

# INDIANA SOUTH WESLEYAN



Dr. Mark S. F. Eckart  
DIST. SUPERINTENDENT

## 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 ten 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.”

## THE BLESSINGS OF A MOTHER'S LOVE

By Robert Moment - Christian Living for Today

God bless you, Dear Mothers of the world! Whether you have given birth or have assumed the role of mother in some other way, know that you are loved and honored for everything you have done and continue to do in our lives by nurturing, loving and caring for your children and all of God's children.

Sometimes it may be difficult to believe that you are so exalted. Your children may take you for granted, society values your achievements in the workforce more than what you do at home, and even your husband may neglect to thank you. But God never forgets! He knows that you love unconditionally, encourage against all odds, believe in your children when no one else does. The Lord sees that you support us, listen to us, pray for us.

You shape us, correct us, and lead us in the right paths. In fact, you are the closest thing there is to Jesus' pure love on earth! No one else sacrifices as much, or as willingly, as a Mother does for her child. She will go to the ends of the earth, fight the powers of this world, and willingly die for her child. She is a living example of Jesus' sacrificial love every day.

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Think of Mary, the Mother of God. She knew her son would sacrifice Himself for the world, yet she did not try to stop Him. Instead, she sat at the foot of the cross when He was crucified, mourning His suffering, yet never leaving Him. Mothers will stand by their children to the end, even when they know they cannot change the ending. Why? Because the love of a Mother, like the love of God, is infinite in its depth and passion. In fact, Jesus loved His earthly mother so much that He told His disciples to look out for her after He was gone:

“Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus

saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, he said to His mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother” — John 19:25-27.

In most families, Mothers are the “keeper of the gates.” They give us our religious instruction and guide us on the path to God. Mothers teach us to say our bedtime prayers when we are little children. They take us to church each Sunday and show us by their example how to lead Christian lives. Perhaps Mothers do this because they are uniquely qualified to understand the nature of God’s sacrificial love. They live that kind of love each and every day—sacrificing their

own lives for their children in countless ways.

God is all-powerful and perfect in His wisdom—and He determined that life should be created out of women. Without Mothers, life could not go on. He knew before the beginning of time that no one was better suited to the role than women, with their tender hearts and strong souls. Think of the powerful force your mother has been in your own life, and thank the Lord for Mothers!

For those who are Mothers, we give our thanks knowing there is no expiration date on your jobs. Words can’t express how much we love and honor you. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Jesus Film Offering May 5, 2013

Make checks payable to:  
Global Partners

**MAKE SURE YOU PUT THE  
FOLLOWING ON THE  
MEMO LINE:**

# WM06-0695 - Jesus Film -  
Philippines

Mail to: Global Partners,  
P.O. Box 50434, Indianapolis,  
IN 46250

### May Seminar May 6-10, 2013

At the Orleans Campground  
Rev. Charles Stroud will  
teach:

Philosophy/Ethics - C31 -  
Monday - Wednesday

Wesleyan History/Discipline  
- C35 - Wednesday - Friday

Rev. Joey Nelson will teach:  
Introduction to Theology -  
C05 - Monday - Wednesday

### Global & Intercultural Ministries - C29 Wednesday - Friday

Dr. Mark Eckart will teach:  
Christian Education - C23 -  
Monday - Wednesday

Pastoral Counseling - C44 -  
Wednesday - Friday

For more information,  
contact Rev. Glenn D. Black  
at 812-591-0848, 812-560-3659  
or glennblack@frontier.com.

### Kid’s Bible Retreat - June 11-14, 2013

For more information,  
contact Pastor Mike Linville  
at 317-697-5116

### Spiritual Impact - June 17-21, 2013

For more information,  
contact Pastor Joe Gormong  
at 812-299-9195 or  
joegormong@gmail.com

### District Conference June 4, 2013 Orleans Campground

Registration begins at 7:30  
a.m. (EDT) with Conference  
convening at 8:30 a.m. (EDT)

### Wesleyan Women Con- ference - June 8, 2013

For more information,  
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# FAMILY CAMP

## JULY 28 - AUGUST 4, 2013

**EVANGELISTS:**  
**Dr. Earle Wilson**  
**Rev. George Holley**

**SINGERS:**  
**Larry & Tamla Leckrone**

## CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the following families in the loss of their loved ones:

Mr. John J. Krick - April 22, 1924 - March 5, 2013 - Mrs. Connie Linville & Mrs. Linda Blair's father

Mr. William G. Douglas - July 6, 1931 - Feb. 15, 2013 - Mrs. Martha Sparks' father

Mrs. Dora Mae Rawley - April 1, 1924 - Jan. 10, 2013 - Her husband, Rev. Ross Rawley was a former pastor on our district.

## USF REPORT MAY - MARCH 2013

Church	Assessment	Total Paid	Percentage
	May - March	Thru March 2013	Paid
Austin	\$ 2,545.00	\$ 2,541.00	100%
Bedford First	3,113.00	-	0%
Bicknell First	4,433.00	4,223.00	95%
Birdseye	352.00	125.00	36%
Bloomfield Mt. Zion	4,411.00	4,294.00	97%
Bloomfield Southside	2,839.00	2,322.00	82%
Bloomington Central	3,826.00	1,057.00	28%
Bloomington Shepherd of Hills	3,184.00	-	0%
Blue River	4,505.00	1,500.00	33%
Boonville	2,682.00	3,275.00	122%
Brazil Jackson Street	2,776.00	2,270.00	82%
Carthage	2,339.00	2,552.00	109%
Clear Fork	2,790.00	3,048.00	109%
Columbus Bethel	1,814.00	1,815.00	100%
Columbus Central	960.00	1,180.00	123%
Columbus Flintwood	15,093.00	14,990.00	99%
Columbus Ohio Street	5,517.00	669.00	12%
Concord	2,682.00	2,684.00	100%
Corydon New Hope	3,312.00	4,500.00	136%
East Enterprise	2,024.00	2,000.00	99%
Edinburgh	2,201.00	571.05	26%
English	4,551.00	4,000.00	88%
Evansville Forest Hills	27,794.00	27,797.00	100%
Evansville North Park	12,830.00	6,996.00	55%
Evansville Crosspoint Trinity	10,065.00	9,150.00	91%
Faith Pointe Community	1,642.00	1,791.00	109%
Fort Branch	4,798.00	4,797.00	100%
Franklin	5,502.00	4,090.00	74%
French Lick Springs Valley	11,336.00	11,731.00	103%
Gnaw Bone	2,325.00	2,322.00	100%
Grace Fellowship Princeton	5,792.00	5,823.00	101%
Grace Pointe New Albany	1,581.00	1,728.00	109%
Greenfield	4,316.00	400.00	9%
Greensburg	8,600.00	8,602.00	100%
Greenwood	5,440.00	5,445.00	100%
Holton	2,560.00	2,097.00	82%
Hope First	226.00	-	0%
Lawrenceburg	3,190.00	3,190.00	100%
Lewis Creek	2,627.00	2,390.00	91%
Loogootee Mt. Zion	1,792.00	1,793.00	100%
Madison Calvary	8,259.00	8,215.00	99%
Marengo	15,312.00	13,968.81	91%
Martinsville	1,981.00	2,161.00	109%
Martinsville Bethel	1,881.00	1,881.00	100%

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	May - March	Thru March 2013	Paid
Mecca New Life	4,926.00	4,372.00	89%
Medora	2,604.00	2,370.00	91%
Milan	5,314.00	5,178.00	97%
Mitchell	16,066.00	14,610.00	91%
Mooreville New Life	9,199.00	836.00	9%
Morgantown	438.00	480.00	110%
North Vernon	5,545.00	4,600.00	83%
Orleans	4,416.00	4,433.00	100%
Otwell	2,293.00	2,291.00	100%
Paoli	13,568.00	9,100.00	67%
Petersburg	661.00	660.00	100%
Poplar Grove	4,794.00	4,796.00	100%
Potter's Shop	2,635.00	739.00	28%
Prairie Creek	3,490.00	-	0%
Rising Sun	1,033.00	200.00	19%
Rodney	1,998.00	-	0%
Rushville	1,030.00	985.64	96%
Salem	1,943.00	2,120.00	109%
Sandford	1,418.00	1,290.00	91%
Scottsburg	1,274.00	1,391.00	109%
Seymour	7,714.00	8,412.00	109%
Shelburn	1,613.00	1,760.00	109%
Shelbyville Grace	7,636.00	7,634.00	100%
Shelbyville Westside	2,252.00	105.00	5%
Somerville	3,705.00	-	0%
South Washington	17,854.00	17,853.00	100%
Spearsville	8,644.00	-	0%
Spencer	1,202.00	1,308.00	109%
Sullivan	5,780.00	5,250.00	91%
Sylvania	5,004.00	5,005.00	100%
Terre Haute Faith	39,142.00	39,101.00	100%
Terre Haute Hulman Street	6,206.00	4,512.00	73%
Terre Haute Northside	5,626.00	6,137.00	109%
Valeene	10,710.00	10,714.00	100%
Versailles	3,647.00	3,984.00	109%
Walker Chapel	2,448.00	1,784.00	73%
Washington Vincennes Ave	1,605.00	1,614.00	101%
Wesley Chapel	6,076.00	6,002.00	99%
West Terre Haute 6th St	1,898.00	2,071.00	109%
West Terre Haute 8th St	6,480.00	6,575.00	101%
Westport	4,532.00	4,120.00	91%
Wheatland	2,108.00	410.00	19%
Whitehall	2,419.00	2,420.00	100%
Wilmington Hills	2,920.00	2,385.00	82%

We had our second “Super Sunday” event last night at Greensburg Wesleyan. There were 12 pastors that attended and we had a total of 106 for the session. Dr. Tim Roehl as always did a great job of challenging all of us in reaching the lost and turning our local churches into a mission field by connecting to those who have not heard the Gospel. Thanks to Pastor Doug Preston and his church for hosting the event and Pastor Jason Baker and his praise team for leading us in worship. **PICTURE BELOW:**



**AT RIGHT:** Here is a gift that Deb and I took over for Pastor Dan & Nancy Gormong representing the district. He has been the senior pastor at Terre Haute Faith for nearly 14 years. They have done a great job, and since he has served at this church, the church has given \$1,269,009.00 to Global Partners. This is amazing in that God has helped them have such an impact not only in the Terre Haute area but also in worldwide evange-



lism through the missionary outreach of The Wesleyan Church.

Pastor Ray Austin will become the new senior minister as of May 1st this year. Please keep him and his wife Pam in your prayers as they take this new assignment.



**AT LEFT:** At the “Super Sunday” this past Sunday night the people gave with a gracious spirit. We took an offering for the new restart at Hope, IN. For the last couple of years, Pastor Barry Goodman, his wife Darla, and their daughter Brittany have done a great job. They have overseen the renovation of the parsonage which is now a beautiful home, tore

down the old church and fellowship hall, and have had as high as 78 people in the community building where they have been meeting. This money that was given will go to help them build their new building. The offering, including a gift from a family in the community, totaled \$1,740.00.