

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



MARCH 2011



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Schedule

MARCH

- 6 A.M. Marengo – Installation
- 7-8 Ministerial Convention
- 13 A.M. Austin
- P.M. Scottsburg
- 18 Lock-In / Louisville
- 20 A.M. Bedford
- P.M. Church Visit
- 21-23 IWU DS Round Table
- 27 A.M. French Lick
- P.M. Grace Fellowship
- 31 IWU Board Meeting

APRIL

- 3 A.M. Bloomfield Mt. Zion
- P.M. Wesley Chapel
- 10-12 NCD Training – Chicago
- 16 Terre Haute / Care & Share Lunch
- 17 A.M. Lewis Creek
- P.M. Washington Vincennes Ave.
- 24 Happy Easter!
- 28 NCD Training/Paoli Wesleyan
- 30 Meet with Eritreans



**Taking grace
to new places.**

Any Sunday in April, your congregation can become a partner in “Taking Grace to New Places” by participating in The Wesleyan Church’s annual **Easter Offering**—one of only two denominationally-sponsored offering appeals (Global Partners’ annual offering each Fall being the other) to help The Wesleyan Church seek and save the lost and multiply healthy churches in the U.S., Canada, and beyond.

The gospel is the amazing story of God’s grace transforming people with hope and holiness through Jesus Christ. It needs to be heard everywhere—but nowhere more urgently than the cities where eight out of ten Americans and Canadians live. Yet, fewer than two out of ten Wesleyan churches are currently located in major urban areas. We can—and must—do better.

It’s time for taking grace to new places! No one loves cities more than God does, because they are where the most people can come face to face with Him. The urgent needs of North America’s cities must be met by our determination as Christ-followers to make Him known there.

It’s time for intensified prayer and more Christ-like living. It’s time to raise up a desperately needed generation of new urban missionaries. **It’s time** to strengthen existing congregations; to expand our soul-winning effectiveness; to train new church planters and lay ministry leaders. **It’s time** for us to make these things happen by giving together in the 2011 Easter Offering for North American Missions.

If it didn’t matter, we wouldn’t ask. Get involved now in multiplying disciples, leaders, and churches.

To underscore our appreciation for your church’s help, the E&CG Department is offering a special, one-time grant for your district’s own urban outreach. When at least 75% of its local churches send in an Easter Offering, your district will earn a grant equal to 10% of the total funds received. For 100% participation, your district will earn a grant equal to 20% of the total funds received. So, whether your church includes the Easter Offering in its faith promise budget or makes a one-time appeal, its partnership is important.

April is Lay Appreciation Month

Each October I encourage all of our churches to honor their pastor(s) during that month and rightfully so. They work hard all year to serve the churches across this great district. However, for a church to exist it also takes people for a preacher to have someone to minister and serve. Consequently, I am designating the month of April as Lay Appreciation Month across IN South. This will be a time for the pastor and their leadership team to select one or more persons to give recognition to for their faithful ministry in the local church. Here are some ideas:

- Have a time in the worship service where you recognize workers by giving out a plaque(s).
- Have a special Sunday “carry in” lunch to honor the lay people and workers in the church.
- Select one lay person or couple by a drawing and send them on a getaway weekend.
- Choose one lay person from your church and submit their name to my office as a candidate to be recognized at conference as the Lay Person of the Year. We will draw one name out of those submitted in the selection process for this honor.

I have had the privilege in the last eight years to spend time with many of you lay people across the district. I have been to some of your homes, eaten many meals with you in fellowship settings, worked with vice-chairmen in getting pastors, and I am convinced we have some of the best Christians attending our churches here in the IN South Wesleyan District. Paul gave great advice when he said in Galatians 6:10, “*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*”



Pictured are the students from the recent Saturday class. Also pictured is **Rev. Mark Reed** who came as a guest lecturer and **Rev. Bob England**, the Ministerial Seminar Coordinator.

Pictured here is **Mrs. Zelpha Naylor** and **Pastor Wilbert Vandervort** from the Holton Wesleyan Church. Mrs. Naylor is 99 years old and still drives herself to church.



May Seminar

May 2 – 6, 2011

At the Orleans Campground

Rev. Charles Stroud

*Philosophy/Ethics
Wesleyan History & Discipline*

Rev. Joey Nelson

*Church Leadership/Management
Global & Intercultural Ministries*

Dr. Mark Eckart

*Introduction to Homiletics
Christian Education*

UPCOMING REVIVAL

Austin Wesleyan Church

March 30 – April 3, 2011

Wed. – Sat. - 7:00 p.m.

Sun. – 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Evangelist: Rev. John Moffatt

Music: Cindy Caniff

For more information, contact
Pastor Kent Stroud at 812-794-3152.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Thursday, April 28th at

Paoli Wesleyan Church

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Lunch will be provided.

All pastors, their spouses and lay people
are invited & encouraged to attend!

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Something New!

The 100 Greatest Questions Asked by Jesus

I spent over a year working on this Bible Study. I think you and/or your small group will enjoy studying the questions that Jesus asked in the Gospels. This book has been dedicated to the worthy ministers and lay people of Indiana South Wesleyan. – Dr. Mark

“This is one of the most creative and practical Bible Studies I’ve seen in a long time. I hope you get the right marketing and exposure because you’ve obviously put a lot of time on it and it can really facilitate Bible Study. Well done!” –Senior Pastor Bob Russell, Emeritus, Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY

“I really like the idea of this new book. I am sure it can be used effectively for small groups, midweek prayer studies, Sunday School classes, and the like. It is dealing with a subject that, to my knowledge, has not been dealt with, at least not as thoroughly as you are suggesting. I encourage you to move forward with it.” –Dr. Earl L. Wilson, General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, Emeritus

“Dr. Mark Eckart has it right. He takes you to the Word of God, then he makes you think about what the Bible says so that you understand its meaning. Second, he makes you think about what it means, and finally he ends up making you think about how it should apply to your life. This is the highest level of inductive Bible study, so that each person goes directly to the Bible to get the answers from God, and the Holy Spirit is able to speak to them and give them what the Bible means and says. May God use this Bible Study to change lives.” –Dr. Elmer L. Towns, Co-founder, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

“We at Paoli Wesleyan Church have been using the Study Questions for several weeks now as a test run that Dr. Mark Eckart has put together. Our people have thoroughly enjoyed the format with the acronym LEAP. The people love to Look, Examine, Add, and Practice what Christ is teaching.” –Rev. Bob England, Assistant District Superintendent & Senior Pastor

“We have used the LEAP Into Bible Study booklet in our midweek Bible study. Many of the individuals in our group have expressed appreciation for the approach that is used. It is very interesting to see the questions that Jesus asked. It gives us insight to what He really believed to be important.” –Rev. Charles Stroud, Small Group Leader

A portion of the proceeds from these books will be given to the Hope for Haiti Fund. For additional information, go to www.markeckart.com or call the office at 812-865-3979.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of **Rev. Gerald Miller**, who passed away. Rev. Miller pastored at Columbus Central, Versailles, Sylvania and Scottsburg.

Our sympathy also goes out to Rev. Monty Mahoney and his family in the loss of his mother, **Mrs. Lura Gertrude Mahoney**.

“Set Free”

**Forest Hills Wesleyan
Ladies Retreat
April 8th & 9th
Speaker: Rev. Kelli Ward
Music: Jane Reneer**

Contact: Marilyn Gregory at
812-985-5584 or kampre@aol.com.



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June 23-25, 2011

Cypress Wesleyan Church
377 Alton Darby Creek Road, Galloway, Ohio

Wesleyan Women Summit

**For additional information,
contact Wesleyan Women at
317-774-7974.**



CHURCH GROWTH REPORT JANUARY 2011

Church	Pastor	SS Ave. 2011	SS Ave. 2010	SS Gain or Loss	SS % Gain	AM Wshp Ave. 2011	AM Wshp Ave. 2010	AM Wshp Gain/Loss	AM Wshp % Gain	PM Serv. Aver. 2011	Spiritual Formation	# Saved or Sanct
Austin	K. Stroud	22	34	12	0%	29	45	16	0%	19	16	0
Bedford	C. Gilmore	15	15	0	0%	16	15	1	7%	16	0	0
Bicknell First	M. Reed	30	31	1	0%	50	32	18	56%	21	47	0
Birdseye	H. Noll	NR										
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	M. Harper	NR										
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	A. Adams	NR										
Bloomfield Southside	G. Montgomery	20	20	0	0%	13	13	0	0%	11	0	0
Bloomington Central	M. Linville	21	28	7	0%	26	31	5	0%	15	15	0
Bloomington Shepherd	F. Shannon	NR										
Blue River	A. Marshall	23	24	1	0%	25	27	2	0%	0	0	0
Boonville	E. Ames	12	13	1	0%	46	46	0	0%	25	34	0
Brazil Jackson	E. Stewart	22	18	4	22%	29	25	4	16%	12	13	0
Carthage	D. Stroud	0	0	0	0%	40	40	0	0%	25	20	0
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	NR										
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	0	0	0	0%	9	9	0	0%	0	0	0
Columbus Central	B. Miller	NR										
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	94	77	17	22%	130	102	28	27%	47	10	0
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Baker	24	32	8	0%	37	57	20	0%	23	12	0
Concord	J. Vandervort	21	23	2	0%	23	23	0	0%	15	7	0
Corydon New Hope	C. Morgan	NR										
E. Enterprise	D. Meriwether	9	9	0	0%	9	9	0	0%	10	0	0
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%	22	17	0
English	R. Dillman	28	28	0	0%	33	36	3	0%	17	12	0
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	136	112	24	21%	233	220	13	6%	108	442	0
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	59	64	5	0%	76	92	16	0%	26	39	0
Evansville Trinity	D. Allison	38	41	3	0%	45	57	12	0%	0	4	0
Faith Pointe	J. Wriston	11	5	6	120%	14	6	8	130%	0	0	0
Fort Branch	R. Comer	35	39	4	0%	41	48	7	0%	16	37	0
Franklin	D. Neal	29	32	3	0%	32	32	0	0%	43	13	0
French Lick Spr. Valley	J. Moffatt	57	59	2	0%	159	149	10	7%	66	53	0
Gnaw Bone	E. Martin	16	15	1	7%	21	14	7	50%	9	8	0
Grace Fellowship	T. Friedman	27	20	7	35%	37	25	12	48%	30	16	0
Grace Pointe	N. Watters	0	0	0	0%	28	28	0	0%	16	16	0
Greenfield	R. Albring	15	17	2	0%	28	25	3	12%	19	11	0
Greensburg	D. Preston	56	56	0	0%	88	89	1	0%	38	63	0
Greenwood	J. Hughes	NR										
Holton	W. Vandervort	21	13	8	62%	21	14	7	50%	8	5	0
Hope First	E. Boston	0	0	0	0%	11	11	0	0%	0	0	0
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR										
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	7	7	0	0%	16	16	0	0%	10	0	0
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	NR										
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	23	24	1	0%	37	38	1	0%	26	38	0
Marengo	L. Manship	50	47	3	6%	160	114	46	40%	70	90	3
Martinsville	D. Sparks	NR										
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	NR										
Mecca New Life	D. Hardesty	NR										
Medora	C. Breeden	17	14	3	21%	26	23	3	13%	8	0	0

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Milan	L. Brown	16	18	2	0%	23	25	2	0%	15	6	0
Mitchell	S. Jones	40	25	15	60%	91	72	19	26%	43	53	0
Mooreville New Life	M. Linville	14	15	1	0%	36	28	8	29%	12	17	0
Morgantown	D. Pfaff	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	21	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	39	40	1	0%	64	64	0	0%	33	24	0
Orleans	M. Hester	38	34	4	12%	41	40	1	3%	22	17	0
Otwell	R. Stilwell	30	30	0	0%	30	30	0	0%	18	0	0
Paoli	B. England	44	47	3	0%	111	121	10	0%	61	84	0
Petersburg	L. Lamar	0	0	0	0%	12	12	0	0%	0	0	0
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	18	12	6	33%	27	27	0	0%	18	15	0
Potter's Shop	S. Avila	NR										
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR										
Rising Sun	J. Kelley	NR										
Rodney	M. Miller	13	9	4	44%	7	11	4	0%	9	7	0
Rushville	H. Baker	3	3	0	0%	3	3	0	0%	3	0	0
Salem	S. Caniff	7	6	1	17%	33	24	9	38%	0	9	0
Sandford	C. Hedden	NR										
Scottsburg	P. Mills	9	9	0	0%	9	9	0	0%	7	6	0
Seelyville	F. Burk	NR										
Seymour	I. Holt	31	32	1	0%	44	51	7	0%	32	21	0
Shelburn	B. Noel	16	8	8	100%	16	8	8	100%	0	0	0
Shelbyville Grace	J. Allen	48	56	8	0%	70	72	2	0%	38	25	0
Shelbyville Westside	D. Bowden	25	29	4	0%	31	43	12	0%	9	5	00
Simpson Chapel	C. Johnson	2	9	7	0%	3	9	6	0%	0	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	25	23	2	9%	26	25	1	4%	14	0	0
Southwind Washington	P. Kessen	0	0	0	0%	110	87	23	26%	33	45	0
Spearsville	T. Phillips	NR										
Spencer	J. Knight	10	9	1	11%	10	9	1	11%	0	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	44	51	7	0%	57	64	7	0%	53	44	0
Sylvania	D. Taylor	44	44	0	0%	62	69	7	0%	39	21	0
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	168	177	9	0%	264	272	8	0%	129	13	0
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	54	57	3	0%	88	76	12	16%	73	72	0
Terre Haute Northside	E. Hayes	24	27	3	0%	31	32	1	0%	31	19	0
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	0	0	0	0%	2	2	0	0%	16	0	0
Valeene	D. Manship	25	20	5	25%	87	93	8	0%	36	68	0
Versailles	J. Hundley	30	34	4	0%	30	35	5	0%	29	7	0
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	19	20	1	0%	41	42	1	0%	13	0	0
Wash. Vincennes	J. Gilley	NR										
Wesley Chapel	D. Little	23	27	4	0%	26	33	7	0%	7	4	0
Westport	H. Weaver	38	67	29	0%	51	75	24	0%	27	10	0
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	21	17	4	24%	23	19	4	21%	6	0	0
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	69	68	1	1%	74	73	1	1%	54	69	0
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	NR										
Whitehall	D. Campbell	24	24	0	0%	25	24	1	4%	14	12	0
Wilmington Hills	D. Gary	14	18	4	0%	22	24	2	0%	20	0	0
TOTALS		1993	2012	19	0%	3298	3244	54	0%	1706	1711	10

Church	Pastor	Gain
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	24
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	17
Mitchell	S. Jones	15
Shelburn	B. Noel	8
Holton	W. Vandervort	8

Church	Pastor	Gain
Faith Pointe	J. Wriston	120%
Shelburn	B. Noel	100%
Hotlon	W. Vandervort	62%
Mitchell	S. Jones	60%
Rodney	M. Miller	44%

Church	Pastor	Gain
Marengo	L. Manship	46
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	28
Southwind	P. Kessen	23
Mitchell	S. Jones	19
Bicknell	M. Reed	18

Church	Pastor	Gain
Faith Pointe	J. Wriston	130%
Shelburn	B. Noel	100%
Bicknell	M. Reed	56%
Gnaw Bone	E. Martin	50%
Holton	W. Vandervort	50%