



On Eating a Moose

In his new but already-talked-about book, *Chazown*, Craig Groeschel gives guidelines for what at first seems to be a problem without a possible solution: "How to Swallow a Moose." The answer, obvious with a little reflection: "one bite at a time."

Isaac was without a wife; eligible (approved by father Abraham) prospects were 1,000 miles away. Abraham gave his servant, Eliezer, the job of finding Isaac a wife. Eliezer used the "moose" principle: one step at a time.

- Pray and travel the 1,000 miles to Abraham's homeland
- Pray and suggest a "sign" the Lord might honor to identify the woman
- When the sign was met, pray and continue to ponder
- Pray and discuss the matter with her family
- Propose a departure date
- Leave on schedule
- Pray and travel the 1,000 miles back to Canaan

Broken up into bite-sized pieces, the project is doable.

In one sentence, what's your next spiritual goal? Perhaps it has to do with your moral life....your prayer life....your finances....your family....your knowledge of the Bible....your educational pursuitsyour outreach to others. Groeschel in *Chazown* suggests that the strategy for reaching your goal is to set short-term goals.

- A good goal is specific. Not "I'm going to pray more," but "I'm going to increase my prayer time to 15 minutes a day."
- A good goal is time-specific. "I will have reached that goal by June 30."
- A good goal is attainable. Not, "I will be completely out of debt by the first of September." Better: "I will have paid off one credit card by September 1."
- A good goal is written. Three percent of the Yale graduating class of 1953 had written goals. Thirty years later that same three percent had accumulated over 90 percent of the wealth of the entire graduating class. Write out your spiritual goal and put it where you can see it often.

Spiritual growth and eating a moose—both happen the same way: one bite-sized piece at a time.

G. Crowe

CSC Summer

Summer is here! The campus is deserted. The classes are mostly empty. There is very little movement on campus compared to the spring semester.

Well, Purdue has closed its doors on the spring semester, but the CSC's doors are always open and we are far from shutting down for the summer! Here are a few things we will be doing over the summer.

1) Weekly worship on campus for the students that are still around (Wednesday nights at 7:30)... come join us sometime!

2) Fishing/Camping trip for the guys to develop new relationships or maintain some over the summer.

3) Trip to Cedar Point amusement park in the latter part of June.

4) Steak night at my house for the students that are here. Steak is really worth celebrating.

This is a special time and a special summer for the CSC. Please pray for us as we have a big summer ahead of us! Thanks for all of your prayers and support!

~Dan



Mr. & Mrs. Mark S. McClain
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Rachel
to her best friend, Jared Ryan Fee,
son of Mr. & Mrs. James R. Fee,
Saturday, June 10, 2006, at half past three in the afternoon.
Elmwood Church of Christ, 2501 Elmwood Avenue, Lafayette, Indiana

Reception immediately following serving cake and munchies
Hillenbrand Atrium Dining Room, Purdue University



High School Graduates' Open Houses

Please join us for a cook-out open house to celebrate **Jay Hodges'** high school graduation on Sunday, May 21, from 12:30 until 3:00 PM, at the Vinton Woods Clubhouse, located at 3400 Cedar Lane (two blocks from the Hodges' house).

Peter Bell's graduation open house will be Friday, May 26, from 7:00 until 10:00 PM. It is being held at 208 Jennings St., (a neighbor who is hosting the open house for 3 students who are all graduating from West Lafayette High School).

Danny Shields' open house is at the YMCA (St. Rd. 18) in Flora on May 27, 12 noon until 3:00 PM.

Join us for brunch on May 28 from 11 AM until 2 PM at 415 Oaklawn Drive, to celebrate the graduation of **Erin Simmerman**.

Heather Willison's graduation open house at the Willisons' home, is May 28 from 2:00 until 6:00 PM.

Mallory Woody will have her open house at Ross Hills Park on June 4, 4:30-8:30 PM.



It's a Boy!



Xander Jason Tolle
was born Tuesday, May 9, to
Amber (Ashlock) and **Jason Tolle** in Noblesville. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces. Congratulations to them and grandparents, **Ginger & Terry Maxwell-Spenard**.

Senior Servants' Lunch

On **Wednesday, May 31**, the Senior Servants will be meeting at 11:30 AM at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Highway 26 E. Everyone is welcome to join us for this meal and fellowship time. We have the group room reserved. Cost: \$6.59.

Can You Help?



Greg Sutherlin recently learned that the chairs we have bought for our fellowship room are being discontinued at Sam's Club. If you would like to purchase any for the church, they are \$24.20 each (20 left). Contact Greg if you are interested, or call the church office.

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Class: 202 Worship: 316

Contribution: \$7,592

Budget: \$8,100

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A Word from Spring Mill Bible Camp Rally Day 2006 – Sunday May 21

Dear Supporters of SMBC,

On behalf of SMBC let us personally thank all of you for helping us last year with our financial needs. We have a wonderful new roof over the O.R. building and a new floor as well (Elmwood sent \$1,500). The new parking lot is a terrific addition and we are looking forward to using it well for our upcoming Rally Day this Sunday.

As you well know, we continually need your help in maintaining a working camp. So again this year we ask you to help us with your financial contribution. We are eternally indebted to hard-working and hard-giving brethren that support the work at SMBC.

The cafeteria roof has been in need of replacement for a couple years. It has leaked through to create some stains on the ceiling. We had to replace it. Bids were obtained and a contractor secured. The estimated cost for this project is \$25,000 (a metal roof). We have a leak in the infirmary roof as well. A tree limb perforated the roof, creating quite a leak. It is patched for now, but the roof will need to be replaced soon. Insurance should cover that. We also have continual maintenance to the camp such as gravel on the roads, roof repairs, siding repairs, painting, guttering, mowing equipment repairs, sports equipment, kitchen repairs and maintenance, lighting and more.

We ask you to open up your hearts and wallets to help us raise funds necessary to "Fix Our Roof." See Lee Porter if you have any questions.

Thank you, the SMBC Board

Rally Day Schedule:

3:00 Camp Tours

4:00 Worship

5:30 Evening Meal

Hamburgers & Hotdogs \$1 – Creek Bank Potatoes \$1.25 –
Chips & Cookies .25 each – Soft Drinks & Coffee .50

Phil is Here!

Our Summer Youth Intern, Phil Travis is here. He came in just before worship last Sunday evening and was able to be with us to hear about the LTC Awards (Phil is a former participant) and to be with us for "finger foods." After the fellowship, a group of us took Phil to the house to give him some things to help him fit in as a temporary Hoosier/Boiler/etc. There are plenty of opportunities remaining to help Pheed Phil. See the board on the wall across from my office and the library (Phil's office). Let's show him some real Elmwood hospitality!
- Lee



Travis & Nikki Weir, Kathy O'Donnell's cousin and his wife, have a newborn son, **Mason**, who has a cancerous tumor covering 3/4 of his liver. Treatment to shrink the tumor has begun at Riley Hospital....**Ken Nicholson** is in Home Hospital, room 3339, undergoing treatment....**Delpha Allen** is in room 2311 at Home Hospital with pneumonia....**Clifford Farnor** of Delphi, Sue Adams' father, suffered a heart attack on Thursday. An angiogram was done on Friday....**James Thomas**, brother of Carol Bell, remains in the hospital in Alabama following back surgery....Continue praying for **Patty Vice**, **Margie Moffitt**, **Barbara Newberry**, **Argie Verett**, **Sarah Watts**, **Willie Batts**, **Kaden Koebecke**, **Noah Powlen**, **Natasha Risley**, **Phyllis Gray**, **Mark Eddy**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Anna Dale**, **Carrie High** (*Regency Place Nursing Home*), **Irene Fox** (*George Davis Manor Nursing Home*), **Paul & Ruth Marks**, **Minnie Scott**, and **Burnell Gulden** (*Rosewalk Village*).

Serving in Iraq: **Jon Kiefner**, **Loren Sniffen**, and **Brad King**. Serving in South Korea near the DMZ: **Amanda Martin** (Phyllis Simmerman's niece).

Farewell to the Kings

Herb & Mary Ella King will be leaving Lafayette soon. They have bought a house in Huntsville, Alabama, near their son, Jason. **June 4** will be their last Sunday with us. That evening during our regular **Finger Food Fellowship**, we will honor them for their many years here and their dedicated service to Elmwood. Plan to come and wish them well on their move.

Exodus Freedom Conference

"Live Out Loud," a 6-day conference sponsored by Exodus International, will be held June 27 through July 2 at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. Exodus International is the Christian support group for people trying to escape the spiritual ravages of homosexuality. Brochures are in the Farris Foyer, or check the web at www.exodusfreedom.org.



May 17, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
May 21....Mission Sunday–Josh Boyd preaching in AM;
singing with Farrell Simmerman at 6 PM
June 13....Let's Start Talking Team leaves for Suva, Fiji

Read:
2 Samuel 1-17; Proverbs
30-31; Psalms 78-80

2006 Spiritual Adventure

Week 22: May 28-June 3

Hybridization As Children of God

What is it? The process of making and living as a blend of the physical and spiritual nature. This has been happening ever since the sin of Adam and Eve – they ushered in the death of the physical body and the separation of our spiritual (God-like characteristics) being into 2 categories: those with a personal relationship with God and those without that relationship. The more we emphasize our physical nature the more difficult for our spiritual nature to thrive.

In II Samuel, chapters 1 thru 17, we see David living this out as the new king for the Hebrews. The anointing of David by Samuel to become the next king finally comes to fruition. The death of Saul and Jonathan in battle resolves most of the conflict. David's dependence on God to protect him becomes less of a focus. He now has the army of Israel and its strongholds to protect him. He expands Israel's influence over its neighbors and establishes Jerusalem as its capital. Enter a naked Bathsheba on a nearby roof top. David ignores all God's rules in this adulterous relationship. Bathsheba becomes pregnant with her husband away at war.

David then conspires to have Uriah killed in battle so that he can marry his wife. David has started on a long downhill slide of his spiritual nature caused by emphasizing the satisfaction of his physical nature. Within the next few years his life would be thrown into turmoil: the son of this sinful relationship dies, his daughter Tamar would be raped by her half-brother Amnon, Amnon would be killed by his half-brother Absalom; this would cause a rift in Absalom and David's relationship that would eventually result in Absalom temporarily taking David's throne and then Absalom's death. David would never again have the intimate, loving relationship he had as a young shepherd and warrior with God.

"Restore us God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80. 3,7,19). If we but emphasize the development of our spiritual nature over the physical, we can live in the confidence that God uses these verses to assure us. Our physical nature as we know it is like an annual flower – has a season of glory and then disappears forever. Our spiritual nature is an eternally perennial flower that has barely begun to flower in this life but its beauty in eternity will glorify our God and will be matched with a glorified body at the end of this age.

-Cecil Koons