



Experiencing the Message

I am sitting in an office right now in West Virginia at the 2007 Ohio Valley Lectureship waiting for my turn to speak. I am here for three days speaking on the role of experience in the development of college students' spiritual walk. The theme of the lectureship is *Making Disciples: Studies in Outreach and Church Growth*. Sitting through some of the other lectures, it occurs to me how appropriate my topic is . . . and not just for college students.

Experience is a necessity for developing our faith. Paul had an experience on the Damascus road which eventually blessed the entire Gentile population; Peter had an experience on a rooftop that helped bridge the gap between the Jewish and Gentile world; Jonah had an experience that profited the entire city of Nineveh; and Moses had an experience with a bush that birthed a nation. God uses each of these supernatural encounters to further his purposes, and each person that had the experience also grew in faith.

But not all "experience" is supernatural. My baptism was an experience. It was not something I did, but something I experienced as God did something *to* me. An experience with the Lord can be a road to Damascus experience, but it can also be a conversation with a respected Christian friend. It can be a large fish or it can be a call to repentance. It can be a vision on a rooftop or it can be watching a parent take care of someone who is homeless. These are all experiences!

Experiences help us interact with the Father and remind us that Christ is alive! As the popular Christian hymn states, "we serve a risen Savior." A *risen* Savior. He is alive, and is interacting with us on a daily basis. He is guiding us and giving us the opportunity to not just know about Him, but to *know* Him . . . to *experience* Him.

I encourage you to not just read the message, but to *experience* it. Keep your eyes open and experience the good news. In fact, there is no better testimony and no greater way to make disciples than to demonstrate to others that we are experiencing God on a daily basis. Now that will preach . . . in fact, I think I will go preach it right now. -Dan

***Our vision:
Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known***

Minister Search

The plans for conducting our search for a new pulpit minister is to prepare a prospectus of this congregation and then submit that to selected individuals and request they provide us contact information of those who they believe may be interested or give the prospectus to such candidates with the idea the candidate would contact us. The Search Team has completed this prospectus and it is being sent to Charles Siburt at ACU, David Fleer at Rochester, Ken Chaffin, and Patrick Mead. We hope this initial focused search provides us with a list of likely candidates early.

Now, the search team is polishing the job description so that it will be ready to distribute to candidates we choose to pursue. Initially we will be looking for a man who is outreach oriented; who can help us learn to see opportunities to share the Gospel, and to develop in us the skills to act when an opportunity comes.

As always, we are continually in prayer over who God will bring to us and we ask you to join us in this prayer. -Bill Bell

"What Every Woman Should Know About Finances" Seminar

The Women's Ministry is hosting an educational evening on financial topics for women on Saturday, April 14, from 7-9 PM at the Elmwood building. God calls us to be good stewards of the resources He has given us. Come with your questions and we will all learn together. The program is free but pre-registration is necessary. Please indicate on your yellow card on Sunday if you plan to attend.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed!

The Elmwood food pantry is open from 1:00 to 3:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week and serves more than 250 needy families a month. Elmwood members greet those who come and help them fill a grocery bag with the items they select. If you would be interested in helping 1 or 2 times a month, please contact John Stafford at 474-8478. Also, the food pantry is in need of paper grocery bags.

60th Wedding Anniversary!

*The children of Charles & Esther Floyd
invite you to join them in
celebrating their parents'
60th Wedding Anniversary
at a reception on*

*Saturday, April 14, 2007, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
at the home of Leland & Diana Floyd
7755 Harrison Road, Battle Ground, Indiana*

Cards are welcomed, but no gifts please.

Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center invites you to

Sweet Celebration of Life

A Fundraising Event

Silent Auction-Dessert/Appetizer Buffet

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Auction bidding opens at 6:00 PM, Program at 7:00 PM

White Horse Christian Center, 1780 Cumberland, West Lafayette

Tickets are free, but required. Call 742-1533



Good \$ense Class

The "Good \$ense" budgeting course—a series of 6 one-hour sessions—begins April 11, 2007, at 6:00 PM, and each week thereafter on April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9 and May 16.

—Janet Boston

FYI....

Chris Crable, Carrie Roberts' son, has joined the Army Reserve. Just finishing his junior year of high school, he will take basic training this summer, and next year after he graduates he will complete his AIT classes.



The food pantry is in need of **paper grocery sacks and toilet paper.** —John Stafford

April 1, 2007

Class: 189 Worship: 245

Contribution: \$6,387

Budget: \$8,550

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MWLTC 2007 SCHEDULE

(PLEASE CHECK THE MASTER BOARD AT LTC CENTRAL FOR EXACT LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR ELMWOOD'S PARTICIPANTS - AND YES, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP AS DOOR MONITORS, JUDGES AND EMCEES - **THANKS!**) -Lee

Friday

- 2:00 LTC Central Opens
3:00 - 5:00 Display Events Check-in (Liberty Hall)
4:45 - 6:00 **Bible Reading** (Salons 4, 5, 6, Salons A, B)
6:00 - 8:00 **Puppets** (Salons 4, 5, & 6)
8:00 - 8:45 **Welcome Assembly** (Liberty Hall)
8:45 - 10:00 **Puppets** Session 2 (Salon 6)
8:45 - 10:15 **Live Modern Christian Drama** (Salon 4 & Salon 5)
10:15 - 11:45 **7th - 12th Grade Pizza Devo** (Liberty Hall)

Saturday

- 8:00 - 9:30 **Bible Bowl** Session 1 (Jr. level Salon 4-6) (Sr. level in Liberty Hall)
8:30 - 10:15 **Bible Reading** (Salons A, B, C, D)
9:00 - ?? Judging of Display Events (Liberty Hall)
9:30 - 9:45 Bible Bowl Break
9:45 - 10:30 **Bible Bowl** Session 2
11:00 - **Easter Egg Hunt** for children up to 2nd grade (Liberty Hall)
11:30 - 12:30 **Song Leading & Speeches** (Salons 4, 5, 6, Salons A & B)
12:30 - 1:45 Lunch Break
1:45 - 3:45 **Small Group Singing** (Salons 4, 5, and 6)
4:00 - 5:15 **Signing for the Deaf** (Salon 4, Salon 5, Salon 6, & Salon A)
5:15 - 6:30 **Large Group Singing** (Salons 4 & 5)
6:30 - 7:30 **Dinner Break**
7:30 - 8:00 **Praise Concert** (Liberty Hall)
8:00 - 9:30 **Celebration Assembly** (Liberty Hall)

Sunday

- 8:00 **Worship Service** (Liberty Hall)



Joan McConnell, recently moved here to be near her daughter, Ann, wishes to be identified with our congregation. She comes from Indianapolis where she lived and attended North Liberty Christian Church for 50 years. Her address is 110 Cadillac Dr., Apt. C, Lafayette 47905. Phone: 447-7219. Welcome to our family at Elmwood, Joan!

Prayer Concerns...

Nancy High will have back surgery April 11 at St. Elizabeth Hospital....**Bill Adams** is having tests for recent health problems....**Carolyn Riddle**, sister-in-law of Harold & Judy Riddle, is receiving hospice care....**Oscar Miller** will have knee surgery (6th time) soon....Continue praying for **Bob Stafford, Charles Carter, Connie Nicholson, Sean High, Mary Tavana, Sarah Watts, Seth Mullen, Beth Holt** (*bursitis in hip*), **Willard Farmer, Annie Crowder, Paul & Argie Verett, Kaden Koebcke, Lynn Robinson, Ruth Marks, Delpha Allen, Anna Dale, Minnie Scott, Carrie High, Irene Fox, & Burnell Gulden.**

Serving in our military: **Jeremy Crable & Michael Bryenton** in Afghanistan; **Brian Guthrie** in Qatar, Persian Gulf; **Philip Devine, Joshua Thompson** (*grandson of Mary Lou Baugh*), and **Jon Kiefner** (*Amanda Guthrie's brother*) in Iraq; **Amanda Martin** is now in the states stationed in North Carolina....her brother, **Chris Martin**, is now in South Korea.

CSC Root Beer Kegger Friday, April 20

Once again the CSC will host their annual **Root Beer Kegger on Friday, April 20**. As always, any snacks that the Elmwood family could provide in the form of cookies, desserts, chips, finger foods, etc., would be MUCH APPRECIATED! They can be brought to the church building for pick up on Friday at noon.



- April 4, 7 PM**...Bible Classes for all
April 6-8...LTC in Indianapolis at Marriott Hotel
April 8, 6 PM...LIFE Groups meet
April 14, 7-9 PM... "What Every Woman Should Know About Finances" seminar at church building

Read:
Joshua 1-18; Mark 1-4

2007 Spiritual Adventure

Week 16: April 16-22

Questions from Joshua

My choices for writing this week's Spiritual Adventure article were Joshua, chapters 1-18 or Mark 1-4, and statement 3 on guidelines says, "You can write a series of 5-8 questions that would help people think through the meaning of the passage." That made it easy! I have 19 questions on "Practical Review of the Joshua-Judges Study" (Joshua 1 through 1 Samuel 7). The instructions say: "Read and meditate on each of the following passages. Look at each in its context. What do you learn about who God is, how He thinks, how He feels, how He works in the lives of men, His purposes, His goals, His motives. Write your thoughts on each passage. Then at the end, formulate a philosophy for your life based on what you think would be in harmony with God's purposes." The first 5 questions cover my assignment for this article: 1) Joshua 7:1, 6, 10-13, 15, 19-21, 26. 2) Joshua 8:1. 3) Joshua 9:14, 15. 4) Joshua 11:20. 5) Joshua 13:14. Take paper and pencil and do some meditating. If you have a recent Adult Challengers' Joshua-Judges study, you may have all 19 questions in it.

Bill Hodges and Jim Levick are teaching Genesis on Sunday mornings—a good time to start if you have never done an in-depth study of the entire Bible. Kevin Walters and Greg Sutherlin have a small class on Sunday mornings, now studying the "Divided Kingdom." Tuesday ladies' classes are studying "Prophets, Captivity and Return" at 9:30 and "Early Church" at 1:00. (Both are very practical studies with new materials.)

—Wanita White

 Weekly Schedule	 Elders	 World Missions
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Life Groups 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 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 City of Children Ensenada, Mexico Bren and Cheryl White P.O. Box 245 New Market, MD 21774
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	 Staff Ministers Gayle Crowe 447-6940 Lee Porter 463-6993 Dan Cooke 543-7469 Office Manager Sherry Marks 447-2874	

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