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MONDAY MEMO

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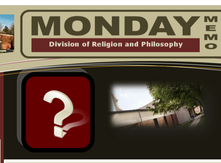
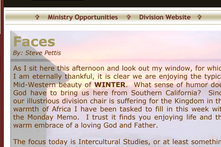
THE ALLEGHENY CENTER

REMINDER: All students majoring in Christian Ministries or Youth who have not applied to the program must complete the Self-Awareness plan before your application requirements will be complete. A checklist detailing the requirements are included with your application. To be eligible to begin the Self-Awareness assessment and counseling sessions you must be at least a second semester sophomore. This semester there are limited openings available so it is advised that you begin the process immediately, particularly if you need to apply this semester.

Elwood Central Wesleyan Church

We are located about 20 minutes from campus. We are looking for students interested in a short-term project or willing to spend some time after school with local youth. Contact Matt Miller at 765-552-3642. http://www.geocities.com/ecwc/





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Faces

By: Steve Pettis

As I sit here this afternoon and look out my window, for which I am eternally thankful, it is clear we are enjoying the typical Mid-Western beauty of **WINTER**. What sense of humor does God have to bring us here from Southern California? Since our illustrious division chair is suffering for the Kingdom in the warmth of Africa I have been tasked to fill in this week with the Monday Memo. I trust it finds you enjoying life and the warm embrace of a loving God and Father.

The focus today is Intercultural Studies, or at least something having to do with all things focused outside of ourselves and upon the vast world that is so different. There is much that could be said, however, we do not have space or time. God has given my family and me the privilege of serving Him and seeing Him at work around the world. So when I have the time to sit back and reflect, I tend to think in terms of people and faces. Can I share some of those faces with you?

I think of little Donna Maria do Carmo standing maybe 4 feet tall with a wrinkled faced that came from somewhere over 60 years of hard work in the Portuguese sun, and sparkling eyes that sucked you in. A devout Catholic, she started attending our Bible study on Sunday mornings before she would excuse herself and go to Mass. It wasn't long before she was not excusing herself but sticking around for the entire time. When we asked her why, she replied she was now hearing God speaking directly to her through the Word and no longer needed someone else to tell her what God said. What an experience to baptize her just a few months later.

There's Carla, a high school student who accepted Christ through a backyard Bible study sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship. Within a few weeks, and without any prompting, she was taking two Bibles to school. She explained that as she read and prayed at lunch others would gather and wonder what she was doing and why. With the second Bible she could invite them to share with her, and together they could discover more about her new friend, Jesus.

In Bucharest, one afternoon, I took a group of college students to play with some kids in one of the many orphanages. As I sat on a bench to watch and take it all in, little ten-year-old Gina sat down beside me. Actually she looked more like seven. We didn't speak much, since we spoke two different sets of language, but it didn't matter. She just wanted to be near someone. For the next seven years, Gina stood at the gate waiting for us to return, looking for someone who cared and would not leave her. Church had never been a part of her experience, but when I was finally able to take someone with me who spoke the language, she excitedly prayed to receive Jesus.

On the island of Terceira we met Domingos. When he was in his early twenties, his parents had told him to leave their home and never return. He heard we had a group of young people meeting in the church, and while he was not a believer, he wanted to know if he could share in fellowship and maybe find some friends. He never missed a week. Shortly thereafter, due to health issues, I had to pack my family up and send them back to the States while I cleaned up loose ends. One of those was Domingos. I went to visit him where he worked and asked if he could get away. We went around the corner, off the busy street, and on the bright Azorean afternoon Domingos prayed to accept Christ as his savior. The next day I left for California. Where is Domingos now? Was there anyone to follow up, mentor, encourage, and help him grow? I don't know.

What is Intercultural Studies all about: faces, people, hearts and lives transformed. Not because someone was a great preacher or evangelist or teacher - but because someone cared. Are you the someone who needs to follow up on people like Domingos, or Gina, or Clara, or Dona Maria do Carmo? Come check it out.

First Christian Church

Are you looking for a local church to do some practicum hours at? At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Marion, we're just 10-15 minutes away from campus (depending on how you drive). We're a Bible-based congregation in the midst of trying to grow and thrive, and think that we can provide some great opportunities for you as you start your journey in being a faithful servant. We've had practicum students in the past, and our Associate Pastor is a former CMI student from WU. If you are interested in getting some practicum time, please call or email, our Associate, Jeff Brady, at (765) 664-1221 or radifacactor@yahoo.com. You'll find us at 1970 N. Wabash Rd. in Marion or on the web at www.firstchristianmarion.org. We hope to meet you soon!

COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH

Internship Program - Community Wesleyan Church – Detroit

Is it your desire to lead and have influence for Christ? Community Wesleyan Church (Detroit area) is committed to raising up the next generation of leaders to help finish the mission that Jesus mandated. Under the direction of Sr. Pastor Mick Veach (former director of KBM's three month training school for young adults and nine year missionary to Azerbaijan), you will begin an experience that is well balanced, organized and multi-faceted. (for more info http://as.indiana.edu/Academic-Division/Religion-Philosophy/minors/full_time.asp) http://www.communitywc.com

experience MISSION

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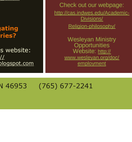
Experience Mission is committed to providing seven to fourteen day, Christ-centered, life-changing mission trips for youth, college students, adults and families. You and those who come with you can select community locations in the United States or one of our amazing international locations in Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean or Europe. http://www.experiencemission.com/

Theology Reading Group

During the spring semester, Nathan Crawford will be leading a theology reading group for students on Tuesdays (either over lunch or dinner). During this time, we will meet to discuss an article from a leading 20th century theologian, discussing both the nature of the argument and what it means for theology and the practice of ministry. If you are interested or have questions, contact Nathan Crawford at nathan.crawford@indiana.edu

Central Wesleyan Church

The Central Wesleyan Church Internship Program is an experience in hands-on ministry. We desire to engage, equip and energize full-time college students majoring in ministry for the kingdom work of tomorrow. Internships are available in: Children's Ministry, Student Ministries, College Ministries and Half-Mile/Neighborhood Ministries. http://www.centralwesleyan.org/content/view/318/



CMI, YTH, CED, CHI, AMI, WRP Advising Meeting

If you are one of the majors listed above and have NOT turned in an application to the major, you are required to attend a mandatory advising meeting January 20 from 11 am—12 noon in the Youth Lab.

MINSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Part Time Ministry & Practicum Opportunities

Practicums

*Practicum Students – First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – Marion, IN

Youth Practicum/Intern—Covenant United Methodist Church—Fort Wayne, IN

Youth Practicum/Intern—Lakeview Wesleyan—Marion

Practicum - Central Christian Church - Van Buren, IN

Practicum—Elwood Central Wesleyan—Elwood, IN

Volunteers

Children's Ministry Volunteers – College Wesleyan Church – Marion, IN

Youth Ministry Volunteers – Andrews Wesleyan Church – Andrews, IN

Full Time Ministry Opportunities

Christian Education

English teachers needed in Cheonan City, South Korea

Worship Pastor

Worship Pastor – KingsWay Community Church – Mason, OH

Youth/Worship Ministry

*Youth Pastor—Berlin Mennonite—Berlin, OH

Youth/Music Pastor—First Wesleyan—Rapid City, SD

Youth Pastor—Kirk in the Hills—Bloomfield Hills, MI

Youth Minister – McCord Road Christian Church – Sylvania, OH

Missions

Experience Mission

*Church Plant Volunteers – Transformation City Church – Milwaukee, WI

YouthWorks

Global Partners - Empowering the Nations Offering

Internships

*Youth Intern—Grabill Missionary Church—Grabill, IN

*Children/Youth/Christian Ministries—NewPointe Community Church—Dover OH

*Children's Ministry Summer Intern – Ellsworth Wesleyan Church – Ellsworth, MI

*Student Worship Intern – River Christian Church – Noblesville, IN

Intern Program—Community Wesleyan Church – Detroit, MI

Intern Program—Central Wesleyan Church – Holland, MI

Pittsburgh Project – Pittsburgh, PA

Youth Practicum/Intern—Covenant United Methodist Church—Fort Wayne, IN

Youth Practicum/Intern—Lakeview Wesleyan—Marion

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

GPA Calculator

http://www.stage-hahton.com/test_maker/gpa.html

Investigating Seminaries?

Check out this website: www/whichseminary.blogspot.com

Check out our webpage: http://as.indiana.edu/academic-Division/Religion-Philosophy/

Wesleyan Ministry Opportunities Website: http://www.wesleyan.org/ministry-employment

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