



# OCTOBER 2010

West Side Church of God  
September 29, 2010

## October 6 at 7 pm Quarterly Informational Meeting

SEE **September Governing Board Meeting Highlights**

### Friendship Club



Program & Potluck Lunch

Friday, October 8

10:30 am

- Bring your favorite dish to share.
- Garten's Music Instrumental Presentation
- Join us in Bartlett Hall for great food, friends, and fun!



Sign-up sheets to bring food and desserts for the dinner will be in your SS class and at the Welcome Center. Please see Ruth Carroll for more information.

Parents & Youth: State Youth Convention is November 19 & 20 at Central Community. Registration is Due October 13. Cost is \$50



Bring snacks and games if you'd like. Parents can talk with Janice or Jessica about having some of our youth provide babysitting at the church. Come & Go as your time allows. Let's enjoy being together!



Our Children's Ministry is geared up for another fun season. There are many opportunities for kids to have fun learning about Jesus. Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 with Janet Carr and Rosemary Moser as teachers. We have a great group of volunteers who work with the children during the worship service. On Wednesday nights at 7:00 Carrie Jurich and Clark Winn are teachers. The only thing we are in need of is—kids! West Side needs more children! As a congregation, we need to be praying for the children in our church and for the children that we haven't reached yet.  
Clark, Rosemary, Janet & Carrie

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



In August, we helped 31 households (92 people). We help about 11 households in a typical month.

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 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 Swearengin, or get a list on the Food Pantry door.*



### September Governing Board Meeting Highlights

- ◆ The Church Business Meeting scheduled for September 15 was rescheduled to October 6 due to the weather. There will be many updates, including discussion and voting on Facility Rentals. This will now be called "Quarterly Informational Meetings" to accurately reflect its purpose.
  - ◆ The Finance Committee and Governing Board are diligently working on the 2011 Budget for the church which accurately accounts for the giving trends in 2010 and very modest spending in 2011. Your prayer support for this will be appreciated.
  - ◆ A Nominating Committee for New Governing Board Members will be forming. Three members of the church body will be asked to serve on the committee along with two Governing Board members which will work to fill three (3) Governing Board member three-year terms.
  - ◆ The Handicapped parking space outside the north door has been expanded to make it van accessible. These spaces are available for those with proper permits.
  - ◆ The next meeting is October 19 at 1:00 pm
- Copies of the minutes from the September Governing Board meeting are at the Welcome Center.

### F. Y. I.

We will participate in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year and collect gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children around the world. Watch for details.

*If you would like to place an engraved brick in honor of, or in memory of a loved one for our Heritage Plaza, please see Keith Carr, or call the office at 264-8133. Engraved Bricks are \$20 each.*

Craft Festival "**Craft Cornucopia**" will be Saturday, November 13 in the FLC. Registration & Information at the Welcome Center, or see Kathy Pugh.

Beautiful & Inspirational **2011 Calendars** are for sale as a youth fundraiser. There are also Christmas cards and magnetic notepads available. Cost is \$5 each. The display table is in the west foyer. Please make checks out to WSCG-Youth. Thanks for your support.



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From the Pastor

## Who is God?

If we asked 100 people who God is, we will probably get 100 different answers. It is probably because of the words people use to describe God that will cause so many different answers. For the most part though, people usually see God in much of the same way; and most of their answers are incorrect. Some people see God as a police officer; they think He is out to break up a good time. Others see Him as a genie who grants their every wish. Many people see God as an old man in heaven sitting on a throne who is just a little old-fashioned. There are many who see God as a parent, which can be a good thing if the parent showed the qualities of God; but, for many, God is a demanding and demeaning parent who they are afraid of, or a parent who spoiled them, or never taught them to look outside themselves to help other people. One more idea of God is that He is a perfectionist and expects that of people. This person will be tormented by their work because it will not be good enough even if it is excellent. There are other views that people hold of God, but this list covers some of them. So, how did people come to these ideas of God? Most people came to these conclusions because of how they were brought up. It came from church, parents, teachers, circumstances, and even tragedies. If we are ever going to see God for who He is, we are going to have to abandon these ideas that we learned and search to find out who He really is.

Abandoning false views of God can be a hard thing to do. God can become, as J.B. Phillips puts it in his book *Your God is too Small*, "unfocused." It is easy to think of God as a police officer but when that view of God is shattered, people are left with a confused sense of who God is. They may draw a blank. This is a difficult way to view God because God is no longer concrete to them. People cannot put a face on God and do not know His qualities. But all is not lost. Our views of God do not have to be inadequate or unfocused because God has revealed Himself in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

We need to look at Jesus to get an accurate view of God. Jesus is God in the flesh. Jesus said in John 14:9 "He who has seen Me has seen the Father;" and in 7:17, He says "If any man will do His will, he will know the teaching, whether it be of God or whether I speak of Myself." People can know God through studying the life of Jesus and living by his teachings. These verses say that people will know who God is through the life of Jesus. In Jesus' day and today it was hard for people to get a correct view of God because they did not know the way. They had a false notion of who He was. God came in the person of Jesus Christ to show people the way (John 14:6), to show people who He is. As God was once invisible He has now come visible. If you and I are ever going to truly know God, we must seek to know Him through Jesus. A great book to read is J.B. Phillips' *Your God is too Small*. Much of what I wrote about here has come from this book. I get this book out every so often because sometimes my false views of God get in the way of my understanding of just who God is. It is a must read. May you have God's blessing as you search to know the one true God.

In Christ, Pastor Forest



## Media Fast - Monday, October 18

When you suddenly notice that  
your soul is at peace,  
may you stay quiet long enough  
to hear the still small voice of God.

Renee Miller