

On The Wind

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter

“The Big Tent”

1500 Presbyterians gathered in Atlanta for four days last week for what was labeled “The Big Tent”. The event was the simultaneous gathering of a number of conferences, including the Multi-Cultural Conference, The Evangelism Conference, The Healthy Ministry Conference, Peacemaking Conference, The National Elders Conference and several others. Common worship times were one of the highlights of the event.

Attending the event along with me were Mary Knecht, Diane Monger, and Rebecca New. Each of us attending different conferences meant we didn't see each other much, but we all had good experiences. More than separate gatherings, this event gave visual testimony to the breadth of the Presbyterian Church and the many concerns we share.

Don Owens



A Korean dance team performs during a worship service at “The Big Tent”



The 2009 Westminster Woods Counselors met for a work day prior to summer camp opening. Counselors traveled to Cambridge, KS to work on the church, and at various homes. Bonnie Redford, (pictured above left) was a recipient of clean windows courtesy of the work teams.

WW Counselors Work Day

Those participating in the work day:

Missy Patterson, Melissa Yarrow, Betsy Dower, Stephan Olson, Jesse Roberts, Matt Jaderston, Kelsey Scheer, Molly McIntosh, Leah Frees, Christina Cheyney, Bethany Schmidt, Kelsey Eriksen, Dori Stevens, Rachel Fontaine, Kebra Clairborne, Andy Dinh, Lucas Whippo, Andrew Gross, Brandon Gamache, Evan Nichols, Emily Wheeler, Terri McDaniels, and Diane & Brian Wheeler.

South America - May 2009

Ray Jones (on right) of Eastminster's Missions Steering Committee traveled with Assoc. Pastor Kermit Opprecht to Quito, Ecuador to visit Mario De la Vega, (on left) of Latin America Mission. For quite a long time Mario has been a supported missionary of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. The men are standing on either side of the Equator, represented by the yellow line on the walk way.



Zenith Presbyterian Church

CELEBRATES

April 19, 2009



During morning worship time, the rededication service was led by Urban Gathman, the son of Zenith's former pastor Rev. Arthur Gathman

The 50 year-old church building is rededicated.

Participating in the **Celebration:**
(l-r) Urban Gathman, Rev. Eldin Wells, (former student pastor at Zenith), Rev. Bob Meanor, (former student pastor at Zenith) and Byron Snyder, (current temporary supply)



Congratulations to the 2009
3rd - 4th Grade Campers
You broke the attendance record
for the 3rd - 4th Grade Camps

Welcome Rev. Regina Maas to PSK and as pastor to the First Presbyterian Church, Dodge City



Northern Mexico Covenant



Pastor Ramon Garcia and Pastor Jay Ayers read the Northern Mexico Covenant prior to the reaffirmation vote and signing during the Presbiterio de Chihuahua on April 17, 2009.

Rev. Joyce Daniel, First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City, was retired & recognized during the June Presbytery meeting. (l-r Danny Daniel, Joyce Daniel, Dr. David Ross)



BABY BLESSINGS:

Blessings to the Baumgartner family on the new addition to their family – Mercy Baumgartner was born 5/24/09. Pastor Amy serves as Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

A joyful celebration occurred at the home of Pastor Angela Madden and husband Jack Scott as baby boy, Major E. Scott, was welcomed into his new family on 6/8/09. Pastor Angela serves the Pratt Presbyterian Church and also as Moderator for PSK.