



## Remembering Mary

It takes a village, some say, to rear a child. Definitely true in my case. One of the "other" mothers I had was Mary Ward. She was the mother of a close friend, the wife of one of the elders of our church, my Bible School teacher, and one of the few people in the world who thought I was absolutely wonderful.

Mary was the quintessential mom, elders' wife, and Bible class teacher—both for children and for women. God gifted her with the ability not only to teach but also to teach teachers, so she was invited to do teacher training in many places in the western U.S.

I will never think of Mary without remembering a heartbreaking incident about 40 years ago. She had just finished a teacher training weekend in Denver, and had mistakenly left behind one box of her prized graphics. These were items she had collected through the years, invested enormous amounts of time on, and had selected to bring as "show and tell" to this teacher training event. The next morning she remembered she had left the box at the church, so returned to get it. It was gone. The custodian had pitched it, and the garbage truck had already been there. With tears in her eyes Mary drove up and down the streets looking for the truck. She finally found it, only to learn that the driver had already made a trip to the dump. Mary went home, got her boots, drove to the dump, and walked up and down on the piles of trash trying to find her precious visuals. They were not to be found. To her dying day, when someone mentioned that incident, she would just shake her head sadly.

In 2002 I went to Denver to preach her husband's funeral. Mary, 91, died last week and the family said they could handle this one themselves, so I didn't go. A man who came to the funeral home reported that his two boys who went to Abilene Christian University said they made A's in their freshman Bible classes because they had their notebooks from Mary Ward's Bible classes to refer to.

I can hear Mary's voice, I can see her in action. A creative, caring teacher who loves God and is dedicated to making Him come alive for her students is not forgotten.

*G. Crowe*

## Another Chance

In case you were wondering, there is still time to sign up to be a part of an amazing ministry to international students here at Purdue. This Sunday night, June 19th, feel free to come to the Christian Student Center at 5:30 to see how you can help with this ministry.

We do not know how many students will show. We do not even know if any will show. But we are trusting in God and taking a leap of faith that this is the right direction for us to take this summer. On the other hand, we could have 100 students show up! God can do anything! But if we do have 100 students show up, we are going to need more workers from Elmwood! So, come out to our meeting this Sunday night!

You will learn about other cultures; you will learn about other American Christians; you will learn about yourself and your own faith; and, last but certainly not least, you will learn more about God as you teach Him to others!

Call the CSC office and let me know if you are interested in joining us this weekend - (765) 743-0954. We would love to send a message to the international students on this campus that they are loved and respected and that they can be a part of a family even if they are so far from home!

I really hope to see you there. I cannot begin to describe what God could do with this ministry.

~Dan



**Argie Verett** fell Monday night, fracturing her right arm....**Naomi Hunt** is recovering from surgery on her ankle on Tuesday....**Sarah McClain** has surgery on Thursday....**Josh Boyd** had an emergency appendectomy Thursday night. He left the hospital on Monday after spending the weekend receiving antibiotics....**Beth Holt & Vicki Vaught** are recuperating at home after their surgeries last week....**Paul Marks** is in Home Hospital, room 2329....**Elaine Crowder** was able to attend worship services on Sunday, though still continuing rehab at Rosewalk Village....**Gene Walker**, brother of Marilyn Walters and Carolyn Rigdon, is in IU Medical Center in Indianapolis awaiting results of a biopsy....Continue to pray for **Joe White, Seth Mullen, Betty Hunt, Anna Dale, Burnell Gulden, Geneva Hamilton, Terry Pepper, Minnie Scott, Eunice Whitesell, Mark Eddy, Bernice Todd, Ramona Farris, Irene Fox, and Delpha Allen.**

Expecting babies in the near future: the **Hombs** and **Studebaker** families.  
Serving in the military: **Josh Hunt** is in Iraq; **Loren Sniffen** is in Afghanistan.

## "A Few Good Men"

Beginning June 22, the Wednesday night Men's Class will start studying scriptural topics described in *Discovering The Mind Of A Woman*, by Ken Nair. The book helps males be better husbands/parents and understand their wives as Christ would and learn to respond to their wives in a consistently Christ-like manner. The result? Radically transformed and renewed marriage and family relationships. One husband who applied these concepts explained. "Because of God's grace, I have seen my marriage turn from a disaster and near divorce into a warm, loving relationship. I am enjoying a marriage relationship that I never even dreamed possible." The class will meet in room 204. Books need to be ordered so please inform Kevin Walters as soon as possible if you want to be a part of the class.

## Church of Christ in Frankfort features speaker, Willie Tolison

Guest speaker and evangelist, **Willie Tolison**, will speak at 7:00 each evening, June 22-26, at the Church of Christ, 1559 E. Washington, in Frankfort. His topics include: *"What is the Gospel That Saves?"* on Wednesday; *"Ghosts or Bodies in Heaven-Which?"* on Thursday; *"What is the Church of the Bible?"* on Friday; *"There's a Great Day Coming-Are You Ready?"* on Saturday; and on Sunday, *"Victory Sunday."* Questions? Call 765-654-9860.

## Food Pantry Needs



The pantry items for this week are **chicken noodle soup** and **tomato soup**.



**Rick Willison**, Jim's brother, died Thursday morning at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, in hospice care. He had been in a coma following a heart attack and stroke. He leaves his wife, Marcia, and children, Matt, 24, and Stacy, 22, who is to be married in July. His funeral was Saturday in Franklin, Tennessee. Our deepest sympathies to Jim, Sheryl, and family.

Sympathies also to **Thelma Hoyt** and her sister, **Mary**, on the death of her brother-in-law, **Gene Kelley**. He was tragically hit by a vehicle after taking a morning walk. His wife, Mary, lives at 1598 Marian Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

## Congratulations!



**Cheryl & Joe Woody** announce the recent marriage of their daughter, **Michelle**, to **Ty Lewis** on Saturday, May 28, at Turkey Run State Park. They are now living at 2906 Crest Lane, Farmingville, New York 11738. Congratulations, Michelle and Ty!

**Amber & Robbie Mullinax** were married May 14 in southern Indiana. While they finish their education at Purdue, they are living at 202-1 Nimitz Dr., West Lafayette 47906. Ph: 496-4890. We're glad they are here!

June 12, 2005

Class: 173 Worship: 292

Contribution: \$6,534

Budget: \$8,100



## Who's Doing What?

Just in case any of you were confused by the announcement Sunday morning, I wanted to try to spell things out. Yes, I am accepting some additional responsibilities with the children's ministry. Most of these are very administrative and will involve only meetings, calls, etc. What I want to make very clear is that virtually everyone is being asked to stay in place. Cara Gamble and company will be continuing to coordinate the nursery/cradle roll classes and activities. Brent and Christi Branstetter have just taken over coordination of preschool children's worship. Joe Ruhl will continue to coordinate the elementary children's worship. Lynae Stafford will continue to coordinate the "large projects" and singing classes for children's ministry. My duties will include teacher recruitment and training for 2 year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I will also assist in having supervisors in place for all areas. Finally, I will oversee some of the larger children's ministry events to insure full involvement from and coordination with the whole church family. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these areas, please let me know.

## Teachers Still Needed

Some of you probably wondered why I mentioned this last week, now you know...I am recruiting teachers for our children's ministry. We still need one co-teacher to work with Jamie Banter on Sunday mornings in the three year olds' class. We also need a co-teacher for the same class with Joyce Mathews on Wednesday evenings. Both of these ladies will be present for most of the classes; they just need someone to share the responsibility with them when they will be out. CAN YOU HELP? Let me know.

## Camp CUMO - Mission Trip Meeting

Wednesday, June 22, we will be meeting the group from Cincinnati at Greattimes amusement park in Indy to get to know them, to pair up into working/counseling groups and to meet and divide up tasks. The inner city camp/mission trip is less than a month away! We will go to Cincinnati on July 9 and will return on the 15<sup>th</sup>. It may be that there will be some supplies needed and we will let you know, as we know. One thing we do know is that the camp is "tent camping." If any of you have or have access to "self-inflating" sleeping bag mattresses, we would love to borrow some.

## The Ride

The Ride is the youth rally hosted by Rochester College - June 26-28. Cost is \$75 for ticket, 2 nights lodging and travel. Food and souvenirs are not included. If you want to go, I need to know by this Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day, don't forget).  
- Lee

# In Honor of the Whites



Joe and Wanita White have been members of this church since July, 1947. For their years of service to this congregation and the mission field throughout the world—and to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary—Elmwood would like to honor them by sending a monetary gift to one or more of their favorite mission areas. Contributions may still be given to one of the elders or ministers by this Sunday. (If you give cash, be sure to attach your name to it so we can tell Joe and Wanita who contributed.)

## Checked the Web Page Lately?

Almost all the features of the web page are now up and running. Two you might not have been aware of:

- on the right side of the front page you can click on "Newsletters" and find full copies of all the Elmwood newsletter published for the past several months.
- on the left side of the front page you can click on "Sermons" and you can hear any of the Sunday morning sermons preached at Elmwood for the past two months.

In addition to those, of course, are all the regular features and information that are helpful both for Elmwood people and for distant onlookers.

[www.elmwood.church.org](http://www.elmwood.church.org)

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**June 15, 7 PM**....Bible classes for all  
**June 22, 7 PM**....New Men's Class begins  
**June 19 & 26**....Friendship: Creating a Culture of Connectivity in Your Church - I & II

*Read:*

II Kings 1-12; Acts 14-18  
Psalms 139-145; Proverbs  
17:19-18:1

# 2005 Spiritual Adventure

Week 26: June 27-July 3

## How Are "We" Doing With Our Inherited Cloak?

My Grandfather died today (5/17/05). At 90 he was old and full of years (Job 42). A couple of years ago he gave me a barely used gray wool sport coat that he couldn't wear anymore (probably a then-recent gift). I still wear it on cool Sundays and at winter University functions. His death today reminded me of the cloak, and the double portion of spirit, that Elisha inherited from Elijah (II Kings 2). These two were quite a pair as teacher & student; practically father and son, as they caused trouble for the Baal-worshipping kings.

There are other pairs in the Bible that you should read about. Paul & Barnabas were colleagues who had a sharp disagreement and separated, but did not leave the faith. Neither did they chastise or destroy each other with words. Priscilla & Aquila, a married couple who often looked after the Apostle Paul, took in a young, intelligent and spirited preacher named Apollos into their home and taught him the way of God more adequately.

How well am I living for God with my Grandfather's cloak? The recorded works of these three pairs teach us many lessons about living for God with other Christians in different phases of our lives. There are those who have taught me and those whom I am teaching. I have had disagreements with Elders and peer deacons, yet I love them and will not destroy them with words. In their later years, my Grandfather and Grandmother fully supported and strove to help the preachers they knew, teaching them and feeding them and their families.

The scriptures for this article show us practical principles of how to work together with younger and older generations, our peers, and our spouses for God's glory. God will lead us and use us in the way everlasting (Ps 139), if we ask him. Do it today!

**-Scott White**