



Another Success Story From Brotherhood Pre-School

The little girl pictured is Tammy. She is three years old and a student this year at Brotherhood Pre-School.

Tammy's big brother

attended the Pre-School the previous year. Their mother was so pleased with her son's progress at Brotherhood Pre-School that she enrolled Tammy this year. Like her brother, Tammy spoke very little English when she arrived but she made great strides during the year thanks to her caring teachers. In early May 2012 Tammy and her family left to go visit her Grandmother in Vietnam. Brotherhood Pre-School is hopeful that Tammy will return to them next school year.

Honoring 50+ Years of Church Membership



On April 22, 2012, First Presbyterian Church Newton honored 33 persons who have been members of the church for the last 50 years or more. During the worship Service, three of the youth of the church

took turns asking each honoree different questions pertaining to their early years of membership. It was a wonderful worship service hearing all the stories the honorees had to tell. After the service there was a pot luck dinner for everyone.

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The Zacchaeus Factor

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Jesus looked around at all the crowd, all of them so enthusiastic; and then he looked up in the tree, and called out, "Zacchaeus! Come on down!" So Zacchaeus climbed down, and the next thing you knew, Jesus had invited himself home to dinner at Zacchaeus's house.

Everyone in the crowd got all upset about this. They were pretty sure that Zacchaeus was a crook. He was the chief tax collector, and he had become mighty rich, probably from skimming. They knew Jesus shouldn't be eating dinner in the home of somebody like that. Don't you just hate it, when Jesus cares about people that wicked? Don't you wish he'd just write them off, just go ahead and condemn them, instead of aiming to get them forgiven and redeemed?

In the meantime, inside the house, Zacchaeus was saying, "Anybody I've defrauded, I'll pay it back four times over. And in any case, I'm going to give half my money away, to the poor and needy." That's a pretty serious sense of restitution and compassion. It's clear that Zacchaeus was willing for this encounter with Jesus to change him in a profound way.

It's a pretty challenging story, isn't it (you can look it up: it's in Luke 19:1-10). What does it mean for us, as followers of Jesus, when Jesus keeps caring about the Zacchaeuses of this world, the people that the rest of us tend to dismiss as too sinful to bother with? What does it mean for us, as followers of Jesus, when our sense of restitution and compassion looks rather pale compared to Zacchaeus?

The annual business meeting and spring gathering of the **Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas (PWSK)** was held Saturday, April 21, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, Kansas. Sixty-seven members and guests representing 17 churches were in attendance. Morning worship was led by the Rev. Jane Brigden-Graham.

Morning speaker was Mary Jorgenson, (pictured) who participated in the Oct. 2011 Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to India. She related some of the geographical, historical, cultural, educational, caste system and religious facts about India. She told of the problems of poverty and human trafficking. Human trafficking involves sale of human organs and, mostly young women, for sexual and labor exploitation. The morning offering of \$570 was designated for the Delhi Brotherhood of Delhi, India.



Afternoon speakers were Sharon Chester and Barbara Nelson of Westwood Presbyterian Church, Wichita, who have participated for several years in the medical mission to the Dominican Republic, sponsored by Westwood Church and led by Dr. & Mrs. Suleman Sadiq, members of that church. They spoke of the great amount of preparation that goes into such missions, the different kinds of work involved and the medical accomplishments. They emphasized that it is an evangelical mission as well as medical with prayer, singing and preaching done in cooperation with local Christian leaders. An offering of 59 bottles of vitamins and \$100 to buy vitamins was received for the 2013 mission to Dominican Republic. Mary Ellen Garver, PW member from Wellington and moderator of PSK presented an Honorary Life



Membership to Jane Brigden-Graham (pictured left in white jacket) and commissioned Susan Wyman and Mary Burgett as voting representatives to the Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering, July 18-22, 2012, Orlando, FL. Those going to the Gathering from Southern Kansas include Susan Wyman, Mary Burgett, Rojean DuBois, Carolyn

Adams, Sandra Larson, Anna Fralick, Roberta Johnson, Sue Nispel, Susan Sorem and Mary Knecht.

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

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



**September 21-23, 2012
The Elms Resort and Spa
and
Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church
Excelsior Springs, MO**

Speaker: Andrew Root
Early Bird Registration by Aug 12, 2012
www.churchresourcecenter.org/oasis/

Ready, Set, GO!.....Family Camp begins the **Westminster Woods Summer Camp** season on June 1-3rd.

Continue to be in prayer for all those who serve the summer campers.

Please be in prayer as well for the many campers who will attend the following camp sessions:



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| 3 rd -4 th grade camp | June 5-8 |
| 5 th -6 th grade camp | June 11-15 |
| 7 th -8 th grade camp | June 18-22 |
| HS camp | June 25-July 1 |

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