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Northside Member, State Employee Celebrates Retirement at Age 90

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by KEVIN RADER/EYEWITNESS NEWS
Indianapolis - State employees trickle in early at Government Center South Thursday morning but by the time most of them arrived, Warren Lincoln already covered a lot of ground - about a mile, in fact.

"He goes out the door through two double doors to the right down a long hallway," said Ginger Gross. "He just zooms by you and does his thing. He moves faster than most the people who work here."

Pushing his mail cart through long hallways and through doors is a rigorous regimen for the healthiest of individuals, much less the oldest employee in state government. Warren Lincoln landed this job when he was 80.

"If you think you can't, you can't. If you think you can, you can," he said.

Now ten years later those who receive his deliveries know they are going to get more than just mail. "With every delivery goes the daily funny. The hard thing about a diet is not watching what you eat. It's watching what other people eat," Lincoln joked.

Thursday is an extra special day. At age 90 Warren Lincoln is retiring.

"There are some people who bring cheer wherever they go and others who bring cheer whenever they go," he said.

"Warren is our inspiration in here. There is quite a few in here that smoked but through him they quit smoking. He is an inspiration in here," said Gross.



Fellow church members and co-workers of Warren Lincoln have grown accustomed to his "daily funny". Now that he's bid farewell to his job with the state, Northsiders will have his humor all to themselves.

Photo courtesy of WTHR

It will be hard to find another person who takes his job as serious as Lincoln does. It's never more evident than when he's sorting unemployment applications.

"I am not just handling some pieces of paper. I am handing some people who are needing money - entitled to it and told they would get it," he said.

"A lot of people don't realize how much he does everyday," said Theresa Froelich.

But they do realize how he does it, so when he walked into his own surprise retirement party at the end of the workday and kissed Vicky his wife



Family members join co-workers in celebrating Warren Lincoln's retirement at a surprise party held at the Government Center. *Photo courtesy of WTHR*

of 63 years, the man who says it is up to you to determine how you feel felt pretty good.

What's Your Resolution?

Happy New Year! As 2007 unfolds, many of us will be making decisions that affect change in our life. We'll decide to lose weight, exercise more, give up a bad habit or start a Bible-reading plan. Someone once defined a "resolution" as something that "comes in one year and out the other." Resolutions that are based upon our own self-effort are seldom lasting changes. This world's temptations are just too alluring. But an old hymn says:

**"I am resolved no longer to linger,
charmed by the world's delight.
Things that are higher. Things that are nobler.
These have allured my sight."**

It's high time we set our mind on Jesus. And one of the best ways to do so is to invest in a Connection Group. It is in these small groups that supportive relationships are formed, Gospel truths are put into practice, and accountability is administered with grace and love. The final stanza of that hymn exclaims:

**"I am resolved and who will go with me?
Come friends without delay.
Taught by the Bible, led by the Spirit
We'll walk the heavenly way."**

I am resolved to bring people to a place where they will be taught the truth of Christ and experience the reality of His life. That is what a Connection Group should be!

Pastor's Corner

by DR. MARK HEARN
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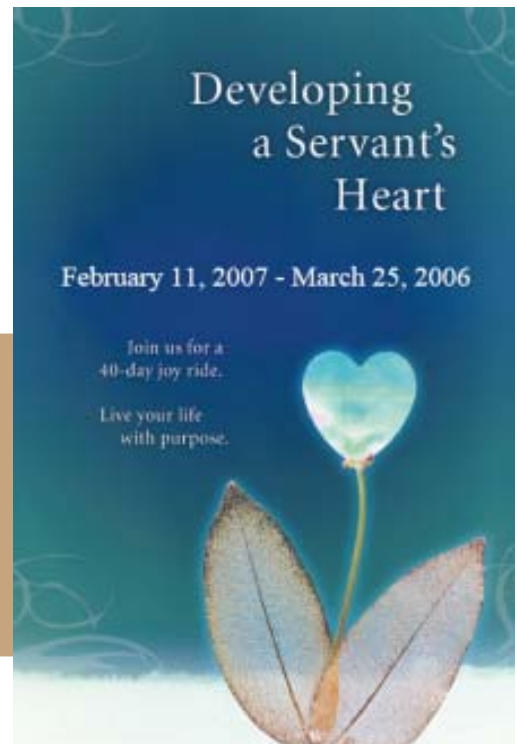
Connection Groups to Discover Gifts and Learn Value of Serving

by DARCY WILEY

2007. Are you used to the look of that yet? The new year is upon us- a time many of us normally set aside for evaluation and celebration of the past year while we look forward and set goals for the months ahead. Maybe you want to spend more quality time with the Lord in prayer and Bible study this year. Maybe you want to reach out and connect with other church members more than you have in the past. Maybe you'd like to extend a helping hand in the ministries or the church or make yourself available in the surrounding community. If any of those match up with your personal resolutions for the new year, you'll definitely want to take part in the upcoming churchwide study of "Developing a Servant's Heart". As our church continues with "Gather, Connect, Serve" as our focus, Connection Groups (On-Campus Sunday School/Off-Campus Small Groups) will be paying special attention to how to serve God by intentionally serving others. This study, beginning on February 11, will last 40 days with seven Sunday morning messages specifically tied to the weekly theme, 40 daily readings in the devotional book, weekly Connection Group meetings, Scripture memory and opportunities for service. The study will cover: Recognizing Your Design, Developing Your Heart, Discovering Your Gifts, Looking in the Mirror, Surrendering Your Past, and Experiencing the Joy of Serving. The 40 days will culminate in a celebration on March 25 as we have our Rib Fest and Chili Cook-Off.

Opportunities to Participate:

- ~ Attend Sunday mornings from February 11 through March 25.
- ~ Read the 40 daily readings in the "Developing a Servant's Heart" book.
- ~ Participate in a weekly Connection Group (Email rkennedy@worshipfortoday.com).
- ~ Memorize a simple Bible verse each week.
- ~ Serve God by intentionally serving others.



Christmas AT NORTHSIDE



Operation Christmas provided an avenue for Northsiders to team up with the Baptist Center in blessing local children and families with gifts and food for the Christmas season. Northsiders brought in 2,770 cans of soup and donated enough shoe box gifts to fill a truck bed past capacity. At the Operation Christmas party pictured here, two Northside small groups shared about the Reason for the season through an interactive storybook called "What Does God Want for Christmas?".

Photo by Jim David



Over 200 women packed the gym for Belles' Brunch on December 2. Former Northside member, Carrie Fogleman, gave an inspirational message about her experience with breast cancer and how God has used it to increase her dependence on Him. Relinquish (Kathy Martine, Bev Whitely and Jennifer Wilson) shared Christmas music in three-part harmony. *Photos by Vivian Noggle*



The NSM band, foG (friends of God), had the opportunity to share in song at the Clearwater Chik-fil-A at the beginning of December. The group shared Christmas songs along with praise and worship music. *Photo by Jim David*



At the Christmas party on December 3, the Harringtons and dozens of other families had fun getting Christmas photos taken in support of NSM's upcoming international mission. Northside musicians played throughout the night with all attendees joining in on Christmas carols as the celebration came to a close. *Photo by Jim David*