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Westminster Woods Camp

# On The Wind

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Prayers for the PSK Mission Trip to Mexico  
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## John Calvin, Father of Presbyterianism

Jane Brigden Graham's  
80<sup>th</sup> birthday party was  
the loveliest of tributes!  
The day was a flurry of  
surprises, food, and song,  
song, song, & song!  
Dearest guests came  
from near and far.  
Cards poured in from  
east and west.



(L-R) Jane Brigden Graham and daughter, Susan Binkowski.

The Brigden kids  
and lifelong friends waxed nostalgic with music from  
yesteryear. All joined to sing Mom's favorite hymns, concluding,  
appropriately, with a booming Hallelujah Chorus...there was barely  
a roof left on the church! Mom was speechless for days.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you, for your cards, gifts, prayers,  
and presence, in celebration of our beloved mother.

*The Brigden Kids*

*(David, Pam, Janis, Allen, Kendra, and Susan)*

The WMW office  
has a roof and  
walls! Work  
continues on the  
office. If you  
would like to help  
Contact Brian  
Wheeler today!  
316-650-3585 (cell).



John Calvin's father decided that he should become a priest; then he thought better of it, and decided he should become a lawyer, since lawyers make more money. Yet in the end, Calvin fulfilled neither of the vocations for which his father had destined him; he became instead a scholar, preacher, and churchman, in Geneva and Strasbourg.

He wrote commentaries on many of the books of the Bible, but is most famous for his work *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*, which he continued to revise over six editions, the last of which was published in 1559. It was originally written as a plea to the King of France not to persecute the Huguenots, endeavoring to demonstrate that their faith was devout, biblical, and authentically Christian; but it evolved into a treatise to explain in detail what it means that Jesus has saved us.

The language in it is vibrant and strong and sometimes quite harsh, because of Calvin's conviction that what we believe matters: he was not content to shrug and say, "Ah well, whatever anyone thinks is fine with me." At the same time, there is a remarkably warm-hearted devotional character to the work: it is a book written by a man who knows that God has been astonishingly gracious to him, and whose heart is therefore offered to God with passion and gratitude.

... though it is by our own fault that we are sinners,  
we are still [God's] creatures; though we have brought  
death upon ourselves he had created us for life.

Thus, mere gratuitous love prompts him to receive us  
into favor. *Institutes 2.16.3*

For Calvin, the Christian faith could be summed up as grace and gratitude: the grace of God, and our gratitude in receiving it. We have not deserved special treatment from our Creator, indeed we have deserved punishment; but God has chosen to be kind, merciful, and forgiving, and in response we offer ourselves to God in humble thanksgiving.

*Jay Ayers*

# Youth Fund Raising for Camp Scholarships

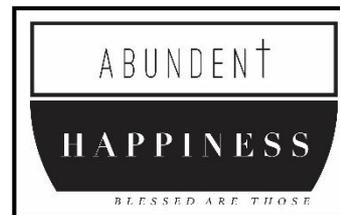
The **First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City**, youth are holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Glen Vick Memorial Pancake Feed on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon. The kids that are attending camp are responsible for selling tickets to the event, providing a jar of peanut butter and a bottle of syrup each, and serving during the event and cleaning up. Glen was a member who was very involved with the kids in our church, of all ages and all of his children grew up attending the Woods. His wife and children established a fund to help with camp costs each year and all donations received to help with this effort go into that fund to help pay at least ½ of each camper's fees (and more for those who need the extra help).

**First Presbyterian Church, Coffeyville**, is blessed in that the church's Presbyterian Women's group pays half of the camper's fees and the church, itself, pays the other half. However; for the past three years our youth (small in number, but huge in spirit!) have sponsored a potato bar in March to raise money to donate to Westminster Woods to be used in any way needed. The baked potatoes are purchased from a local restaurant and the youth prepare the toppings, relishes, and desserts. The youth decorate the tables, do the serving, and the clean-up. Baskets are placed on the tables for donations to the camp. Fifty people attended this year's potato bar & generously gave \$820.



**United Presbyterian Church, Sterling**, has a camp scholarship fund raising event each year. The community has a HUGE love for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (usually an entire weekend of festivities) and the church has hosted an Ice Cream Social. Our members/friends make homemade ice cream in all flavors and also bake cakes/brownies...funds are collected as a free will donation. Our campers take on the responsibilities of helping prepare, serve & clean up. Usually the event is well attended and the church scholarship fund is the recipient, on average, of between \$900-\$1200 each year.

**First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado**, members donate items: all kinds of furniture, appliances, toys, kitchen & household stuff, etc. The youth are in charge. They set up tables in the Youth Center and put the small items on those and the bigger items (such as appliances and furniture) are set outside. The Garage Sale is held on Friday evening and all day Saturday. It is a free-will donation, as there are no prices on items except for the larger things. In years past donations totals have usually been between \$1200-1500. Everyone wins as this is a great way for church members to get rid of those items they no longer use and for the youth to raise funds.



## 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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