



FAITH

VS.

CULTURE

“More Than Just Sometimes”

Luke 10:27

Westminster Woods Camp

February 6, 7, 8th

Middle School Retreat

www.westminsterwoodscamp.com

Young Adults at Westminster Woods

“Believing the Bible and Living That Belief” was the topic for the Young Adult ‘s January Retreat at Westminster Woods. Twenty-seven young adults shared their views & experiences with speaker Amy Baumgartner, Assoc. Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Wichita.



On The Wind

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter

The other day I had a conversation with one of the leaders of a church in the western part of the Presbytery. The frustration centered around how everyone was getting tired. Being without a Pastor for several years was taking its toll on everyone. This conversation resonated with a book I have just finished and placed in the Resource Center.

The book is “Survival of Rural America” by Richard E. Wood – University of Kansas Press. This would be a great read for anyone living in Kansas and especially in our smaller communities. Richard states that “on the high plains of Kansas, the future of rural America is at stake.” This book explores the history, the value, and the appeal of rural America, as well as, some of the reasons why so many urban dwellers still care about the fate of the communities from which so many of them came, and yet, about which they know so little. Wood traveled the back roads to discover those communities that are at risk of survival and to tell the stories of those communities that are taking positive steps to stave off depopulation. I, too, travel those back roads, at least in Southern Kansas and appreciated his insight and analysis.

This book has something to say to all of us in Southern Kansas and along with many other good resources is available in the Presbytery Resource Center.

Don Owens



Serving Others

The newspaper, *Ark City Traveler*, recently recognized the efforts of three local churches who are serving others within the community. Among those churches recognized was the First Presbyterian Church of Arkansas City. The church was the first to offer a food Ministry in Arkansas City. "Five Loaves", started with a plan to offer hot soup meals during the winter months. But as the need continued to grow so did the plan. "Five Loaves" now serves a free meal every Tuesday evening to approximately 80 persons. The newspaper article quoted Carol and Frank Mulhern, and Pastors Danny And Joyce Daniel - all founders of the program. All the volunteers involved feel they are the true recipients. Pastor Danny is quoted, "The receivers of the service have given the givers quite a bit. The people who work here come together as a group and form bonds. It's what ministry is all about."

Youth Council News

Sleep "Less" In Sterling

"Word Search"



Featuring – Lost & Found

March 20th 8:00 p.m. – March 22nd 11:00 a.m.
\$40.00 per person

Deadline: March 9, 2009 – Registration and Media Release and \$\$\$

Information: Kelly Whitesell at tgwklw@sbcglobal.net

"The Emerging Church" An Open Forum With...



Chap Clark



Shane Claiborne



Dan Kimball

March 4th 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sterling College
7:00-9:00 p.m. Hutch Comm College
March 5th 10:00 a.m. Eastminster Church

Open to the public and FREE to students
\$5 per person – pay at the door – no reservations

??? Contact – Pastor Skip Johnson 620-662-9439
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Join the "Faith Connection"

On the first Sunday every month, young adults (and all ages) get together at 5 pm at Brotherhood Church for lively worship and a great meal. Even the little ones enjoy the energy & music. Students from Friends and WSU get together with youth from around the Presbytery and folks from Brotherhood and Covenant. We sing the latest praise songs, share a delicious meal, and enjoy fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters from around the world, as we grow in faith.



Need a ride? Call Covenant Church 316-722-7613