

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Schedule November

3		Jonathan White – Faith Pointe Community Wesleyan
4	A.M.	Walker Chapel
	P.M.	Shelbyville Westside – Installation
10		Paoli – Pentateuch Class
12-13		Prayer & Fast Retreat
18	A.M.	Carthage
	P.M.	Columbus Ohio St. – Installation
25	A.M.	Bedford – Installation
	P.M.	Medora – Installation
December		
2	A.M.	Lewis Creek
	P.M.	Scottsburg
7	P.M.	Pastor's Annual Christmas Dinner/Orleans
9	A.M.	Corydon
	P.M.	French Lick
16	A.M.	Wilmington Hills – Installation
	P.M.	Holton
25		Merry Christmas!!
27-30		Set Apart '07/Florida

Biblical View of Thanksgiving

In the New Testament Paul tells of giving thanks to God:

“We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” – Colossians 1:3, 12-14.

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers” – Ephesians 1:15-16.

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus” – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

We are actually commanded to give praise and thanksgiving to God elsewhere in the New Testament.

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” – Hebrews 13:15-16.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – I Thessalonians 5:16-18.

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire” – Hebrews 12:28-29.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” – Philippians 4:4-7.

In the Old Testament, especially in the book of Psalms, you can find passages admonishing us to be thankful.

“That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works” – Psalm 26:7.

“Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High” – Psalm 50:14.

“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving” – Psalm 69:30.

“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms” – Psalm 69:30.

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name” – Psalm 100:4.

“And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing” – Psalm 107:22.

“I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD” – Psalm 116:17.

“Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God” – Psalm 147:7.



Pastors Annual Christmas Dinner

Pastors, mark your calendars for
Dec. 7th at 6:30 p.m.

at the
Orleans Wesleyan Fellowship Hall
for the
Annual Christmas Dinner

All Pastors, Associate Pastors, Youth
Pastors and Retired Pastors along with
their spouse or guest are invited to
attend. Plan to see you there!



Self-Denial 2007

The Training of Overseas Leaders (TOOL) scholarship program provides for educational, living, and travel expenses for these leaders and their families as they complete masters and doctoral level programs. To date, Global Partners has provided several hundred international leaders with TOOL scholarships; many have gone on to become national leaders of The Wesleyan Church in their home countries.

The Self-Denial Offering has traditionally been collected each November; however, it is adaptable to fit the needs and calendar of each Wesleyan Church. Your gift to this year's Self-Denial Offering will enhance the ministry of the International Wesleyan Church. With your help, Global Partners will again provide scholarships to more than 25 leaders representing more than 12 countries. Help lay the foundation for the International Wesleyan Church by giving to the Self-Denial Offering. **You can mail your offering to Global Partners, P.O. Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250.**

UPCOMING REVIVALS

Salem Wesleyan Church
November 25th– 28th
Sunday – 6:30 pm
Mon. – Wed. 7:00 pm
Evangelist: Dr. Roy Lauter
www.nhim.org
Special Music: Cindy Caniff

MINISTERIAL CLASSES

Worship

Professor: Dr. Mark Eckart
Feb. 2nd & 23rd, 2008
Paoli Wesleyan

Do You Need a Year-End Tax Break?

If so, please remember all G.L.A.D. donations are tax deductible. Please mail donations to: **Rev. Charles Stroud**, 7695 S. 425 W., Spiceland, IN 47385.

BIRTHDAY OFFERING FOR JESUS

The DBA has approved taking a birthday offering for Jesus. This money will be used to plant new churches like **Faith Pointe**, which was started Easter 2007 and will also help some of our current churches that are struggling to grow. **Please take an offering on Sunday, December 9th and send it to the District Treasurer marked accordingly.** Thank you!



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Sylvania Youth Famine Activity

A while back, the Sylvania Wesleyan Youth Group participated in World Vision's "30 Hour Famine". World Vision is a worldwide Christian Relief Organization that helps provide relief for people in desperate living conditions around the world. By participating in the event, the youth group raised \$1000.00 to fight world hunger, as well as raised public awareness of the issue. The money raised will also be matched by the government. For thirty hours starting Friday evening until a little after midnight Sunday, the teenagers fasted. Also fasting was Vivian England, the wife of Senior Pastor Bob England, and the youth pastor Ryan Dillman. A big meal was provided before the fast, as well as communion followed by another large meal to break the fast. Though the fast only lasted 30 hours, it gave the teens a small idea of what it is like to go hungry. Activities during the fast included sleeping outside in self-made cardboard boxes Friday night and playing tribal games where the teens had to act like a young child in an Afri-

can tribe. One of the teens cardboard boxes did not make it through the night and the boys whose box it was had to move to the back of a pick-up truck! Some teens were even given handicaps during these tribal games like many real children in Africa have, and they had to act out these handicaps. Some of these handicaps included the loss of vision in one eye (eye patch was provided), the loss of a leg (one leg was tied up so it could not be used), and to the youth groups delight, the youth pastor was not allowed to speak (duct tape had to be used)! The teens then played a key role in the Sunday morning service at Sylvania as they gave testimonials about what they learned over the weekend and they participated in a special song. The Sunday message also corresponded with the theme as it addressed the Christian's responsibility to provide for those in need. It was a great learning experience for the youth group & hopefully we can do it again next year.

- Youth Pastor Ryan Dillman

G.L.A.D.

Dear Friends,

Greetings! I just wanted to write and encourage you to keep giving to the G.L.A.D. Program. All of the pledges have been taken, but we need to continue to pay on the pledges so we can burn the mortgage on the farm by spring of 2009. Thanks for helping in this worthy project!

Pastor Charles Stroud, G.L.A.D. Treasurer
Send all G.L.A.D. money to Charles Stroud,
7695 S. 425 W., Spiceland, IN 47385.

Missionaries to Cambodia/Philippines



Robert & Kay Bickert are Global Partner missionaries to Cambodia/Philippines. They are planning on going back to the field to teach at the Wesleyan Bible Institute in Phnom Penh in January and to teach first semester at APNTS (Asian Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary) July to

October. How can you help them? First, PRAY for them to be open channels for the Holy Spirit to minister through. Second, join them in prayer for God's provision for the remaining \$9,000.00 over the next 15 months ending in October, 08. Funds can be sent monthly. Would you consider a faith promise for 2008? **Send money to Global Partners, P.O. Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250-0434, marked Bickert Summer Teaching Account WM08-0892.** If you would like for the Bickert's to come share at your church, you can contact them at 859-858-8981, 859-559-6344 or 859-559-6355 or via email at Robert.Bickert@gmail.com.

New Church Growth Report Format

The District Board of Administration has approved that certain changes be made in order to reflect more accurately the progress of the local churches and to reflect what the priorities of the local church ought to be.

1. The monthly report will show the previous year's figures for morning worship as well as Sunday School.
2. The monthly report will include a column to show number of conversions and sanctifications for the month. To keep the report as concise and simple as possible, both conversions and sanctifications will be combined into one column.
3. Instead of having the "Top Ten" list for numerical and percentage gain in Sunday School, the monthly report will have the following "Top Five" lists:
 - a. Top five for numerical gain in Sunday School
 - b. Top five for percentage gain in Sunday School
 - c. Top five for numerical gain in Morning Worship
 - d. Top five for percentage gain in Morning WorshipMaking changes is seldom easy. But hopefully these will help us understand the development of our church and district.



Ladies Retreat

