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Cory
April 29 - 6:30 pm, EST
(Postmark by April 22)

Columbus 1st
May 6 - 6:30 pm, EST
(Postmark by April 29)

Mackey
May 13 - 6:30 pm, CST
(Postmark by May 6)

Cost: \$17 per person until registration deadline;

\$20 per person after registration deadline.

1/2 price for pastors and spouses.

Retired pastors, spouses or widows, & missionaries are free.

Make checks payable to SWID Prime Time & mail to:

Ross Kirkman, 76 Ridgeland Rd., Greencastle, IN 46135.

Phone: 765-653-7352 or 765-721-1296

Country Meal Menu with coffee -- Door Prizes will be awarded.

SWID CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9 CT Oakland City
10ET Terre Haute First

For further questions contact
McKenzie Woolsey at swidcq@outlook.com

2019 SWID MEN'S BREAKOUT

Saturday, March 16, 2019
Valley Mission Church

Registration begin at 8:00am CT / 9:00am ET with coffee and doughnuts, with the session starting at 9:00am CT / 10:00am ET.

Dr. James Diehl, General Superintendent Emeritus will be our featured speaker. Dr. James Diehl was elected to the Board of General Superintendents in 1993 and served 16 years in this role. As Paul described his ministry to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:11, so Dr. Diehl describes his calling - to be a pastor, a preacher, and an administrator. While laying down the administrative call, his passion continues with an ongoing preaching ministry from a pastor's heart.

To Register: Send \$25 per person (make check payable to SWID) and mail to Pastor Mark Roberts @ 117 E. St. Rd 234 Ladoga, IN 47954.

SWID TEEN BIBLE QUIZ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT ODON ALL MEETS BEGIN AT 8:00AM CT / 9:00AM ET.

CHAPTERS: JOHN 1-18

2019 SWID LADIES DAY

Saturday, March 30, 2019
10:00 AM @ THE POINT

SWID Ladies Day 2019 will be held @ The Point in Seymour, Indiana with guest speaker, Becky Keep. Becky is a freelance author and speaker. She and her family spent 13 years as missionaries to the Philippine Islands where she practiced her nurses' training treating thousands of patients throughout northern Luzon. Becky is also the sister of Kim Collingsworth.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes two speaking sessions and lunch. Vendor booths will open at 8:00am CT / 9:00am ET with the sessions opening at 9:00am CT / 10:00am ET. More details are available at www.swidladiesday.com.



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What is Happening at Evansville Grace - Rev. Brett Doninger

In September, I was talking to a new friend, Brad Taylor, who is committed to sharing Jesus with Evansville and the surrounding counties. He had some interesting ideas on how to do this and as he was sharing some of these ideas, he said: "I've been trying to find someone to go into the community with me but so far, no luck." Later, I began thinking that my schedule was pretty flexible and that I would really like to see what he does in person. I called Brad and offered to spend some time with him. He said to me, "I've been wanting to knock on doors. Would you like to knock on some doors in the neighborhood around your church?" I said, "Yes", and we made arrangements to meet on a Thursday. After I hung up the anxiety started. I had one previous experience knocking on doors for Jesus around 25 years ago. My pastor had this great idea. (Don't you love great pastor ideas?) He wanted us to go out in pairs to knock on the doors of people who hadn't attended our church in a while. My buddy Rob and I were given a list of names and addresses and were sent out to do God's work and I hated every minute of it. I came to the conclusion, "This obviously is not what God intends for me. I will never do that again."

Thursday came (far too soon) and Brad and I met at the church. We started walking across the street and Brad began to share the plan for the day. First, he said, "I'm really glad you are with me. I've felt like I was supposed to be doing this for a while but I really don't want to because it's so far outside my comfort zone. It's easier doing this with someone else." He then told me that he didn't want me to feel any pressure and that he would do all the talking if I wanted him to and I could just observe.

We knocked on about 5 doors before someone answered. Brad assured the gentleman we weren't asking for anything. We were just out trying to care for our community and were wondering if there was anything going on in his life that we could pray about. The man said "No" and closed the door. We went to the next door and it was answered by a man who also assured us that he didn't need us to pray about anything in his life but he didn't shut the door. He began to talk and we just listened. He shared with us about losing his wife a few years ago. He shared about family dissension. He shared about his concerns for three friends and family who had been diagnosed with cancer. He shared about and showed us the scars from multiple procedures on his carotid arteries... and then we prayed. When we left, this gentleman was smiling and there was a sense of peace in the air. And just like that my anxiety was gone and I couldn't wait to get to the next house.

We knocked on approximately 30 doors that day and prayed with 6 people. It was a GREAT day. I couldn't wait to share the stories with our church the following Sunday morning. Brad and I went out the next Thursday for a shorter time. We listened and talked to two guys for a long time who did not want us to pray for anything but it was still good. We ended up praying with one lady and calling it a day. I again shared the story that following Sunday. That is when something rare and wonderful happened. I had a group of guys ask if they could start doing this too. Yes, you read that right. Five guys asked if they could go out and knock on the doors of strangers to see if they could pray with them. I didn't "challenge", "encourage", or "guilt" them into it. They came to me and wanted to be a part of this strange, anxiety producing, uncomfortable adventure in loving our neighbors.

We have gone out most Thursdays since then. We have prayed with a mother of four who had just lost her job, a lady coming back from the hospital after losing a loved one, people who are worried about the health of loved ones, a lady who is waiting for a lung transplant, and many more. We were called angels by one lady who then invited three strange men into her house so that we could pray for her health and family concerns. One of our groups was knocking on a door when someone pulled up across the street and flipped them off. The group decided that was an invitation and went over and asked if they could pray for him. His attitude changed immediately. Often there are tears flowing while we are praying and always there is a sense of peace and joy as we leave.

The excitement at Grace continues to grow. We have had two of the families visit our church even though invitation is not our goal - prayer is. In fact, I don't even say what church we are from unless we are asked. Then I do let them know where we are located and what time Sunday worship starts. It's amazing what prayer, caring, and kindness can do in this world that seems so full of anger, hatred, and division. Prayer is changing Grace Church. We are becoming more Christ - like as we both pray and obey.