

# The Englewood Christian

"Seeking the city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God"

- Hebrews 11:10 -

## Nostalgia: The Abdication of Memory by Mike Bowling

All of us have pleasant memories of our past. We remember simpler times, more comfortable times, less confusing times. We remember times when we felt more vibrant, better appreciated or at least more relevant. We have strong opinions about the superiority of the way things "used to be". Some of what we remember is indeed memory, but some of it is nostalgia.

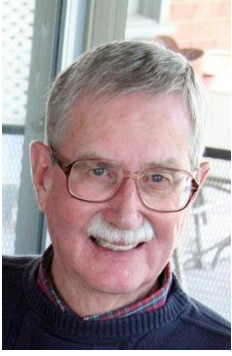
The historian, Christopher Lasch, wrote in his book *The True and Only Heaven* the following critique of nostalgia:

Nostalgia, not to be equated simply with the remembrance of things past, is better understood as an abdication of memory. It makes the past a foreign country, as David Lowenthal puts it. It obscures the connections between the past and the present. Deeply embedded both in popular culture and in academic sociology, the nostalgic attitude tends to replace historical analysis with abstract typologies...

Lasch goes on to identify "abstract typologies" as the contrast between "traditional" and "modern" society, or the distinction between "gemeinschaft" (community) and "gesellschaft" (society). These he writes "interfere with an imaginative reconstruction of our past or a sober assessment of our prospects". In other words, we often choose the lens through which we look to see the past in uncritical ways. When this happens, and we all participate in nostalgic memory to some extent, we carry with us in the present and into the future a false or incomplete memory.

I have a variety of memories of my baptism at the age of 15. Some of these memories I am quite sure have been embellished over the years. However, witnesses to my baptism heard me confess Christ as Lord and Savior on a March day in 1972. They saw me "dunked" underwater, and they saw my subsequent participation in the church at West Side Christian Church. These are the relevant memories of my baptism... a preceding declaration of shared conviction (a confession of faith), an initiatory ritual (baptism) and a conversion of identity and practice (church membership). This was a comforting time in my life. Amidst the chaos of my mother's absence while caring for her father who was dying of cancer and my father's absence as a busy journalist and active alcoholic, God gave me real peace. So of course,

Englewood's history is even more complicated than my personal story; more people and more years make it so. Let's be careful as we remember our past. We should always be asking what set of circumstances produced certain events. We should ask what convictions or assumptions could have possibly produced the actions or practices of particular historical events. Our fondness for a past time can easily become nostalgia; and as Lasch wrote, it can easily obscure the memories which are essential to discerning our future.



To our Englewood Family --

Thank you each for your expressions of love, caring and concern during Carl's illness and the memorial celebration. The gifts of food, flowers, donations to Englewood, driving me to the hospital and many other kindnesses were very much appreciated. I also want to thank those who helped with his service and the lunch which followed; your care is a sign of your greatness in serving the Lord.

Lovingly -- Helen, Diane, Tom and the grandchildren

Ben and Abby Hayes host a family-friendly game night once a month at their house at 434 N. Dearborn St. Saturday, March 17th is open to all ages, Saturday April 14 is for teens and older. Bring a snack to share if you want.

In anticipation of the failure by the US Legislature to extend DACA protection, Faith In Indiana is planning a series of concrete direct actions to get the attention of Indiana's politicians and voters. These events are planned for March 6, 7, and 8.

Tuesday March 6 - 10AM. Press conference and protest held outside Senator Joe Donnelly's office and Senator Todd Young's office on Pennsylvania Ave. downtown. Individuals will carry signs and stand together with those impacted by lack of certainty in US immigration policy.

Wednesday March 7 - Candlelight vigil at the Indianapolis ICE Office starting from Central Christian Church.

Thursday March 8 - statewide protest at detention facility in Brazil, IN. Individuals will carry signs and stand together with those impacted by lack of certainty in US immigration policy, especially those being detained in this facility.

For more info, please contact Karen Young at 317.679.2060

If you would like to "adopt a DayStar employee to pray for and encourage, please see Jeni Smith

Be on the look out for ways to help support our annual race to support housing stability for our neighbors.



## Youth Assistants

Everyone who volunteered has been assigned one time per month to help with children.

Nursery during Worship Service (10:15-11:15) on the second floor

First Sunday of the month	Ali Price
Second Sunday of the month	Amy Bowling
Third Sunday of the month	Ben Bowling
Fourth Sunday of the month	Noah Smith

Children during Conversation (11:30-12:30) in fellowship hall

First Sunday of the month	Emma Bowling	Rachel Bowling
Second Sunday of the month	Claire Price	John Bowling
Third Sunday of the month	Sophia Bowling	Miriam Smith
Fourth Sunday of the month	Alex Smith	Brian Lines

If there is a week you won't be there, you can try to arrange a switch with someone.

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## Sunday School

Nursery Sunday School (One Sunday per month)

First Sunday	Mary Clanton	Denise Bowers
Second Sunday	Amber Burleson	Todd Burleson
Third Sunday	April Adams	Isaac Adams
Fourth Sunday	Tracy Aldrich	Micah Aldrich
Fifth Sunday and sub	Jenny Dickinson	Laretta Benjamin

(13 weeks on, 13 weeks off, summer) Sub: *Wanda Sluss*

PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade		3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
Team 1(Sept-Dec)	Team 2(Jan.-May)	Team 1(Sept.-Dec.)	Team 2(Jan.-May)
Jeni Smith	Emily Sherer	Lisa Bowling	Jen May
Tracy Durcholz	Kate Anderson	OPEN	Pru Dillehay

## Worship Hour

Nursery Worship Hour

First Sunday	Becky Aldrich	Vickie Knoop
Second Sunday	Jeni Smith	Tracy Durcholz
Third Sunday	Becky Aldrich	Vickie Knoop
Fourth Sunday	Christy Bennett	Abby Hayes
Fifth Sunday	Becky Aldrich	Vickie Knoop

Junior Church (One Sunday per month)

	PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade		3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
First Sunday	Kiyomi Dickinson	Aaron Dickinson	Dave Price	Jenny Price
Second Sunday	Mark Sherer	Wil Peoples	Curtis Kester	Katie Kester
Third Sunday	Amber Lanman	Libby Bowling	Tommy Kleyn	Jacob Aldrich
Fourth Sunday	Kyle Mobley	Rubi Mallers	Ashley Haack	Andy May

## Conversation Hour

Nursery Conversation (One Sunday per month)

First Sunday	Debbie Sluss	Mary Bowling
Second Sunday	Jake Bowling	Kendra Bowling
Third Sunday	Natalie Calow	Brad Calow
Fourth Sunday	Rebekah Sweetland	Kevin Sweetland

Children Conversation (One Sunday per month) (2 weekly youth assistants)

First Sunday	Joe Bowling	Josh Bowling
Second Sunday	Tracey Spurling	Miriam Spurling
Third Sunday	Laura Dyke	Jennifer Centers
Fourth Sunday	Karen Young	Weston Young

Fifth Sundays: 12/31/17, 4/29/18, 7/29/18, 9/30/18, 12/30/18

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	🎉 tom van antwerp <b>3</b>
🎉 larry stephens don thompson <b>4</b>	🎉 oliver calow <b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Marcus Rempel book event hosted by Chris Smith - 7:00pm	🎉 lidia jiinez <b>7</b> Mano De Amistad - 7:00pm AA Group - 8:00pm	<b>8</b>	🎉 amy bowling don freeman ron freeman <b>9</b>	🎉 miles dickenson <b>10</b>
🎉 betty archer <b>11</b> Daylight Savings begins!	<b>12</b> Ministry Council - 7:00pm	<b>13</b> faith circle - 10am	🎉 carol burkes <b>14</b> Mano De Amistad - 7:00pm AA Group - 8:00pm	🎉 vickie knoop <b>15</b>	🎉 jennifer centers <b>16</b>	🎉 jacqueline servin <b>17</b> St Patrick's Day
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	🎉 janice tyra troy johnson <b>21</b> Mano De Amistad - 7:00pm AA Group - 8:00pm	<b>22</b> sixty plus - 11am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
humberto ramirez <b>25</b>	🎉 abigail overton noah smith <b>26</b>	🎉 bill oday <b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mano De Amistad - 7:00pm AA Group - 8:00pm	🎉 jeni smith <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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**We appreciate the opportunity to contribute our gifts in this way!  
You can contact Jeni Smith or Amber Lanman if you have anything  
to submit for future newsletters. Thanks!**

