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WESLEYAN

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

May 2005

A Tribute To My Mother – Mrs. Ella Louise Eckart

By Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart

February 12, 1934 – February 8, 2005

I wrote this letter to Mom about six months before she went to Heaven.

August 24, 2004

Hi Mom,

I wanted to write you this note. None of us know how much time we have left and there are some things I wanted to tell you before you went on to heaven. Of course, we never know, you may out live me! But if you do go on to heaven first here are some items I wish to communicate to you while I still have the opportunity.

First, I thank God for your love and faithfulness to Him down through the years. You have been a consistent witness to the Christian faith ever since I can remember. This is certainly a heritage for which I am most grateful. You prayed me into the Kingdom and I still remember at that camp meeting service when you came back during the invitation and invited me to go to the altar. That night I got saved and it changed my life forever.

Secondly, you are a very gifted person. Down through the years you have worked hard and became excellent at several things. This included decorating beautiful wedding cakes and sewing fancy dresses for weddings and making many of our clothes at home. You are also a very accomplished cook. Your meatloaf, cream pies, and bean burgers are my favorite. You also seemed to have a special touch of stirring my oatmeal in the mornings when I was a boy. When you stirred the oats it seemed like they tasted so much better!

Third, God has blessed you with a beautiful alto voice. Only heaven will reveal the blessing you have been to those attending services where you sang. You no doubt have sung over a thousand special songs down through the years. A good friend of mine, who has advanced musical training, heard you sing, and he told me you have one of the most beautiful alto voices he has ever heard. I didn't always like having to sing with you as a kid, but now I cherish those memories.

Fourth, you never give up. Let's face it, life at times is hard but you keep fighting! You have had more than your share of sorrow and pain but you just keep hanging in there. I pray God helps me to be as diligent as you have been.

I'm not saying you are perfect. Like all of us you have fallen short at times. But I think you are the best Mom in the whole world!

–Love,
Mark

P.S. Remember what Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:18, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." In other words there is a better day a coming. A friend of mine recently said, "Heaven is like going on vacation but it never ends!" If you get there first be looking for me, because by the grace of God I plan to meet you inside the gate.

Between a Tractor and a Tree Stump

Congratulations to Mr. Norris McPike from Paoli, IN, that attends our Orleans Church. His story has been published in the Mar/Apr issue of *Angels on Earth,* which is an International Guideposts Publication. Norris has his own personal experience of Angels helping him – you may read his story at www.angelsonearth.com.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to **Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Gormong** on the birth of their baby daughter on March 16th. Her name is **Rachel Joy** and she weighed in at 7 lbs 11 ozs.

Cabin For Sale

Cabin #503 at the Campgrounds is for sale. The price is $4,000.00. If interested, contact Hopeland Cole at 812-755-4119.

Love Is In The Air

Ms. Hettie Faye Keaton Heidler and Rev. Gordon L. Tilley are planning to be married on June 11, 2005 at the Parkway House of Prayer in Roanoke, Virginia at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to attend. The address is: Parkway House of Prayer, 2525 Feather Road, Vinton, VA 24179 (Vinton is a suburb of Roanoke).

District Conference

June 14, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.
Registration begins at 8:00 A.M.

Conference will be held in the tabernacle on the Orleans Campground for all ministers and delegates. Dr. Thomas E. Armiger is the presiding chairman for this conference.

Camp Information

If you reserved a room at last year's camp for Family Camp 2005, please call or write to confirm that room in case someone else needs a room and you have decided otherwise.

Please contact: **Joyce Bailey**, 812-825-5765, RR # 4 Box 454, Bloomfield, IN 47424.

Wesleyan Women's Convention

"Age To Age"

June 11, 2005

Orleans Wesleyan Church

Guest Speaker–
Mrs. Martha Blackburn
General Director of Wesleyan Women

- Many special activities throughout the day.
- Registration begins at 8:30
- Cost is $10 per delegate
- Any Pastor's wife is invited to attend even if you do not have a Wesleyan Women Chapter.

Superintendent's Schedule

May

1	A.M.	Greenwood
	P.M.	Church Visit
2-6		Ministerial Seminar
8		Mother's Day
	A.M.	Simpson's Chapel
	P.M.	Church Visit
15	A.M.	Mecca
	P.M.	Mitchell
22	A.M.	Rising Sun
	P.M.	Wilmington Hills
29	A.M.	Columbus Bethel
	P.M.	Gnaw Bone

June

5	A.M.	Medora
	P.M.	Marengo
11		Wesleyan Women Convention
12	A.M.	Bicknell
	P.M.	Church Visit
14		District Conference
19	A.M.	Somerville
	P.M.	Washington Main Street
26	A.M.	Rodney

Supply Pastor Available

Rev. Melvin Linville is available for Supply Pastor and weekend speaking engagements. Please Contact him at 812-874-2780.

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This year, our youth convention will take place in Grand Rapid, Michigan. Our theme is "**logos5**." "Logos" is Greek for "The Word" also called the Bible. In the New Testament, the phrase "Word (logos) of God," found in John 1:1 and elsewhere, shows God's desire and ability to "speak" to us.

The Trip

- Charter Bus leaving Wednesday morning, December 28th, 2005 (Terre Haute & Columbus)
- Charter Bus returning Saturday afternoon, December 31st, 2005, approximately $70-$90 round trip depending on total number
- 3 nights lodging at $185 per person (quad occupancy)
- 5 general sessions
- Access to all the programming: conferences, seminars, concerts etc.
- 8 meals (approx.) $7.50 per meal: total amount $50-$60
- On-site spending money for shirts, hats, and other merchandise
- Youth convention offering will go toward taking youth ministry to places where it does not currently exist and we suggest $10 / student

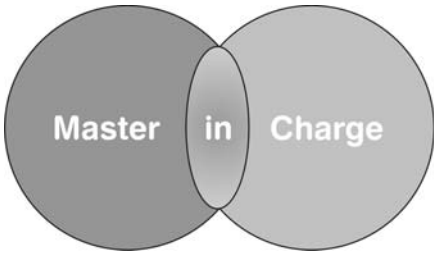
Your Part

- $200.00 for transportation & convention
- $50.00 - $60.00 for meals
- $50.00 on-site spending money (optional)
- $10.00 special offering (highly encouraged)
- $260.00 - $320.00 Total

If your church is not going and you would like to go, or have questions, please contact Rev. Joseph M. Gormong 812-299-8365. The deadline to sign up for the bus will be August 7th, 2005. I will need a $50.00 deposit (Refundable if there is not enough for the bus in Columbus). It is first come first serve, incase the busses fill up fast. We cannot know exact cost of the bus until we know the exact number that will be going.

Teen Camp

Indiana South Wesleyan
Teen Camp 2005
July 11 - 15
Brad Leroy, Speaker



Camp registrations and information will be mailed to churches in May.

Teen camp is for those who have completed 6th grade through 2005 graduates. The cost will be $105.00 plus a $20.00 refundable security deposit.

Quilt Presented

When Dr. Peter Burges was with the English Wesleyan Church in January, he was presented with a quilt which the ladies of the church had made.

Pictured (left to right): Rev. Philo Jones, Dr. Burges and Missionary President Renea Bullington.

Pictured above are Dr. Eckart, Pastor Downs, and the Local Board of Administration at the Poplar Grove Church. On Sunday April the 3rd we burned the mortgage for the church. This was a great celebration day in that the Lord has helped this church pay off a $55,000.00 mortgage within the last two years. Praise God.

CHURCH GROWTH REPORT

Church	Pastor	Mar. SS '05	Mar. SS '04	Variation	% Gain	AM	PM	Wk Day
Austin	K. Wingham	14	15	1	0%	24	15	13
Bedford	G. Tilley	20	19	1	5%	31	17	12
Bicknell First	M. Reed	57	51	6	12%	84	26	106
Birdseye	D. Murphy	18	16	2	0%	29	0	0
Bloomfield Mt. Calvary	F. Collings	NR						
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	J. Nelson	33	45	12	0%	0	11	0
Bloomfield Southside	D. Dustin	15	15	0	0%	15	20	0
Bloomington Central	E. Hayes	54	37	17	46%	60	25	20
Bloomington Shepherd	B. Colburn	0	0	0	0%	19	12	10
Blue River	A. Marshall	NR						
Boonville	E. Ames	28	27	1	4%	39	29	14
Brazil Jackson Street	E. Stewart	35	30	5	17%	49	12	12
Carthage New Life	H. Smith	8	8	0	0%	23	6	36
Clear Fork	C. Uebel	13	21	8	0%	24	15	8
Columbus Bethel	B. Carpenter	NR		0	0%			
Columbus Central	B. Miller	19	19	0	0%	19	10	0
Columbus Flintwood	W. Jones	56	46	10	22%	80	40	52
Columbus Ohio Street	J. Vandervort	42	41	1	2%	57	45	17
Concord	T. Whitham	37	29	8	28%	39	31	16
Connersville Grandview	R. Wallace	NR		0	0%			
Corydon New Hope	T. Bye	31	23	8	35%	59	18	24
E. Enterprise	R. Albring	18	18	0	0%	26	15	14
Edinburgh	L. Biddle	35	42	7	0%	35	19	14
English	P. Jones	83	82	1	1%	82	46	61
Evansville Forest Hills	M. Stoelting	136	174	38	0%	289	97	202
Evansville North Park	M. Linville	48	56	8	0%	65	17	25
Evansville Trinity	E. Freels	48	54	6	0%	106	28	77
Fort Branch	M. Hughes	23	18	5	28%	24	15	34
Franklin	D. Neal	33	35	2	0%	45	25	27
French Lick S.V.	J. Moffatt	63	66	3	0%	145	53	35
Gnaw Bone	G. Armstrong	21	19	2	11%	27	12	11
Greenfield	J. Anderson	NR						
Greensburg	W. Thompson III	NR						
Greenwood	J. Hughes	NR						
Helmsburg	D. Pfaff	3	0	3	0%	6	0	0
Holton	W. Vandervort	20	17	3	18%	23	7	7
Hope First	E. Boston	35	23	12	52%	35	14	48
Lawrenceburg	M. Kessen	NR						
Lewisville Trinity	C. Stroud	NR						
Lewis Creek	D. Gates	12	0	0	0%	27	0	13
Loogootee Mt. Zion	J. Simmons	17	19	2	0%	89	13	9
Madison Calvary	M. Mahoney	41	40	1	3%	64	42	37
Marengo Valley	S. Lock	68	65	3	5%	123	49	55
Martinsville	K. Kearby	NR						
Martinsville Bethel	J. Irvin	10	10	0	0%	12	0	8
Mecca New Life	C. Todd	54		0	0%	80	47	152
Medora	C. Morgan	40	44	4	0%	33	24	17
Milan	L. Brown	32	31	1	3%	40	17	0
Mitchell	S. Jones	113	98	15	15%	263	107	160
Mooresville New Life	M. Linville	21	20	1	5%	46	19	12
Morgantown Emmaus	S. Yager	NR						
New Albany Spring Ave.	N. Watters	21		0	0%	25	0	0
North Vernon	J. Terry	58	53	5	9%	72	37	32
Orleans	H. Carr	49	42	7	17%	59	36	31
Otwell	R. Stillwell	25	26	1	0%	25	9	0
Paoli	L. Manship	139	213	74	0%	268	111	109
Petersburg	L. Lamar	11	13	2	0%	11	0	0
Poplar Grove	J.Downs	16	20	4	0%	35	17	10
Prairie Creek	T. Fennell	NR						
Princeton	D. Reed	NR						
Rising Sun	J. Kelly	6	0	0	0%	7	0	6
Rodney	M. Miller	18	15	3	20%	17	16	8
Rushville	H. Baker	NR		0	0%			
Salem	C. Johnson	13	13	0	0%	17	18	13
Sandford	C. Hedden	17	13	4	31%	14	8	9
Scott City	D. Ault	NR		0	0%			
Scottsburg	P. Mills	10	10	0	0%	13	11	10
Seelyville	F. Burk, Jr.	21	20	1	5%	15	0	0
Seymour	I. Holt	29	22	7	32%	38	25	28
Shelburn	B. Noel	17	0	0	0%	17	0	0
Shelbyville Grace	H. Weaver(S)	56	0	0	0%	82	45	23
Shelbyville Westside	W. Seymour	22	24	2	0%	29	17	8
Simpson Chapel	R. Brown	8	8	0	0%	8	0	0
Somerville	D. Brandon	57	52	5	10%	56	44	12
Spearsville	C. Bell	30	30	0	0%	30	23	16
Spencer – Emanuel	J. Knight	0	0	0	0%	11	0	0
Sullivan	G. Larimer	33	30	3	10%	36	36	29
Sylvania	B. England	63	81	18	0%	116	45	38
Terre Haute Faith	D. Gormong	154	163	9	0%	265	139	110
Terre Haute Hulman	D. Willis	76	65	11	17%	116	43	45
Terre Haute North	V. Reed	8		0	0%	10	12	8
Trafalgar	C. Hilton	10	6	4	67%	10	4	5
Valeene	D. Manship	24	21	3	14%	103	41	38
Versailles	D. Jewell	38	34	4	12%	38	12	0
Walker Chapel	R. Hendershot	19	17	2	12%	67	0	11
Washington Main St.	P. Kessen	44	37	7	19%	79	32	26
Washington Vincennes	J. Gilley	26	0	0	0%	27	35	16
Wesley Chapel	P. Kirk	NR						
Westport	E. Wakefield	85	53	32	60%	88	44	25
West Terre Haute 6th	R. Weeks	25	29	4	0%	23	10	12
West Terre Haute 8th	P. Shelton	86	71	15	21%	88	54	47
Wheatland	K. Mitchell	NR						
Whitehall	D. Campbell	25	24	1	4%	23	13	12
Wilmington Hills	D. Meriwether	NR						
TOTALS		2793	2576	215	8%	4275	1934	2099

*NR–No Report

Top Ten Churches for Numerical Gain for Mar. 2005

Church	Pastor	Gain
Westport	Rev. E. Wakefield	32
Bloomington Central	Rev. E. Hayes	17
W. Terre Haute 8th St/	Rev. P. Shelton	15
Mitchell	Rev. S. Jones	15
Hope	Rev. E. Boston	12
Terre Haute Hulman St./	Rev. D. Willis	11
Columbus Flintwood	Rev. Wes Jones	10
Corydon	Rev. T. Bye	8
Concord	Rev. T. Whitham	8
Seymour	Rev. I. Holt	7

Top Ten Percentage Gain for Mar. 2005

Church	Pastor	Percentage Gain
Trafalgar	Rev. C. Hilton	67%
Westport	Rev. E. Wakefield	60%
Hope	Rev. E. Boston	52%
Bloomington Central	Rev. E. Hayes	46%
Corydon	Rev. T. Bye	45%
Seymour	Rev. I. Holt	32%
Sandford	Rev. C. Hedden	31%
Concord	Rev. T. Whitham	28%
Fort Branch	Rev. M. Hughes	28%
Columbus Flintwood	Rev. W. Jones	22%

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