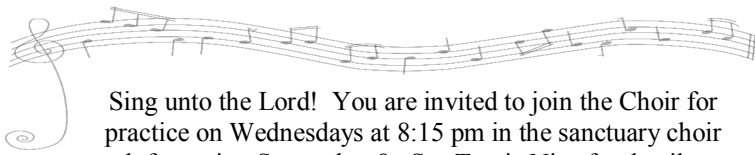




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Sing unto the Lord! You are invited to join the Choir for practice on Wednesdays at 8:15 pm in the sanctuary choir loft starting September 8. See Tracie Nice for details.

## Friendship Club



Program & Potluck Lunch

- Bring your favorite dish to share.
- Presidential Portrayal by Gene Payne
- Join us in Bartlett Hall for great food, friends, and fun!

Friday, September 10

10:30 am

## CHURCH in the PARK & Picnic Lunch September 12 11:00 am



Aley Park  
1803 S Seneca

### Invite Someone—Flyers at the Welcome Center

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you would like to bring food for our picnic. We are asking for baked beans, potato salad, chips, and desserts. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns & drinks will be provided.

Thank you—it will be a great day!

Our Worship Service will be held inside the Shelter. Bring lawn chairs for outside if you'd like.

## Church Business Meeting September 15 at 7 pm



If you would like to play on our volleyball team, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Our Christian Co-Ed Volleyball League (for ages 15 years and older) runs from September 16 – November 18. Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center. There is a small fee to play.

Please see Rachel Cole if you have any questions.

## Media Fast ~ Thursday, September 16

Rejoice in knowing that you belong to God and that He is conforming you to the image of His Son. See every event of this day as part of that process. Yield to the Spirit's prompting, and take heart that God will accomplish His will. John MacArthur



If you would like to make a small donation (any amount will help) to help re-stock our Food Pantry, you may mark your offering envelope with "Food Pantry." These funds pay for the food we get at the Kansas Food Bank. As a member of the Kansas Food Bank, we are able to purchase non-perishable food in bulk quantities at significantly reduced prices—so your donations go a long way. If you would prefer to bring food items to the pantry, please see Janet Swearingin, or get a list on the Food Pantry door.

## An Evening of Fellowship

Everyone is invited to an Evening of Fellowship, Fun & Games on Saturday, September 18 in Bartlett Hall from 6-10 pm. If you would like to bring snacks or games, feel free to. This will be an easy, simple and relaxed time for being together. Watch for more information!

Remember our youth in your prayers  
See You at the Pole (SYATP) is September 22

### ◆ August Governing Board Meeting Highlights ◆

- ◆ Annual Meeting will be November 17 to vote on new board members and the 2011 budget
- ◆ The BFC/Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 20
- ◆ The Governing Board has been working on the Facility Rental agreements and will seek the congregation's input at the next Church Business Meeting September 15.
- ◆ The Next Meeting is September 21 at 1:00 pm

Copies of the minutes from the August Governing Board meeting are at the Welcome Center.

## F. Y. I.

Do you know that you can borrow a wheelchair, walker, crutches, or cane if you need any of them? Please contact the office.

We want to get a group of West Siders together to help out at the McCormick Neighborhood Association's Clean-Up Day on October 23. Please mark your calendars & watch for details

Craft Festival "Craft Cornucopia" is being planned for Saturday, November 13 in the FLC. Please see Kathy Pugh for information.



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From the Pastor

## What Does God Want Us To Do? BELIEVE

**G**od wants us to put our trust in Him (John 6:30). As we do this, we develop Christ-like virtues. Sometimes it can be easy to think that God wants us to follow a plan like read the Bible, pray, go to church, and worship. While these are things people can do, they can still miss the point. The reason we pray and worship is to come closer to God. It is to know Him more. As people do get closer and know Him more, they develop Christ-like virtues. We learn the way Christ wants us to live.

**T**ake forgiveness for instance. If there is one virtue of the Christian faith that we know is a virtue of God, it is forgiveness. When sin entered the world, God was hurt and hurt deeply. The good news of the Gospel is that God did not hold a grudge or get bitter. Sin does anger God, but He did not let that stop Him from doing what needed to be done to provide forgiveness for people. God sent Jesus to die on the Cross so that all people could have forgiveness (John 3:16). He knew that we needed forgiveness; and without Him making a way, we could not have it. God did not let His hurt come before His love—when we look at the Cross, we know how deep His hurt was. God's love for us is more powerful than His hurt.

**W**hen people accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (that is they put their trust in Him) the first thing they experience is God's forgiveness. Forgiveness is the first thing people come to know about God. So why is it that so many Christians seem to withhold their forgiveness? Is it because they don't pray or read their Bible, or could it be that Christ-like virtues have not been developed as a result of prayer and Bible study? It could be that as Christians we think that what we are to do is read the Bible, pray, and go to church. What God wants us to do is believe in Jesus—to know Him. As we know Him and spend time with Him, we begin to develop His virtues. Reading the Bible, praying, worshipping, and going to church are things that we do to know Jesus and develop His virtues.

**W**hat God wants us to do is this—know Him. When we know Him, we become like Him. Reading the Bible, prayer, worship, church, and other Christian disciplines help us to know Him. These things are not the virtues. They are the tools that help us know God more so we can love Him better. May you, in everyday life, develop Christ-like virtues.

In Christ, Pastor Forest

