

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.

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Presbytery Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Westminster Woods Camp

PSK CELEBRATES!

Sunday June 8th 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church 525 N. Broadway, Wichita
Rev. John Buchanan preaching
Mission Displays/Reception/Fellowship

During “Spring Break” time, Youth Director Joe Wiseman planned great activities for the youth at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Monday started with

clean up projects, then the group went ice skating on Tuesday, prepared and served the church meal on Wednesday, enjoyed open gym on Thursday, and went bowling on Friday afternoon. Friday night, the youth played volleyball. Saturday morning they staffed the water station for the Run2Believe 5k honoring Kylie Jobe and Kyle Thornburg. Many of the youth actually ran the race as well. The following Sat. the youth went to help at Westminster Woods. They spent the day moving LOTS of firewood!



They Said Nothing to Anyone ... by Jay Ayers

The Gospel of Mark ends in a strange way. The original narrative breaks off unexpectedly in chapter 16 after verse 8. Scholars have puzzled over this for many years – starting way back in the second century, in fact.

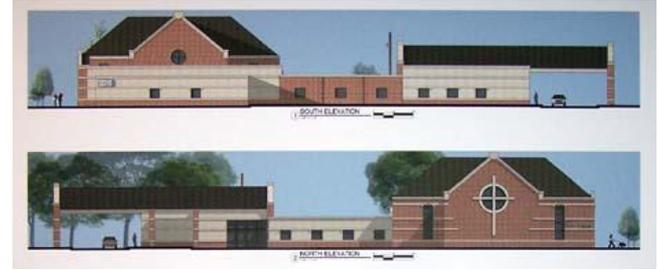
In those first eight verses we learn that three women – Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome – went to the tomb with spices to anoint the body of Jesus. When they got there they discovered that the stone had been rolled away. They saw that the tomb was empty. They saw an angel, who told them that Jesus had been raised from the dead, and instructed them to report this to the other disciples; then they should all go to Galilee where Jesus would meet them. But the women fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid ...

The ellipsis – the three dots at the end of the previous sentence – is important. They tell us that there’s supposed to be something more; something has been left out. Most English-language Bibles end the verse with a period; but in the original Greek it is plain that the verse ends in mid-sentence.

Sometime in the middle of the second century – roughly a hundred years after Mark wrote – two different copyists found themselves puzzled by the way the narrative breaks off right in mid-sentence. To fix that, each of them wrote an ending for the gospel. One of these has become known as the “longer ending.” It’s the material labeled as verses 9 through 20, and most Bibles give some sort of indication that these verses were not part of Mark’s original text. The other ending is called, not surprisingly, the “shorter ending.” It’s a bland two-sentence closing statement. The “longer ending” drew on material from the other gospels to round out the story, while the “shorter ending” just offers a couple of generalized closing lines. We don’t know the exact circumstances behind either effort; just that both of them appear to have happened during the mid to late second century.

As we all know, of course, the gospel didn’t actually stop when the women ran fearfully away from the tomb. We are all here, after all, as part of the church today, having heard and believed the message that Jesus has been raised from the dead. If the women had never told anyone for the rest of their lives about what they had learned, then no one would have ever known about Jesus. So even though they were afraid and said nothing to anyone *right that moment*, we know that

CONSTRUCTION !! On March 20, 2014, the First Presbyterian Church of Derby signed their construction contract with Key Construction and the 18-month construction loan contract with Verus Bank. The projects consist of building a new kitchen to the south of the current facility and a new educational wing to the east. Following that construction, the current educational wing will be renovated.



The Brotherhood Church Pre School took their annual city bus ride to Riverside Park for a great time on the playground equipment. This is always a fun adventure for the children!



wasn’t the end of the story: *later on* they overcame that fear and told the other disciples the message they had received from the angel that Jesus had been raised.

What Mark appears to have done is really rather intriguing: he left it for us to fill in the rest of the narrative, by recognizing that their fear did not silence Mary, Mary, and Salome forever. At some point – fairly quickly, in fact – they found their courage and told the world of the resurrection. When Mark told half their story, leaving it for us to fill in the rest, he built one more lesson into the end of his gospel that we can learn from: even though we also have often been too afraid to say anything to anyone about Jesus, we too can find our courage and tell what Jesus has done.