

West Side Baptist Church FAMILY NEWS

July 2009 Web Edition

The New Face of WSBC

This year has been one full of changes and progress for the West Side Baptist Church family. Particularly through the progression of our Capital Funds Campaign, we have seen many much-needed physical changes and improvements begin to spring up around our facility.

Holmer Hall is the most obvious example of the changes brought on by this new face lift. Holmer Hall, our most popular room for receptions, meetings and other events, has received all new carpet, paint on the walls and ceilings, powerwashed windows and new shades. This new, brighter and more inviting Holmer Hall will be the subject of a rededication ceremony on a Sunday in July, to be announced.

Another great change we have seen is the beginning of an overhaul of our landscaping. Work-

ing with some local companies, we have begun the process of brightening the exterior of the building with new flowers, plants and grass. WSBC continues to be a beacon in our community and we hope that these external changes will help our beacon shine all the brighter.

Finally, the most anticipated addition to the facility will be the elevator. The addition of an elevator will provide greater access to all of the church's many rooms and allow for greater usability of the space. A ground-breaking ceremony for the elevator site was performed on Sunday, June 28, where the first shovels of soil were turned.

We continue to thank God and our wonderful congregation for the ability to make these improvements and to better serve our congregation and the community.

Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Art Campbell

"Insufficient Memory."

Flashed across a computer screen, that message is a "groaner" for anyone who is trying to start or finish a project. It may mean (with my still inadequate knowledge of computers) that a file necessary to run a program—maybe one of the files that helps me to write this column—is missing. The file has been deleted, or it's floating around somewhere among the mysterious circuits. I must somehow locate the missing file and load it back into my computer's memory if I hope to continue.

Sometimes a church can lose important parts of its memory. We can forget all the ways the Lord has already blessed us. We can delete from our memory all the good things that are happening in our midst. We can have in our memory only negative things that don't motivate or give us enthusiasm. But when we count up and write down

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Holmer Hall after renovations. June, 2009



Holmer Hall before renovations.



MISSIONS MOMENT

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Throughout the months of June and July, WSBC will be offering our gifts to "One Great Hour of Sharing." Currently, we have collected \$2090.25 of our goal for this year of **\$2989.32** to contribute to this important cause. So far, \$50.00 has been designated specifically to the Wichita Community Church fund. This important fund provides

immediate support to those in need and whose lives have been affected by disaster. For example, this year, the Wichita Community Church, outside Anadarko, Oklahoma, was destroyed by a tornado on May 13. Part, or all, of your gift to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" fund can be designated to aid the rebuilding efforts at Wichita Community Church.



Did you know...?

The first "One Great Hour of Sharing" collection was taken in March 1949 in response to the devastation of World War II. Participants were asked to give, at a minimum, one hour's worth of their wages. Over 75,000 churches responded.

Pastor Dan Reflects

Wow! What a month! As you may notice, we are once again back at full steam with our newsletter. We are slowly but surely recovering from our data loss, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we transition to updated forms of communication.

Speaking of updates, we are nearing completion of our new church website design. Through the hard work of Jamie Cantrell, our Office Assistant, and Aaron Ansell, we are close to being able to launch. The new website will provide a place to access news and information about church and denomination goings-on, as well as a place to see pictures of events, access your newsletter, and link to other interesting sites.

On-Track Club started with a bang, and we have around 30 kids enrolled this year! Our average attendance so far has been around 25 kids per week, which is a great turn out. Thanks to everyone who is volunteering their time and energy to show kids the love of Jesus through OTC.

The couples group is in full swing, with our next event being the Second Annual WSBC Family Night at the KC T-Bones game in July. We have 21 people signed up to enjoy an evening of America's favorite past time. Don't worry if you missed out this year, because we'll do it again next year.

Even amidst the hurly-burly of summer activities, one still needs to take a moment to look towards the future. We will be forming some new ministries in the coming months that will help us in fur-

thering our bridge building for God's glory. For example, there will be a meeting to form a ministry to first time visitors on July 19. I am also looking into how we can expand some of our ministries to reach an even greater portion of our community.

Stay tuned as we provide opportunities for us to serve God and others.



Did you know...?

According to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Report, 17% of Shawnee County children under age 5 live below the poverty line. This is the highest rate of any group in Shawnee County.

It is important to keep our neighbors in mind this summer as the heat rises. Volunteer work is needed now more than ever as more and more Americans are struggling to make ends meet. There are several excellent programs in Topeka that are designed to lend aid to children and families who are struggling.

We encourage each person to use the gifts the Lord provides to make a difference in someone else's life. Please contact one of our community partners to give your time to help someone less fortunate this summer.

Let's Help

(785) 234-6208

www.letshelp.org

Doorstep, Inc.

(785) 357-5341

www.doorsteptopeka.org

Topeka Rescue Mission, Inc.

(785) 354-1744

www.trmonline.org



YOUTH CORNER

The On-Track Club A Big Success

The On-Track Club is in full-swing! The Club is in its third year of existence and continues to grow in size, interest and depth. This year's program consists of activities, field trips, visitors from local service organizations, food and games. This year's theme is called "Ready, Set, GO!" and consists of a focus on community and Christian leadership, discipleship, and evangelism.

The On-Track Club will take place every Thursday from June 11 through July 23 (excluding

July 2), from noon to 4pm. Participation is open to children entering Kindergarten through Fifth Grade and is free for all (registration is required). WSBC is happy to welcome the record turn out of over 25 children to the program this year!

Pastor Dan, who is in charge of the On-Track Club this year, is extremely excited about the new aspects that have been added to the program. The part he is looking forward to the most is the high energy worship time the kids will engage in each week.

UPCOMING YOUTH & CHILDREN'S DATES

THURSDAYS
JUNE 11 - JULY 23
(EXCL JULY 2)
ON-TRACK CLUB
NOON - 4

JULY 26
AUG 23
SEPT 12

PASTOR DAN'S ORDINATION
WORSHIP IN THE PARK
WSBC CARNIVAL

We Need Your Trash!

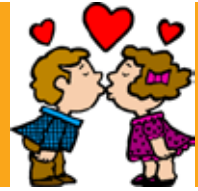
With a larger-than-expected turn-out, the On-Track Club is in need of more clean soda bottles, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, and any other clean trash that can be used for crafts.

Donations are greatly appreciated and can be left at the church office during office hours. We have received tremendous support from the congregation and hope we can continue to count on that support in the future.

"Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3

COUPLES' CORNER



Keeping Close in a Rocky Economy *by Pastor Dan*

In these tough economic times it can seem difficult to maintain a close relationship with our spouse. After all, money's tight and its tough to take in a movie and a show, send flowers, or buy a nice gift. We need to get creative with some minimal cost alternatives

that can be used to foster romance and a closer relationship between you and your spouse.

Take some time to identify some of what you and your spouse enjoy doing? Do you like to enjoy a meal together? Perhaps a picnic in the park is an option. Looking for a

night in? Try playing a board game together. Free concerts, taking a walk together in a scenic part of town...the list is endless. The key to keeping closeness in a relationship during tight times is to learn to enjoy life together.

Couples' Group Gets Swept Away By 'Up!'

The WSBC Couples group braved the heat and crowds on June 19 for a 3-D viewing of the Disney-Pixar film, "Up!" at Topoka's Hollywood Theaters. With a turnout of about 10 people, the group convened to local coffee shop, the Classic Bean (Fairlawn Plaza).

Overall, the movie seemed to be a huge success with viewers. Members of the couples' group commented on the themes surrounding values, strengths, and knowing oneself that appeared in the film and seemed to be truly engaged by the film's characters.

Participants in this month's activity ranged in age from early twenties to some of our more senior members. The beauty of

"Up!" is its appeal to a variety of audiences. Particularly appealing was its approach to the topic of generational differences and the perceptions and assumptions that we make about one another on the basis of age.

The main character of the film is 78-year old Carl Frederickson, a balloon salesman who finally fulfills his and his late wife's lifelong dreams by sailing away in their home tied to thousands of balloons. His unlikely companion in this tale is 8-year-old Wilderness Scout, Russell, who helps to show Carl that his memories of Ellie (Carl's late wife) are not tied to the things Ellie owned, but are kept within Carl's heart.

A truly emotional and enjoyable adventure, this film will capture

the heart of any viewer, young or old.

Discussion of the film developed quickly into an attempt to understand how some of the film's themes impacted our daily lives, particularly with our understanding of our relationship with Christ. How, for example, do we sometimes value our material things more than other people? What if those things have sentimental value?

Needless to say, the experience was eye-opening for all involved. We strongly encourage more of our members to join us for future events as we would like to expand these outings and open free lines of communication about topics that affect each of us on a daily basis.

If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Dan for additional information on upcoming events.

UPCOMING COUPLES' EVENTS

JULY 17	T-BONES GAME
JULY 26	"CHEW & CHAT" PASTOR DAN'S ORDINATION
AUG 21	SERVICE OUTING
AUG 23	WORSHIP IN THE PARK
SEPT 18	GAME NIGHT

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2a

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all the programs and ministries that are part of our church, we may realize how much the Lord is enabling us to be a blessing to others in the church and community, and how much the Lord can still accomplish through us.

Sometimes a computer can have "insufficient memory" to run a new program because its memory is cluttered and overloaded with files that are outdated and no longer useful. I must decide which files to delete to make room in memory for something new. So with the church. The past can clutter a church's memory, squeezing out the desire to create new ministries that will strengthen the church and its outreach.

The writer of Hebrews knew nothing about computers; but he did know much about the things that can impede the life and ministry of churches. He set before his readers a whole list of heroes of the faith. Then he wrote, "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." (12:1-2, NIV)

May those words and the realization of what God has already done sink deep into our memories.

COMMUNION SUNDAY CHOIR

We will be forming an impromptu choir for special music on Communion Sunday in July and August. We will learn a communion hymn and practice in the choir room at 10:00 am on July 5 and August 2. Come join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Nyfeler at (785)235-2376.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY

We extend our sincerest Christian sympathy to the family of Orville Lundgren. Orville passed away on Tuesday morning at 7:15 am at Brewster Place. Services for Orville were held at WSBC on Friday, June 26.

Nancy Cottril is coordinating a Bible Study to take place on October 23th and 24th. Her niece, Elizabeth Beyer Thompson, will be presenting the study. More information on the topic to be discussed will follow.

CHEW AND CHAT

"Chew and Chat" with friends and visitors at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 26 in the Fellowship Hall. Come take advantage of this opportunity to catch up on family news and to make new friends!

WELCOME MINISTRY

Do you like meeting new people? We are looking for friendly, outgoing folks to form a new welcome ministry to officially greet first time visitors! There will be an informational meeting on **July 19**, immediately following worship. Contact Pastor Dan with questions or for more information.

PASTOR DAN'S ORDINATION SERVICE

Pastor Dan's ordination will be held on July 26th at 3pm at WSBC. Please come to this special service to show your support of the official ordination of our Associate Pastor. Light refreshments will follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY 26 "CHEW & CHAT"
- JULY 26 PASTOR DAN'S ORDINATION
- AUG 23 WORSHIP IN THE PARK
- SEPT 12 WSBC CARNIVAL
- OCT 23 & 24 ADULT BIBLE STUDY

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Medical Concerns

<i>Kathy Brooks</i>	<i>Larry Brooks</i>
<i>Mel Brooks</i>	<i>Faye Goff</i>
<i>Albert Carpenter</i>	<i>Susan Carpenter</i>
<i>Nancy May</i>	<i>Russ Hunter</i>
<i>Robbie Talbot</i>	<i>Richard May, Sr.</i>
<i>Marc Brooks</i>	<i>Becky Poe</i>
<i>Larry Crossman</i>	

Families in Prayer

Family of Orville Lundgren

Our nation and leaders, those serving in our military and their families, American Baptist missionaries, and our shut-ins.

Please take the time to pray for the success of the All-Church Bible Conference on October 23 & 24.

If you need transportation to a worship service or another church-related activity, please call the church office during office hours, or you may leave a message anytime and we will return it at our first opportunity. We will be happy to arrange transportation for you!

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