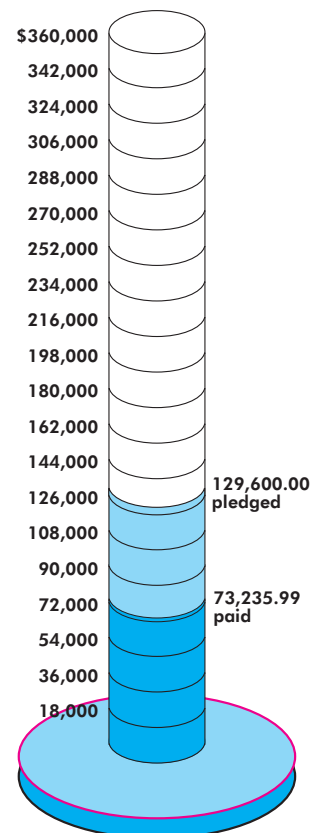
However, thank the Lord, life is balanced with good news on occasion. And so, realizing there are always challenges, below is some good news I heard recently about our district.

1. Last church year in our district there were **481** persons saved and **108** people sanctified. This is really what church work is all about. People finding Christ and giving Him full control of their lives.

2. Recently I attended a GS/DS meeting in Florida. The three General Superintendents and the DS's met for a time of learning and reflection. While there I learned that last fiscal year our district had the most percentage gain (13%) in A.M. Worship attendance than any of the other thirty-two districts in The Wesleyan Church. We were also in the top five out of the districts for numerical gain. We had 498 more people attending A.M. Worship than we did a year ago. Praise the Lord! Keep up the good work and continue inviting people to church. (Special thanks to Dr. Stephen

Babby & Rev. Mark Gorveatte for this data).

3. Some more good news! Just about a year ago we launched the G.L.A.D. program. With the help from many of you and the good Lord blessing our efforts we now have 108 units of the program pledged. As you can see from the chart we have **\$129,600.00** pledged and **\$73,235.99** paid into the program. Have you joined yet? If not, why don't you or your church join and help us become debt free by 2009? Thanks!



Life-Long Sweethearts



This is Valentines Month. Listed below are some life-long sweethearts! Congratulations to these three couples for setting an example by staying married all these years to each other.



Celebrating 70 Years

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Chaille celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They have lived on the same farm and lived in the same house ever since they have been married. They attend the Westport church. May God give them many more years of marital bliss!

Sunday School Reporting

One of the reasons for the Church Growth Report is to see how God is blessing our churches and how we can better pray. Pastors and Secretaries should send reports to Rev. Melvin Linville, 4211 High School Road, Poseyville, IN 47633 or e-mail him at mlinvill@evansville.net.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for painting at the Campgrounds

Please contact: David Hoss, grounds keeper 865-2230



Celebrating 60 Years

Mr. & Mrs. Albert McDaniel. Albert (88 years of age) and Esther (81 years of age) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by jumping out of an airplane and doing their first skydiving experience. Esther said one day her husband woke up and said, "We are boring. We don't do anything exciting anymore." That all changed when they drove to Greensburg, IN, and jumped from the plane! What even makes it more interesting is Albert isn't able to hear and Esther is legally blind. They often tell people because of this they make the perfect couple! They attend our Martinsville church. This story was featured in many newspapers, on the radio, and television. May the McDaniels have many more happy years together!



Celebrating 50 Years

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Philo Jones who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are currently pastoring the English Wesleyan Church.

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:
Rev. Church Morgan
812-966-2664

Indiana South District Ministerial Seminar

May 2 - 6, 2005

Orleans, Indiana Wesleyan Campgrounds

Monday through Wednesday Noon

- ❖ Introduction to Theology/C-05, Dr. Wright
- ❖ Wesleyan Church History & Discipline/C-35, Dr. Caldwell
- ❖ Pastoral Counseling/C-44, Dr. Eckart

Wednesday Noon through Friday

- ❖ Evangelism & Missions/C-27, Dr. Wright
- ❖ Philosophy/C-31, Dr. Caldwell
- ❖ Pastoral Ministries/C-34, Dr. Eckart

For more information, contact:

Rev. Bob L. England, Seminar Coordinator
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Tips for Sunday School Superintendents

There was a time not so very long ago when the Sunday School Superintendent, along with the Pastor were the two most important individuals within many of our churches across the District. The Sunday School was once the largest and most visible organization within the church and, as the head of that department; the SS Supt. had great importance. But as SS attendance and sadly interest in the overall SS program started to decline in past years, the importance of the superintendent in our churches declined as well.

Today, in many of our Sunday Schools, the superintendent does little more than make a few announcements and maybe have a prayer. Is that all they should be doing? Certainly not! Even if the structure of our Sunday School has changed, the superintendent still has an important role as the leader of the organization. Here are a few things that every Sunday School Superintendent can and should be doing...

- ♦ Challenge your SS teachers to strive for continual growth in personality, training and technique. This should include planning regular teaching training workshops for all workers.
- ♦ Hold some type of regular SS Teacher's meetings where teachers can be challenged, informed, inspired and make their needs and concerns known.
- ♦ Select teachers & other SS workers wisely. The Supt. should play a big part in the selection and training of new teachers. He/she should always be on the lookout for prospective new teachers too.
- ♦ Keep the Pastor informed about the work of the SS.
- ♦ Work for your own spiritual growth. Be a conscientious student of the Bible, read religious & other helpful

books, and subscribe to church and Christian education publications.

- ♦ See that accurate and complete records are kept within your Sunday School. Be sure that the class-lists (roll books) are up to date. Always be sure too that you have good info on any visitors for future contacts. *Remember to report your monthly totals to the District S.S. Director at the end of each month. This is very important!*
- ♦ Encourage teachers to follow up on absentees. A quick phone call or card shows concern and will go a long way.
- ♦ Set some type of attendance and enrollment goals.
- ♦ Keep your entire Church informed of the work and importance of Sunday School-its program, its plans, and its needs. Promote it regularly through your bulletin boards, church newsletters, weekly bulletins etc.
- ♦ See that the SS classrooms are well lit, clean, neat, comfortable and conducive to learning. Needed supplies checked, teaching materials/items weeded through and organized, tables, chairs in good condition etc.
- ♦ Through my years as a SS Superintendent, I have made it a practice of visiting the classrooms of my teachers on Saturday evenings, and praying for the presence of God in each SS age group. **It is also important to encourage your teachers to pray for their classes.** Much Prayer, Much Power, Little Prayer, Little Power. Someone has said the decline of the SS in many of our churches in recent years may very well be traced to a lack of prayer.

—Prayerfully,
Robert F. Henderson
Sunday School Superintendent
Orleans Wesleyan Church

Annual Offering Sponsored By Wesleyan Women During The Month Of February

Change my heart, oh God!

In Scripture we are told that the world will know that we are the lord's disciples by how we love each other. Real love is demonstrated by sacrificial giving; not because we have to, but because we want to!

The heart of Ministries Offering is an opportunity for the entire Church to respond in a tangible way to meet the needs of others at home and overseas. When God changes our hearts we want to give and share His love with others! It is amazing to observe the ways Wesleyans reach out when their hearts are moved into action.

Come and partner with us by giving to the:

Heart of Ministries Offering
Wesleyan Women • PO Box 50434
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Phone: 317.774.7974 • E-mail: ww@wwesleyan.org
www.wesleyan.org/women

53rd Annual Ministerial Convention of the Indiana South District

March 7-9, 2005

University Plaza Hotel
Hwy. 46 & Kinser Pike • Bloomington, Indiana

812-334-3252



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Wayne Schmidt



Convention Musicians:
Don & Shirl Gessner

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Dec. '04	Dec. '03	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K. Wingham	10	8	2	25%	19	9	9
Bedford	G. Tilley	18	23	5	0%	29	22	12
Bicknell First	M. Reed	40	44	4	0%	63	24	81
Birdseye	D. Murphy	19	17	2	12%	21	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	13	18	5	0%	13	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	TBS	19	50	31	0%	0	7	5
Bloomfield Southside	D. Dustin	NR						
Bloomington Central	E. Hayes	53	43	10	23%	57	22	26
Bloomington Shepherd	B. Colburn	0	0	0	0%	17	15	15
Blue River	A. Marshall	22	17	5	29%	49	12	0
Boonville	E. Ames	24	NR	0	0%	53	27	15
Brazil Jackson Street	E. Stewart	41	40	1	3%	48	16	19
Carthage New Life	H. Smith	6	7	1	0%	31	5	27
Clear Fork	R. Hotle	14	21	7	0%	20	12	12
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	NR						
Columbus Central	B. Miller	25	14	11	79%	25	12	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	51	46	5	11%	108	63	49
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	NR						
Concord	T. Whitham	29	26	3	12%	35	35	18
Connersville Grandview	R. Wallace	NR						
Corydon New Hope	T. Bye	23	16	7	44%	41	19	16
E. Enterprise	R. Albring	17	15	2	13%	21	13	10
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	44	41	3	7%	44	29	18
English	P. Jones	88	77	11	14%	90	52	65
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	111	134	23	0%	243	95	105
Evansville North Park	M. Linville	43	54	11	0%	76	40	30
Evansville Trinity	E. Freels	39	46	7	0%	74	21	83
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	26	20	6	30%	31	16	16
Franklin	D. Neal	NR						
French Lick S.V.	J. Moffatt	57	57	0	0%	97	65	34
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	19	17	2	12%	22	16	10
Greenfield	J. Anderson	NR						
Greensburg	W. Thompson III	NR						
Greenwood	J. Hughes	0	0	0	0%	50	0	0
Helmsburg	D. Pfaff	0	0	0	0%	8	0	0
Holton	W. Vandervort	21	18	3	17%	24	11	9
Hope First	E. Boston	43	22	21	95%	44	16	45
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR						
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	NR						
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	13	NR	0	0%	21	0	10
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	NR						
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	40	38	2	5%	61	34	41
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	65	69	4	0%	123	150	61
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR						
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	9	NR	0	0%	10	0	7
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	64	60	4	7%	76	32	73
Medora	C. Morgan	42	37	5	14%	40	23	21
Milan	L. Brown	26	26	0	0%	32	25	0

Church	Pastor	Dec. '04	Dec. '03	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Mitchell	S. Jones	110	95	15	16%	212	214	167
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	18	31	13	0%	36	13	13
Morgantown Emmaus	S. Yager	NR						
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	NR						
North Vernon	J. Terry	59	53	6	11%	73	28	0
Orleans	H. Carr	53	30	23	77%	62	67	16
Otwell	H. Leehe	NR						
Paoli	L. Manship	129	201	72	0%	283	143	99
Petersburg	L. Lamar	10	12	2	0%	10	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	11	23	12	0%	28	16	10
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR	NR	0	0%	24	12	13
Princeton	D. Reed	NR						
Rising Sun	J. Kelly	7	NR	0	0%	7	0	5
Rodney	M. Miller	17	12	5	42%	19	12	15
Rushville	H. Baker	NR						
Salem	C. Johnson	10	10	0	0%	16	13	11
Sandford	C. Hedden	25	21	4	19%	19	12	11
Scott City	D. Ault	NR						
Scottsburg	P. Mills	12	11	1	9%	13	8	12
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	23	18	5	28%	18	0	0
Seymour	I. Holt	29	25	4	16%	41	24	26
Shelburn	B. Noel	10	NR	0	0%	29	0	0
Shelbyville Grace	H. Weaver(S)	64	NR	0	0%	77	46	13
Shelbyville Westside	W. Seymour	NR						
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	8	NR	0	0%	8	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	NR						
Spearsville	C. Bell	33	12	21	175%	33	20	15
Spencer - Emanuel	J. Knight	7	0	0	0%	7	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	30	29	1	3%	32	40	24
Sylvania	B. England	70	67	3	4%	99	66	48
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	130	145	15	0%	248	191	140
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	84	77	7	9%	110	65	61
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	NR						
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	5	4	1	25%	5	4	7
Valeene	D. Manship	NR	NR	0	0%	68	41	24
Versailles	D. Jewell	34	34	0	0%	34	13	12
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	41	44	3	0%	68	56	15
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	NR						
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	25	NR	0	0%	28	31	11
Wesley Chapel	P. Kirk	43	NR	0	0%	57	48	23
Westport	E. Wakefield	86	64	22	34%	94	46	23
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	26	22	4	18%	27	12	7
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	66	64	2	3%	71	62	38
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	22	NR	0	0%	23	33	21
Whitehall	D. Campbell	25	25	0	0%	24	22	13
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	28	21	7	33%	28	18	12
TOTALS		2524	2271	253	11%	3847	2314	1847

*NR-No Report

Top Ten Churches for Numerical Gain for Dec. 2004

Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain
Orleans	H. Carr	23	Columbus Central	B. Miller	11
Westport	E. Wakefield	22	English	P. Jones	11
Spearsville	C. Bell	21	Bloomington Central	E. Hayes	10
Hope First	E. Boston	21	Corydon New Hope	T. Bye	7
Mitchell	S. Jones	15	Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	7

Top Ten Percentage Gain for Dec. 2004

Church	Pastor	Percentage Gain
Spearsville	C. Bell	175%
Hope First	E. Boston	95%
Columbus Central	B. Miller	79%
Orleans	H. Carr	77%
Corydon	T. Bye	44%
Rodney	M. Miller	42%
Westport	E. Wakefield	34%
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	33%
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	30%
Blue River	A. Marshall	29%

DON'T FORGET
40 DAYS OF FASTING & PRAYER
 Beginning Wednesday Feb. 9 'til Easter
 March 27, 2005 (excluding Sundays)