

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

Dear School of Theology & Ministry,

I am an **optimist**. I always expect the best from both people and in everyday life situations. It's the pre-supposition I have as I walk through my daily tasks and interact with everyone around me. Do I sometimes appear foolish? Maybe so. Do I sometimes get blindsided in public, sure. But I much prefer to see the glass half-full and ever increasing that the opposite.

I am also an **eternal optimist**...and I am intentionally making a spiritual play-on-words. Optimism is also how I perceive the spiritual world around me. Yes, I understand the deep and abiding affects of the Fall of mankind and I have seen human depravity at its worst. In my pre-Christian days, I even participated in it. But I know first-hand the prevenient grace of God; a gracious movement of God that goes before us and which can enlighten the heart of even the darkest soul.

- By being an **eternal optimist**, I actually believe that when the Apostle Paul says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
- Being an **eternal optimist**, I take Jesus at His word when he says, "I have overcome the World."
- Being an **eternal optimist**, I trust that Jesus' act on the Cross and in the event of the Resurrection has actually reversed the curse of the Adam and Eve in the garden, and the fullness of this reversal can be experienced in the Here and Now not just the sweet bye and bye.
- Being an **eternal optimist**, I will not settle for the fact that the atonement only affects the *penalty* of sin but actually is a complete answer to the *problem* of sin in the life of the believer; and we can actually can live above a life of mere sin-maintenance.

Is this just too good to be true? Well, that is what this week in chapel at Indiana Wesleyan University will focus on. Each day we will hear speakers who are optimists, just like me. They believe it is possible for the power of the Spirit of Christ to defeat the power of sin in each of you. Temptations *can* be resisted and the Glory of God *can* reign in you; **yes even you**.

All this week our chapels are called the *Cox Deeper Life Series*. They are presented through the generosity of Dr. Leo Cox, a former professor of Bible and Theology at Indiana Wesleyan University. His enduring passion was the message and experience of holiness. Dr. Cox believed that God, through Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, could break the power of sin in believers, enabling them to walk in whole hearted obedience to Christ, setting them free to love God with all their lives and to love their neighbor as themselves. He believed this work to be the privilege of every believer and not just the spiritually elite or those training for ministry. To this end, after his retirement, he established a lecture series at all four Wesleyan schools of higher education, in order that students would be able to hear the good news of holiness and have opportunities to experience this work of grace in their own lives.

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We usually bring in an outside speaker to present this truth to you. But once every four years, your own professors here desire to speak to you on this matter. Thus, each day this week, one of the professors from the School of Theology and Ministry will preach. Plus, we find it essential that every member of the Religion faculty actually profess this magnificent doctrine. So, someone from our faculty will also testify about the beauty of Holiness in their own lives.



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**Last Week's Trivia Winner:
Tori Tenniswood**

Trivia

Who are this week's Sticky Notes professors?

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

Previous Winners:
**Joe Kuehner, Chuck Zimmerman, Rachel Smith,
Abby III, Vanessa Small**

Dr. Leo Cox was a former professor of Bible and Theology at Indiana Wesleyan University, where he served for many years as chair of the Religion and Philosophy Division. While at Indiana Wesleyan, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Wesleyan Theological Society and became a charter member of the Evangelical Theological Society. Through his teaching, scholarship and leadership he became a well respected leader in Evangelical circles in the United States and across the world. As an ordained Wesleyan minister, he was committed to the Church of Jesus Christ and training people for leadership ministries in local churches.



Good Works, Inc. – Presentation on the Homeless Thursday, March 18th Bistro, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Good Works, Inc. will be on campus Mar 17-19., they will be hosting a special presentation on the homeless. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch with you. Good Works, Inc. will also have information regarding summer internships at the end of the presentation.

NITROGEN: A Church Planting Recruiting Experience Friday, April 30, 2010 5:00 - 10:00 pm & Saturday, May 1, 2010 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

(Optional Worship Service Experiences Saturday Night and Sunday Morning)

Come experience an introduction and orientation to the church planting movement as it is unfolding in West Michigan. **The Gathering** is for all potential planters, local churches and district/denomination teams that are feeling called or are ready to take their next steps in becoming a part of the mission field of church planting.



The Gathering will be a relational experience meeting with leaders and planners of various churches while visiting multiple church planting sites.

The Gathering will begin at IMPACT in Lowell, MI and will travel to various planting sites in the greater Grand Rapids area. IMPACT is a part of the West Michigan District which has networked to plant 18 churches since 2000 including three that IMPACT has parented.

*A word from West Michigan District Superintendent Mark Gorveatte, "We'd be delighted to create 'scholarship' opportunities for as many as 10-12 students who, upon a faculty supervisor's recommendation, would be hosted at our expense. They would only be responsible for their travel/meals to and from the event. We would provide complimentary registration, and house and feed while on-site." – **If you are interested in this opportunity, contact melissa.fipps@indwes.edu with your advisor's name.***



Representatives from Wesley Biblical Seminary (Jackson, MS) will be on the IWU campus Monday and Tuesday, March 15th and 16th, to meet with students interested in seminary. Amber Livermore, an IWU 2007 graduate, and Jessica Peabody, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Financial Aid, will have displays set up in the CM Building and in the Student Center Mallway. Call or email Amber if you would like to set up a meeting at 812-779-7282, amber.livermore@gmail.com.

PHL 430 Advanced Topics in Philosophy -- C.S. Lewis

Fall, M-W-F at 2:20

Taught by Scott Burson

*** For non-Wesleyan students who do not need to take a history/polity course, this course can count as the additional three-hour elective in philosophy/theology/church history.**



A study in the philosophy and theology of Christian writer C.S. Lewis. This course will examine Lewis's views on topics such as salvation, holiness, the nature of God, sovereignty and free will, revelation, miracles, afterlife, and reasons for belief.



Special attention will be given to the relationship between Lewis's theological beliefs and his articulation of the Christian faith. Lewis's on-going relevance in light of Postmodernity, the Emergent movement, and other contemporary cultural currents will be explored.

*This is a fun course. We read a blend of Lewis's fiction and non-fiction, including *The Great Divorce*, *The Abolition of Man*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *Miracles*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* (portions), *The Problem of Pain*, and *A Grief Observed*. Contact scott.burson@indwes.edu with any questions or for more information.*

This course covers a specialized and advanced topic in philosophy that is not covered in the normal curriculum. It is always offered with a subheading and is repeatable under a different subheading up to 12 hours. **Prerequisite: PHL-180**



Sticky Notes – Thursdays at 5 pm in the Bistro.

March 18 – Russ Gunsalus and Constance Cherry

March 25 – Steve Lennox and Steve Horst

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