

Due to great amounts of snow in the Northeast part of the U.S., the Clean-Up Buckets are needed. Let's do our part in assisting these fellow Christians! The PSK Disaster Taskforce is going to have a **Clean-Up Bucket Brigade** at the May 12th meeting of Presbytery held at Westminster Woods. Our last bucket brigade produced 284 buckets. Let's see if we can set a goal for 300 buckets (either physically or with money donated specifically for this project).

If your church plans to bring buckets to the meeting, please contact the PSK Office and/or myself as to the number of buckets you may bring so we can make proper arrangements for transportation from Westminster Woods.

If you are in the far western part of the state and want to build buckets but will not be attending the May meeting, please contact Skip Johnson revretired@gmail.com and he will make arrangements to pick up the buckets when he is in your area.

If your church does not want to assemble buckets, please consider an offering. Funds may be sent to the Presbytery Office (please note Clean-Up Buckets on your check). The average cost of a bucket is \$70.00. The Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center can fill buckets for approximately \$39.00 each so the choice is yours. The Clean-Up Bucket contents may be found on the Church World Service web site <http://www.cwsglobal.org/get-involved/kits/>.

PLEASE DO NOT deviate from the list provided on their site.

Thanks for your support and God Bless each of you.
Ernie Hull, Moderator, PSK Disaster Task Force
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PSK PW SPRING GATHERING
Tuesday, April 21, 2014
New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Registration 9:00 AM
Cost: Registration \$2.00 - Lunch \$6.00

Meeting of the Presbytery
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Westminster Woods Camp

On The Wind

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Have you....

Called the PSK Office, talked to Pastor Jay Ayers and signed up for the PSK Mission Trip to Mexico?

- Dates: May 28 – June 6, 2015
- Led by: Pastor Jay Ayers
- Place: Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico
- Cost: \$400 per person (approximately)
- Tasks: Construction project and local VBS

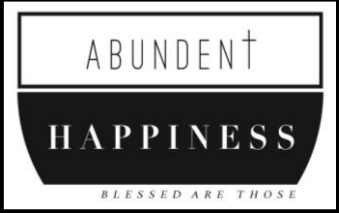
SleepLESS in Sterling

The PSK Youth Council did it again! One of the finest SleepLESS in Sterlings just concluded! Yes indeed, it was certainly a "Sterling" event! Approximately 120 Presbyterian youth and adults from all over the state (Iowa and Texas too) converged on Sterling College campus for a weekend of fun, community, and worship. The faith centered folk music/acoustic thrash duo, *Lost and Found* provided music, laughter, and spiritual reinforcement as they stopped into Sterling for the weekend on their farewell tour of the U.S. Aptly, the theme of the weekend was taken from Luke 15 as the youth and adults explored the parable trio of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal. Many laughs were guffawed, many eyes leaked tears, many friendships were forged or reformed, and the name of God glorified! Colossal Kudos to the PSK Youth Council for their stellar work and special thanks to all of the adult sponsors from all across PSK who made this event possible.

by Joseph Wiseman

Sleep "Less" participants





PSK Summer Camp 2015

Family Camp May 29-31st
3rd & 4th Grade June 2-5th
5th & 6th Grade June 8-12th
7th & 8th Grade June 15-19th
High School June 22-28th

Visit www.westminsterwoodscamp.com



It is an exciting time! A new WWW office is now under construction!

The concrete floor is poured, and walls are appearing. Volunteers working on this building project have included...

(l-r) Kaleb, Josiah, Gordon and Pastor Ben



Thank You Volunteers!

(l-r) Gordon, Scott, Bill, Aaron, Kevin, and Scott K.

Sleep "Less" participants continued →



The Perceptive Crook

Jay Ayers

Jesus once told a story about a trading firm that had a crooked accounts manager. The owner of the firm found out that this manager had been skimming some of the profits. I suppose the owner would have been happy to have the crook thrown in jail. Maybe there wasn't enough evidence for that. Instead he simply decided to fire him. He told him to turn in a complete account of all his work, and after that he would be out on the street.

So this crook of a manager took immediate action, because he knew he didn't want to end up a ditch digger or a beggar. He called in all the people who were in debt to his boss, and rewrote their contracts right on the spot. One fellow, for example, owed a hundred barrels of olive oil, and the manager told him to sign a new contract, listing it as fifty. Another guy owed a thousand bushels of wheat, and the manager had him sign a new contract, listing it as eight hundred. Of course all of these debtors knew it was dishonest, but they were happy to get these discounts. And the about-to-be-fired manager knew that all of them would owe him favors, which he would be able to cash in to take care of himself in the future.

So far it's kind of an odd story for Jesus to be telling: but what happens next seems quite bizarre. The next verse of the story (you can read it in Luke 16) tells us that the master praises the manager for his steadiness. Praise? For such dishonesty? What could that mean?

If you read the story too quickly, it can really look like Jesus praises a man for cheating his boss out of a lot of money. But that's not quite what the story says. In the story, the one doing the praising is actually the owner; and the praise he gives is not for the manager's dishonesty, but for his shrewdness. You can just see the owner shaking his head over the whole situation in the rueful admiration. Somehow this crook being tossed out had managed to land on his feet instead of falling headlong in the ditch.

The thing is, this crook was perceptive enough to recognize that he needed to take action, right away. Business as usual had worked for quite a while, but it wasn't going to stay that way. He saw that he needed to do something, and he got it done. I'm sure the owner was not happy over his loss - and yet he had a grudging admiration for a guy who could recognize the urgency of his situation and take care of it.

Then, as Jesus wrapped up the story, he asked this pointed question: how is it that the crooks out there can have the insight and initiative to get it done, while the children of the light are so slow to get that lesson? When we see that we need to take decisive action for the sake of the kingdom, why do we keep putting it off?

