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A "Go with God" Moment

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... you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 2:5

I declare this **Praise Week** for the School of Theology and Ministry.

Now, in honor of such a declaration, a word study on "praise" would be a wonderful endeavor. But rather than showing myself to be a Greek or Hebrew geek, can I list just a few verses that have struck me this week from Psalm 22. You know, the Psalm that Jesus quotes from the cross as His own death approaches.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?

Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night you hear my voice, but I find no relief.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In the midst of what appears as life at its worst; Jesus teaches us that praise should resound from our lips since it is the very place within which the Lord resides. Read the rest of Psalm 22 and you will discover that this tragic story is utterly transformed into a cacophony of praise. Psalm 22:22-24 reads like a completely different story

I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

May I say simply, "Appearances can be deceiving." Life may look dim and dark when you can only see thru your physical eyes. Moreover, you probably are missing a large part of the overall story if your trust only what you can see. We need to develop "eyes of faith" and a life of perseverance. For example, throughout the Gospels Jesus taught that His death was only the prologue to Easter and His resurrection. Thus, Jesus' words from the cross should not be reduced to a faithless cry of dereliction but they are the prophetic announcement of God's ultimate victory for us all. He is proclaiming Praise to all the world with His last breath.

So, as a School of Theology and Ministry, I declare this as **Praise Week**. I want you to tell others your words of praise for who the Lord is and what He is doing for you. I'll start. Below is part of an email I sent to "Umf" Jim Lo last Thursday morning. He asked me if I was doing alright; because he know I was struggling:

Yes, there seems to be a real heaviness on me these days. I have suffered from severe headaches for the last 10 days. So much so that for the first time in 10 years I stayed home on Monday and dismissed my class. But even that did not seem to help. It only prolonged an already painful weekend into a blue Monday. But Wednesday afternoon Jennie Telfer and Michele Perry (Wed chapel speaker) stopped by my office and the three of us talked for quite a while. It was a deep and significant conversation on many levels. As they prepared to leave, they asked how they could pray for me. So I told them specifically about my headaches and my inability to shake them. *Then they prayed.* It was a wonderful and beautiful time with the Lord. *Since then my pain is gone.* PTL. But the best part is that I can now think more clearly than I have in quite some time. And to use a strange metaphor, "Finally, I have been able to breathe again" and God seems to be filling my lungs with His breath.



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Now, here is my assignment to each of you.

1. Tell your praise to someone else. Do not keep it to yourself. Let's make a contagious effort where declare that God is "**enthroned on the praises of His people.**"
2. Send a brief note of praise to Melissa.Fipps@IndWes.edu and she will begin to have them scrolling on our computer screens in the CM Building so your praise can touch our entire school. Do not hesitate but pass the word, "Praise" is our marching orders this week.

Now I will start.

Praise # 1: Just this weekend I heard a wonderful praise. It came from two former IWU students, Daniel and Stephenie (Beutler) Freemyer (both '06 grads). Daniel went on to Duke Divinity school (MDiv '09). *They just paid off their entire grad school bill this week.* They have made huge personal sacrifices to see this become a reality in their lives. I Praise the Lord for how the Lord will use them even more profoundly in ministry because of being debt-free.

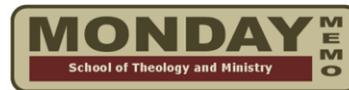
Lord,

Allow us to realize that momentary hardships are merely precursors to lives of praise.
Give us eyes to conceive of Your Kingdom,
Eyes to perceive Your Glory,
Most of all, may we have voices to reveal praises in Your Name.

Amen

I usually end with the words, "**Go with God.**"

Not today, I ask you to go to your computer and send a note of praise; student, alumni, or merely a reader of this note; "let's just praise the Lord."



Monday Memo

<http://wildcat.indwes.edu/Monday-Memo/>



Interviews: for Seniors for positions in the Penn Jersey District

**Dr. Harry Wood, Penn Jersey DS
Thursday, November 19, 2009**

If you are planning to graduate in 2010 and would like to interview with Dr. Harry Wood, District Superintendent of the Penn-Jersey District of The Wesleyan Church, sign up in the office. He will be on campus, Thursday, November 19, 2009, and will be interviewing from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Stop by and sign-up.

Calling all worship leaders and worshipers alike!



The 2009 Worship Capstone Class is offering a seminar to all interested in learning more about Worship! We'll be discussing what worship is, God's people participating in worship, how to choose worship songs, and how media impacts our worship.

Join us in the Youth Lab, at the Christian Ministries building Thursday, November 12, from 7-9PM. Come for good teaching, discussion, and some coffee!

Face 2 Face Ministries (www.face2faceweb.org) is a summer discipleship ministry designed to help young adults to live radically for Jesus Christ. We are seeking to raise up a generation of people that refuse to simply go to church, but to be the church in everyday situations.

Face 2 Face enables you to be a part of a non-traditional ministry, have a cross cultural experience, earn money towards your college tuition, and possibly even get college credit for your time in ministry through the summer.

Please contact L.J. Evers at evers.email@gmail.com or stop by their table in the Student Center Mallway on the 17th or 18th of November for more information.



WOR 237 Media for Ministry
Only offered every other year
Required for Worship majors
Open to all

Last Week's Trivia Winner:

Zach Aument

Previous Winners:

**Kolin Hayes
Adam Buehler
Jeff Coll
Norman Busick
Vanessa Small
Tyler Fields**

Trivia

Which of the tribes of Israel was not numbered by Moses in the wilderness during the census of the people?

_____ : **47**

Be the first to email the correct answer and the Bible reference to melissa.fipps@indwes.edu for a small treat or prize.



WOR 322 The Christian Year
Only offered every other year
Required for Worship majors
Recommended for Christian Ministries majors
Open to all



YTH 240 Camping & Retreat + PHE 120 Backpacking = 4 credits
May Term, 1-5 pm
Dr. Keith Drury

WORSHIP

PEOPLE SONGS MEDIA

Enjoy Leading Worship?

WORSHIP is a three-part seminar covering various topics of worship. This night will be filled with teaching, hands-on training, and a ton of fun. If you like worship, are currently leading worship, or just want to learn more about worship, come hang out!

When: November 12th 7:00p-9:00p Where: Noggle Rm 135

Who: Anyone who enjoys worship

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For more detailed information visit our site online (<http://cas.indwes.edu/Academic-Divisions/Religion-Philosophy/ministry/>) or stop by the SOTM (School of Theology & Ministry) office. **Indicates new entry this week.*

Part Time Ministry & Practicum Opportunities

Volunteers/Practicum – Any area

Practicum/Volunteer - Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) – Marion, IN

Practicum Students- First Christian Church- Marion, IN

Volunteer for Young Adult Ministry - Brinker Heights Wesleyan Church – Marion, IN

Practicum/volunteers – Wabash Friends Church – Wabash, IN

Children's Ministry

Youth Minister – Children's Director – Nursery Director – North Communities Church – Westfield, IN

Paid Children's Directors—Marion First UMC—Marion, IN

Senior Pastor

**Pastor – Kempton Methodist Episcopal – Kempton, IN*

Worship/Creative Arts

Paid Worship Pastor – Faith Baptist Church – Marion, IN

Worship Practicum/Intern – Wabash Church of the Nazarene – Wabash, IN

Paid Worship Leader – Oak Grove Church of God – Columbia, IN

Creative Arts and College Ministry – Lakeview Wesleyan – Marion, IN

Worship Leader – First Baptist – Marion, IN

Worship Leader – Zanesville Church of God – Zanesville, IN

Worship Leader - The Joshua Tree - Extension Campus of Hanfield United Methodist Church – Marion, IN

Youth Ministry

**Youth Pastor – Central Wesleyan – Elwood, IN*

**Youth Pastor – Trinity United Methodist Church – Hartford City, IN*

Youth Ministry Volunteers – Andrews Wesleyan Church – Andrews, IN

Youth Volunteers – Grace UMC – Hartford City, IN

Youth Practicum/Volunteers – Lakeview Wesleyan – Marion, IN

Youth Volunteers – Hartford City Wesleyan Church – Hartford City, IN

Youth Minister – Children's Director – Nursery Director – North Communities Church – Westfield, IN

Paid Jr/Sr High Leader—Bethel Friends Church—Marion, IN

Youth Practicum/Volunteers – McGrawsville UMC – Amboy, IN

Youth Practicum/Volunteer – Open Door Fellowship – Converse, IN

Youth Pastor Intern - Family Life Center – Coldwater, MI

Full Time Ministry Opportunities

Worship Pastor

Music Development Director – College Wesleyan – Marion, IN

Youth/Worship Ministry

Middle School Ministry Leader – Eagle Church – Zionsville, IN

Children's Ministry

Children's Pastor – Wabash Friends Church – Wabash, IN

Miscellaneous

Year-round Male Camp Counselors – Heartlight Ministries – Longview, TX

Internships

Worship Practicum/Intern – Wabash Church of the Nazarene – Wabash, IN

Youth Interns – Lakeview Wesleyan – Marion, IN

Youth Pastor Intern - Family Life Center – Coldwater, MI

Missions

Black Forest Academy – www.bfacademy.com – brochures available in the SOTM office

Early Childhood Development or Elementary Teacher – info available upon request from the School of Theology and Ministry melissa.fipps@indwes.edu

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