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West Side Church of God
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Friendship Club



Program & Potluck Lunch

Friday, April 8
10:30 am



Bring someone with you!
Invitations at the
Welcome Center

Sunday, April 17 ~ 10:40 am

The Chancel Choir Presents



On a Hill Too Far Away

by Randy Vader / Jay Rouse / Camp Kirland

A Powerful Easter Musical that makes the Good News of Jesus Christ come alive and takes a look at Jesus' last week—up close and personal.

April 21 ~ Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

We come together to remember Jesus' last moments with His disciples and share in communion and foot washing*

You may participate as you wish. We will meet in the sanctuary for reflection, music, and communion, then be dismissed for the foot washing service. Please watch for information in the bulletin, or see Pastor Forest or Tracie Nice.

Sunday, April 24, 2011



Sunrise Service in the Park 7:00 am

Riverside Central Gazebo (720 Nims)

A casual outdoor time for rejoicing that Jesus Christ Lives Today! (held in the Sanctuary if bad weather)

Breakfast 9:00 am Family Life Center
Join us for a delicious (& free) breakfast!

Worship Service 10:40 am Sanctuary
Celebrate & Rejoice that Jesus Christ Lives Today!

Experience God's Love for YOU!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In February, we helped 16 households (33 people)!

At the request of the Kansas Food Bank, we are changing our Food Pantry distribution policy to have the Food Pantry open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:00 am. People living in our neighborhood (Kellogg to Harry & McLean to Southwest Blvd) can receive help with a sack of non-perishable food at that time.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

Thank you for your donations which make this ministry possible.
Thank you to Janet Swearingin, our Coordinator.

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You are invited to have some **Birthdays Cake** with Rosemary Moser on Sunday, April 10, in Bartlett Hall. Come & Go from 2-4 pm

Calling All Bakers: your **donations of cookies and brownies** will be appreciated for the youth fundraiser the weekend of April 22-23. If you can wrap or bag them into single portions to sell easily, that will also be helpful. Please bring them to the church by noon on Friday, April 22. Thank you for your help!

No matter where you fit into the history or future of West Side, you will have a good time—this weekend is for all!

Saturday, May 28
5:30 pm Supper (provided)* & Musical/Social Gathering

*After Saturday's event, there will be a short practice time for Sunday morning of a Reunion Choir. All former WS choir members are welcome.

Sunday, May 29 9:00 am Donuts & Coffee Social*
10:00 am Morning Worship Service followed by a Carry In Dinner*

We invite you to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

*Please let us know you are coming as this will help us plan for the meals—264-8133 or by e-mail, or watch for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

WANTED: Pictures of West Side! The Heritage Weekend Committee is seeking pictures for the West Side digital archives. If you have pictures that you would lend to be digitally scanned, please contact the office or Tracie Nice.

DO YOU HAVE THINGS YOU want to give away? or you need? or you want to sell? or do you need help with things around the house?

Post your items on our bulletin board:
Free / Wanted / For Sale / Helping Hands

Everything you need to post your item is on the bulletin board in the hallway south of the food pantry closet.

You never know what is going to be there—check it out!



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From the Pastor

Being Positive

In our world today there are so many negative things that can bring us down. There are wars, natural disasters, political upheaval, taxes, the news, and people. Then, there are things that are closer to us like family problems, work situations, conflict with others, change, and gossip. All of this can drag us down and contribute to a negative attitude. So what can we do to remain positive? How can I help others have a positive attitude? The answer is found in **Philippians 4:8 "Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."** (NLT)

What the Bible is telling us is to remain positive. It is so easy for us in our world to be negative. We have our likes and dislikes; and when we focus only on the things we dislike, we easily become negative. The problem we seem to face is that being negative is much easier than being positive. The problem with being negative is that it makes life harder than it has to be. It can make a person judgmental and see only what is wrong. Not only does this affect our lives but it also has an effect on others. **This verse is telling us something about life. It says there are a whole lot of things that are good and positive.** By putting this verse into practice our lives become more positive. It actually makes our lives better. But this is not easy—everything around us seems to be negative. Keep this in mind though: the news is negative but the Bible is positive. The news points out everything that is wrong with the world. The Bible points to the good news of the Gospel. The good news of the Gospel is that everything that is wrong with humanity, like sin, has been turned into a positive because of what Jesus did on the Cross. When the Bible speaks of eternal life through Jesus Christ, it is talking about something positive. It tells us that one day all that is wrong in the world will be made right.

Being positive does not mean that I stick my head in the clouds and ignore the bad. **It is choosing to see the good instead of the bad.** It is seeing that the negatives can turn positive if my attitude is positive. It is seeing the good in people even when they do things I do not like. It is seeing all the good things that happen in our lives, our church, and our families. It is seeing that the good news of the Gospel is that Jesus came to turn the negatives into positives.

I want to encourage you—whatever your situation is—to look for the positives. Look for the blessing that God has brought to you and think about those things. Let us fix our thoughts on what is good and right and honorable. Let us see the beauty of the good news of Jesus Christ. Let us think about how much God loves us. Let us encourage people. Let us be positive about everything around us. Let us be happy to see each other. Let us focus on the good and not the bad. When we do this our lives will be better and the church will be stronger. May we see God's richest blessings at work in our lives for **"This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."** (Psalm 118:24)

In Christ, Pastor Forest



♦ March Governing Board Meeting Highlights ♦

- ♦ For this year, Mother's Day and Father's Day will be our regular Sunday schedule.
- ♦ Copies of the full minutes are at the Welcome Center.
- ♦ The next Governing Board meeting is April 19 at 1:00 pm in the Koinonia classroom. This meeting is open for any current member of West Side to attend.



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