

From the desk of ...

Please take note of the following District-wide announcements below. I'd like your church to participate in events vital to the health of our District and our Church. (Also, pastors, be sure to scroll down-see IRS reporting info on page 4.)

Steven D. Emery

**INDIANA CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES:
DISTRICT-WIDE
DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING
FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

District Superintendent, Dr. Steve Emery and Rev. Wayne Lyon, District Prayer Coordinator, are calling for a District-Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, February 23.

Special prayer requests may be placed by using the form on the "Prayer" page of the district's website, www.indianacentral.org/prayer.html. The district office will compile the requests and make them available on that same "Prayer" page of the website. If necessary, we will edit the requests to protect confidentiality.

**INDIANA CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES:
DISTRICT-WIDE MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY
APRIL 15, 2012**

We are challenging ourselves to reach out to new members, covenant and community. On Sunday, April 15, we want to see how many new members we can incorporate into The Wesleyan Church.

I believe all of our local churches could add some new members. Some of our people have attended a long time and are actively involved but have never been asked to join the church formally. Some have not been confronted with issues of discipleship and are content to drift along rather than committing to the call of Christ. We have people who have not been challenged to commit to Christ and His Church. We, who are their spiritual overseers, will answer for our failure, one day, if we neglect to challenge them.

Because membership classes and other preparations are usually necessary, we are announcing this in advance. Make plans now! We will follow-up for your report of new members after April 15. God bless us as we seek to advance His Kingdom.



COMING UP...

- Feb 7 DBMD Meeting
- Feb 23 DISTRICT-WIDE PRAYER & FASTING DAY
- Feb 25 CM, HUDDLE
- Feb 25 BYF Winter Banquet
- Mar 3 SM, Optimal Stewardship Summit-3
- Mar 18 CM Bible Quizzing
- Mar 25-31 WM Hephzibah Missions Trip
- Apr 15 DISTRICT-WIDE MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

"...one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things that are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV

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EVENTS:

- **DISTRICT-WIDE PRAYER & FASTING, Thursday, February 23** (see featured announcement above)
- **THE HUDDLE, Saturday, February 25, @ IWU**, co-sponsored by ICD, IND & ISD & IWU Children's Ministry Major, featuring Sonja Burpo from the book, *Heaven Is For Real* - \$20 due by 2/20, lunch provided- registration form & schedule on ICD website, *Children's* page: www.indianacentral/children.html
- **BYF Winter Banquet, Saturday, February 25, 5pm, Elwood Main Street Family Life Center, \$10 to Randall Hudson, 335 Southwood Dr, Tipton 46072**
- **OS3, OPTIMAL STEWARDSHIP SUMMIT #3, Saturday, March 3, 9am-Noon, Sheridan Six Points, 1545 W 226 St, Sheridan, keynote speaker: Thomas R. Gearhart, CLU®, free but register by 2/19 to Mark Rennaker, mrennswc@sbcglobal.net or 765.860.6763**
- **MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY, April 15** - how many new members can we incorporate into The Wesleyan Church? (see featured announcement above)

2012 Easter Offering

This year the General Department of Evangelism and Church Growth is asking every Local Board of Administration to set aside a gift of at least \$150 or more to send to E&CG during the month of April. For churches wanting to invite individuals to contribute personally, the department will provide downloadable artwork for media presentations or bulletin inserts. However, they will not be sending materials and envelopes as in the past. Pastors will receive two mailings and two gifts in early 2012:

1. An invitation to participate and a coupon for a free *Perfect Blend* DVD training kit (\$65 value) with everything a local church needs to start a personal evangelism training class.
2. An offering reminder, response envelope and new book, *Game Plan for Intentionally Missional Ministry*, which coaches readers through seven steps to develop a missional game plan for their ministry.

The Easter Offering is about working together to multiply healthy churches and Christ-followers

CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

-Feb 5, DS @ Greenfield Brown's Chapel, 10:30a
-Feb 7, DBMD mtg, HQ, 3Central, 9a
(Pastors: The DBMD office has emailed all ministerial students & licensed ministers the meeting dates and info for the DBMD meetings - please remind them!)
-Feb 8, Madison County Zone mtg, 9am
-Feb 12, DS @ Noblesville Lakeview Drive, 10:30a
-Feb 15, Power Rally Committee mtg, 1pm
-Feb 19, DS @ Tipton Ash Street, 10:20a
-Feb 20, Office Closed, Presidents' Day
-Feb 23, PRAYER & FASTING DAY-district-wide
-Feb 25, CM HUDDLE, IWU-Marion
-Feb 26, DS @ Lafayette Schuyler Avenue, 10:45a
-Feb 28, IND/ICD Coop Min mtg
-Mar 3, OS3, Sheridan Six Points, 9am-Noon
-Mar 4, DS @ Noblesville Lakewview, 10:30am
-Mar 6, DBMD, HQ, 3Central, 9a
-Mar 11, DS @ Monon, 10:30am
-Mar 13, CM mtg, New Castle

DID YOU KNOW ...

★2012 FLAME classes in Frankfort, Indiana:

March 12-16, registration deadline Feb 24
(*Sociology, Introduction to Theology, Expository Preaching, New Testament Bible Elective, Psychology, Old Testament Bible Elective, Pastoral Counseling, Christian Education*)

August 6-10, registration deadline July 20
(*Wesleyan History/Discipline, General Church History, Pastoral Counseling, Global/Intercultural Ministries, Evangelism/Church Health, Doctrine of Holiness, Pastoral Ministries, New Testament Bible Elective*)

★POWER RALLY, June 29 & 30 - mark your calendars - right after June 28 *District Conference & *Pastors' Banquet

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. JOHN OTT
Pastor, Roanoke, VA Parkway Wesleyan Church
WORSHIP LEADER: REV. JOHNNIE BLAIR, JR.
Pastor, Muncie Memorial Drive Church

AVAILABLE ...

- Overhead Projector (not being used by their church) - email Sue Firth at Richmond Fountain City Church, sue@fcwesleyan.org or 765.935.4353.
- Large Mural, 12 x 8 foot, offering free to any church. It was created by Paul Gaunt, a professional artist in congregation for Advent season this year. It is created in three panels of luan. The center panel alone would make a stand-alone piece of art or the artist has offered to deliver and install the three panels for permanent display-patching the seams, etc., so that it appears as a single unit. Very attractive artwork that would make great addition to a large space such as fellowship hall or entryway. If interested in having it or taking a look, contact Rev. Lawrence Wilson, lawrencewilson@fallcreekonline.org or 317.841.8749.

DEBRA'S OFFICE STUFF ...

- **Using Online Forms:** Please:
-Do not add "Wesleyan Church" to your church name - or punctuation (commas, dashes) after your town/community name - or titles or initials to your name (use first/last names only) - and please don't use all caps
- **New Church Staff** - Complete the *Current Info Update* form on the website *Report Forms* page
- **PLEASE check the ICD Calendar BEFORE booking your church events**
- **JANUARY Growth Points** available on the website *Musings* Page
- **Gary McIntosh is starting a new D.Min. cohort May 28-June 8 on Growing & Multiplying Churches in the USA** - email him if you or a colleague might be interested, cgnet@earthlink.net or see his website, www.churchgrowthnetwork.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **PRAYER PRAISE:** Chad Moorer, teenage son of Rev. Charles Moorer, Jr., pastor of our Indianapolis Divine Direction Christian Church, is receiving chemotherapy for kidney cancer. Pray for physical and spiritual strength as he moves toward full health - **Rev. Moorer reported that both Chad and Mrs. Moorer have had their cancer removed and they are healing. Chad will still have chemo treatments but they are praising God for this answer to prayer and appreciates all who have been praying for his family.**
- Continued recovery healing for: Mrs. Dorothy Barefoot, Mrs. SueAnn Boss, Mrs. Naomi Boss, Mrs. Jenny Johnson, Mrs. Rowina Kirk, Mr. Mark Miller, Mrs. Patty Trent, Rev. Creston Eckart.
- Pray for Doug and Lori Slack, pastor of Tipton Trinity, as they continue to raise funds for their new ministry as missionaries to Cambodia ... invite them to your church ... give your people an opportunity to pledge their prayer and financial support for this wonderful family taking on this new challenge!

Beech Grove Wesleyan reported another record-breaking attendance—they are excited! All praise to God!

INQUIRY ...

We need to upgrade our church computers.

If there are any churches in the district who might be upgrading their computers and would like to sell their current computers at a reasonable price (that are at least running Windows XP) we would like to be made aware of it.

My contact info:

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CHURCH PASTORS & TREASURERS: IRS PROPER INFORMATION REPORTING FOR 2011

*Each pastor (as well as assistant pastors and lay employees) should receive a **W-2 form by January 31, 2012** from your church treasurer - essential for preparation of your 2011 income tax. It correctly reports your income (basic salary, social security reimbursement and other cash income) as a common law employee to the IRS.

*Remember that it is incorrect for ordained, commissioned or licensed ministers to have social security taxes deducted from their paycheck and sent to the IRS.

*Your **housing allowance** is NOT to be reported on the W-2 form. It has to be approved by your board annually.

*If you or lay employees have taxes deducted, now is a good time to evaluate and make sure your **W-4 form** is correct.

***Notice to Donors**—contributors to your church should be notified not to file their income tax form until they receive their contribution summary from you. Contributions are to be recorded when received. If your church receives a check in January, it is a 2012 donation not a 2011 donation even if the check is back dated.

***Christmas Gift**—your treasurer is required to add the value of any Christmas love gift to your W-2 form.

*In addition to the above basic information, there is a series of forms that need to be given to the recipient by January 31 and to the IRS by February 28. Some of these forms are:

Form 8283—must be completed when a church receives a gift of property valued at \$5,000 or more. If you sold or disposed of this property within two years of receipt, you need to complete this form.

Form 1099-MISC—payment for services. This form is made to recipients (other than a corporation) to whom the church paid at least \$600 for services during the year.

Form 1099-INT—payment of interest. If your church borrowed money from someone, then this form needs to be filed in order to report that payment to them.

Form 5578—racial discrimination. All churches that operate, supervise or control a private school are required to complete this form annually.

***Be sure to check out the new online 2012 tax booklet, *Preparing Tax Returns for Clergy*, by Dan Busby - also *Reporting Procedures for Congregations* - available on Wesleyan Pension Fund website: www.wesleyanpensionfund.com - not offered this year in hardcopy - online only - downloadable at your convenience.**

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Last March, our family joined Global Partners and I became the Missionary Director to Cambodia. While continuing to pastor in Tipton, we are building a team of supporters. We invite your church to join our team and start a new ministry on the other side of the world. We want you to consider "The Slacks" to be your Missionaries...going where you can't go to share the gospel. We need churches and individuals to pledge whatever God lays on their hearts. As supporters, you will receive monthly updates about the Cambodia ministry and receive opportunities for your church to participate in short-term teams to work alongside the Cambodian Church.

Send us an email, dougnlorislack@gmail.com or call us, 317.385.7511, to learn more about how your prayers and financial support can impact others for Christ around the world!

—Pastor Doug & Lori Slack, Tyler, Nate & Drew

*Download the **Slacker Tracker** from the *Musings Page* on the website, www.indianacentral.org

