



MONDAY MEMO

Division of Religion and Philosophy

Religion and Philosophy
Fall Colloquium:
Philip Jenkins

Thursday
November 20, 2008
11:00-1:00 p.m.
IWU, Banquet Rooms

This is required for all majors and minors in our division.



Philip Jenkins, the Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities at The Pennsylvania State University, works in quite diverse fields in both History and Religious Studies. His major current interests include the study of global Christianity, past and present, of new and emerging religious movements, and of twentieth century US history. His most recent book, *The Lost History of Christianity* (2008), is on the history of African and Asian Christianity. In this book, Jenkins reveals a vast Christian world east of the Roman Empire and how the earliest, most influential churches of the East—those that had the closest link to Jesus and the early Church—died. In this paradigm-shifting book, Jenkins recovers a lost history, showing how the center of Christianity for centuries used to be in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia.

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Attention Students:



CED 350: Teaching Children in the Church

Wednesdays this spring from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. An hour and a quarter of class followed by one hour and a quarter of practical experience in the teaching lab at Lakeview Church and then an hour and a quarter wrap-up. Open to all interested students.

GPA Calculator



http://www.image-ination.com/test_maker/gpa.html

Investigating Seminars?

Check out this website:
<http://whichseminary.blogspot.com>



Who is My Neighbor?

Friends,

It's Monday; again. We all are in the cycle of "another week" with an exhausting numbers of assignments, meetings, and commitments. Each day we arise and function as "academic robots" where all that stands before us are the tasks that need to be completed before the end of the year. Any shift in the schedule or interruption in your day-timer mentality creates mayhem. Simple observation; watch out for it's at times like this that we demote people and elevate tasks in their ranking in our value system. My question: Is your value system situational? Meaning, "I value people above all else, except as finals appear on the horizon of my calendar." So, how do we express our value of people? As for Angie and me; it's fourth on our list of the Smith Family values:

Relationships: I will love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love my neighbor as myself. My "neighborhood" begins with my wife and children. It then extends to my current place of ministry, Indiana Wesleyan University and to my local church, College Wesleyan Church. It then expands as I seek to live in love and harmony with the rest of the world.

As you can read, my value statement takes shape from Jesus' general statement about mutually loving God and our *neighbors* (Luke 10:27). This arises from a bible scholar's (scribe's) question to Jesus about how he might inherit eternal life. Their general consensus is to follow the law as stated by God in Deuteronomy 6. But practically speaking, for the scribe and for us, we must find a way to particularize this so it functions in everyday life. So the scribe asks Jesus the key question, "Who is my neighbor?" In other words, the scribe is asking, "What are the limitations of my love?" Or more to the point, the scribe wants to know, "Who can I ignore, or even who can I despise?" Who is not my *neighbor*? Jesus then masterfully tells the parable of the "Good Samaritan" (what an ironic title for the first century). You know the way Jesus changes the scribe's question from "Who is my neighbor?" to "Am I being neighborly?" Thus, the question ceases to be about the likable-ness of others but rather becomes a matter of my desire to offer Christ-like-ness to everyone.

Now, how will this relate to my decisions on whom I will invest in? Does this mean I am called to minister to everyone? Am I to personally sacrifice time and talents to everyone who crosses my path? For you this may mean, "Am I to immediately put down my books and school projects when some-

one asks for my help?" Heaven forbid. Even Jesus was incapable of meeting every person's need. I'm sure He disappointed people when He went home to Nazareth (Mark 6) and could not do many miracles. He must have seriously shamed His mother in the temple when He said, "I must be about my Father's business (Luke 2)." Her needs were being submerged beneath that of His Heavenly Father.

The demands others place on you should never be the determining factor in your decision-making. For me, I try to place my relationships within the ever enlarging circles of my "neighborhood." My inner most circle contains God. Failure to maintain my relationship with Him will have catastrophic consequences. My next circle has Angie in it. I am the only one who can be her husband. So if I fail in that relationship, no one else can substitute; no one else in the Body of Christ can redeem that failure. The next circle has my children; they need me as Dad above any

other role I can play in the world. I must care and nurture these relationships with a bounty of energy and time. But then it expands to my place of ministry (you at IWU) and then to my local church (College Wesleyan), finally to the rest of the world. So, in the end, I will always be "neighborly" to you, but I may not be the one to serve you directly. If I fail my Lord as His disciple, my wife as a husband, and my children as their father; in the end I also fail you. So the best thing I can do with my relationship values is to trust the Body of Christ, that if I am not the one to meet your need; I wonder who God will call to be alongside you?

Lord

Help us to know You as our highest relational value.

Assist us to know ourselves and how we are called to relate with one another.

Provide us with energy to serve Your Body by doing Your bidding.

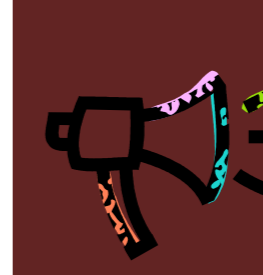
But Lord, teach us to say "no" which will allow another to say "yes."

Amen.

Now, "Go with God."



Go With God Moments can now be found on the web at <http://go-with-god.blogspot.com/>



Colloquium
Talkback
with
JoAnne Lyon
in the 24 hour
study lab @
1:30pm
November 20

My value list reads as follows (though always in a state of fine-tuning):

1. **Transformation:** I believe in the power of a transformed life. I will never forget where I have come from (a sinner saved by grace), but I will not allow my past to prevent Christ from fully reshaping His image within me.
2. **Integrity:** I will display before all people my transparent self. I will not worry about what I cannot control; I will work on what I can control; first and foremost myself.
3. **Home:** I will make home a non-negotiable priority; I will succeed at home first.
4. **Relationships:** I will love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love my neighbor as myself. My "neighborhood" begins with my wife and children. It then extends to my current place of ministry, Indiana Wesleyan University and to my local church, College Wesleyan Church. It then expands as I seek to live in love and harmony with the rest of the world.
5. **Ministry:** I will pursue personal holiness for the purpose of building up the Body corporately and enhancing the spiritual life of others personally.
6. **Spiritual Disciplines:** I will be a man of "one book" but constantly search for truth as revealed throughout God's creation and by His children. I will seek divine guidance in everything and walk in the Spirit continually.
7. **Decisions:** I will not live a life of regrets; I will risk a more comfortable life for the hope of living a more full life. The easy road is a poor teacher. I will not fear failure; I will apply creative responses to those failures.
8. **Finances:** The funds and material possessions of life are just "things." I will not allow their pull to be a chief decision maker in my life. Moreover, God is the ultimate owner, I am merely His caretaker.



Career & Internship Fair
November 6th, 11am-3pm
Student Center Banquet Rooms

The Fair, sponsored by The Center for Life-Calling and Leadership, is a prime opportunity for you to speak with employers about internships, part-time jobs, and even full-time jobs. Seventy-five representatives from over fifty companies will be representing nearly every field: there will be something for everyone.

Where do You Fit?

Part Time Ministry Opportunities

Practicum/Intern

Youth Intern/Pastor – Russiaville UMC – Russiaville, IN
Russiaville UMC near Kokomo is looking for a youth worker. Pay is negotiable. If you are interested, call Steve Fritchman at 765-883-5282

Youth Practicum/Intern—Lakeview Wesleyan—Marion
Lakeview is looking for volunteer/practicum students to lead worship. We are looking for a band to play on Wednesdays before the message from 7:00-7:30 ... youth group is from 6:30-8:30.

Youth Ministry Volunteers – Andrews Wesleyan Church – Andrews, IN
Andrews Wesleyan is looking for youth workers/interns for their Wednesday evening program with some leadership possibilities during Sunday morning worship. For more information, contact Roger Smith at 765-664-0506 or email at roddeesmith@yahoo.com

Worship Leader Internship – River Oaks Community Church – Indianapolis, IN
ROCC is looking for a worship leader. Please send resume to pastor@myrocc.com with "Worship Intern" in the subject line. Check out our website for more information about our church. www.myrocc.com

Practicum - Central Christian Church - Van Buren, IN
Looking for a practicum? CCC is a medium-sized (70-80 each Sunday service, 25-30 youth on Sunday Night) congregation looking for students to get involved! For more information, call Pastor Will at (740)707-2570 or e-mail at wshelor@gmail.com.

Pianist

Pianist – Fairmount Church of God – Fairmount, IN
We are located about 15 minutes from campus in the town of Fairmount. We are looking for a pianist as our only piano player recently went home to be with the Lord. If you are interested in helping us, email Robert Hill at toadsportster@yahoo.com

Worship Leader/Pastor

Worship Leader – Trinity United Methodist Church – Hartford City, IN
Trinity United Methodist Church is looking for a Wor-



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For more detailed information visit our site online or stop by the Religion office. *Indicates new entry this week.

ship Leader. If interested, contact Pastor Elijah McKnight at 765-348-0404 (Office) or 765-347-8116 (Home) or email at mcknight.elijah@gmail.com

Youth Pastor

Youth/Children's Pastor – Cyntheanne Christian Church – Fishers, IN
Cyntheanne Christian Church is a non-denominational Christian church located at 13151 Cyntheanne Road in Fishers. We are looking for someone with a heart for kids to help manage and build our youth program and activities. If interested, contact Mike Lepper at mike.lepper@agsfaculty.indwes.edu

Youth Pastor – Trinity United Methodist Church – Hartford City, IN
Trinity United Methodist Church is looking for a Youth Pastor. If interested, contact Pastor Elijah McKnight at 765-348-0404 (Office) or 765-347-8116 (Home) or email at mcknight.elijah@gmail.com

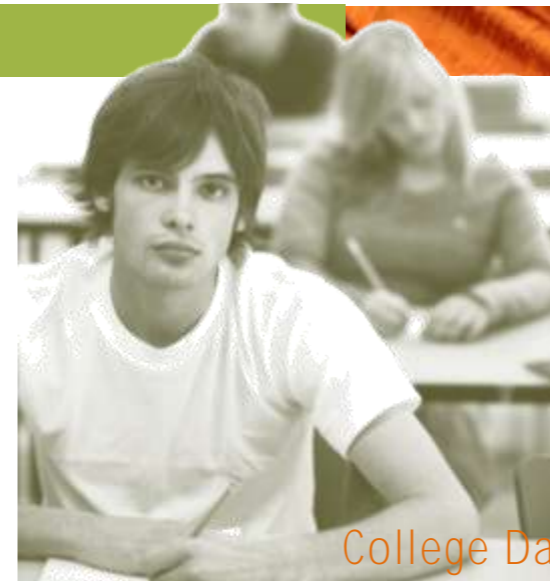
Youth Pastor - Open Door Fellowship Church – Converse, IN
ODF is looking for a youth minister. Pay and time commitment to be determined. Contact Pastor Jim Miller: 765-661-4349 Website: <http://converseopendoor.org/>

Youth Pastor - Gas City Wesleyan – Gas City IN
We are still looking for someone to work with our youth. You may email Bill Barlow at wbarlow1@indy.rr.com.

Children's Pastor

Children's/Youth - Faith Baptist Church – Marion, IN
We are a new church start here in Marion and we are interested in providing an opportunity for you to serve in a church setting with children's or student ministry. For children's ministries email Jaime Ashbrook: jashbrooke@hotmail.com or call 251-3041. For Youth Ministries call or James Harness 251-3021 or email at jharness@millwrighttriggers.com.

Children's Pastor – Trinity United Methodist Church – Hartford City, IN
Trinity United Methodist Church of is looking for a Children's Pastor. If interested, contact Pastor Elijah



College Day at Wesleyan Headquarters

Wesleyan CM & YTH Juniors and Seniors



All Wesleyan students (who are juniors or seniors) in Christian Ministries and Youth Ministries, there will be a mandatory day at Wesleyan Headquarters on Friday November 14th. We will leave the Elder Hall parking lot at 7:15am SHARP and return at 3:30pm. This will be a division sanctioned event, so you will be excused from your classes; both inside and outside of the division. Please sign up for the trip in the Religion Division office (see Melissa), plus you will need to complete a permission form for the trip. We will provide transportation, so please sign up ASAP so we can finalize the number of students attending.

KingsWay is looking for a gifted Worship Pastor to create worship environments that lead God's people (and those investigating Jesus) into His presence. For more information, check out our advertisement at www.kingswaybaptist.org/worshippastor.pdf. If you believe that God is calling you to be Worship Pastor in our church re-plant, contact KingsWay via email: info@KingsWayBaptist.org

Youth Ministry

Youth Minister – McCord Road Christian Church – Sylvania, OH

MRCC is looking for a youth minister to lead a healthy youth program with nucleus of 40-60 youth with strong congregational support and new facilities expressly designed for youth work. Resumes may be sent to the church office by e-mail to office@mrcc.cc.

Youth/Student Pastor – Faith Wesleyan Church – Atkinson, NE

Faith Wesleyan Church of Atkinson, NE is seeking to partner with an energetic, spiritually passionate, team player to serve Christ and His church as a full-time youth/student ministries pastor. Please submit your resume to: Pastor Tim Willson, Faith Wesleyan Church, 1203 N. State Hwy. 11, Atkinson, NE 68713. Or e-mail to: tim@faithwesleyan.org

Youth Minister—Christ United Methodist Church – Moravia, NY

Christ United Methodist Church in Moravia (Central Lakes District), New York is looking for the right person to fill our full-time Youth Minister position. Please send your letter of interest, references and resume to: Rev. Dave Hays, Christ United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 728, Moravia, NY 13118. For questions, you may contact: pastordbhays@yahoo.com.

Children's Ministry

Children's Director—First Baptist Church – Kokomo, IN
The First Baptist Church of Kokomo Indiana has begun to search for a director of Children's Ministry. . We encourage candidates to apply with resumes thru your Career Services within your university and/or college. A complete job description can be found in the Religion office. First Baptist web site is www.fbckokomo.org, e-mail address is fbcb@fbckokomo.org, and can be contacted at (765) 452-5451.

Full Time Ministry Opportunities

Worship Pastor

Worship Pastor – KingsWay Community Church – Mason, OH

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress . . ."

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." (Ja.1:27, 4:17)



Impacting the World One Person at a Time

Three of IWU's students were highlighted in a an article about World Impact and mission trips, Sunday, November 3. Senior Therissa Johnson, senior Jenna Balgoyen, and sophomore Emma Norman shared their testimony with Indianapolis Star staff and readers.

"Being able to go and interact, I realized how connected people are transculturally. We're very similar, and we don't even realize it most of the time. The opportunity to go out there really gives you a better perspective on the world, a better world view." — Therissa Johnson on World Impact mission trips.

Live the adventure.
Spend a summer living with three other staff members in a YouthWorks community. Experience complete dependence on God while you coordinate daily service opportunities, organize evening activities and plan nightly worship, skits and Christ-centered talks. Make plans to stop by the YouthWorks table on Wednesday, November 5th in the Student Mallway. For more information and an online application, visit www.youthworksrecruiting.com or call toll-free 877.249.9904.



PAID Summer Internships & Staff Positions Available

YouthWorks Campus Visit Wednesday, November 5th



Check out our webpage:
http://cas.indwes.edu/Academic_Divisions/Religion-philosophy/

Wesleyan Ministry Opportunities
Website: <http://www.wesleyan.org/doc/employment>