

INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



January 2006

54th Annual Ministerial Convention of the Indiana South District of The Wesleyan Church March 6 & 7, 2006

Mayfields Meeting Room

2100 Liberty Drive • Bloomington, Indiana 47403 • 812-323-1625

Monday, March 6 – Mayfields Meeting Room

Afternoon Session I

11:00 - 1:15 Registration
1:30 - 2:30 Concert of Prayer & Worship

Afternoon Session II

2:45
Welcome – Dr. Mark Eckart
Congregational Singing – Tony McCrary
Special Music – Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker – Dr. Thomas Armiger,
General Superintendent

Evening Session III

7:00
Congregational Singing – Tony McCrary
Special Music – Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker – Dr. Aron Willis

Tuesday, March 7 – Mayfields Meeting Room

Morning Session I

9:00 - 10:00
Congregational Singing – Tony McCrary
Special Music – Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker – Dr. Mark Eckart

9:00 - 10:00
Women's Meeting
To Be Announced

10:15 - 10:30 Break

Morning Session II

10:30 - 12:00
Congregational Singing – Tony McCrary
Special Music – Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker – Dr. Aron Willis

12:00 - 6:00 Lunch & Free Time

Evening Session III

6:00
Banquet – Mayfields Meeting Room
Special Music – Tony & Abby McCrary
Speaker – Dr. Aron Willis

*All sessions will be held at The Mayfields Meeting Room at 2100 Liberty Drive,
Bloomington, IN 47403.*



Dr. Mark Eckart
District Superintendent



Dr. Aron P. Willis
Guest Speaker



Tony & Abby McCrary
Convention Musicians



New Leadership Development Journey Coordinator

Rev. LaMar Brown, pastor of Milan has been appointed to serve as Indiana South District L.D.J. Coordinator. For any questions or concerns please contact Rev. LaMar Brown at: 413 Main Street, Milan, IN 47031, 812-654-2829 or

e-mail: lbbb413@wmconnect.com

Rev. Brown is requesting that all eight L.D.J. groups have a meeting by February 1st, 2006.

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to **Rev. Everett Freels** in the loss of his mother **Mrs. Nellie C. Freels**, and to **Rev. Kevin Kearby** in the loss of his father **Rev. Lester Lee Kearby**, retired ordained minister, and to **Rev. Jim Terry** in the loss of his father **Mr. James D. Terry**. Our prayers are with you at this time.

World Hope

World Hope International offers to you sincere thanks for your generous financial gift to the Hurricane Relief Fund. Through your partnership, World Hope has been able to provide tangible assistance and comfort to the victims of these disasters.

Wesleyan Year of the Bible – 2006

Every person attending a Wesleyan Church is encouraged to participate in the yearly reading of the Bible in 2006. The Department of Spiritual Formation is challenging “every person, in every church, to read through the Bible in 2006.” A “One Year Bible” and a “Children’s Challenge One Year Bible” are available from Wesleyan Publishing House at wph@wesleyan.org or call 1-800-493-7539.

“Forty Days” of Prayer and Fasting

“Forty Days” of Prayer and Fasting will be March 1 – April 15, 2006. You can find information and resources at www.wesleyan.org. All of our pastors and churches are strongly encouraged to participate in this denominational effort.

Thank You From the Eckarts & Englands

Dr. & Mrs. Eckart along with Rev. & Mrs. England would like to thank each of you for the lovely Christmas cards and the gifts that you have shared with us this Christmas Season. May God bless each of you in a very special way.

Superintendent’s Schedule

January

- 1 New Years Day
- 7 DBA Meeting
- 8-12 DS Meeting / Florida
- 15 A.M. Lawrenceburg
- P.M. East Enterprise
- 22 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- A.M. Prairie Creek
- P.M. Church Visit
- 27 God’s Bible School / Chapel Speaker
- 29 A.M. Lewisville
- P.M. Hope
- 31 Asbury College

February

- 4 Paoli Saturday Class
- 5 A.M. Helmsburg
- P.M. Church Visit
- 12 A.M. Carthage
- P.M. Morgantown
- 18 Paoli Saturday Class
- 19 A.M. Bloomfield Mt. Calvary
- P.M. Church Visit
- 26 A.M. Shelburn
- P.M. Terre Haute Northside

Address Changes

Following each district mailing we receive letters returned to us as “undeliverable.” You can help us decrease our expenses by letting us know of any address changes or corrections.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Remember Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday, January 22, 2006

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Travel Light

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One of the first international trips my wife, Margaret, and I took together was to Japan. When we were choosing luggage for our journey, we decided to get the biggest suitcases we could find. It seemed like a logical idea at the time—after all, the bigger the suitcase, the more we could pack in it.

Unfortunately, while we were packing, it never once occurred to me that we were going to have to carry those bags wherever we went. Now, if you know anything at all about Japan, you know that traveling by rail is often the best way to get around there. Needless to say, we spent a lot of time lugging our suitcases in and out of train stations. I remember going to one particular depot with two bags that were as big as I was, both stuffed nearly to bursting. I was struggling to get to the train with my suitcases, Margaret was struggling down the street with hers, and neither of us was very happy about the whole situation.

Finally, I'd had enough. I stopped right where I was, put the suitcases down and said, "Margaret, anyone who can carry these suitcases can have them! I'm just going to leave them right here. I'm not carrying them anymore."

That little incident, which my sweet wife and I jokingly say is the closest we ever came to getting divorced, taught us a valuable lesson: Travel light.

Margaret and I learned this lesson so well that, on subsequent trips, we've literally gone out of the country with nothing but our carry-on luggage. In addition to preserving our marital bliss, traveling light alleviates the stress of keeping track of numerous bags, saves time previously spent waiting around at airport baggage claims and keeps us from getting worn out before we ever get to our destination. On top of all that, it doesn't take us nearly as long to unpack once we get home.

As helpful as it is to travel light on a business trip or vacation, it's even more critical to travel light through life. Let me explain what I mean. Many people go through life with far too much emotional baggage. They didn't necessarily intend to fill the biggest bags they could find with their personal junk, but along the way they've somehow managed to collect quite a stash. A chip on the shoulder here;

an ugly batch of pent-up anger there. Ten years' worth of hurt feelings here; three decades of rejection there. I could go on, but I'm sure you get the picture.

Sadly, these individuals fail to realize the damage their excess baggage is inflicting on themselves and others. For example, a recent survey indicated that people with emotional problems are 144 percent more likely to have automobile accidents than those who do not have such problems. In addition, one of the study's most sobering findings was that one out of every five victims of fatal accidents had quarreled with someone in the six hours before the accident.

This is why it's so important to practice what I call "keeping short accounts." When you keep a short account, you ask for forgiveness quickly when you hurt someone. When you treat someone badly, you make it right as soon as possible. You don't hold grudges. You don't go to bed angry. You don't allow your own injured feelings to fester into bitterness or resentment.

The importance of keeping short accounts really hit home with me when I had a heart attack several years ago. As I lay there, honestly not knowing if I was going to live or die, I felt a tremendous amount of peace because I knew my relational ledger was clean. Ironically, the thought that kept coming to my mind during those first tense hours was, "I don't have to call anybody on the phone." It was true. I didn't have to make any last-ditch apologies or ninth-hour requests for forgiveness because I had made an intentional effort to travel light through life.

From a practical standpoint, traveling light means that I have to ask somebody to forgive me almost every day. It means that I often have to sit down with Margaret and say, "I'm sorry for using that tone of voice; I was wrong." It means that I have to initiate reconciliation with people who have offended me, not wait for them to make the first move.

None of this is easy. It's often humbling and hard on my ego. And yet, the alternative is much worse. Failing to travel light blurs your focus on what really matters and impairs your ability to live and lead effectively. So if you're carrying a bunch of excess baggage, get rid of it. Write a letter. Make a phone call. Do whatever you need to do. Just do it now. You've got more important things to do than cart around unnecessary—and potentially life-threatening—luggage for the rest of your life.

Ministers' Wives Retreat At Brown County



Pictured above are the ladies that truly enjoyed the Pastors' Wives Retreat on October 3rd & 4th at Brown County, Indiana. Next year's Ministers' Wives Retreat will be October 9th & 10th, 2006.

Ministerial Class Methods of Bible Study

February 4th & 18th

Paoli Wesleyan Church

Professor: Dr. Mark Eckart

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JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH LOCK-IN

Friday, February 24, 2006
11:00 P.M.

Walnut Street Baptist Church
Activity Center

Louisville, KY • \$15.00

Activities: Skating, Bowling,
Ping Pong, Racquetball, Air
Hockey, Basketball Tournament
and Volleyball

For more information contact:

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CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Nov. '05	Nov. '04	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk	Day
Austin	K. Wingham	14	12	2	17%	17	17	19	
Bedford	G. Tilley	23	21	2	10%	35	20	14	
Bicknell First	M. Reed	42	43	1	0%	51	20	86	
Birdseye	D. Murphy	16	26	10	0%	0	0	0	
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	NR							
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	M. Moore	27	22	5	0%	20	17	15	
Bloomfield Southside	C. Thomas	14	13	1	8%	13	17	0	
Bloomington Central	E. Hayes	49	47	2	4%	55	22	20	
Bloomington Shepherd	A. Hendershot	16	0	0	0%	21	10	10	
Blue River	A. Marshall	25	22	3	14%	45	32	0	
Boonville	E. Ames	24	27	3	0%	51	51	30	
Brazil Jackson Street	E. Stewart	28	33	5	0%	30	14	14	
Carthage New Life	H. Smith	NR							
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	10	12	2	0%	17	12	7	
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	NR							
Columbus Central	B. Miller	20	23	3	0%	20	10	0	
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	60	51	9	18%	82	40	72	
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	34	40	6	0%	49	35	22	
Concord	T. Whitham	31	27	4	15%	32	30	14	
Connersville Grandview	R. Wallace	9	8	1	13%	8	5	4	
Corydon New Hope	T. Bye	18	22	4	0%	44	22	21	
E. Enterprise	R. Albring	NR							
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	38	37	1	3%	38	34	24	
English	P. Jones	54	79	25	0%	64	48	51	
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	133	139	6	0%	233	137	168	
Evansville North Park	S. Boardman	60	49	11	22%	84	22	53	
Evansville Trinity	M. Belt	NR							
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	25	20	5	25%	26	13	38	
Franklin	D. Neal	38	37	1	23%	46	26	22	
French Lick S.V.	J. Moffatt	NR							
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	20	16	4	25%	24	15	9	
Greenfield	J. Anderson	27	17	10	59%	34	24	11	
Greensburg	W. Thompson III	NR							
Greenwood	J. Hughes	NR							
Helmsburg	DBA	NR							
Holton	W. Vandervort	26	20	6	30%	28	10	6	
Hope First	E. Boston	31	29	2	7%	32	9	47	
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR							
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	25	14	11	79%	26	0	0	
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	13	14	1	0%	18	0	13	
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	20	19	1	5%	56	21	13	
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	35	33	2	6%	61	42	35	
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	55	68	13	0%	108	51	52	
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR							
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	11	8	3	38%	10	18	8	
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	33	60	27	0%	57	31	99	
Medora	C. Morgan	41	35	6	17%	42	24	16	
Milan	L. Brown	30	25	5	20%	36	17	0	

Church	Pastor	Nov. '05	Nov. '04	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk	Day
Mitchell	S. Jones	94	105	11	0%	196	89	177	
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	25	21	4	19%	41	17	21	
Morgantown	S. Yager	NR							
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	15	14	1	7%	26	0	0	
North Vernon	J. Terry	61	52	9	17%	79	31	0	
Orleans	H. Carr	49	51	2	0%	56	37	19	
Otwell	R. Stilwell	39	26	13	50%	39	19	0	
Paoli	L. Manship	NR							
Petersburg	L. Lamar	10	10	0	0%	10	0	0	
Poplar Grove	J. Downs	12	11	1	9%	20	13	10	
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR							
Princeton	D. Reed	33	36	3	0%	47	29	37	
Rising Sun	J. Kelly	6	8	2	0%	7	0	0	
Rodney	M. Miller	8	17	9	0%	12	14	5	
Rushville	H. Baker	NR							
Salem	TBS	13	11	2	18%	14	13	11	
Sandford	C. Hedden	12	18	6	0%	11	6	5	
Scott City	D. Ault	NR							
Scottsburg	P. Mills	10	12	2	0%	13	8	7	
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	NR							
Seymour	I. Holt	30	25	5	20%	33	26	23	
Shelburn	B. Noel	12	0	0	0%	12	0	0	
Shelbyville Grace	J. Travis	55	0	0	0%	73	47	12	
Shelbyville Westside	W. Seymour	29	33	4	0%	30	25	6	
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	8	9	1	0%	8	0	0	
Somerville	D. Brandon	44	52	8	0%	46	40	28	
Spearsville	B. Bray	25	28	3	0%	25	24	16	
Spencer	J. Knight	NR							
Sullivan	G. Larimer	41	30	11	37%	43	43	45	
Sylvania	B. England	62	64	2	0%	105	58	54	
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	145	135	10	7%	232	128	138	
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	66	69	3	0%	107	53	48	
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	7	0	0	0%	10	9	8	
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	6	3	3	100%	6	3	8	
Valeene	D. Manship	19	0	0	0%	68	62	51	
Versailles	D. Jewell	34	34	0	0%	36	12	8	
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	18	15	3	20%	37	0	10	
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	36	36	0	0%	58	40	21	
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	30	22	8	36%	27	35	24	
Wesley Chapel	W. Wickard	37	22	15	68%	53	37	40	
Westport	E. Wakefield	70	77	7	0%	75	44	20	
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	28	22	6	27%	28	13	10	
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	70	63	7	11%	72	52	43	
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	11	21	10	0%	11	14	12	
Whitehall	D. Campbell	23	26	3	0%	23	12	11	
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	NR							
TOTALS		2468	2346	122	5%	3402	1969	1941	

*NR-No Report

Top Ten Churches for Numerical Gain for Nov. 2005

Church	Pastor	Gain	Church	Pastor	Gain
Wesley Chapel	Rev. Wes Wickard	15	Greenfield	Rev. John Anderson	10
Otwell	Rev. Roy Stilwell	13	Terre Haute Faith	Rev. Dan Gormong	10
Lewisville Trinity	Rev. Charles Stroud	11	Columbus Flintwood	Rev. Wes Jones	9
Sullivan	Rev. Gary Larimer	11	Wash. Vincennes Ave.	Rev. Jewell Gilley	8
Evansville N. Park	Rev. Steve Boardman	11	W. Terre Haute 8th St	Rev. Paul Shelton	7

Top Ten Percentage Gain for Nov. 2005

Church	Pastor	Percentage Gain
Trafalgar	Rev. Carl Hilton	100%
Lewisville Trinity	Rev. Charles Stroud	79%
Wesley Chapel	Rev. Wes Wickard	68%
Greenfield	Rev. John Anderson	59%
Otwell	Rev. Roy Stilwell	50%
Martinsville Bethel	Rev. John Irvin	38%
Sullivan	Rev. Gary Larimer	37%
Wash. Vincennes Ave	Rev. Jewell Gilley	36%
Holton	Rev. Wilbur Vandervort	30%
W. Terre Haute 6th Street	Rev. Richard Weeks	27%

Happy New Year