



His Words Changed the Room

Dale Ward grew up in Denver, Colorado. His family lived just 7 blocks from mine. We went to the same school, the same church (I was 18 months old when he first entered the nursery), we were often in each other's homes, we spent time in the Rocky Mountains together, we went to the same church camp. Once we graduated from high school we both moved away to begin our respective college careers, and neither of us ever returned to live in Colorado again. For many years we never saw each other, but 16 years ago Dale became Executive Producer for World Christian Broadcasting, and since my board responsibility was that of chair of the programming committee, we worked closely together.

Dale was forever talking about words. His staff assignment was putting together, either directly or indirectly, all the words that went out from KNLS, World Christian Broadcasting's station in Anchor Point, Alaska. He involved many other people (including me) in writing and speaking the words, but at the end of the day it was Dale who had the final responsibility. He didn't talk about programs or messages; he always talked about the words. "Who will write the words? Who will speak the words?" Dale saw his role as that of a crafter of words—and a master craftsman he was!

Words aren't just sounds that come from the larynx. With words we create, with words we imagine, with words we communicate, we show love, we show hate, we build up, we tear down. The Bible places a high value on words. Words are the fundamental expression of who God is. God names. God calls. God promises. God gives his word and keeps it. Our words, says the Bible, flow directly from our hearts. They reveal the condition of our hearts. They link us to the God who spoke the worlds into existence.

Carl Michelson wrote, "Anyone who walks into a room and says the word 'God' has changed the room." Dale Ward has been changing rooms since he was a teenager in Colorado. He has changed rooms among his own family and close friends, and his words will continue to change rooms throughout the world as his words continue to be broadcast over KNLS for years to come. Now others must say the words. Thank you, Dale. *G. Crowe*

Steps That Matter

Life is about taking steps. These steps occur all the time. Steps are taken when someone takes a new job or loses an existing job; when someone leaves for college or someone's child does; when money is invested in something that will hopefully yield a profit; when a couple shares lifelong vows with each other and the whole community. These steps bring us closer to what we feel is important in life.

Sometimes we take steps that don't matter, however. We meander through life simply putting one foot in front of the other. When we do this we are taking steps, yes, but they are steps that lead to no certain destination...no logic behind them, and no purpose driving them.

I want to encourage you this week to watch where you step. Take steps that matter. Lay out a direction (and for really shocking and amazing results, plot out the course that God calls you to in Scripture) and start walking.

Steps that matter are kingdom steps. Making lost souls a priority in your life and the lives of your family is a kingdom step. Visiting someone who is struggling with temptation to encourage them is a kingdom step. Training children in the Lord or having spiritual, meaningful conversations with your adopted college student are kingdom steps. Working hard to mend a marriage on the rocks is a kingdom step.

We all have steps to take, so let's take them together and make sure that each one of them counts! Have a good week and take steps that matter!

~Dan

Show & Tell Showcase!



Be part of the program at the Women's Fellowship Carry-In Dinner this **Saturday, October 21, 5:30 PM**, in A-2. We want to share the talents and interests of women at Elmwood. Do you quilt? Sew or needlepoint? Paint, make jewelry, scrapbook? Consult on make-up or own your own business? Bring some samples of your work or your business cards. Let Betty Brown (423-2996) or Barbara Tilley (538-3270) know so table space will be available.



Prayer Concerns...

Pray that God would show each of us open doors to communicate our faith.

Don Burrell left Home Hospital Sunday afternoon. He'll have minor surgery later this week and will begin occupational & physical therapy and radiation and chemotherapy next week....**Valley Stockton** is in Home Hospital, room 2310. She suffered a heart attack and has pneumonia....**Ginger Maxwell-Spenard** is at Home Hospital after apparent gall bladder problems. Surgery may be scheduled soon....**Willard Farmer**, Shirley's husband, is in St. Elizabeth Hospital, room 3201....**Linda (Newberry) Smith** is now at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she'll continue to receive physical therapy....Continue praying for **Jim Willison**, **Annie Crowder** (*slowly healing from a staph infection*), **Beth Holt**, **Elizabeth Tinkle**, **Pat Turner**, **Pat Dwyer**, **Steven Rutledge**, **Marcia Swails**, **Gail Monnet** (*co-worker and friend of Cheri Vaughn who is battling ovarian cancer*), **Gale Schnaible**, **Mark Eddy**, **Amy Weismiller**, **Lynn Robinson**, **Kaden Koebecke**, **Delpha Allen**, **Anna Dale**, **Carrie High** (*Regency Place*), **Irene Fox** (*George Davis Manor Nursing Home*), and in *Rosewalk Village*: **Ruth Marks**, **Minnie Scott**, & **Burnell Gulden**.

Serving in Iraq: **Jon Kiefner** and **Loren Sniffen**. Serving in South Korea: **Amanda Martin**. **Jeremy Crable** will soon be deployed to Afghanistan.

Focus on the Family Programs

Upcoming *Focus on the Family* programs are heard on local radio, WHPL-FM 89.9 at 2:00 PM Monday-Friday. (*Note time change for this program.*)

- Oct. 18 & 19 **Finding a Healthy Family Perspective**—Steve Farrar discusses the negative impact of materialism on the family and encourages listeners to seek contentment in God's provision rather than in worldly success. (Parts 1 & 2)
- Oct. 20 **The Best Career for You**—Larry Burkett offers wisdom on making good career choices, avoiding bad ones and setting goals.
- Oct. 23 & 24 **The Consequences of Godless Politics**—Ann Coulter talks with Dr. Dobson about politics and her new book, **Godless**. (Parts 1 & 2)



Teri Richardson's father, **Roy Richardson, 90**, died Sunday morning. He had Alzheimer's. His funeral was Wednesday in Boswell, Indiana. Our sympathies to Teri and her extended family.

Kurt & Don Hodges' aunt, **Helen Hodges**, died Tuesday, Oct. 10. Both Kurt and Don flew to Austin, Texas, on Sunday for the funeral. Our sympathies to them and their family.

Attention Parents

Since **October 22** is the 4th Sunday of the month, there will be no Children's Church for grades 1-5. —Joe Ruhl

LUM Meal Providers

Serving dinner at Lafayette Urban Ministry next Monday night will be: **Marilyn Walters**, **Janet Boston**, **Thelma Hoyt**, **Mandy Anderson**, and **Jim Levick**.

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There IS A War Going On!

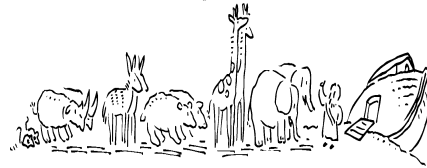
This past weekend, about 35 men from Elmwood went to Camp Tecumseh for a great spiritual retreat with Patrick Mead. Patrick is a wonderful speaker (some of you learned that Sunday morning) and his depth of knowledge is enlightening and challenging. His sense of humor keeps you tuned in to what he is saying. It is not very comforting to be reminded that Satan is plotting war against all of us (wherever we are vulnerable) so that he might capture our hearts and souls. The good news is of course that Jesus has won the war...but the battle still rages and we must be engaged in His army. Too many of us have chosen to ignore the war and have already been taken captive; it is time to wake up and realize the war is real and the stakes are too high to sit on our hands any longer. If you are interested in studying Patrick's lessons, he is going to make his outlines available to us...there will even be a couple of PowerPoint presentations. Unfortunately, none of us had the foresight to record the lessons, so we do not have that available. Patrick has done most of the lessons he presented to us this weekend in other places, so I am going to try to see if they have been recorded somewhere else. We do have a brief message he videotaped for us for Sunday morning at the retreat (about 5 minutes), and the Sunday morning Elmwood lessons were recorded and we will be able to make them available.

As I look back on the weekend, it was so refreshing and encouraging. The food was great, the fellowship was wonderful, and as I mentioned before, the lessons were very enlightening and helpful. With all of that, I have to ask, why didn't more men attend? We really do care! We know that some of you had scheduling conflicts. A couple had to make unexpected trips out of town. It occurs to me that maybe some of us just didn't do enough to let some of you men know how important you are and how much we need you to be with us for events like this. We all need to have the sharpening that Proverbs 27:17 promises one brother can give another. In the next couple weeks, we will be checking with the men who attended the retreat to see how you feel the weekend went. In addition, we will be checking with some of you who did not go to see what we could do to make an event like this more appealing to you. If you get something from the committee, please take time to fill it out and get it back to us. If we call you or talk to you in person, please give us a few minutes.

The retreat never would have happened without the cooperation of a great group of guys serving on the planning committee...thank you all. I would like to say a special thank you to Chuck Brown, Don Vice, and Kevin Walters for having kept the ball rolling for several years. I want to say a very special "thank you" to Jesse Jones for serving on the committee and representing the teen group in a wonderful fashion. Listen carefully for future plans!

- Lee

Noah's Ark Night, Nov. 4, 5-8 PM



Our annual **Noah's Ark Night** is Saturday, Nov. 4, from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. Children are encouraged to dress as animals on Noah's Ark. This year you need to bring two cans of food: one can of vegetables for the Two by Two stew, and a can of soup for our food pantry. In fact, we are having a food drive to restock our depleted food pantry from now until Noah's Ark night. Bring your food (canned goods, pasta, personal items, or boxed food) to the foyer where the youth group is arranging the food in the shape of an ark!

Senior Servants' Schedule

The Senior Servants **will not** meet Wednesday, October 18, as originally planned. For November, the senior servants **will meet** on November 1, 15, and 29. The meeting on the 29th will be at Golden Corral at 11:30 AM.

Communion Steward Needed

The Body Life ministry is in need of an offsite communion steward for Rosewalk Village for Sunday afternoons for a small group of special people. This person may also provide communion as needed to a few others from the Elmwood church. Contact Dave Weckerly (765-564-4155) if you are interested.



October 18, 7 PM...Bible classes for all
October 21, 5:30 PM...Women's Fellowship Carry-in
Dinner in A-2
October 22, 6 PM...LIFE Groups
Nov. 4, 5-8 PM...Noah's Ark Night at Elmwood

Read:
Ezekiel 25-38; Isaiah 29-35

2006 Spiritual Adventure

Week 44: October 29–November 4

Walk in the Word

At first this may seem like a strange statement. Walk in the word, really, how does one walk in the word? The Christian life on earth is sometimes referred to in scripture as a “walk” or an athletic event, such as a “race.” The prophet Isaiah indicates that we are to *“Walk in the word. Whether you turn to the left or to the right, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, this is the way; walk in it”* (Isaiah 30:21).

Without direction for our lives, we would likely wander from the path (word), either to the left or to the right, and be led away from God. As the song lyrics (Psalms 119:105) say, *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”* Apart from a lamp or light, we could trip and fall or get lost in the darkness that surrounds us. The apostle John states *“if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin”* (1 John 1:7).

In my life, I find it comforting and essential that I have a voice behind me directing my walk and that there is a light that illuminates the path home. Without either of these, I’d be lost!!!

–Chuck Brown