



MONDAY MEMO

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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

Can You Say, "Liturgy?" Part 2

Last week, I proposed to you a new (maybe more accurately, a novel) definition of the term "liturgy." 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.

Let me remind you of the three main ingredients to this definition.

First, my definition of liturgy begins with the adjective, "Christian" as a principal modifier. Everything we do (or may I now add, refrain from doing) shapes our lives and our loves. Do your choices have a distinctively "Christian" flavor to them? **Second**, I do not see sacred liturgy is not a private act but as a communal one. Liturgically speaking, our lives are most highly impacted as we touch one another, collide into one another, and graciously offer care for one another's well-being (see 1 John 1:7 for a wonderful one-verse homily of corporate Christianity). **Third**, the most obvious given is that liturgies shape and form us, the participants.

Let me give you an example. This weekend, the Society of Biblical Literature is holding its annual meetings, where thousands of Bible scholars throughout the world converge in one location. Our overt task is to present papers and to work in hundreds of forums to learn more about Jesus. But a secondary agenda is to network with one another, exchange ideas (and a few resumes), and to fellowship over meals and coffee. There is a true sense of "liturgy" about this event—*some Christian* some not so Christian. First, the Christian. In a standing room only worship service Sunday Morning, Daniel Block (OT scholar at Wheaton College) reminded us all of what it means to revere and personally honor the name of the Lord. Powerfully, we were charged not only to be teachers of the Biblical word but to profoundly live out the Word before the community we are entrusted to live among. He closed with the following passage:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:16-17 NIV).

Now, the *non-Christian aspect of liturgy*. At some presentations, biblical scholars are simply jerks. Their presentation style can be self-inflating and condescending to opposing views. Often, some folks sit in the audience,



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typing away on their computer to the neglect of the presenter and to the detriment of the surrounding audience. The worst example was during a paper being delivered by our own Bart Bruehler. Someone in the back of the room answered a cell call and continued in conversation until what I would call a "presentation bouncer" tossed him out. Thus, the way we operate in a liturgical setting is certainly a demonstration of the shaping which the Holy Spirit has accomplished in our lives.

So, may I ask you a parallel personal question? In a liturgical situation which we may call a classroom, "Are you letting Jesus shine?" Do you Facebook while your professor presents? Do you practice actions that sanctify or de-consecrate the classroom? In chapel, are the people around you being detracted from worship because of the light on your phone during texting? Or may I ask you to risk all for the Kingdom and actually act like a "bouncer" and asking someone not to hinder the "liturgical moment" and stop texting!

Lord,

In a moment when You are speaking to us or thru us

May the liturgical moment we cooperate within be another wonderful means of grace

May the sacred time, the sacred place, and the sanctifying effect of your corporate body reveal Your Glory on earth.

May our humanity and our shortcomings not quench the Spirit of Christ.

Amen

Now, **Go with God**

PS.

Almost all of the Bible Department at Indiana Wesleyan University is here at the SBL conference. You would be so proud. Dr. Ken Schenck presided at one session and will present a paper at another. Dr. Steve Lennox presented at a Psalms session. Dr. Bart Bruehler will present two papers this weekend. An IWU alumni Alicia Myers (PhD student @ Baylor doing her dissertation on the Gospel of John).



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**Last Week's
Trivia Winner:**

Maggie Slusher

Previous Winners:

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

Trivia

How frequently were the Israelites commanded to celebrate a year of jubilee?

- a) every 50 years
- b) every 75 years
- c) every 25 years
- d) every 100 years

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

Do you have a **practicum** on your schedule for next semester? If so, now is the time to locate a church congregation in which to serve. There are MANY local congregations looking for volunteers, practicum students. Many are willing to help with gas and provide a nice home-cooked meal with a church family. The Monday Memo would be 6 pages long (instead of 3) if all of the details for each listing were included here.

Or maybe you are looking for a **part-time** or **full-time job**. There are MANY opportunities listed below with LOTS more details on our website.

So, we invite you to visit the ministry opportunities pages on our website:
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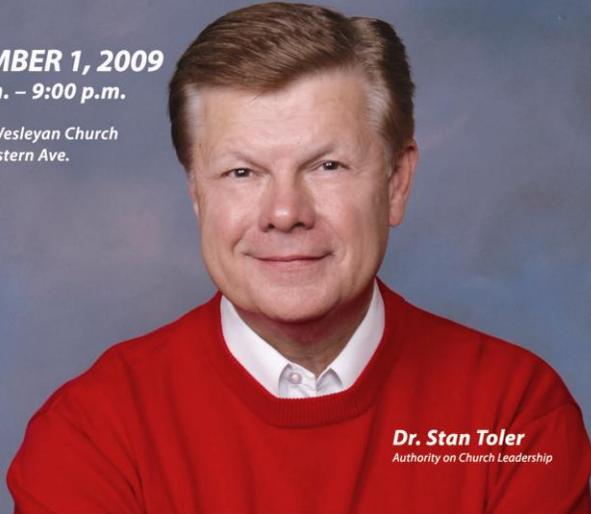
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THE FIVE STAR CHURCH

with Dr. Stan Toler

DECEMBER 1, 2009
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Lakeview Wesleyan Church
5316 S. Western Ave.
Marion, IN.



Dr. Stan Toler
Authority on Church Leadership

DR. STAN TOLER, BEST SELLING AUTHOR & EXPERT ON CHURCH LEADERSHIP



As a best selling author and dynamic communicator, Dr. Stan Toler has trained over 1 million people. Dr. Toler hosts the television program *Leadership Today*.

For several years he taught seminars for Dr. John C. Maxwell's Injoy Group. Stan Toler is founder of the Vibrant Group and is general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene. He is currently a speaker and

seminar leader for major corporations and organizations, nationally and internationally, such as Amway Corp, Goodwill Industries, Service Master, Opryland Hotels, and Sam's Wholesale Club. His monthly online leadership newsletter has impacted the internet community with practical principles for personal growth and administrative excellence.

Toler has written over 70 books, including his best-sellers, *God Has Never Failed Me, But He's Sure Scared Me to Death a Few Times*; *The Buzzards Are Circling, But God's Not Finished With Me Yet*; *God's Never Late, He's Seldom Early, He's Always Right on Time*; *The Secret Blend*; *Practical Guide to Pastoral Ministry*; *Developing a Giving Church*; and his popular *Minute Motivator* series.

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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

***Jr High Ministry – Daybreak Community Church – Lapel, IN**

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

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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