



Monday Memo

OCTOBER 6, 2008

Announcements



The Intercultural Student Services is inviting students to join them again for the annual National Christian Multicultural Student Leaders Conference.

See MM calendar @ the end of this email for more info.



World Hope International ... will hold a workshop at IWU on Saturday October 25, while filming a training video. The instructional sessions are from 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please confirm your intent to attend the training by emailing Debbie Hoover at debbiehoover@worldhope.net before October 9. Training is limited to 15 students.



Attention students:

Would you like to know what your professors believe about the Bible and Sanctification? This just might help with answers in future interviews with churches or with your District Board of Ministerial Development (DBMD). www.TrueWesleyan.com



A Go with God Moment By Dr. David Smith

A "**Go with God**" moment,

Friends,

Making Godly decisions is not as easy as it sounds. For, first you have to "find God's will" (which sometimes seems elusive) and then you must apply it to your life situation. Well, I had wrestled with this for years...until Angie and I came up with what might be termed as a value-driven-decision-making tree. In actuality, it's a series of real life issues which we have made agonizing difficult decisions on over and over again. Thus, by sheer repetition (and often by trial and error) we determined to base these life situations on scriptural concepts. We simply listed out the issues of life that have direct bearing on our everyday life. Then we have carefully crafted a definition of them regarding their value to us as we follow Christ. Finally, we ranked them according to importance, so that the higher will actually "trump" the lower.

OK, too abstract, I know. First let me list them. Then we will see how each one, properly defined, functions for us. Here they are:

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.



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When you look at the whole list, you will see that I value the reality of transformation above all else. The possibility that God can and does change a person's heart is primary in the way I operate in this world. Now, that may be a bit naive I know, for I end up offering grace and mercy, when apparently it's unwarranted. But, all one has to do is to read a few of the parables of Jesus to discover that when the Sower throws out seed, he throws it everywhere, even in places it does not grow well (Mark 4, Matthew 13). You must decide if Jesus is simply wasting seed, or is this reckless act of seed-distribution another way of Him showing us that He values the lost? Moreover, the reoccurring reference in scripture of God's passionate desire to restore our fallen/broken image (2 Cor 5, Eph 2, Col 3, Rom 6) is His supreme value of transformation. Thus, I try hard to view people who sit in my classrooms or in front of me at church or in the checkout line at Wal-Mart with their full potential in mind. I am convinced (in part through my own personal pilgrimage) that God can graciously grip someone's heart and (re)make them into the Image of His Son. So, I assume the best for these folks, and I will treat them accordingly. Now this in no way means you simply love-and-hug everyone regardless of their actions. Sometimes there are clear consequences to their actions...but I am convinced God wants to transform them. It's my value, because I see it as Jesus' value. So, Angie and I liberally apply the principle of grace as we practice the #1 value of begging God to transform lives all around us.

As a clear contrast, let's look at the #8 value; finances. Transformation is #1 because it's about people. Conversely, finances are last on our list because it's about things. Oh, yes, finances are necessary. Just try to register for classes without them. Just try to ask your girl-friend's father for her hand in marriage without a job or at least a glimmer of financial independence. Hear me carefully, you are charged by scripture to be a good steward of your finances...but in the end, I simply see finances as a means to an end; never the end or to be considered the highest value. Finally, you will have to answer the question, "Into what will I invest the most energy; people or dollars?" It may not win the acclamation of your father-in-law; but you just may win the approval of your heavenly Father.

Lord,

Can You instill a hunger in us not just for food but for what You value.
Can You give us insight into ourselves to reject our lesser values.
Can You give us discernment into Your Word to adopt Your greater values.
Can You give us love for Your World and Your people; so they become our overarching value.

Amen.

Now, "Go with God."

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

*For more detailed information on ministry opportunities, stop by the Religion office.
Indicates new entry this week.

Full Time Ministry Opportunities

Youth Ministry

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. Candidates



for this position must be willing to embrace our mission to make fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ through incarnational relationships.

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

Christ United Methodist Church – Moravia, NY

Do you love youth? Are you on fire for the Lord? Have we got an opportunity for you! 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.

Christ UMC is a spirit-filled, family-friendly, growing congregation, and is located near Casowasco Camp Conference and Retreat Center, about one hour south of Syracuse. 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

First Baptist Church – Kokomo, IN

The First Baptist Church of Kokomo Indiana has begun to search for a director of Children's Ministry. The intercity church is located at 310 W. Taylor Street and is non-denominational incorporated, under the laws of the state of Indiana on October 3, 1952.

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 fbckokomo.org, and can be contacted at (765) 452-5451.

Part Time Ministry

Practicum/Intern

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. Andrews is located about 25 minutes from campus on SR 24. For more information, contact Roger Smith at 765-664-0506 or email at roddeesmith@yahoo.com

Worship Leader Internship – McGrawsville United Methodist Church – Amboy, IN

MUMC (30 minutes from campus) is looking for someone who can lead worship for the college age ministry by playing guitar and singing for the college-age ministry on Sundays during Sunday school throughout this fall semester starting immediately. Other opportunities to lead could arise as well. Mileage reimbursement and small financial gift offered. Contact Ryan Jorgenson 765-395-7712 or ryan@mcgrawsville.org

Worship Leader Internship – River Oaks Community Church – Indianapolis, IN

ROCC is a non-denominational church located in one of the fastest growing suburbs north of Indianapolis. We are looking for a **worship leader** who is able to convey enthusiasm, minister with songs in the vein of Chris Tomlin and the Passion CD's but can also do a hymn on occasion, lead in prayer between songs so as to help people focus on embracing the presence of God, bring a postmodern, lively, and enthusiastic style of music. Guitar, keyboard, and vocal skills preferred. Full-time position possible after graduation, if it's a good fit. This would be the perfect opportunity to sharpen your skills through a completely hands-on internship. Please send resume to pastor@myrocc.com with "Worship Intern" in the subject line. We would be happy to come up and interview with you on campus. 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! We are a loving church with a family atmosphere. The church is only 20 minutes away, and transportation is available! For more information, call Pastor Will at (740)707-2570 or e-mail at wshelor@gmail.com.

Independence Church of Christ - Hartford City, IN

ICC is in need of a someone to preach on Sunday mornings (and possibly do some occasional hospital visitations). This is a wonderful opportunity for some practical experience. If you would like to bless this small congregation, stop in the Religion office or call (765)728-5568 for more details.

Choir Director

College Wesleyan Church – Part-time Choir Director – Marion, IN

College Wesleyan Church is now accepting applications for a part-time **Choir Director** for the 2008-09 Choir season (September – May). Qualified applicants should have a strong Christian witness, exemplary interpersonal social and communication skills, experience/training in directing a mixed-voice ensemble, and model servant leadership. Interested and qualified candidates should complete the appropriate job application form (located at the CWC front desk or by visiting www.collegewes.com) and return it to Worship Arts Director, Emily Vermilya no later than **October 7, 2008**.

Worship Leader/Pastor

Worship Leader – Trinity United Methodist Church – Hartford City, IN

Trinity United Methodist Church of Hartford City, Indiana (about 35 minutes away from IWU campus) is looking for a Worship Leader. Education Qualifications are: one Inductive Bible Study course, Christian Theology 1/Basic Christian Doctrine, and Worship. Job Description: He or she will work with our traditional service, implementing more contemporary elements, and leading a once a month worship service that will be devoted to mostly contemporary elements. The worship leader will work with the current praise team and will communicate with the church choirs. He or she is free to bring others that can play other instruments. The church has an organist who plays all sorts of music. The church has an organ, a grand piano and a clavinova. It would be good to see some acoustic, some electric, and some percussion. More information is available if interested. A monthly stipend of \$150 will be offered for the first 6 months at which time ministries and staff will be evaluated. 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 Pastor – Trinity United Methodist Church – Hartford City, IN

Trinity United Methodist Church of Hartford City, Indiana (about 35 minutes away from IWU campus) is looking for a Youth Pastor. Education Qualifications are: one Inductive Bible Study course, Christian Theology 1/Basic Christian Doctrine, and Introduction to Youth Ministry. Job Description: The Youth Pastor will be responsible for teaching and leading youth (ages 13-18). He or she will develop and maintain a youth program (Youth Group and Sunday school meetings), along with monthly activities for fellowship and faith development. More information is available if interested. A monthly stipend of \$150 will be offered for the first 6 months at which time ministries and staff will be evaluated. If interested, contact Pastor Elijah McKnight at 765-348-0404 (Office) or 765-347-8116 (Home) or email at mcknight.elijah@gmail.com

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/>

Gas City Wesleyan – Gas City IN

We are still looking for someone to work with our youth. We are offering \$100 a month with a monthly love offering. We would like the individual to become a part of the church fabric by attendance at services in which they may not have specific responsibilities to fulfill. The specific time would probably be Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and perhaps, Sunday evenings. The a.m. Sunday School class is currently staffed by a lay person. We want someone who will add dimension rather than replacing. You may email Bill Barlow at wbarlow1@indy.rr.com.

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Trinity United Methodist Church of Hartford City, Indiana (about 35 minutes away from IWU campus) is looking for a Children's Pastor. Education Qualifications are: one Inductive Bible Study course, Christian Theology 1/Basic Christian Doctrine, and Introduction to Children's Ministry. Job Description: The Children's Pastor will be responsible for overseeing the ministry of teaching and leading children (ages 3-12). He or she will develop and maintain a children's program (Children's Church, A weekly children's ministry, and Sunday school meetings). The children's pastor will work to recruit other volunteer help from the church. More information is available if interested. A monthly stipend of \$150 will be offered for the first 6 months at which time ministries and staff will be evaluated. If interested, contact Pastor Elijah McKnight at 765-348-0404 (Office) or 765-347-8116 (Home) or email at mcknight.elijah@gmail.com

Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren - Decatur, IN

This is a new part time position (15 hours, average) paying about \$10-15/hour for our church. We are looking for someone with a genuine passion and enthusiasm for children's ministry who will display Christ-like qualities with children, peers, and staff; someone who possesses the spiritual gifts of administration, teaching, encouragement, and has a strong desire to teach and lead children and their families to Christ. Whoever is hired will be allowed to have flexibility in order to make this ministry work for them, our church, and the children. Resumes should be submitted to Search Committee, Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, 4504 W 300 N, Decatur, Indiana 46733. Phone: 260-565-3797 Email: pastorjay@pleasantdalechurch.org Website: www.pleasantdalechurch.org

Senior Pastor

Independence Church of Christ - Hartford City, IN

ICC is in need of a senior minister. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister and grow a small church body. Attendance has been low due to deaths and the fact that most members are 65 and over. If you would like to send a letter of interest, stop in the Religion office or call (765)728-5568 for more details.

Volunteers

Sweetser United Methodist Church – Sweetser, IN

Sweetser UMC is located 5 miles outside of Marion on SR 18. Areas of children's ministry interest include: worship leader, teaching SS class (ages 2-12 yrs old), and leading Bible studies (young

women, 11-4; young men, 11-14). For more information, contact Ashley Corn: (765) 384-7354 or email acorn@sweetserumc.org

Other Ministry Opportunities:

Check our webpage: <http://cas.indwes.edu/Academic-Divisions/Religion-philosophy/>

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

May the peace of Christ Surround you.