



JUNE 2011

West Side Church of God
May 24, 2011

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You are Invited to Larry & Betty Jones
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, June 11 between 2-5 pm
Family Life Center, West Side Church of God
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VBS
JUNE 12-17

PANDAMANIA
Where God is Wild about You!

New Friends
Wild Games
Wild Bible
Adventures

Amazing Crafts
Incredible Music
Lip-smacking snacks

HEY, KIDS

WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO VBS?



How You Can Help

INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS &

SNACK DONATIONS

VBS
JUNE 12-17 AT THE
WELCOME CENTER

Please see our VBS Coordinator, Jessica Chandler, for more information.

THANK YOU!
to all who have already volunteered or made donations!

Friendship Club

Program & Potluck Lunch

Friday, June 10
10:30 am

Everyone is Invited
Evening of Fellowship
Saturday, June 18
6 - 10 pm
Bartlett Hall

Come & Go

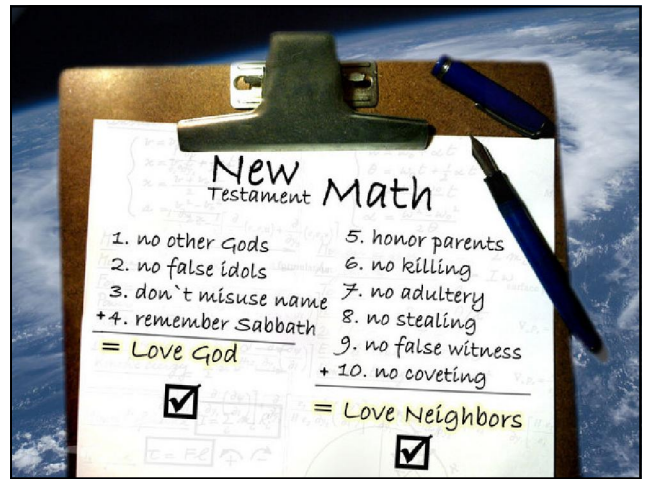
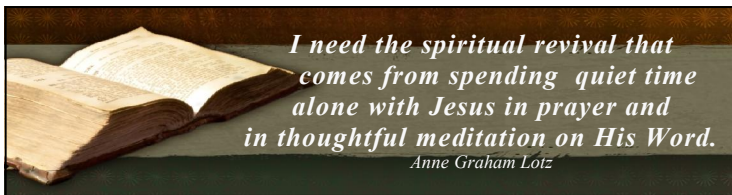
F. Y. I.

Be sure to get your new **Church Family Directory** at the Welcome Center.

Keep Informed: You will find Governing Board Meeting minutes at the Welcome Center and the Monthly Finance Reports & Weekly Giving Reports are on the board by the choir room door.

Our **Baptism Service** is set for July 10—please see Pastor Forest if you would like to be baptized.

Everyone is Invited to the VBS Party on June 17!
Watch for more information!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In April, we helped 7 households (20 people)
In May, we helped 22 households (72 people)

In case you have not heard yet, we have ended our affiliation with the Kansas Food Bank because we simply are not able to meet their new requirements, which includes purchasing 6,000 pounds of food from them per year; we only purchased about 1,900 pounds in 2010.

We will continue to run the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is open on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00-11:00.

Thank you for your donations which make this ministry possible. Thank you to Janet Swearengin, our Coordinator. Thank you to our volunteers who help on Saturdays the pantry is open.

Save The Date!

Cookie Donations and Adult Volunteers will be needed for the **youth concessions stand fund-raiser** held at our FLC on July 22-24.

Our next **Quarterly Information Meeting** is Wednesday, August 10 at 7 pm

The annual **Church of God in Kansas State Convention** is August 11 & 12 at Eastside Community Church in Wichita.



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From the Pastor

The Second Commandment and Hell

The temptation for us as humans is to make God into our own image. The second of the ten commandments says, "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth" (Ex. 20:4 NASV). Now, in our culture today, we do not have statues that we bow down to or pray to, but that does not mean we still cannot have idols. Many times as humans we want to think that God is like us, or we want to make God in our image. There is danger in doing this. The danger comes because we are following a false image of the God we claim. When we begin to attribute to God something we think He ought to be, we then make Him to be someone or something that He is not.

An example is the idea that all good people are going to heaven. It is very popular in our culture to think that all you have to do to get to heaven is to be good. If a person is considered a good person then they get a pass. This way of thinking demonstrates the problem. Many people construct their view of God by their own reasoning. It is the idea that they would not send a good person to hell, so God would not do that. But if we are going to have a correct view of God, we have to look at the person of Jesus and the Bible.

When it comes to going to heaven and hell, we have to understand why a person goes to heaven or hell. First, a person chooses heaven or hell. God has given us this choice. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 1:4-5, "For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will." God has chosen all people to be adopted as His children, but in order for this to happen, we must put our faith and trust into the person of Jesus Christ, believing that He is the Son of God and that Jesus' death and resurrection are the way to be forgiven of our sins. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus has provided our way to God and to heaven. The choice is to follow our own way, which leads to hell; or, to follow Jesus' way, which leads to God and heaven.

The second thing we must understand is the overall problem with humanity. The problem is sin and death. In Genesis 3, the first humans sinned; and as a result of their sin, death entered the world. This death is every human being's problem. A person may think that all he or she has to do then is not sin. Unfortunately for all of humanity we have all sinned (Romans 3:23); and the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23). If humanity's problem is sin, then what we need is life. Romans 6:23 says, "the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life." We can choose to remain in our sin, and thereby remain dead; or we can accept God's gift of life. This gift is the solution to our problem. The gift is Jesus. In John 10:10, Jesus tells us that He came to bring life. Through Jesus' death, He paid the penalty for sin and His resurrection overcame death. If a person wants to go to heaven, then he or she must choose Jesus and must be made alive. Jesus is life.

The idea that good people go to heaven is appealing. No one wants to see good people go to hell. But to think that being good gets you to heaven and being bad sends a person to hell is a false understanding of the Bible and God. Ravi Zacharias puts it best: "Jesus did not come to make bad people good but to make dead people live." If we want to have an accurate view of God, we must go to the Bible and go to Jesus to have a clear understanding of Him. The danger in creating God in our own image is that we put Him in our place and us in His place. But God says in Isaiah 55:8, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (NIV). We need to understand that if we want a correct view of God it will only come from the person of Jesus Christ and the Bible. Anything else and we are likely to worship a false image of the God we claim and break the second commandment.

In Christ, Pastor Forest



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