



On June 9th the Mariners of First Presbyterian Church Winfield, Ks held a "Surprise" reception to celebrate **Pastor Bob Wyman's 50 years of service in the ministry of God's church.** He was ordained on June 24, 1962. There was a wonderful turn out of friends and family and Bob was truly surprised and honored that so many attended. The women of the Winfield church prepared a wonderful reception.

Pastor Bob & Susan Wyman

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As We Forgive Our Debtors

Jay Ayers

Jesus once told a story about a man who had 'invested' a great deal of money from the king's treasury, and when everything fell apart he owed the king about a hundred fifty million dollars. It was obvious that the man would never be able to repay this debt, so the king decreed that the man, his wife, and his children would all be sold as slaves, so that the king could at least recover a little of this huge loss.

The man fell on his knees before the king, pleading "Just give me time, and I will pay it all back!" But the king knew this was impossible. Still, he had pity on him; he shrugged and wrote off the debt. The man was free to go.

When the man left the palace and started down the street, he ran into a fellow who owed him five thousand dollars. He grabbed the guy by the shirt and insisted on immediate repayment. Well, the guy didn't have it, so he pleaded, "Just give me time, and I will pay it all back!" But the first man wasn't taking any chances, so he had the second fellow jailed until such time as the debt would be paid in full.

Word about this got back to the king, and he was enraged. He ordered the first guy thrown into the deepest dungeon, saying, "I forgave you that mountain of debt, and you couldn't figure out how to be merciful to someone else? Oh well, too bad for you."

It's a stark narrative, isn't it? We are used to thinking that we ask for forgiveness, and God grants it. Yet our Lord does have expectations of us, in the midst of this free-and-gracious-forgiveness business. In quite a number of places, Jesus connects our own forgiveness to the way we forgive others.

The most famous of these is right in the middle of the Lord's Prayer: forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. If you are busy holding a grudge against someone, it can make it quite awkward to ask Jesus to forgive you the same way you're not forgiving someone else.

But it can also be a moment of great freedom – if you give yourself a chance to experience it that way. When you are praying the Lord's Prayer, you can let that grudge get swallowed up in forgiveness, right then. As you say "forgive us our debts," consider all the sins that Jesus has forgiven you for; and then as you say, "as we forgive our debtors," just let that grudge go.

Presbytery Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2012
First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City, KS



Campers arrive....



Campers play....



3rd and 4th Grade Camp
Westminster Woods

Campers worship, study, share, and pray!

Congratulations Paula Steinbacher



Paula Steinbacher recently received her Masters of Divinity Degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. Paula has been under the care and direction of PSK's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Paula, who grew up as a part of the Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, attended Sterling College. Currently she works as the permanent Pulpit Supply for First Presbyterian Church, Newkirk, OK.

In addition, Paula is the new Faith Development Facilitator for the First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City, KS. Paula also serves as an adult advisor to PSK's Youth Council.



PSK Mexico Mission Trip



May 25th to June 1st...PSK Mexico Mission Trip to Liro de Los Valles Presbyterian Church, Agua Prieta, Mexico. Those loading up in the van to make the trek and to volunteer their time & talents were Amy Dame, Alexandra Olthoff, Nita Whiteman, Bill & Matthew O'Connell, Jay Ayers, Don Martinson and John Stretcher.

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

**2012 Mid-Central Region APCE Event
(Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators)**

Oasis

October 21-23, 2012

**The Elms Resort and Spa and
Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church
Excelsior Springs, MO**

Early Bird Registration by Aug 12, 2012

www.churchresourcecenter.org/oasis/



**First Presbyterian Church, Wellington
140th Anniversary Celebration
July 15, 2012**

10:30 Worship Service

Group Photograph

Covered dish dinner and fellowship time

Please contact the church at wellpresby@sutv.com

or 620-326-3581 by **July 5th if you plan to attend**

First Presbyterian Church, Winfield, shared a great contemporary worship service in the beautiful gardens of Drs. Chandy and Shanthi Samuel. The June 3, 2012, worship service offered much congregational involvement including special music and a "dialogue" sermon about *Moving Fences*. A picnic followed worship.

