



## God Smiles on Faith!

World Christian Broadcasting, in Elmwood's world mission budget for the past 15 years, exists because of countless miracles from God since it was founded almost 30 years ago. Friends and churches throughout the world give sacrificially that this worldwide effort should grow in influence. Information dinners for donors have proven to be great sources of funding. After one dinner WCB's president reported on a phone call from Carol.

"Carol and her husband had attended our annual fund-raising dinner on May 11. She said she had attended our dinners before . . . but 'This was the most inspiring meeting I have ever attended.' Interestingly, Carol and her husband had gone to the dinner without considering what they would give because, quite frankly, they were in a 'serious financial situation.' They did have an emergency fund, but they had found it necessary to use that on occasion to buy groceries. They were having a tough time.

"When Gracia Burnham was still speaking, before anyone asked for money, Carol learned over to her husband and asked, 'How much can we give?' He responded by saying, 'Whatever you think.' As Gracia finished her inspiring speech, Carol began to pray. She asked God to guide her in the gift she wanted to give. How much could she afford to give?

"I don't think Carol heard my speech at the end of the evening as I asked the huge audience for their gifts. Then she wrote her check. She held it for her husband to see. He said, 'OK.' **She had written a check for the amount of their entire emergency fund. It was all they had.**

"With tears in my eyes I tried to tell Carol thank you, but she didn't let me finish. She said, 'That's not the end of the story.' The dinner was on a Tuesday evening. Carol and her family were now without funds. On Sunday, five days later, a very generous person handed Carol a check for an amount ten times the amount of the check she had written to World Christian Broadcasting.

Does the God of miracles smile on faith?

*G. Crowe*

## Hoosier Daddy

One of the benefits Elmwood community members have is the opportunity to be an adopted parent for college students. If you have participated before in this ministry, you know exactly what I am talking about! If not, then hopefully that will change this year.

Being an adopted parent is a symbiotic spiritual relationship because when you take on this important role you are able to both serve your college student and be served by him.

You have many, many ways to serve your college student! If the thought that you have nothing to give has kept you from being an adopted parent up to this point, then don't let that happen again! Some parents can serve their student(s) by cooking meals; some serve through giving advice; some serve by simply allowing the student(s) to use the washing machine and dryer! The point is that there are many ways to serve. Ultimately, the greatest way to serve college students is simply to say yes to being an adopted parent. Just being there to provide a sense of "home away from home" for them is plenty!

If that was not enough, you will also learn from your student(s). They will teach you or remind you of new thoughts of God and life, and you probably will learn some new lingo!

I really encourage you to come to our meeting Sunday at 5 pm in the main auditorium. You will certainly not regret learning more about this important ministry!

~Dan

## Prayer Concerns...

After undergoing tests and more tests, **Marie DeWoody**, 3-month-old daughter of Yssa and Andrew, was sent home on Friday and is undergoing further tests....**Rose Hunt** is scheduled for neurostimulator implant surgery this Friday, August 5, at St. Elizabeth Hospital....**Dana Fee**, sister of college student, Jared Fee, will undergo tests on August 15 for some serious health problems....Continue to pray for **Joe White, Bill Andrews, Geneva Hamilton, Anna Dale, Darrel Martin, Eunice Whitesell, Mark Eddy, Irene Fox, Ramona Farris, Bernice Todd,** and **Delpha Allen**. Those in Rosewalk Village: **Paul & Ruth Marks, Minnie Scott,** and **Burnell Gulden**.

Serving in the military: **Josh Hunt** is in Iraq.

## You've Overwhelmed Us!

Your response to our requests for the food pantry have been awesome, extra-generous, overwhelming! We have cereal, soup and toilet paper everywhere, along with the routine items you supply. In July we served 138 families with 451 individuals even though we did not accept any new families to serve.

Now we have a different problem—we're running out of storage space. So we ask that you take a "two week breather" on food contributions and let us catch up with our sorting and distribution.

God bless your servant spirit.

—Herb & Mary Ella King

## Women's Bible Study Website

Dorothy Walters' daughter, **Connie Barker**, has developed a website which highlights materials for women's Bible study. Connie and the minister's wife, Karla Taylor, created the ministry out of "a deep desire to serve the Lord's church worldwide, especially edifying women in the kingdom, helping them grow closer and stronger in their Christian walk."

The address is [lightmypathministries.com](http://lightmypathministries.com). Many books and study guides for women's classes are available through this site.



**Adene Fox Nelson**, longtime member of the church in Lafayette in the 1940's-1950's, passed away Wednesday evening, July 20, in Jackson, Tennessee. Cause of death was cancer. Adene is survived by her husband, Ray, and their son, Tom, and his wife, Kim, of Atlanta; their daughter, Jodi Sanford, of Denver; her mother, Irene Fox, of West Lafayette; and two sisters, Judy Hollis (husband, Jesse) of Lafayette, and Cathy Turner (husband, Larry) of Cincinnati. Adene and Ray have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her father, Roy Fox, preceded her in death. Ray and Adene were supported by the Elmwood Church as missionaries in Brussels, Belgium, for 5 years in the 1960's. The funeral was in Henderson, Tennessee. Ray's address is 223 Johnson Circle, Henderson, TN 38340. Our sympathies also to Ray's brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Janet Nelson, as well as the rest of the family.



## Graduation Open House

A graduation open house for **Brandon Hombs** is planned for this **Saturday, August 6, 1:00 until 3:00 in the afternoon, at the Christian Student Center, 115 Waldron St., West Lafayette**. Brandon is receiving his Ph.D. and he, Veronica, and Natalia, will be leaving for New Hampshire where Brandon has taken a job with BAE Systems.

## Upcoming Gospel Meetings

The **Wheatfield Church of Christ** is having a gospel meeting with featured speaker, **Ron Harmon**, of Killen, Alabama, on August 4-7 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 PM, Sunday Bible study at 9 AM, Sunday worship, 10 AM and 6 PM). The church building is located at the corner of High and Center streets.

Hear speaker, **John Douglas**, at the Church of Christ, 1514 West 74th Street (near Ashland Avenue), Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday, August 21, through Friday, August 26, 7:30 PM each evening.

**July 31, 2005**

*Class: 158 Worship: 286*

*Contribution: \$5,362*

*Budget: \$8,100*

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### Where Did the Summer Go?

It is really hard to believe, but we are only a couple weeks away from school starting which of course means that summer is coming to an end. It has been a hot summer. More importantly, it has been a good summer. Most of you know that I spent three weeks away from home (in a row) because of a mission trip and camps. Some of you wonder if I'm crazy...others have known me for seven years. I'll remind you again that camps and mission trips are the two most important faith shaping events in the life of a young person. Here's more information.

### Camp Cincinnati Urban Ministry Outreach

Camp CUMO (July 9-15) was quite an eye opening experience for most of us from Elmwood. We did not experience any conversions during the week (at least one baptism after the mission trip), but we did see significant life change in many of the campers. The week was spent with 49 inner city kids from the projects in Cincinnati and about 25 teen and adult counselors/teachers/cooks/staff members. It might have been enough that we were encountering a totally different culture and spending the week with the campers in tents, but the Lord decided we needed to appreciate our comforts of home more, so it rained nearly every day...in case you didn't know it, tents are not as water-tight as your homes. Lessons for the week focused on the old song "Be Careful" (little ears, eyes, mouth) and the practical application of corresponding truths from God's Word. We filled the days with four classes, crafts, sports, swimming at the State Park, and lots of food – great food. This trip was not a "piece of cake," but when I asked the group if they would go back if invited, it was a unanimous YES! We are not sure who changed the most or got the greatest blessing...the campers or the staff. We will let you know later. We made some great eternal friends with the Withamsville group and the campers.

### Spring Mill Bible Camp

I've shared a little with you already about Senior Week (July 17-23), but the 10 campers and 3 counselors had a great time of study, fellowship and fun as we focused on the theme of "I'll Be Back" – Jesus' promise that he would return. The biblical texts for the week were taken from the passages of Jesus' post resurrection appearances. The greatest challenge of the week was to be able to pray maranatha! Our Lord, come – quickly! Intermediate Week (July 24-29) focused on the lines of a neat song, "All Who Are Thirsty." Seven campers and three staff members had a great time as we were reminded that the living water God supplies is the only thing that truly quenches. If you missed out this year, mark your calendars for next year...the weeks stay the same each year – that really helps with vacation planning. We will share more soon! – Lee

## Don't Miss Sunday Nights at Elmwood!

**AUGUST 7:** Children everywhere are needing support from Christians. What can we do to help? We will have representatives from the Department of Families and Children to talk about foster parenting, and from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) to talk about what Christians can do to make sure the fostering process is healthy and a blessing to the children.

**AUGUST 14:** We will be scattered throughout the county enjoying our "I Don't Believe We've Met But Let Me Introduce Myself to You" dinners. To sign up, call the church office (447-2874) or write [elmchurch@aol.com](mailto:elmchurch@aol.com).

**AUGUST 21:** Kermit Wilson, the man with whom the Health Team has been working to help guide the process of creating better functional structures at Elmwood, will be speaking. He will put that process into Biblical perspective and explain how it will work.

**AUGUST 28:** Robert Brock, from Voice of the Martyrs, will explain the VOM ministry.

## Adopt a College Student

There will be a callout for all those interested in being adoptive parents for a CSC student for the upcoming academic year **this Sunday, August 7, at 5:00 PM**, in the fellowship room at Elmwood. If you have an interest, please plan to attend this important meeting.



**August 3, 7 PM...**Bible classes for all

**August 3, 7 PM...**Men's Class, room 204,  
Young Mom's Class, room 202

**August 7, 5 PM...**Adopt a College Student callout

**August 7, 6 PM...**CASA program

**August 14, 6 PM...**"Let Me Introduce Myself" dinner

*Read:*

Ezra 8-Nehemiah 10;  
I Corinthians 5-9; Psalms 27-31;  
Proverbs 21:1-13

# 2005 Spiritual Adventure

## Week 33: August 15-21

### Listening To The Past

Historian David McCullough made a speech last February in Phoenix at a national seminar. He spoke about America's history and America's future. McCullough states that one of the truths of history is that nothing ever had to happen the way it happened. History could have gone off in any number of different directions just as your own life can. You never know as one thing leads to another. Nothing happens in a vacuum as actions have consequences. Interestingly, past Bible characters lived in the present just as we do. The difference was that it was their present, not ours. Likewise, it is easy to find fault with some Bible characters for why they did this or didn't do that.

In the Bible readings for this week from Ezra and Nehemiah, we see two interesting historical characters. Ezra was a man of God with connections to the king of Babylon. Ezra was devoted to the study and teaching of the Law of the Lord. God's plan was to place Ezra in a position to assist in the return of the Exiles to Jerusalem. Along comes Nehemiah to continue this process. Ezra has the returned Exiles assemble to hear the reading of the Law of Moses. The people wept as they listened knowing that they had disappointed God.

But God doesn't continue their punishment. Instead, when God sees that the returned Exiles understand what was being read to them, he has Nehemiah do something very surprising. Nehemiah tells those assembled to go and enjoy choice foods and sweet drinks. He told them to not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is their strength. Wow, not exactly what you were expecting to happen until you read those verses.

Forgiveness is such a wonderful feeling. When our wrongs are forgiven, our burden of sins is lifted. We feel relieved, renewed, and often joyful. God has us back in a relationship with him. Something he has wanted all along. This historical story from the past has a story for us in the present and the future.

**-David Weckerly**

 Weekly Schedule	 Elders	 World Missions	
<b>Sunday</b> Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m. <b>Wednesday</b> Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	Bill Bell 463-1139 Joe Matthews 474-8369 Rick Swensen 463-6822 Don Vice 471-8653	Kevin Chambers World Christian Broadcasting Anchor Point, Alaska 99556  Loren and Penny Hollingsworth Phuket, Thailand 83000	
Elmwood Nursery School & Pre-K Preschool: Tues-Thurs 9-11:30 am Pre-K: Mon-Thurs 9-11:30 am Director, Susan McClain 447-2874	<th> Staff</th> <td>           City of Children            Ensenada, Mexico             Bren and Cheryl White            P.O. Box 245            New Market, MD 21774         </td>	 Staff	City of Children Ensenada, Mexico  Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774
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