

The Wisdom Hidden from the Wise

Once upon a time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants" (Matthew 11:25). As someone who has always tried to be wise and intelligent, I find these words to be quite challenging.

To help understand what Jesus meant, it's helpful to note how similar it was to other things he said. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 19:24). "The last will be first, and the first will be last" (Matthew 20:16).

In each of these cases what looks like a benefit actually turns out to be a handicap. You'd expect the wise to have an edge over the untutored, but it's the other way around. Similarly for the rich in spirit and the rich in dollars: they imagine they'll be in the front of the line, but they end up way at the back. All these advantages tempt us to suppose we can handle whatever life throws our way; but that overconfidence makes it harder for us to succeed.

Author Frederick Buechner explained it this way. "The trouble with being rich is that since you can solve with your checkbook virtually all of the practical problems that bedevil ordinary people, you are left in your leisure with nothing but the great human problems to contend with: how to be happy, how to love and be loved, how to find meaning and purpose in your life.

"In desperation the rich are continually tempted to believe that they can solve these problems too with their checkbooks, which is presumably what led Jesus to remark one day that for a rich man to get to heaven is about as easy as for a Mercedes to get through a revolving door" (*Wishful Thinking*).

The truth is, we all desperately need the saving grace of our Lord. Those of us who are smart or rich or popular may well imagine that we can make it on our own; but that is incorrect. It is those who know their need who cry out for salvation, and receive it.

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On The Wind

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Westminster Woods Summer Camp

We are so excited about Summer Camp 2014! The theme verse is John 1:14. Please join us in praying for everyone who is working on plans for the summer.

Summer Camp at WMW

Family Camp	May 30-June 1
3 rd -4 th grade	June 3-6
5 th -6 th grade	June 9-13
7 th -8 th grade	June 16-20
H.S. Camp	June 23-29



Camps based on the grade you are entering and will still include 2014 seniors

Visit www.westminsterwoodscamp.com

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

Would your church like to participate in some way? Please contact Carla Chrispens (office.pfced@sbcglobal.net) at First Church, El Dorado, if your church can help.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF SOUTHERN KANSAS

The Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas held their annual meeting and Spring Gathering on April 12th at First Presbyterian Church, Wichita. Approximately 60 members and guests representing 13 churches were in attendance.

Speakers for the day were Gracia Burnham of the Martin and Gracia Burnham Foundation; Gary Huffman, archivist at First Presbyterian Church, Wichita; Anne Corrison and Sandy Swank of Inter-Faith Ministries, Wichita.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected to the Coordinating Team: Sandra Larson, Moderator; Susan Wyman, Historian; Nita Whiteman, Resource Leader; Bonnie Baker, Justice & Peace Committee and Kathy Randall, Search Committee. See the Presbytery's web site for the names of all members of the PWSK Coordinating Team.

Susan Wyman sits amid the 372 Sani-Panties/Pads made by PSK Presbyterian Women and brought to the gathering for women and girls in Africa. The women also brought 149 bars of soap and 151 pairs of women's underwear. This project is sponsored by "Little Dresses for Africa" organization.



How Much Spaghetti Can You Eat?

That was the question the youth of First Presbyterian Church, Larned, were asking on April 13th when they held their last fundraiser before summer camp. The youth raised \$894.00!

It was a hungry crowd but everyone was very patient when the group ran out of spaghetti and Wendy Leiker came to the rescue by quickly making more.

The youth helped with all aspects of the dinner and were very appreciative of the church members who donated the food for the meal and came to eat spaghetti!

The Larned church youth are on their way to WMW!

Squeals of laughter as Brotherhood Pre School enjoyed a great day with the "bouncy house and slide."



Presbytery of Southern Kansas Pentecost Celebration

First Presbyterian Church, Wichita
525 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS
June 8, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Worship will include:

- * Bagpipes leading a processional of all our pastors
- * Chalice and loaves of bread from each congregation
- * Preaching by Rev. John Buchanan from Chicago
- * The Korean Children's orchestra
- * PSK Youth calling us to worship
- * A Mass choir singing the anthems that were sung at GA in 1994
- * Greetings from Presbytery, Synod and GA
- * Snacks and Fellowship before the Worship
- * Cookies and reception following the service

