



Monday Memo

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Announcements

Divisional New Student Orientation: Tuesday, September 16, at 11:00

Aldersgate Reminder

For sophomores - seniors applying to Christian Ministries or Youth majors, who have completed Old & New Testament Survey and the introductory class to the major, don't forget to sign up with Aldersgate. Sandra.metz@student.indwes.edu



Application to the Major: If you have declared a major in Christian Ministries, Youth Ministries, Adolescent Ministries, Christian Education, Children's Ministry or Worship, you must apply and be admitted to these majors. Application forms are available in the Religion Office and should be submitted at the end of your sophomore year or the beginning of your junior year. Failure to apply could mean a delay in taking some classes and therefore delaying graduation. You can start the process today if you have finished the three introductory classes.



A Go with God Moment By Dr. David Smith

A "Go with God" moment,

Then he (Jesus) led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he *blessed* them. ⁵¹ While he *blessed* them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the

temple *blessing* God. **Luke 24:50-53**

What you just read are the closing words in Luke's Gospel. Some might call them at best transitional verses; as you move from teaching and action Jesus in the Book of Luke (Volume 1) to the on-going teaching of Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles (Volume 2). Interesting, isn't it that the final act of Jesus on earth was to lift up his hands and to *bless* his followers. I wonder what the actual *blessing* consisted of. Was it done principally in words, like a priestly benedictory prayer? Or, I wonder, was Jesus' final blessing more physical in nature, taking on the form of a first century "Holy Kiss." This might translate into our culture as a warm and endearing hug. You know the kind I mean, not a mere hand-shake equivalent but it stays with you for a while. I have to imagine that the final "blessing" that Jesus gave to His disciples was perfect for each of them; and this blessing lingered in the air as a sweet-smelling fragrance, propelling them forward to worship Him and then to offer in the Temple their own blessing.

In actuality, let me try to demonstrate how this action of Jesus serves as God's wondrous climax to the book of Luke as a whole. Think with me how the Gospel of Luke opens. You find yourself temporally located not in the days of Jesus but Luke describes the times as; "In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah" (Luke 1:5). Zechariah is entering the Temple to offer an incense offering; with all of Israel just outside; praying as they are waiting to hear that God has accepted Zechariah's sacrifice on their behalf (Luke 1:10). But (and I should put "BUT" in all caps), as the angel Gabriel comes and delivers to Zechariah a message of hope (his wife's shame will be removed by the birth of their son John the Baptist); Zechariah shows no faith to the words from God's messenger (Luke 1:18). So, the result of Zechariah faithlessness is that he is struck speechless.

Let me relate the consequences of Zechariah's faithlessness and how it impacts Israel. The role of the priest as he exits the Temple is to hold his hands up and pass on the Lord's blessing to the people. The traditional words would be the priestly benediction which comes from Numbers 6:23-26;

This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Can you now see how Jesus' blessing at the end of Luke's Gospel is nothing short of a divine answer to a human problem? What Zechariah could not do for Israel because of his lack of faith

2008 Day of Healing Wabash Friends Counseling Center

Purpose: to provide support to those who are hurting and facing difficult situations & help leaders, parents and spouses grow.

When: Sat, Nov 1, 8:20-4:30

Website:
www.wabashfriendscounseling.com



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

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See MM calendar for more info.

Math Competency Exam:

Sep 23, 24, 25
See attachment for details.

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(bless them); Jesus performs after his demonstration of perfect faith in trusting God with his life on the cross. What the priests of Israel could not do, Jesus fully blesses His followers.

How does this relate to us here and now. Well, one example is cemented in my mind. Do you remember the final night of Summit? The call of Dave Ward to everyone to make an all out surrender to Jesus and trust fully in Him? Now, there was an unstated question in the air at that time, "How does one put closure on the series of meetings?" Should there be a dismissal prayer of some kind? The answer came; not with a "priestly benediction" by Dave Ward or by Dr. Lo. No, the entire student body stood quietly before the Lord until spontaneous clapping erupted. Then, singing praise songs continued for over an hour. The final blessing of Summit (just like Luke's Gospel) came directly from the mouth of Jesus Himself, and we were the recipients.

Now, remember, the end of Luke is really the end of the beginning; for all of the Book of Acts follows. In the same way, the end of Summit is really the beginning of the Semester. Please sense Jesus' blessing on your life.

Lord.

This day as we go about our regular daily tasks;
May we sense Your divine blessing.
May it be found in our classes, or our hallway or dorm room conversations;
May Your blessing be heard in our service to others or in the reception of grace from a friend.
In all we do, may we sense your blessing.
Most of all Lord, if there is an absence of Your blessing;
May You call us back to Yourself, to the place where Your voice and touch is most clear.
Amen

Now, **Go With God.**

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

Divisional New Student Orientation

Tuesday, **September 16, at 11:00 a.m. for 1st semester freshman or recent transfer students.** We will be meeting in Carter Youth Lab (Room 135) in the CM Building, for an orientation to our division. You'll meet our faculty and staff, learn about our programs and discover how to make the most of your time here. You'll also have a chance to meet your advisor and schedule a time to become better acquainted. Attendance is **required** if you are new in our division and you have never attended one of these meetings.



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

Full Time Ministry Opportunities

Youth Ministry

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.

Mission Statement

"We are the church family that exalts God in all that we do, by experiencing our faith as a community, by evangelizing our neighbors, and by edifying and equipping one another for ministry, so that we can extend encouragement and hope through our mission outreach to the entire world."

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

***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.

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/>

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.

Children's Pastor

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 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.