

From the desk of ...

It has been awhile since we last communicated with you via "The Musings." An extremely busy schedule held us hostage, but finally we have a few minutes to correspond with you.

In the past few weeks, we celebrated the "heavenly homecoming" of Rev. Jesse Jackson, Mrs. Vernia Judd (wife of Rev. James Judd), Rev. James Shuck and Dr. Angela Bowen-Boss (daughter-in-law of Rev. Paul Boss.) As more and more of our friends and loved ones leave this life for the next, the sweeter heaven becomes and the more determined we are to make that place our final abode. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with the families in these days of bereavement.

Recent highlights from my schedule include:

- A week of vacation, August 21-26.
- Our Ordination Service, August 28. Our General Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Pence, preached a masterful sermon. It was a joy to see Rev. Joshua Johnson and Rev. James Weinmann ordained. We pray God's blessing on them and their families.
- The Area Hispanic event, held at Cicero United Family on Saturday, September 10. Over 200 were in attendance for this day of fellowship, worship, recreation and instruction. It is wonderful to see the spiritual vitality of our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters (hermanos y hermanas).
- Holiness Pastors' Day, held at Madison Park Church of God in Anderson. This is a cooperative effort of several holiness denominations (Brethren in Christ, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Church of God/Anderson, Church of the Nazarene, Evangelical Church of North America, Free Methodist Church, Salvation Army and Wesleyan.)
 - This was a great event! Dr. Stan Toler, Nazarene General Superintendent, inspired us. He has Wesleyan roots (saved under the ministry of Dr. O.W. Willis and grew up in a church pastored by Rev. Art Davis). The music direction of Rev. Bryan Langdoc was especially blessed. He blended old and the new music in a fresh style that involved us all.
 - Thanks to those from our district who attended. You made your DS proud. There are not better pastors and leaders than ours!
 - Next year's Holiness Pastors' Day is scheduled for September 18, 2012. Put that date on your schedule and plan to attend.
- DBA meeting, September 14. God blessed our meeting! We had some difficult issues but at every point there was consensus and a spirit of unity.
- Visits to several churches:
 - Sheridan Bakers Corner, Aug 14 - Carol Longenecker is leading the church in exciting community outreach. We



appreciate her and Kent.

- New Castle Memorial, Aug 28 - Paul Kirk is loved by his people. He is fostering a warm, caring congregation. Continue to pray for his wife, Rowena, as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- Indpls Sunshine Gardens, Sep 4 - This little church on the southwest side of Indianapolis is seeking pastoral leadership. Pray with them!
- Colfax, Sep 18 - it is always great to be with Tim Walker and the Colfax congregation!

I enjoy it when a pastor calls and says, "Can we meet for lunch or coffee?" I'm open and can adjust my schedule—you know best when you need my attention, so please feel free to call!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 24 **WMen Annual Golf Outing**
- Oct 1 **Children's Ministries BIG EVENT**
- Oct 4 **SoulShift Leadership Event**
- Oct 10-15 **Wesley Seminary Course**
- Nov 4-5 **WY FOLLOW Tour**
- Nov 6-8 **Equipping Event for Pastors**
- Nov 9 **New Pastor Orientation**
- Nov 10-11 **Black Church Leaders Dialogue**

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INDIANA CENTRAL DISTRICT

EVENTS:

- **September 24, Wesleyan Men's Annual Golf Outing**, Tipton, Lunch 11am, Tee Time 12 noon
- **October 1, Children's Ministries BIG EVENT**—see below!
- **October 4, SoulShift Leadership Event, IWU-Marion**—see below!
- **October 8, Wesleyan Men's Banquet**, Indianapolis Eastlawn, 6pm, Contact Roger Gross, rogerjanetgross@gmail.com
- **November 6-8, Equipping Pastors Event**, IWU, Kickoff 6:30pm—see below!

Children's Ministries

ANNUAL

B I G E V E N T

OCTOBER 1

10am - 3pm

\$12 per person

Rally begins at:

Indianapolis Divine Direction Church

1733 East 46th Street

Doors Open: 9:30

Rally: 10:00

Lunch @ Children's Museum: 11:00

Flyer w/details: www.indianacentral.org/children

CALENDAR ITEMS:

(The entire District Calendar is available on the district website, www.indianacentral.org, on the *Calendar* page.)

-Sep 19, WY Committee mtg, IWU, 6:30pm
-Sep 20-21, SDE @ Global Leadership Roundtable-DSs
-Sep 21-23, BYF Holmes County Trip
-Sep 22, SDE @ DS Institute
-Sep 24, WMen Golf Outing, Tipton, Lunch 11a, Tee 12n
-Sep 25, SDE @ Beech Grove, 9:15am
-Sep 29-30, SDE @ IWU Board of Trustees
-Oct 1, CM BIG EVENT, Indpls Divine Direction, 10am
-Oct 2, SDE @ Indpls Southview, 10:30am
-Oct 4, SoulShift leadership event, IWU
-Oct 8, WMen Banquet, Indpls Eastlawn, 6pm
-Oct 9, SDE @ Indpls Divine Direction, 11:30am
-Oct 16, SDE @ Kokomo Trinity-100th Anniversary
-Oct 23, SDE @ Anderson Lone Oak
-Oct 25, CM mtg, New Castle Memorial, 6pm
-Oct 30, SDE @ Anderson New Life, 10:30am
-Nov 1, North Central Zone, Noblesville Lakeview Dr
-Nov 6-8, Equipping Pastors Event, IWU, 6:30pm
-Nov 9, DBA mtg, 9am

DID YOU KNOW ...

HELP NEEDED

Linda Buckley is looking for a church to host Sharron Kay King on Sunday morning, October 2. She is a Southern Gospel Musician from Byron, Georgia. She comes for a love offering only. Please let Linda know if you can host Sharron. Sharron's website: www.sharronkayking.com

BYF'ers:

You can download event flyers from the district website: www.indianacentral.org on the Musings page.

FOLLOW / 2011 Tour & 2012 WY Convention

Media and links can be found at www.mywycon.com for information and registration for the **WY FOLLOW Tours** which lead up to the **2012 International Youth Convention** in Louisville, Kentucky on December 28-31, 2012. (See ad below.)

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A Leadership Event to Transform Your Ministry

SoulShift

Join authors Steve DeNeff and David Drury as they offer a powerful and practical approach to spiritual transformation. Learn 7 key shifts that God's Spirit causes in the hearts, minds and behaviors of Christians that will empower and unite your church for growth and ministry.

Registration is \$29 for church's initial leader and additional leaders are \$5 for up to 3 leaders. Attendees receive lunch and copy of *SoulShift: The Measure of a Life Transformed*.

Nearest event: **October 4, Marion, IN** - see www.oursoulshift.com for details!

EQUIPPING EVENT FOR PASTORS

November 6 @ 6:30pm, IWU-Marion

Concludes November 8 @ Noon

Speakers: Keving Myers & Steve McVey

Workshops featuring various speakers addressing critical issues of pastoral ministry

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Bowen & Boss families mourning the loss of Dr. Angela Bowen-Boss, Dr. Eric Boss's wife (Rev. Paul Boss's oldest son). Angela died unexpectedly from a presumed blood clot. She had been in great health and was expecting their first child. Your prayers for the family are deeply appreciated.
- Rev. Creston & Charlotte Eckart - health concerns
- Rev. Paul & Judy Walden - health concerns
- We can praise the Lord for signs of improvement in both Mrs. Rowena Kirk and Mrs. Patty Trent, who are receiving treatment for cancer. Please continue to pray for their health and healing.
- Rev. José & Altagracia Lopez for renewal of VISA

DEBRA'S CORNER ... OFFICE STUFF

- PLEASE CHECK THE DISTRICT CALENDAR BEFORE RESERVING DATES FOR CHURCH EVENTS—PLEASE TRY NOT TO CLASH WITH DISTRICT EVENTS - THANKS SO MUCH!
- Change in address, phone, email - new staff member? Use the "Current Info Update" form on the "Report Forms" page of the website.
- The **SEPTEMBER** Issue of Growth Points with Gary L. McIntosh, Ph.D. is on the "Musings" page of the website - I never received August's issue—I will check that out and make it available when possible.

Wesley Seminary & CCDA National Conference

October 10-15, Indianapolis

www.ccda.org

MDIV Course:

"Community Based Ministry and Urban Urgency"

The impact of corporate sin has affected our world and the institutions and organizations created to bring God's shalom on earth as it is in heaven. This seminary credited course will focus on holistic principles and community development methodology and best practices that can help Christians, churches and Christian-based organizations bring healing and hope to the poor and disenfranchised of our local communities, nation and world.

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Establish a holistic biblical theology for community development.
2. Deepen an awareness of the need for Christian community development.
3. Explore effective models and case studies which highlight strengths and weaknesses of community development practices.
4. Implement and evaluate local community development projects.

To register for this course and for all inquiries, contact the Wesley Seminary Office at: tenley.horner@indwes.edu

In conjunction...The Spiritual Formation Dept will be hosting the annual **Wesleyan Pre-Conference Gathering on Wednesday, October 12 from 4:00 to 6:15pm at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 210 South Meridian Street, Indpls.** In addition to hearing from special guest, Dave Clark (CCDA), they will spend time networking with other Wesleyan Community Based Ministry leaders, discuss best practices and hear updates regarding upcoming Wesleyan Community Based initiatives. This is a FREE event. For more information, contact: Rev. Jeremy Summers, 317.774.3888, summersj@wesleyan.org

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FOLLOW: Grand Rapids
Date: November 4-5, 2011
Location: Kentwood Community Church, 1200 60th Street Southeast, Kentwood, Michigan
Website: http://headhearthand.com/youth_group.php?id=51&tab=131
Event Details: Lose All > Gain All

Regional Wesleyan Youth Conference

It is easy to get lost in this world. However, God did not create you to get lost in the shuffle of life. He has a plan for your life. You were created for a reason and a purpose that can only be found in Christ Jesus. Follow Jesus and experience life to the fullest!

Register Online by October 24 for a Free T-Shirt: <https://secure.wesleyan.org/ors/follow-grand-rapids-michigan/>

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Our desire is for the women in your district to become involved in fulfilling God's mission for their local church and its outreach locally and globally. Rather than a prescribed program and structure recommended for every church, women are encouraged to seek the Lord and creatively design their women's ministry to fulfill what God wants to accomplish through them this year.

We are here to serve and you are welcome to contact us for additional information.

*Martha Blackburn
General Director, Wesleyan Women*

