

June 2008 West Wind
West Side Church of God
May 22, 2008



PROMOTION SUNDAY JUNE 1st

Children/Youth will attend their current Sunday School class as usual. If you are being promoted, your new teacher will take you to your new class. There will be a time during the morning worship service for Promotion recognition.

*Marian Leigh Broderick
and Gregory Allen Carbin
together with their parents
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Broderick
and Rev. & Mrs. Moses Carbin
invite you to share a day of happiness
when they exchange marriage vows and
ask God's blessing as they begin their new life together
on Saturday, the fourteenth of June
two thousand and eight
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Pittman Road Church of God,
4700 Pittman Road, Kansas City, Missouri
[There is a sign-up sheet for the wedding and
reception on the bulletin board by Bartlett Hall.]*

**Sunday
School
Social**

Everyone is Invited!

June 15 *

9:30-10:20 am

Family Life Center

Breakfast Hosted by the Ambassadors' Class

** Celebrate Father's Day with us!*

** Bring your dad, grandpa, uncle, older brother, etc.*



Unity In One Accord

Acts 1:14 tells us that the disciples of Jesus and others were all in one accord. With gas prices the way they are today, we probably wish we were all in one accord as well. Hopefully, you got a chuckle out of that; or you rolled your eyes and thought what a lame attempt to be funny. I will admit it is lame. Anyway, the Bible tells us that the followers of Christ had the same desire. That desire was to pray and ask God to move within their group, in their lives, and in their community. They wanted to see God work. The key to this happening was that all the people were together (in one accord) in what they were doing.

When we look at the New Testament in the New King James version of the Bible, we find people to be in one accord 12 times. Seven times the people of God were together in their love and work for God (Acts 1:14, 2:1, 24, 4:24, 5:12, 12:20, 15:25). Three times people were angry and/or doing harm to the people of God (Acts 7:57, 18:12, 19:29). On one occasion people became followers of Christ (Acts 8:6); and on another, people were not willing to follow of Christ (Luke 14:18). What this shows to us is that people get things done when in agreement, even if it is in a negative light. The sad thing is when people are not working together.

The church has to be unified in its thinking, actions, prayers, and our praise. It is vital for the life of a congregation to believe in the vision and purpose their congregation. I heard a story about a woman who did not like the worship at her church, but thought it was great to see so many young people praising God. Sometimes we may not always agree on how things get done but when we see the bigger picture; that is, seeing all our efforts as glory to God, then we will be a movement that is unstoppable. People will come to know Christ as Lord and Savior by getting baptized and following Him.

When we look at the seven places in the book of Acts when people were praising God, we see a group of people who focused not on themselves but on God. It was easy for them to be in one accord when the focus of their work, prayers, and praise was on God and not themselves. How can we be a church that is unstoppable? We need to be a church that works together in one accord having the same focus and mindset by making God and His work our number one priority. I appreciate each one of you and the work you give to God's kingdom at West Side Church of God. May God bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

In Christ, Forest

Would you be interested in going to
GREENSBURG on a **WORK CAMP** in **OCTOBER?**

There is a sign up sheet on the board at the basement stairs. Please see Jerry Malter for more information.

Vacation Bible School

July 20 – 24 ~ 6:30 – 8 pm

*Power Lab: Discovering Jesus'
Miraculous Power*
for children ages
pre-k thru 5th grade



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We'll support our school teachers and Stanley Elementary School with helping them with **school supplies** again this year. Watch for more information and collection later this summer.

We'll support Samaritan's Purse Ministries with its **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. Watch for more information later this summer with collection of the gift-filled shoeboxes for children in November.

*I want to teach you the way of peace and true liberty. There are four things you must do. First, strive to do another's will rather than your own. Second, choose always to have less than more. Third, seek the lower places in life, dying to the need to be recognized and important. Fourth, always and in everything desire that the will of God may be completely fulfilled in you. The person who tries this will be treading the frontiers of peace and rest. from *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471), abridged/revised by James B. Smith, Renovare newsletter*