

On The Wind

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Westminster Woods 50th Anniversary
Have you “Saved the Date” October 4th?

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Make Disciples of All Nations

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Matthew recounted for us an incident from that intriguing period after the resurrection but before the ascension, when Jesus met with the eleven on a mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20). As was so often the case, Matthew’s use of a detail – in this case, his using the number “eleven” – is significant. He had previously told us of the loss of two disciples: Judas (27:3-10), of course, but before that also Simon Peter (26:69-75). The two incidents are actually adjacent to each other, and together form a combination that could be entitled “The Two Disciples Who Failed.” After reporting their failures Matthew’s gospel never names either of them again.

By telling the story this way, Matthew has set us up to expect the narrative to say there were ten disciples who met Jesus. But then he stated the number as eleven: a subtle way of letting us know that even though we saw how Peter had badly washed out, having so totally failed his master that he was no longer good for anything but bitter weeping, nevertheless he had showed up and was present with the others at the mountain in Galilee. People who have failed are welcome in the circle of discipleship, if they just show up.

The next thing Matthew recorded was this fact: when the eleven saw Jesus, “they worshiped him – but some doubted” (28:17). Face to face with the risen Jesus, some of his followers still found themselves unsure, doubting their own senses, doubting the reality they saw right in front of them. They did not get kicked out for that: doubters are welcome as well, among the circle of discipleship.

That’s the background Matthew has given us for the words we now call The Great Commission: “Go and make disciples of all nations” (28:19). Jesus did not address these words to the spiritual flawless: the failures, the fearful, the doubters were all there, and all heard that final command from Jesus. Go make disciples. Here, there, and everywhere. Go do it.

And since “all authority in heaven and on earth” has been given to Jesus (28:18), we have to obey this mandate. Our doubt, our weakness, our failure won’t count as excuses; instead, we need to find the way to do what Jesus has told us. What’s your plan? What’s your church’s plan? How are you going to go about the task that he has assigned to you? How will you reach out with the gospel to make new disciples of the people in your community?

Congratulations Graduates!



Kyle Ochampaugh and Trace Woods are 2014 high school grads. Both have been active in Garden City Presbyterian Church. Kyle has provided trumpet accompaniment and was a 2012-13 Youth Elder. Trace played drums with the Praise Team and worked the sound board.



Taylor Theis and Chase Penka graduated from Larned High School on May 17th and were recognized by their church family at First Presbyterian Church, Larned. Both are looking toward new adventures as they attend college in the fall.

Synod of the Rocky Mountains presents:
Grieving Loss, Embracing Hope
September 29 - October 1, 2014
Presbyterian Church, Jackson Hole, WY
For more information visit www.synodrm.org

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September 6, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. James K. Wellman, Jr.
Various workshops available
More information to follow
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Bruce Whearty, (center) Presbyterian World Missions, joined Garden City Presbyterian on June 9th for a potluck & then he spoke to those gathered about his role which is to encourage connections between mission workers and congregations.

Attn: Clerk of Session
PSK Session Minutes Reviews
Aug 16th Garden City – 2-4 p.m.
(after Presbytery meeting)
Sept 13th Newton 9:00 a.m. – noon
Sept 13th Winfield 9:00 a.m. – noon