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Upcoming Kentucky District Activities

Wesleyan Youth Lock-In

Lexington Ice Center &
Sports Complex
April 1, 2005 (11:00 PM)
Director: Rev. David C. Little

Wesleyan Women Convention

Asbury Seminary Campus
June 9-10, 2005
Director: Mrs. Shirley Maze

District Conference

Lexington Stonewall
Wesleyan Church
June 17, 2005

Wesleyan Youth Camp

Maysville Campground
June 20-24, 2005
Director: Rev. David C. Little

Wesleyan Kids Camp

Maysville Campground
July 11-15, 2005
Director: Rev. Steve Sandefur

District Family Camp

Maysville Campground
July 25-31, 2005
Evangelists: Dr. O.W. Willis
& Rev. Jerry Brecheisen
Singers: Rev. Ben & Sue Colburn

District News _____

Computer Crisis!!!

The District Office computer had a "nervous breakdown" in early February. For nearly four weeks I could not read my email and regular office work on the computer was difficult and sometimes impossible to accomplish. We had to reconstruct mailing lists, etc. A new hard drive was installed. The district paper mailing list was unfortunately lost and was not completely reconstructed until early March. These circumstances have greatly contributed to the late mailing of the January/February issue. Please forgive the tardiness of this issue. Thank you for your understanding. **-Glenn D. Black**

New Milton Pastor Elected

The **Rev. Ben C. Colburn**, presently pastoring the Bloomington Shepherd of the Hills Wesleyan Church in the Indiana South District, has accepted a two year initial unanimous call to be pastor of the Milton Wesleyan Church, succeeding Rev. Wayne Mahoney, who will retire in July after 30 years as pastor. Rev. Colburn and his wife, Sue, will be moving to Milton this summer. We welcome the Colburns to the Kentucky District.

Elizabethtown Hilltop Closed

After not having church services since May of 2004, due mainly to the declining health of the Rev. Arnold Tharpe, the District Board of Administration regretfully voted to discontinue the Elizabethtown Hilltop Chapel. Attendance had declined to an average of 4. The building and property has been listed for sale.

The Hilltop Chapel began in the 1960's. Many individuals and families were spiritually blessed through the ministry of this small congregation. Many are in heaven because of the faithfulness of their pastors and laity. The Hilltop Chapel continued to minister in recent years in large part because of the vision and determination of the Rev. Arnold Tharpe and his wife, Glynna.

New Location/Date for Wesleyan Youth All Night Lock-In

For many years, our district youth has enjoyed an all night lock-in (known also as Winter Breakout) at the Louisville Walnut Street Baptist Church. However, this year, the location has been changed.

The **2005 Wesleyan Youth Winter Breakout** (lock-in) will be held Friday night, **April 1** at the **Lexington Ice Center and Sports Complex**. Full information and costs will soon be shared with each church and pastor.

WHY Are We So Silent?

by Glenn D. Black
District Superintendent



We say we have the redemptive message which our unholy and sinful world needs. I ask, "Why aren't we, then, more faithful and consistent messengers of this great message?"

I am guilty. Shamefully guilty. I testify to being a transformed person saved by grace. But am I a successful transmitter of the transforming reality of the grace of God through the cleansing, healing, shed blood of His Son, Jesus Christ?

I find it more convenient to send my dollars across the Atlantic to Africa, or over the Pacific to the Orient, or southward to Central and South America, than to cross the street and take the time to share the gospel with my neighbor. Why am I so silent?

An indication of true health and vibrant life is found in worthwhile activity and productivity. Healthy, normal people involve themselves in activities worthy of their time and talents. So ought churches-if they are spiritually health and normal. Humanly speaking, it is normally natural to expect a man and wife to reproduce themselves into the form of a little child. So ought churches to be reproductive! Little lambs in Christ ought to be born and reared within our fellowship.

A dying church is a group of saints "who are strolling like sleepwalkers through the crashing, bashing, lashing times in which we are living." These benumbed souls are dropouts, not disciples. They are singing to themselves, praying among themselves, and "measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves. . ." (II Cor. 10:12) It's been a long time since new souls were added to the fellowship, not to mention how long it's been since there has been a concentrated effort to even do so.

The crime of the century is the non-delivery of the gospel--not merely on mission fields, but to our neighbor, our friend, our relative. We preach loud and clear the gospel message at the church, but we don't even whisper it to our neighbor. We testify in church the enjoyment of living for Christ, but we neglect to "take the witness stand" in front of our friends. We sing and shout the praises of God (and ought to) in our church services, but we so often fail to communicate the grace of God to our relatives.

The kind of witness our great nation, and our circle friends, needs is the kind of witnessing most of us are unaccustomed to. Bringing souls to Christ can, and ought to be done other than just around an altar in a church. Thank God for seeking souls at altars of prayer! But I am reminded that Jesus met needs wherever He was. So must we, if we are to be like Him. Witness for our Savior. Win souls for our Lord.

Why are we so silent? Search your own mind and heart for an answer. I am asking God to search me. Will you join me? **It's all about souls!**

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DENOMINATION-WIDE ANNUAL OFFERING SPONSORED BY WESLEYAN WOMEN

The Wesleyan Women auxiliary of The Wesleyan Church endeavors to recognize and respond to the spiritual and physical needs of persons worldwide. The Heart of Ministries offering provides an opportunity each year for the entire Church to join them in meeting these needs.

Change my heart, oh God!

In scripture we are told that the world will know we are the Lord's disciples by how we love each other. Real love is demonstrated by sacrificial giving, not because we have to, but because we want to.

The Heart of Ministries Offering is an opportunity for the entire Church to respond in a tangible way to meet the needs of others at home and overseas. When God changes our hearts, we want to give and share His love with others! It is amazing to observe the ways Wesleyans reach out when their hearts are moved to action.

Projects are selected from overseas and North America. This year's projects including the following:

North American Projects

- Resources and website support for ministerial families
- The Wesleyan Church's Spanish language web pages
- Leadership Development Journey Seminars

Overseas Projects

- Audio Scriptures for Mozambique
- Educational scholarships for former Muslims
- Playground equipment for the Czech Republic
- Schools for Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia

Thank you for your partnership in ministry with us by your continued giving through the Heart of Ministries

offering. Together we can do so much more than any of us can do alone! Funds raised in excess of these projects will further the purpose of Wesleyan Women.

Come and partner with us by giving to the Heart of Ministries!
-Sylvia Smith,
WW Dist. Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUGGESTIONS

These are challenging days for the Sunday School. Children stay up late on Saturday night and Mom and Dad, if both are present, often do not care if the children get up for Sunday School and church on Sunday morning. Often pastors and the Sunday School staff find it necessary to be on the phone every Sunday morning to ensure they will be in Sunday School, and we may still only have a percentage of them present.

Helping our teachers have the tools they need, and enabling them to stay current is a vital part of our task. What worked when we were growing up will not work today. Teacher training is very important! Have you used, "What Every Teacher Should Know," by Elmer Towns? We just finished it at Owensboro Calvary and it is excellent. I have the video, book and outlines if you would want to borrow them.

I trust you had a good "Heaven Week" in October, and are having a great year in Sunday School. If I can help, let me know.

**by Rev. David S. Fall,
District Sunday School Director**

SPECIAL NEED FOR MAYSVILLE CAMPGROUND

The way time seems to pass so quickly, Maysville Camp Meeting will soon be here! I wish to share the following camp meeting need.

We anticipate upgrading the **Hamilton Cabin** (#63), which was donated to our district by the family of the late Charles and Gladys Hamilton who faithfully attended our Trace Church. They also attended and supported Maysville Camp. When they donated this cabin it was restricted by the family that we use it for housing camp workers. It is often where our song evangelist stays. We put a new roof on this cabin last fall, which is already fully paid for.

We need to rewire this cabin, replace the old fuse box with a new breaker box, install a new front metal door and storm door, put linoleum down, replace the existing 6 gallon hot water tank with a new 30 or 40 gallon tan, and purchase a new bed. We need at least \$600.00 to complete this work. We have a small amount of money in hand to begin the work.

Any additional money received over \$600.00 will go towards the completion of painting the rooms in Tromble Hall (Boy's Dorm).

Please send your money for this project to our Wesleyan Women Treasurer: Sylvia Smith, P.O. Box 97, Hitchens, KY 41146-0097. Thank you and God bless you!

**Esther Richardson
Wesleyan Women Assistant Director**

KENTUCKY DISTRICT ATTENDANCE REPORT

		NOVEMBER 2004							DECEMBER 2004					
CHURCH	PASTOR	SS	AM	PM	MW	WK	WY	SS	AM	PM	MW	WK	WY	
Ashland Heights	Jonathan Haynes	54	47	34	18	12	9	56	49	25	15	12	12	
Ashland Westwood	Phil Zimmerman	32	38	28	37	8	0	33	35	30	21	7	2	
Carrollton	Robert Underwood	47	60	53	36	0	0	46	54	40	33	0	0	
Cloverport	Larry Eaton	17	32	29	9	0	0	17	29	25	8	0	0	
Concord	Todd Winchester	19	19	0	0	0	0	No Report						
Covington	F. Keith Biddle	21	39	12	10	0	0	20	42	11	8	0	0	
Eastview	Vicki L. McLean	45	63	17	17	18	9	43	58	35	13	22	7	
Elizabethtown Trinity	Dana Beland	21	28	12	8	0	0	24	33	0	11	0	0	
Falmouth	Timothy Melling	24	29	11	5	5	4	21	26	53	0	1	1	
Florence	Timothy Helton	No Report						No Report						
Frankfort	Ronald Robison	34	43	30	18	18	0	32	38	18	11	24	0	
Garvin Ridge	J. C. Bond	43	51	28	18	0	0	43	48	37	17	0	0	
Glasgow	Kevin Mouser	50	82	29	43	0	0	49	90	29	36	0	0	
Greenup	Kirtley Sipple	10	10	15	10	0	0	14	14	15	8	0	0	
Hitchins	George T. Smith	42	39	26	11	7	5	44	42	28	18	8	5	
Jamestown	In DBA Hands	No Report						No Report						
Junction City	Charles D. Miller	24	25	16	0	0	0	21	23	16	0	0	0	
Kingswood	David C. Little	27	45	15	18	6	0	27	42	27	13	9	0	
Lexington First	Steve Sandefur	34	51	22	12	23	0	25	41	34	21	28	0	
Lexington Stonewall	Chip Monck	42	74	0	35	0	0	45	79	0	28	0	0	
Livermore	Amos Glendenning	12	23	0	0	9	0	24	30	0	0	10	0	
Louisville Atwood	Russell Fuller	21	32	26	11	0	0	26	35	25	12	0	0	
Louisville Camp Taylor	Chris Kendall	9	9	0	0	0	0	9	10	0	0	0	0	
Louisville Wellman	W. Scott Lockard	27	38	32	22	0	0	28	42	34	23	0	0	
Maysville	James Fleming, Jr.	No Report						No Report						
McAndrews	Wesley Wickard	21	29	15	10	1	44	23	33	15	16	26	0	
Milton	Wayne Mahoney	54	55	61	37	0	0	65	66	53	25	0	0	
Mount Tabor	Orville Mann, Jr.	15	21	21	19	9	0	15	21	21	19	9	0	
Olive Hill	Dale Collinsworth	62	45	41	29	17	0	62	45	41	29	17	0	
Owensboro Calvary	David Fall	48	73	32	17	23	13	48	75	33	16	24	12	
Owensboro Southside	John Fowler	49	104	65	17	34	27	43	107	71	19	40	20	
Paris	Bob Dickerson	No Report						No Report						
Pikeville	Nathan R. McBeth	26	49	24	21	3	8	27	52	18	20	5	8	
Pleasureville	Wendell Brooks	20	22	29	18	0	0	19	22	16	0	0		
Salem Ridge	Robert Welker	18	19	12	7	0	0	21	21	15	8	0	0	
Shelbyville	Randy Bishop	67	79	95	41	11	13	55	65	77	39	6	15	
Shepherdsville	Wayne Maze	9	14	10	8	0	0	9	13	14	5	0	0	
Soldier	Kenny Hamilton	62	51	28	27	0	0	65	57	27	20	0	0	
Somerset	Jason Moore	11	26	12	12	0	0	11	21	9	11	0	0	
Trace	Walter Wilcox	33	31	29	17	0	9	25	25	20	26	0	10	
Willard	David Wilcox	41	27	29	18	8	0	38	29	21	19	6	0	
Winchester	Ronn Pelfrey	22	31	10	12	18	0	25	34	21	10	18	0	

TOP 5 NUMERICAL GAIN NOVEMBER 2004		TOP 5 NUMERICAL GAIN NOVEMBER 2004		TOP 5 NUMERICAL GAIN DECEMBER 2004		TOP 5 NUMERICAL GAIN DECEMBER 2004	
<u>Church</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>AM</u>
Lexington Stonewall	+13	Lexington Stonewall	+18	Soldier	+16	Glasgow	+24
Olive Hill	+12	Eastview	+7	Eastview	+14	Lexington Stonewall	+23
Eastview	+9	Frankfort	+6	Olive Hill	+9	Eastview	+18
Frankfort	+4	Glasgow	+5	Lexington Stonewall	+7	Covington	+11
Soldier	+4	Hitchins	+4	Livermore	+5	Hitchins	+7
		Winchester	+4			Livermore	+7