

God Calls the Dedicated to Come Home

Since I became the Team Leader of Evangelism many changes have been made, and our team has had four members called home to be with God. All were contributors, and all had a dedication to Evangelism. I found these people had the heart to rise to the challenge of the task.

The first was Howard Lundblade. We had divided up into teams of two to go calling. Pastor David had drawn Howard. If you knew Howard, you would know he always looked disheveled. Not shaven, torn and stained shirt, wrinkled pants, etc. Pastor David asks me if I might remind Howard we were representing the body of Christ. Could he make a better presentation of self to go calling? I forgot to talk to Howard about his appearance. David met Howard as planned and there was Howard in a suit and tie ready to talk about God.

Next, we lost a long time member, Charles Young. He had been on the Evangelism Team over 30 years. One of the team members announced that his wife had made over 25 Prayer Shawls, and asked what we should do with them. Charles immediately said, "Let's take them to the Shut-in's." In teams of two, we went out and gave prayer shawls to all the shut-ins. What an awesome job it was to see the faces of the recipients. The program has grown to over a thousand distributed, and has been taken over by the Prayer Team.

Then, we lost Jim Weeks. Jim was a bundle of information and had been involved in churches all over the country. When we started "Mission 300", we were talking about what to do with the poster's created by all the small groups. Jim said "Let's nail them on the walls." We have been doing that ever since and have had almost 200 people give their lives to Christ.

That brings us to our latest member to go to be with God, Irene Weeks, Jim's wife. Not only did she spoil the team members with coffee and baked goods on Wednesday mornings, Irene spent tireless hours talking to people about Christ. She was famous for talking to people at the swimming pool at the "Y". She always had names for us to pray for. Irene's last program she wanted was for me to speak at the CWF luncheon this January 22nd 2014, and I am.



These people were my heroes; never stopping their work in the Body of Christ. They constantly were moving forward facing the many problems in getting programs accepted by the membership. We have been commanded by Christ to Evangelize. Not just a Team of dedicated people, but by the entire Body of Christ in Central Christian Church. These dedicated people have answered the command from Christ and will be with Him for eternity.

Won't you join us? ...**Tom Whaley**