



A "Go with God" Moment

by: Dave Smith

... 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

Can You Say, "Liturgy?"

When I say the word, "Liturgy" what comes to your mind? Maybe you envision a service in an Episcopal or Catholic Church where you see yourself passively participating in a service (i.e., being lead by an ordained clergy thru written prayers) rather than actively engaging in worship, such as in Chapel at IWU.

But could I give you a different perspective on the "liturgies" so you may see them in a whole new light. My definition of liturgy would be this: a Christian liturgy is a communal sacred activity whereby the participants are shaped and formed in godliness. Now, this could take pages to unpack, but allow me to simply state a few of my presuppositions.

First, I begin my definition of liturgy with the adjective, "Christian" as a principal modifier. There are all kinds of liturgies in which we are involved that alter our life and loves. Some are more overt Christian (Chapel MWF), others are more subtly secular (watching 8 hours of NFL football on Sunday). Notice in Romans 12:1-2 Paul writes, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*"

Paul talks about our lives being affected in one of two ways, *conformed* (by the liturgical practices) of this world or *transformed* (by the Christian liturgies) which leads to the renewal of your mind. Thus, I would argue that there are practices in your life that serve as liturgies for your good or for your ill. (More on this later.)

Second, I do not see sacred liturgy as private act but as a communal one. Yes, you can recite the Apostles' Creed alone, pray in isolation, or even sing a hymn privately. But I would see these privatized acts as more devotional in aspect. Spiritual formation certainly, but it may be limited in its affective value, because it does not place you in a setting where you are making a public declaration of your faith. Moreover, praying the Lord's Prayer is liturgical in its origin. Listen to the pronouns, "Our Father who is in heaven...give *us* this day *our* daily bread...forgive *us* our trespasses as *we* forgive those who trespass against *us*...lead *us* not into temptation...but deliver *us* from evil." All the pronouns are plural. So, as we pray this prayer with sincerity, it assumes a public audience whereby we offer forgiveness in order to receive it. Thus, liturgy can be an authentic public confession of forgiveness shaping us together into the Body of Christ or an announcement of a refusal to listen to the Spirit of Christ begging you to release the hurt of past sins done against you. A privatized faith would rob the Body of Christ of the corporate formation it could give.

Third, liturgies can and do deeply shape and form the participants. Yes, I am



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certain that listening to a sermon on your iPod "informs" your mind and makes for sound cognitive growth. But when I speak of liturgy, I am leaning more towards its affective value upon a person holistically. As we experience well thought out liturgies, they do much more than "inform" our mind but wondrously "form" our hearts and ultimately "transform" our loves to adopt those of our Trinitarian Lord.

So maybe I will ask the question this way. What liturgies play a shaping role in your life today? Here is the hard question, which we will ponder further next week; are the liturgies that shape your life and loves the most Christian or secular?

[To help with this soul-searching, I encourage you to delve into Dr. James K. A. Smith's lecture in the PPAC @ 4pm Thursday Nov 19th for this semester's *Athens and Jerusalem Seminar* lecture. Plus Dr. Jamie Smith will be speaking in the Thursday evening Chapel. His new book entitled *Desiring the Kingdom* explores the topic of how liturgy informs all that we do and love.]



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Now, **Go with God**

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.

**Last Week's
Trivia Winner:
Kolin Hayes**

Previous Winners:

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

Trivia

What were the names of the Hebrew midwives who were ordered by Pharaoh to kill all the male children born to the Hebrew women?

- a) Rebekah and Rachel
- b) Zipporah and Miriam
- c) Shiphrah and Puah
- d) We are not told

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Be the first to email the correct answer and the Bible reference to
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for a small treat or prize.



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Dr. James K. A. Smith – Athens & Jerusalem Seminar

**Thursday, November 19, 4 p.m.
PPAC**

Dr. James K. A. Smith – evening chapel

Thursday, November 19, 9:30 p.m.

University Singers

Sunday, November 22, 6:00 p.m.





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



WOR 237 Media for Ministry
Due to popularity - Will be offered again Fall 2010
Prerequisite: ENG 120



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

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rediscovering lost voices

Through the multi-varied tapestries of personal narratives, letters, journals, sermons, treatises, and other primary texts, this course will examine the roles of both the female and male leaders found within the early Methodist and Holiness tradition of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. By critically examining the thoughts, passions, and beliefs of these leaders, we will unearth the rich social, political, and religious history upon which the Holiness tradition rests. Surprisingly, a number of these voices—both male and female alike—have simply disappeared. Our task will be to resurrect these voices, pondering how they attempted to serve faithfully the triune God as they individually and collectively struggled with their humanity.

To aid us in our study, we will center the course around the following questions:

- *What did it mean to be a “servant leader” during the formative years of early Methodism?*
- *What was John Wesley’s beliefs concerning the position and role of women in the Holiness tradition?*
- *Who were the “servant leaders” assisting and surrounding Wesley during the early and middle and late years of the Holiness tradition in the eighteenth century?*
- *Who become the spokespersons for the Methodist and Holiness traditions in the nineteenth century? Why did these people rise to such positions of authority in the Holiness tradition?*
- *What did Wesley and other male leaders of this movement believe and articulate concerning the role of authority of women in the Church?*
- *How were evangelical women involved in the social issues of the day, such as slavery, the drinking of alcohol, and other political and social concerns?*
- *What is the meaning of the word feminist? Feminism?*
- *Can a Christian man or woman be a feminist? Can Wesley himself be considered a feminist? For that matter, can the Lord Jesus Christ be considered a feminist?*
- *How can an understanding of feminist theory and criticism enlarge our vision of the early Methodist and Holiness tradition, both in Wesley’s time and in our own?*
- *What does it mean to be a man or woman who is “fully” human?*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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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 Volunteers – Grace UMC – Hartford City, IN

Youth Practicum/Volunteers – Lakeview Wesleyan – Marion, IN

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

Youth Ministry Volunteers – Andrews Wesleyan Church – Andrews, 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

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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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