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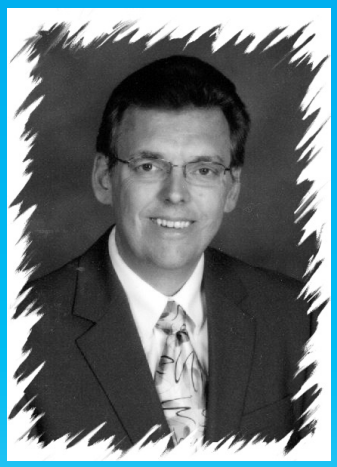

Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Schedule

October

4-5		IWU Trustees Meeting
7	A.M.	Sandford
	P.M.	Wheatland
11-13		DS Institute/Tennessee
17-21		Revival @ North Vernon Wesleyan
27		Paoli – Pentateuch Class
28	A.M.	Spencer
	P.M.	Drop In

November

3		Jonathan White – Faith Pointe Community Wesleyan
4	A.M.	Walker Chapel
	P.M.	Shelbyville Westside – Installation
10		Paoli – Pentateuch Class
12-13		Prayer & Fast Retreat
18	A.M.	Carthage
	P.M.	Columbus Ohio St. – Installation
25	A.M.	Bedford – Installation
	P.M.	Medora – Installation

The Church - A Place for Healing

Rev. Daniel Eckart
Senior Minister, Warren Park Wesleyan Church, Indianapolis

Intensive Care

In *One Church from the Fence*, Wes Seelinger writes: "I have spent long hours in the intensive care waiting room…watching anguished people…listening to urgent questions: Will my husband make it? Will my child walk again? How do you live without your companion of thirty years?"

"The intensive care waiting room is different from any other place in the world. And the people who wait are different. They can't do enough for each other. No one is rude. The distinctions of race and class melt away. A person is a father first, a black man second. The garbage man loves his wife as much as the university professor loves his, and everyone understands this. Each person pulls for everyone else."

"In the intensive care waiting room, the world changes. Vanity and pretense vanish. The universe is focused on the doctor's next report. If only it will show improvement. Everyone knows that loving someone else is what life is all about."

The intensive care waiting room can remind us of how we ought to live in the Church, too.

Supportive Environment

What is unique about the intensive care waiting room is that everyone is in the same situation, facing the same basic circumstances, and they all acknowledge it.

No one tries to deny his own anxiety or the uncertainty he is facing. And while a common bond exists that unites those unrelated and unfamiliar people together, still each one faces his or her situation personally. But the supportive environment is present to help and give hope.

In a spiritual sense, that describes God's Church. We are all in the same situation, facing the same circumstances, dealing with the same problems, basically, although each individual case is different.

No one benefits if we deny our situation or try to pretend we don't hurt or don't suffer temptation or don't have problems or don't get discouraged or don't face spiritual battles. We all do; and that is partly what draws us together. We don't pound each other because of our spiritual situations. We encourage one another.

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We are not jealous of someone else's good news or encouraging word. We don't put someone down because he is facing temptation or fighting a spiritual battle or is discouraged or is having problems with his children. We empathize, realizing that we are also in that same spiritual "intensive care waiting room."

We celebrate one another's joy and mourn with those who are sad. The Bible says, "Love must be sincere…Be devoted to one another out of brotherly love…Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need…Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited." (from Romans 12:9-16) That scripture sounds a lot like an intensive care waiting room. And that is the way Sunday morning services ought to be.

I encourage you to continue to worship with your Christian family. We are all in the spiritual intensive care waiting room together. Let us create a supportive environment in the Church.

MINISTERIAL CLASSES

Pentateuch – OT
Professor: Dr. Mark Eckart
Oct. 27th & Nov. 10th, 2007
Paoli Wesleyan

Worship
Professor: Dr. Mark Eckart
Feb. 2nd & 23rd, 2008
Paoli Wesleyan

Pastors' Annual Christmas Dinner

Pastors, mark your calendars for **Dec. 7th at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Orleans Wesleyan Fellowship Hall** for the **Annual Christmas Dinner**. All Pastors, Associate Pastors, Youth Pastors and Retired Pastors along with their spouse or guest are invited to attend. Plan to see you there!

BIRTHDAY OFFERING FOR JESUS

The DBA has approved taking a birthday offering for Jesus. This money will be used to plant new churches like **Faith Pointe**, which was started Easter 2007 and will also help some of our current churches that are struggling to grow. **Please take an offering on Sunday, December 9th and send it to the District Treasurer marked accordingly.** Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev. James Moore, New Hope Wesleyan, recently finished his master's degree and graduated with a Masters in Ministry and Organizational Leadership from IWU.

Upcoming Revivals

Bloomington Shepherd of the Hills
Oct. 31 – Nov. 4th
7:00 p.m. nightly, except Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
Evangelist: Rev. John Moffatt

Orleans Wesleyan
Oct. 24th – 28th
7:00 p.m. nightly
Evangelist: Dr. O.W. Willis
Special Music: Open Heart with Wayne Maynard

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pastor Kelli & Wayne Ward, Youth Pastor at Evansville Forest Hills, welcomed **Karis Renae** into this world **August 14th**. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19½ inches long.

WEBSITES

Check out the district websites. We endeavor to keep them up to date with current information that can be helpful to you. Make sure you check out the **new youth website** at www.indyyouth.org or you can access it through the **District website** at www.indianasouth.org.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Don't forget all of the hard work your pastor does for your church each week. Make sure you show them how much you appreciate them during October.

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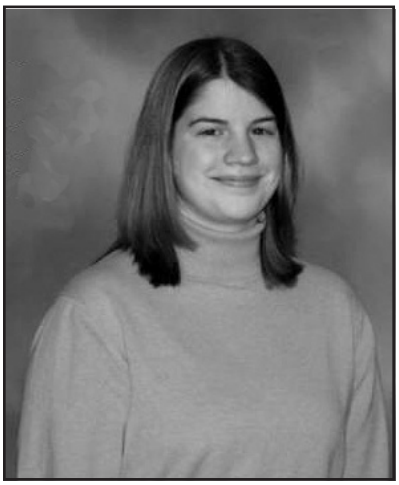
UKRAINE IS IN SIGHT



It is exciting to think that I am getting closer to going to Ukraine! My goal is to leave by January 15th. Even though there are several things that scare me about going, I am mainly filled with excitement! I am so excited to be serving God and the street kids of Odessa and to love these kids. I am excited to try new things and be exposed to a new culture.

I have enjoyed the last few months of traveling to different churches and meeting new people. God continues to provide me with a great support team! Thank you to all who have joined and are now a part of the ministry going on in Ukraine! It isn't too late to join! I still need more on my support team before I leave in January. I still have openings in the next few months if you would like me to come and share at your church about what is going on in Ukraine and how you can be a part of it. **My contact information is Stephanie Boardman – Striving4thegoal@hotmail.com. My cell phone number is 812-604-1450 and home is 812-402-9825.**

Here are several people enjoying the games at our annual District Best Years Fellowship gathering that took place in September here at the campgrounds. Over 100 registered for this event.

Pictured above are **Max & Vernita Hamilton, Rev. Philo & Della Jones** and **Dr. Ray & Sue Barnwell.** The Hamiltons sang, Philo directed and Dr. Barnwell spoke at the 2007 BYF Retreat.

Congratulations to the **Terre Haute Hulman St. Softball Team** for winning the District Softball Tournament!

OCTOBER IS PASTOR

APPRECIATION MONTH

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Aug. SS '07	Aug. SS '06	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K. Wingham	15	20	5	0%	18	11	8
Bedford	J. Keaton, Jr	24	24	0	0%	40	26	18
Bicknell First	M. Reed	NR						
Birdseye	D. Murphy	18	15	3	2%	20	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	NR						
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	L. Manship	28	17	11	65%	28	18	5
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	17	19	2	0%	12	13	0
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	NR						
Bloomington Shepherd	D. Stroud	24	17	7	41%	24	21	15
Blue River	A. Marshall	NR						
Booneville	E. Ames	28	35	7	0%	45	32	18
Brazil Jackson	E. Hayes	26	24	2	8%	32	11	9
Carthage New Life	TBS	0	0	0	0%	14	0	0
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	NR						
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	NR						
Columbus Central	B. Miller	15	17	2	0%	15	13	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	NR						
Columbus Ohio Street	C. Bullock	NR						
Concord	T. Whitham	27	29	2	0%	28	23	15
Connersville	E. Hickman	16	10	6	60%	16	0	0
Corydon New Hope	J. Moore	6	23	17	0%	42	3	5
E. Enterprise	TBS	NR						
Edinburg	L. Biddle	35	34	1	3%	35	17	16
English	P. Jones	39	44	5	0%	53	29	34
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	129	140	11	0%	236	86	38
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	62	74	12	0%	82	31	22
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	35	32	3	9%	53	9	0
Faith Pointe	J. Wriston	NR						
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	27	44	17	0%	47	20	51
Franklin	D. Neal	39	35	4	11%	49	31	24
French Lick Spr. Valley	J. Moffatt	52	62	10	0%	104	65	52
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	21	19	2	5%	23	14	9
Greenfield	J. Anderson	26	24	2	8%	35	20	18
Greensburg	D. Preston	33	27	6	22%	54	35	14
Greenwood	J. Hughes	NR						
Holton	W. Vandervort	18	19	1	0%	19	9	6
Hope First	E. Boston	14	24	10	0%	24	11	0
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR						
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	23	28	5	0%	23	0	0
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	9	12	3	0%	15	0	11
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	NR						
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	40	43	3	0%	57	28	14
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	61	56	5	9%	106	49	56
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR						
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	10	11	1	0%	10	0	8
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	26	40	14	0%	52	0	30
Medora	C. Breeden	30	39	9	0%	25	18	18

*NR = No Report

Church	Pastor	Aug. SS '07	Aug. SS '06	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Milan	L. Brown	NR						
Mitchell	S. Jones	85	84	1	1%	183	60	115
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	26	22	4	18%	34	20	0
Morgantown	J. Irvin	0	0	0	0%	0	20	0
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	14	0	0	0%	28	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	52	56	4	0%	75	32	26
Orleans	H. Carr	41	41	0	0%	46	32	17
Otwell	R. Stilwell	32	40	8	0	32	10	0
Paoli	TBS	NR						
Petersburg	L. Lamar	13	13	0	0%	0	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	14	18	4	0%	26	16	11
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR						
Princeton	J. Dillon	NR						
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	10	0	0	0%	10	0	6
Rodney	M. Miller	9	10	1	0%	12	14	4
Rushville	H. Baker	NR						
Salem	S. Caniff	7	9	2	0%	18	17	7
Sandford	C. Hedden	10	8	2	25%	7	7	5
Scottsburg	P. Mills	8	11	3	0%	10	7	8
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr	14	18	4	0%	7	0	0
Seymour	I. Holt	23	25	2	0%	31	24	22
Shelburn	B. Noel	7	12	5	0%	7	0	4
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	NR						
Shelbyville Westside	C. Ellis	NR						
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	8	7	1	14%	8	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	32	0	0	0%	43	32	28
Spearsville	B. Bray	NR						
Spencer	J. Knight	9	10	1	0%	9	0	9
Sullivan	G. Larimer	44	41	3	7%	49	62	43
Sylvania	B. England	35	58	23	0%	77	47	39
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	137	135	2	1%	251	148	137
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	55	79	24	0%	88	46	55
Terre Haute North	TBS	19	10	9	90%	19	15	7
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	6	7	1	0%	6	4	3
Valeene	D. Manship	NR						
Versailles	TBS	27	28	1	0%	27	10	9
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	18	21	3	0%	42	0	13
Wash. Main Street	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	73	37	20
Wash. Vincennes	J. Gilley	26	33	7	0%	31	0	11
Wesley Chapel	W. Wickard	31	33	2	0%	48	24	19
Westport	C. Bell	69	71	2	0%	86	51	26
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	24	30	6	0%	29	0	6
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	69	70	1	0%	75	44	41
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	10	10	0	0%	13	12	12
Whitehall	D. Campbell	19	19	0	0%	18	11	11
Wilmington Hills	D. Gary	25	23	2	9%	28	22	17
TOTALS		**2001**	**2109**	**-108**	**0%**	**2982**	**1467**	**1245**

Top Ten Churches For Numerical Growth:

Gain	Church	Pastor
11	Bloomington Mt Zion	L. Manship
9	Terre Haute North	TBS
7	Bloomington Shepherd	D. Stroud
6	Greensburg	D. Preston
6	Connersville	E. Hickman
5	Marengo Valley	S. Lock
4	Mooresville New Life	M. Linville
4	Franklin	D. Neal
3	Sullivan	G. Larimer
3	Birdseye	D. Murphy

Top Ten Churches For Percentage Growth:

Percentage Gain	Church	Pastor
90%	Terre Haute North	TBS
65%	Bloomington Mt Zion	L. Manship
60%	Connersville	E. Hickman
41%	Bloomington Shepherd	D. Stroud
25%	Sanford	C. Hedden
22%	Greensburg	D. Preston
18%	Mooresville	M. Linville
14%	Simpson Chapel	R. Brown
11%	Franklin	D. Neal
9%	Wilmington	D. Gary

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