

February 2009 West Wind
West Side Church of God
January 26, 2009

Annual Business Meeting Report

The Church Council, together with the Board of Trustees, is pleased to announce we had a successful Annual Business Meeting on January 11, 2009. There were 70 qualified voters present. We presented Forest Cornwell as a candidate for the Senior Pastor position. A large majority (94%) voted to accept him. The Council and Board of Trustees felt that Pastor Forest had gone above and beyond this past year, doing double duty with the youth program, as well as the Interim pastoral duties. We felt it would be an appropriate gesture to let him take a month away from the ministry for some rest and relaxation, and also a chance for us to work on preparations for his installation on February 22. The Board of Trustees also presented a proposed budget last Sunday. This, too, was accepted with a large majority vote. We all left the meeting feeling West Side has a good start on a good year in 2009. Thank you for your support and participation.



*You are invited to a
Come & Go Open House Celebration of
Mickey Logue's 90th Birthday
Saturday, February 7th
2 - 4 p.m.
Family Life Center
(no gifts please)*

Ready, Set, Go!

I want to thank you for the confidence that you have in me. Your encouragement gives me enthusiasm and energy to lead West Side into the future. 2009 is going to be an exciting year for all of us. We have several maintenance-related projects, some of which have already begun; other projects will be ministry-type work. One in particular will be a newcomers class. We have several newcomers to our church, and I am sure they would like to know more about West Side and what we believe. Because we have a lot we would like to accomplish, we will need people to get involved. A few immediate areas we have needs for are: Welcome Center staff, Computer Techs, and Sound Techs on Sunday mornings. We have been very blessed to have several people step up to drive our van to pick up kids and youth on Wednesday evenings, and now we need a few people willing to ride along so that the driver can watch the road and not be distracted. We want to make it safe for everyone on the van. If you are willing to do any of these things, let me or our church secretary (Alison) know so we can get you on the schedule. The more volunteers we have, the less frequently people will need to serve in the schedule rotation. Training will be provided to help you understand all the ins and outs of the ministry. If you aren't able to help in any of these areas, don't worry—there will be other opportunities for ministry in the future. It is our goal to match your gifts and talents with ministries that will allow you to serve where you are best-suited.

As a church I want us to do three things: 1) Encourage each other. When we encourage each other, it gives us strength to overcome the battles we face in life; 2) Encounter God. I want our experiences with God to be real. As we pray and learn about Jesus, we will experience Him again and again in our lives, which will help us to grow in our faith; and 3) Express our faith by bringing new people to West Side so that they also can encounter God. As we work together to bring people to Christ, they will see what He is doing in our lives and will want to come to know Him in a very real way, too. By doing these three things, I believe we will honor God with our lives.

I also want to thank the church for giving me a month off before starting as Senior Pastor. I plan to go see my parents, go to Branson for a few days with Tammy, and spend a couple of days at a monastery in Atchison, Kansas. Tammy and I could not be more blessed to be here at West Side. You have been so good to us over the past six years, and for Tammy, all her life. The next years are going to be even more of a blessing as we work together as a team to build and grow the church. I pray that you will continue to encourage each other as you have encouraged me.

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If you would like to purchase an Engraved Brick in honor or in memory of someone for the Heritage Plaza, an order will be placed at the end of February. Engraved bricks are \$20 each. Please see Keith Carr for an order form or e-mail the office at wscg@wscg.kscoxmail.com



West Side Volleyball Team is forming for the league in our Family Life Center which runs February 26 - April 23 (no games played on April 9). Games are at 7:00 on Thursday nights. There is a Sign-up Sheet at the Welcome Center. Please see Rachel Cole for more information.

Mark Your Calendar ~ March 7 & 8

Faith Promise Missions Convention
Our Special Guest is Aaron Varner
Career Missionary Apprentice-Elect to Germany

*West Side Church of God
would like for you to join us
for the Installation Service
of our new pastor
Rev. Forest Cornwell
Sunday, February 22, 2009
10:40 a.m.*



*We invite you to stay for a Carry-in Dinner
in our Family Life Center after the worship service.*



Forest & Tammy
Cornwell