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## Notes & Quotes

### Kentucky IWU Enrollment

Indiana Wesleyan University, in addition to its Marion, Indiana campus, has 8 satellite campuses in Indiana, 4 in Ohio and 2 in Kentucky. Louisville and Lexington are the current campuses in Kentucky. A new site is being planned for Florence. In addition to these campuses, other locations also have on-site classes. There are presently 1,257 students from Kentucky enrolled in various IWU locations. The following statistics represent the current enrollment in Kentucky.

Louisville	624 students
Lexington	133 students
Florence	45 students
Shepherdsville	33 students
Elizabethtown	16 students
Online	406 students

**Rev. Kenny Hamilton**, age 66, who concluded 14 years as pastor of our **Soldier Church** this past September, passed away Wednesday, November 4. Rev. Hamilton also spent many years in evangelism. In addition to ministry he was a lumber inspector for several years. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to his wife, Linda, their three children and other family members. His funeral was Saturday, November 7 at the Northcutt and Son Funeral Home in Morehead.

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

## From Our House to Yours



The months of November and December are busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. We thank God for you, your family, and your love for Christ. The scriptures instruct us to give thanks in everything. Count your many blessings!

Living and family rooms are aglow with lights as we celebrate the Christmas season. Neighborhood malls and downtowns are full of the sights and sounds of Christmas. From His first sounds in a cradle in Bethlehem to His words on the cross, our Lord Jesus Christ gave himself in love to us. Jesus is not only the reason for the season; he is the *only* reason for our joy, peace and eternal hope. May the love of our unchanging God sustain and surround you during these restless times in our world. As we approach 2010, we wish you abundant blessings during the Christmas Season and the New Year.

**May God the father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, grant you and your family His gracious favor with every spiritual blessing which flows from the cradle, the cross, and His triumphant crown.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Glenn and Sharon Black*

**GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE US JESUS**

# Small Actions, Lasting Impacts

by Phil Stevenson

November 3 marked the 291<sup>st</sup> birthday of an individual who is honored daily. He is remembered on playgrounds, in lunch rooms, by sidewalk vendors, and by moms and dads. In fact, one company honors him in 22,000 locations with \$10 billion (yes, with a 'B') in annual sales. Who is this honoree? It is none other than John Montagu the fourth, Earl of Sandwich.

According to legend, this British aristocrat "ordered a piece of meat tucked between two pieces of bread. Others soon requested 'the same as Sandwich'..." (*Fast Company*, Nov. 09) and lunches have never quite been the same. It is interesting to note that a small action made in a seemingly obscure location could make such a lasting impact on so many. Haven't we all, albeit unknowingly, honored the *Earl* through the digesting of a sandwich?

What action is your church taking to make a lasting impact? I don't ask how many attend your church. I don't ask how significant your location is. I simply suggest you consider—what action(s) you might take that will make a significant impact.

You don't have to be large to make a lasting impact. You don't have to be in significant locations to make an impact that will be felt around the world. What you do today might not even be noticed, but your

actions could leave their mark, much like John Montagu.

There is much opportunity for smaller works. Leadership Network reports that over half of all Protestant churches average less than 100 in worship. These smaller congregations can make some significant things happen if they so choose. What might a smaller church do to make a lasting impact?

1. **Be a generous church.** Generosity is not an amount, but an attitude. Think in terms of the widow's few coins. She simply gave out of her available resources. Too often smaller congregations focus on what they don't have instead of what they do have. God expects generosity from what is at our disposal, not that which we have no access. God asked Moses what was in his hand (Ex. 4:2). It was what Moses had, and was willing to release to God, that made a lasting impact.

2. **Share the gospel.** You can be the gospel presence in your community. Sharing the gospel does not necessitate big programs, lots of people, nor large buildings. Sharing the gospel needs only a people broken-hearted for those disconnected from God.

3. **Pray missionally.** This is praying not just for yourself, but those outside your walls. It is easy for any church to get so

ingrown that they never ask God to work outside their walls. They limit God to inside the walls stuff. This can be exaggerated in smaller churches. Smaller churches have many needs. Resist the pull to mainly pray internally. Discipline yourself to pray externally.

4. **Get involved in meeting needs.** Every community has needs. Take time to identify some of those needs. Mobilize to meet them. It might be simply partnering with a community organization working with them to meet the needs of those they serve.

5. **Partner with God.** Ask God to show you what you need to see. Step out in faith on endeavors that will stretch your local congregation's faith.

Small congregations need to view themselves as mustard seed communities. The mustard seed was the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants (Mk. 4:31-32). You may be small, but the work you do can be mighty. It can have eternal impact. Grow where God has planted you.

## WESLEYAN WOMEN

# 2010 Wesleyan Women District Campground Project

**A**ttention all Wesleyan Women...For the last several years, the Kentucky District Wesleyan Women have helped to sponsor special projects for our District Campground. Wesleyan Women have been very generous in supporting the campground.

Our new camp project for the year has been decided. We are happy to tell you it will be another **washer** and **dryer** for the campground laundry room. The hookups are already there and are just waiting for the machines. Please attempt to send your offerings in by **June 1, 2010**. Send all monies (make checks payable to Kentucky District Wesleyan Women) to: Sylvia Smith, P.O. Box 97, Hitchens, KY 41146.

- by Hettie Tilley, Assistant Wesleyan Women District Director

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The **Ashland Heights Church** celebrated 100 years of ministry on Sunday, September 27, 2009. They had 123 for the morning worship service and 119 for the afternoon service. General Superintendent Jerry Pence spoke in the afternoon and District Superintendent Glenn D. Black preached in the morning. Former pastors Eugene White and Johnny Haynes were present. Revs. Larry Pope and Mark Mullins, who grew up in the church, were also present. Pastor Gordon and Hettie Tilley and congregation are to be commended for all the hard work which was invested to make this special day such a wonderful occasion.



The **Willard Church** celebrated 100 years of continuous ministry on Sunday October 25, 2009. District Superintendent Glenn D. Black spoke in the morning service. 79 were in attendance for the morning worship service and 100 attended the noon meal. The Willard Church was organized in 1909 by M.G. Standley, of God's Bible School, following a great holiness revival in 1908 under the ministry of Rev. W.W. Hanks. The Willard Church was the first Pilgrim Holiness Church in Kentucky. Soon afterwards, the Ashland Heights Church was founded. Congratulations to **Pastor David Wilcox** and the Willard congregation for reaching this milestone.

## 2010 Kentucky District Wesleyan Ministry Events

### DISTRICT WESLEYAN WOMEN CONVENTION/RETREAT

June 17-18, 2010

Asbury Theological Seminary • Wilmore, KY

### 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

June 25, 2010

Asbury Theological Seminary

McKenna Chapel • Wilmore, KY

### DISTRICT WESLEYAN YOUTH GATHERING

June 28-July 2, 2010

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

### DISTRICT WESLEYAN KIDS CAMP

July 11-16, 2010

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

### DISTRICT FAMILY CAMPMEETING

July 26-August 1, 2010

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

### EVANGELISTS

Dr. Earle L. Wilson and Dr. James B. Keaton, Sr.

### SINGERS

Mark and Janene Dubbeld

### BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

September 8-11, 2010

Kentucky District Campground • Maysville, KY

Special Speaker: Rev. Gordon L. Tilley

### MINISTRY ENRICHMENT RETREAT

September 27-29, 2010

General Butler State Resort Park • Carrollton, KY

# KENTUCKY DISTRICT NEWS

## Outdoor Sing

**Milton Church Hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Outdoor Sing...Pastor Ben Colburn** reports that the Milton Church hosted their annual outdoor gospel in October. The weather was a little adverse but the occasion was blessed of the Lord. He also shares that the church enjoyed a wonderful revival recently. Their morning worship attendance has been steadily increasing in recent months.

## BBQ and Car Show

The **Elizabethtown Trinity Church** and **Pastor Dana Beland** report a wonderful 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ and Car Show on Saturday, September 26. Over 350 were served a BBQ Chicken and Pork Meal for free and many others enjoyed the car show. The weather was not very conducive for a car show; however, they would have had a parking issue had it been a sunny day. The church is praising God for giving the weather they needed. This event is designed to show the love of Christ in a practical way, as well as letting the community know Trinity Wesleyan Church cares about them.

## McAndrews Church Suffers Fire

On Wednesday morning, September 30 at 4:06 AM, McAndrews Pastor Ralph Ferree called me in my room at General Butler State Park (the Ministry Enrichment Retreat had concluded the night before) in Carrollton and informed me that the McAndrews Church was completely destroyed by fire about two hours earlier. I expressed shock and disbelief. About four hours later we had prayer with him before he left the park to return home to a devastated congregation.

One week earlier Sharon and I had visited the church site with Pastor Ferree. We rejoiced with him over the progress of the renovation of the church from the damage almost two years ago when a coal truck slammed into the church, causing the structure to be knocked off its foundation. The contractor had expected to complete their work within 6-8 weeks.

Now the renovated church was gone. The fellowship hall (next to the church) also caught fire and was greatly damaged. The McAndrews congregation had worshipped in the fellowship hall the past two years. They were now without a place to worship.

On Sunday morning, October 4, Sharon and I joined Pastor Ferree and the congregation at the Hatfield

Funeral Home Chapel in Belfry for morning worship. 28 were in attendance. Tears were shed. Songs were sung. Prayers were lifted up to a great and good God. I offered words of district support and prayers and words of encouragement. Pastor Ferree delivered an encouraging message of resolve and trust in God. A local television station filmed the service and interviewed Pastor Ferree.

The cause of the fire may never be determined. Since all that is left of the building is the block foundation, investigators have officially ruled the fire as "origin undetermined."

Various options are currently being considered relative to a new church building. Building on the current site is one option. Purchasing a building adjacent to the present site for renovation is also an option.

On behalf of Pastor Ferree and his congregation, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many prayers and expressions of sympathy and support during these extremely difficult circumstances. Besides the Kentucky District, various ones in the Shenandoah District have also been extremely supportive.

I ask the entire district to continue to pray for Pastor Ferree and the McAndrews congregation as they prepare to rebuild. God is already helping. - **by Glenn D. Black**

### Statement of Mission

The mission of the Kentucky District is to equip and empower our churches to fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

### District Attendance Report

The Kentucky District Attendance Report, which formerly appeared on page four of the District Paper, is now posted on the Kentucky District website ([www.kywesleyan.org](http://www.kywesleyan.org)). This began on a monthly basis in January of 2009.