

## Did you know.....

First Presbyterian Church, McPherson, has a lovely Bell Choir. Just recently they were a part of the Christmas worship services.



First Presbyterian Church, Derby, has a new addition on their building that includes a new entrance, educational classrooms and kitchen.



### Presbyterian Women of Southern Kansas SPRING GATHERING

Tuesday, April 21, 2014

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

700 E. 25<sup>TH</sup> St., Hutchinson, KS

Registration 9:00 AM

Cost: Registration \$2.00 - Lunch \$6.00

**PSK Youth Council Sleep "Less" in Sterling 2015**  
7:00 p.m. Fri, March 13<sup>th</sup> to Noon Sun, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sterling College, Sterling, KS  
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# On The Wind

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## Uh-oh, I blew my Lenten discipline ...

We've all made resolutions – at New Year's, at Lent, when starting a diet, or just because we've decided to change something. Then, even though we started all full of resolve, pretty soon a day came when we didn't manage to get it done. And usually that's the end of it right there. We didn't get it right, so we just gave up. We tried to make that change, and it didn't work, and we say "Oh well" and go on the way we were before.

We need to see the oddness of this. For some reason we all of a sudden require of ourselves perfection or nothing. If I can't do it just right, then there's no point in doing it at all. That's really a strange way to feel about things, though, isn't it? Baseball players don't quit just because they don't get a hit every time at bat. People make driving mistakes all the time, but we don't give up on driving.

And in fact, if you aren't struggling with your Lenten discipline, you probably chose one that's too easy. If you are going to grow from it, your discipline needs to be hard enough that we will probably not succeed at it perfectly. Think about it: if you picked a Lenten discipline that you knew you just couldn't fail at, it wouldn't teach you much about diligence and perseverance, would it? For the best Christian growth, you want to pick a discipline that will be a serious challenge – and that means there will probably be days when you don't get it right.

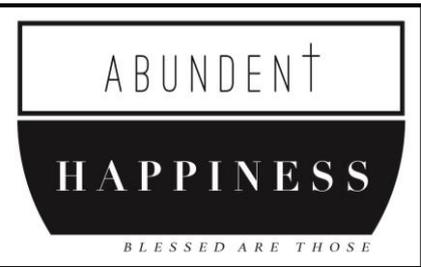
So. Whether you chose a sacrificial discipline (giving something up for Lent) or a supplementary discipline (adding something into your life, like a new program of Bible reading or prayer), what do you do when you mess up? Simple enough: just begin again, right where you are. Nobody's going to scold you about it. Just start the discipline again, today, and go on from here.

In the wisdom of the ancient church, they set the weeks leading up to Easter as a time to exercise our Christian character, encouraging people to take on a discipline that would make a difference in their life. It's a powerful way of strengthening your sense of discipleship. Go for it. And if you fail, on one or two days or for a week or more: just start over again. Lent is still here: let it be a time of steady Christian growth for you.

Jay Ayers



**Middle School students & their sponsors from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wichita, headed out the church doors on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> for their drive to the WMW Middle School Winter Retreat. (l-r Jaedyn, Debbie, Olivia, Audrey, Maggie, Nick, Kevin, Joe)**



**PSK Summer Camp 2015**  
**Family Camp May 29-31<sup>st</sup>**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade June 2-5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade June 8-12<sup>th</sup>**  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade June 15-19<sup>th</sup>**  
**High School June 22-28<sup>th</sup>**

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**PTL! A large group of middle school students attended Westminister Woods Camp Middle School Winter Retreat!**

## The Larned Newspaper Introduces Rev. Patrick Southam to the Community

The newspaper for Larned, KS, published a nice article on January 20, 2015, about Rev. Patrick Southam becoming the new pastor for **First Presbyterian Church**. The newspaper interviewed Pastor Southam and quoted him as saying "I wasn't geographically limited when I started narrowing options down, it became evident that Larned was where the Lord was calling me." He shared with the reporter that, "My mom was thrilled. She has some very wonderful friends that live in Great Bend."

During the month of January, the Deacons of **First Presbyterian Church of Newton**

asked the congregation to bring packaged diapers and wipes for the annual "Gift for Babies". This year the congregation donated boxes and packages totaling 1,392 diapers and 1,708 wipes. The diapers and wipes were given to the local Domestic Violence/Abuse Shelter and to the Salvation Army. The congregation is always very generous to this yearly program.

