

## February 2008 West Wind

West Side Church of God

January 25, 2008

### Baby Shower for

Chris, Vanessa and Baby Samuel

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

Family Life Center

A CELEBRATION!



### WSCG-Youth received \$68.09 from GoodSearch

Here is a note from the Good Search Team: *"In 2005 we launched GoodSearch.com after thinking, "What if people could support their favorite charity or school just by searching the Internet?" More than \$8 billion is generated in search engine advertising each year. What if even a percentage of that went towards good causes? We're pleased to say that the idea is working! 50,000 organizations are now on-board. The check for \$68.09 represents the fees earned by your supporters who used GoodSearch between October 2006-September 2007. It equates to approximately 1.3 cents per search. We thank you for your support and hope you'll continue to spread the word!"*

**Use GoodSearch as your search engine and help our youth group each time you search the internet.**

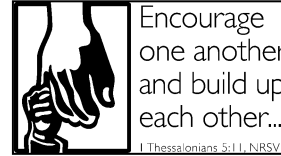
**Enter West Side Church of God (Wichita, KS)  
as the charity you want to support.**

**<http://www.goodsearch.com>**

### HOT DISH/CASSEROLE CONTEST

**Bring your recipe and prepared casserole to Bartlett Hall on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>! Everyone will have a chance to taste and vote for their favorite at a "Tasting Party" between Sunday School & church or immediately following church.**

*The winning recipe will then be submitted to the Crown Uptown Dinner Theater for its "Church Basement Ladies" casserole contest. Additional information is available on the bulletin board across from the rest rooms, or you can talk with Barbara Owens.*



Encourage  
one another  
and build up  
each other...

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

### Spreading Positive Attitudes

I used to work on a ranch, and one of my jobs was to burn brush. The great thing about Louisiana is that the grass is green much of the year due to the warm temperatures and abundance of moisture. Because the brush was surrounded by green grass, I was able to burn the brush while doing other work without the fear of it burning out of control. This is because green grass usually does not burn. But what if the grass were brown and dead? It would have been impossible for me to burn the brush because the dead grass would cause the fire to burn out of control.

A positive attitude puts people at ease. You can relax around a person who is optimistic, constructive, encouraging, helpful, and upbeat. A positive person displays a non-judgmental attitude, which has a calming effect on people. A positive attitude helps to genuinely radiate Christ's love and joy to others. "The grass is green, healthy, and full of life."

On the other hand, a negative attitude not only causes stress to others, but also affects the person with the negative attitude. Negative comments are not helpful to anyone – the person with the negative attitude or those around them. A disapproving and judgmental attitude is depressing, harmful, and fails to demonstrate the love of Christ to others. Negative attitudes can spread quickly and burn out of control. It does not stay contained to a small group of people. "The grass is brown, unsightly, and destroys life."

We want to have positive attitudes at West Side. Positive attitudes about the direction we are going as a church and about what God is doing within our lives. To do this, we will need to be positive with each other. If we greet each other with a "yes" on our face, this will let people know that we are glad they are here. We can do this more than just on Sunday mornings. It needs to happen in our Sunday School classes, CELL groups, and any other time we are together. The great news for us at West Side is that this is something we do very well.

So let me encourage you today to have a positive attitude in everything you do; and "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

In Christ, Pastor Forest

## FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to help re-stock our Food Pantry, you can:

make a financial contribution (to help with the purchase of food through the KS Food Bank/Aldi's)

bring donations of non-perishable foods:

Canned: meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, beans, chili

Other: peanut butter, pancake mix & syrup

## F. Y. I.

ICY is July 14-17 in San Antonio. High school students please see Pastor Forest as soon as possible.

Orders for **Engraved Bricks** in honor or in memory of your loved one **for the Heritage Plaza** will be taken until February 15<sup>th</sup>. \$20 each.

Please see Keith Carr or Sandra Carr for an order form.

## Pulpit/Search Committee Update

Just a short note from your Pulpit Committee. We are waiting to receive an updated list of area-wide pastors who are looking to be interims. Once we receive that list, we will be contacting individuals and awaiting their resumes. As always, we appreciate your continual support in your prayers. If you have any questions, please see Bill Owens. *Pulpit Committee: Rebecca Chandler, Melvin Longstreth, Tracie Nice, Bill Owens, Michael Winn*

## Faith Promise Missions Convention February 23 & 24

*Don & Chris Smith, our Living Links  
in Kenya, East Africa, will be our guests.*

Saturday at 5:30 pm ~ Missions Banquet FLC

*Meat, Potatoes & Drinks Provided*

*Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share.*

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

*(2007 Annual Reports & Election of Leaders)*

Please Keep the Nominating Committee in Your Prayers:

Rebecca Chandler, Jerry Malter, Rick McDonald,

Barbara Owens, Steve Smith, Edna Tomlin