



Your Assistance Is Needed

As you are all aware, we continue to be in a time of transition. The new school year is in full swing. Seasons are about to change. We have a new preacher coming in November. LIFE Groups will resume this Sunday. Please continue to pray that God will continue to guide us through this time and will help us to better serve Him.

LIFE Groups:

Because of the transitions going on at Elmwood, Max Houlton decided it would be good for LIFE Groups to maintain the same membership as last year...as much as possible. Of course, we are willing to let you make a change in your group membership if you would like. Also, don't forget, we have some new people around and they will need to be enfolded. If somehow, you have not been contacted by your group leadership or if you are not yet in a group, *Your Assistance Is Needed* – give us a call at the church office (447-2874) and we will help you find your group. Please note that there will be a college group meeting at the CSC again this year and we are asking the other LIFE Groups to take turns providing meals and lessons for the students. Also, the teen group is open to joining with other groups from time to time or to be sponsored by other families at Elmwood...if you would like to host the teens in your home, let Lee know.

The Kerrigans:

Gilbert, Kate and Cole were here with us this past weekend and began their hunt for housing. During the visit, the Kerrigans came to the conclusion they would really like to find a duplex to rent for a while. They still have their home in Bowling Green, KY to sell (please pray) and they would like to be here a while before they decide what part of the city they would like to settle into. As you venture around the city, please make note of any duplexes you see for rent or lease and let the Kerrigans know (gilbert.kerrigan@yahoo.com) or call the church office with the info. Also, please continue to pray for the Kerrigans during this transition. *Your Assistance Is Needed*: Pray that the move will be smooth. Pray that they will find the housing they need. Pray that God will continue to guide Gilbert's thoughts as he prepares to speak to us weekly and provide his leadership in other areas. Pray that God will use the talents, gifts and abilities of the Kerrigans to help the Elmwood family be all that God wants us to be. – Lee

Retreat(s)!

You know, over the years there has been a lot of talk about what to call the weekend get-a-ways by church groups. Retreat seems to be the word that is used by most, but people have also called them get-a-ways, advances, and various other things. Truth is, even Jesus used time away to "recharge" His life. Several times He tried to get away but the disciples and crowds kept that from happening. One of the things I really love about retreats is what Jesus was trying to accomplish: time away from the rush of the world to be able to really listen to the Father.

The Elmwood family has several opportunities coming up to do just that, to step away from the regular grind and to spend time with fellow Christ followers, attempting to listen uninterruptedly to the Father's voice.

This weekend is a Young Adults/ 20's – 30's retreat. See Jimmy Huff or Amos Miller if you are in this group and would like more information.

Next weekend, we have two groups retreating. First, the CSC group will be getting away for their annual fall retreat. See Phil Travis, Jim Jones, or Mindy Hart if you need more information.

Next is the Men's Retreat at Ross Camp. The men will be talking about "The Man God Wants Me to Be." It is not too late to sign up, see Kevin Walters, Chuck Brown, Greg Sutherlin, or Lee Porter.

You can always tell when someone has been on a spiritual retreat. I'll just warn you in advance that many of us will be a little more excited about our Christian walk. Please don't get annoyed or frustrated, just smile and let us rub off on you! – Lee

Men's Retreat

"The Man I Want To Be!"

September 21-23

Don't Wait! SIGN UP NOW!!!

Come join us at our Men's Retreat and learn about finding your way to a life that counts! Spend a weekend in learning, worshiping and fellowship with Christian Men who desire a higher purpose in life.

Join us at Ross Camp. Look for the signup sheets in the foyers. If you cannot attend then consider helping others attend by making a donation or helping with a scholarship. The cost covers facilities, meals and snacks during the retreat.

Cost: \$55 (overnight 2 nights), \$45 (daytime only) and \$25 for students. Make checks payable to Elmwood Church of Christ and give to Greg Sutherlin.

New Fall Class Offered

Women's roles in the church will be the subject of a Wednesday evening series beginning this Wednesday, **September 12 through November 28**. Participants will study the major positions on this issue, including reviews of key Biblical passages. Class presentations will distill the writings of prominent authors and handouts will be provided for more detailed personal study. A short class discussion, moderated by Joe Ruhl, will follow each presentation. Contact Sue Wilder if you would like more information. Anyone interested in learning more about this topic is invited to attend.

New Study for Tuesday Morning Women's Class

Wanita White begins a new study from Jan Knox's material, (as advertised in *Christian Woman*) "**Keep Your Head In All Situations**" on Tuesday mornings at 9:30. Class begins **September 18** and will meet at Elmwood in the conference room. Come enjoy the fellowship and discussion on this new material.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you for the food, cards, phone calls, visits, and yes, even noisy putty to help my days go more happily. Seriously, though, all the care and attention has really helped me to keep going. I still feel I have a ways to go with my recovery, but you all have just been amazing in helping me with this task!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

-Susie Swensen

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Dear Brothers & Sisters of Elmwood,
Thank you so much for the flowers, meal, visitation, love and support. Thank you for your prayers and love for our mother. You are all such wonderful servants of the Lord. Mother no longer suffers. She is with God and her beloved Bill. She went peacefully to His arms.
Eternally grateful, Cheri Vaughn, Tammy Studebaker & Mary Cole family



It's a Boy!

A belated announcement on the birth of **Collier Arden**, born July 30th in Atlanta to former Elmwood members, **Ryan & Kellie White**. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Their address there is: 229 Edison Dr., Stockbridge, GA 30281. Congratulations, Ryan and Kellie!



New Addresses!

Cody & Jenny Sipe send their greetings and want everyone to know how much they miss being here. They are getting settled into their new surroundings and new school for Cassie & Carter. Their address is 1486 Olive Hill Ave. N.W., Concord, NC 28027.

Alison Ruhl has moved and is getting acclimated to life in Michigan. Her new address: 109 Old Mill Pond Dr. Apt. 3, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. Phone: 426-4939. We wish you well, Alison. God bless you!

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What is the cost?

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 is a message to the Israelites about the decision that was set before them after they had received the Law. *“See I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other Gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess”* (15-18).

There is a stark contrast between the two options, death or life, punishment or reward. It is an interesting concept—the Law required many things of the people, it required them to be completely different from the rest of the world. Not all of the differences were easy to cope with. Many difficult things were required of the Israelites to be able to stay in a right relationship with God.

As Christians it is sometimes easy to say that the Israelites have a much more difficult time at being in a right relationship with God than we do as Christians, but Jesus does not make Christianity any easier when in Luke 15 he talks about the cost of being a Christian. *“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple”* (Luke 15:26).

Now, I will be honest, I'm not entirely sure what exactly Jesus means here. Is he being literal? Well, that brings up a set of problems within the Christian story that are not easily reconciled. What I do think though, is that even if Jesus is not being literal here, he is expressing an important idea. Christianity, just like Judaism before it, requires much from its adherents. It requires sacrifice and devotion to God above all other things.

Can you handle the cost? —Phil

It's Time!....

LIFE Groups begin this Sunday, September 16! If you haven't been called about joining a LIFE Group, please call the church office, 447-2874, and let us suggest a group. It's never too late to join, and if you have never been in a LIFE Group, now is the time to get involved. LIFE Group leaders are:

Allen & Elaine Baird	765-585-1409
Josh & Gina Boyd	471-1258
Browns & Moores	423-2996 or 563-6722
Gene & Jean Dilling (University Place)	765-564-2559
Houltons & G. Millers	523-2623 or 471-1045
Jimmy & Susan Huff (Campus House)	714-0998
John & Sherry Marks	474-1197
Joe & Joyce Mathews	474-8369
Amos & Dana Miller	337-5379
Chad & Becky Pitt	471-9155
Lee & Sharon Porter (Youth)	463-6993
Kevin & Marilyn Walters	474-3110
David & Lorraine Weckerly	765-564-4155
West Lafayette Group—TBA	

Prayer Concerns....

Max Houlton has surgery to remove his lung on Thursday, September 20, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.... **Bob Stafford** still awaits results on recent tests....**Chuck Smith**, nephew of Brenda Gibson, is paralyzed from the waist down after an accident on a motorcycle....Continue praying for **Susan Swensen, Nathan Livengood, Donnie Rigdon, Carolyn Rigdon, Valley Stockton, Dick & Janice Waterstraat, Henry Hunt, Oka LeMaster, Marie DeWoody, Joe Bailey, Sue Sill, Dottie Roberts, Hattie Coffel, Kaden Koebcke, Charles Moore, Irene Sims, Mary Tavana, Paul & Argie Verett, Ruth Marks, Delpha Allen, Anna Dale, Minnie Scott, Carrie High, Irene Fox, and Burnell Gulden.**

Serving in our military: **Jeremy Crable, Michael Farris, & Michael Bryenton** in Afghanistan; **Philip Devine, Joshua Thompson, and Ti Draughon** in Iraq; and **Chris Martin**, in South Korea.

Prayer Partners 2007

We are called to be warriors in prayer for each other! Please sign up to pray daily for a 1st-12th grader for the year. There will be a table in the Farris foyer this Sunday, September 16, with a list of students. This is a real blessing to our young people.
—Christi Branstetter

Coming Soon....

September 12, 7 PM....Bible classes for all
September 12, 7 PM....New Fall Class: **“Women’s roles in the church;”** all are invited to attend
September 16, 6 PM....LIFE Groups begin
September 21, 22, 23....Men’s Retreat at Ross Camp

Read:
 Isaiah 43-61; Eph. 4-6;
 Philippians

2007 Spiritual Adventure

Week 39: September 24-30

Philippians 4:21

“Greet every saint in Christ Jesus! The brothers together with me greet you.”

This Epistle to the Philippians is a letter of thanks from Paul for the fellowship and financial support he received while he was in prison at Rome. In his closing remarks he demonstrated an outgoing attitude; setting an example for us all to be friendly, sociable, and all-encompassing in our associations with fellow saints in Christ Jesus everywhere. What are some reasons some Christians may not follow Paul's example?

- Without even realizing it, there is a tendency to react negatively to certain types of individuals who were criminals or lived a very ungodly life before turning to God and to avoid them as much as possible.
- Some find it difficult to associate freely with certain people because of race, income level, social status, or degree of education. We may say “we have nothing in common” with these Christians and speak only to those of Christ who are just like ourselves.
- Most common in the church, are those with reserved personalities who will not greet others unless first greeted by them. This may be their nature to be shy and they feel they can do nothing about it.

For all three of these examples, we must realize that each of us can change our attitude so that we can develop a friendly attitude toward all those of like precious faith. It may take a lot of prayer and a long time to succeed in overcoming our worldly and weak personalities but....we can do it. With God's help, we can do all things if we are willing to work at it daily. If we are to obey Christ's command to “love one another” we must follow Paul's example and demonstrate genuine concern for one another.

–Jeannie Dilling

 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
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