

On The Wind

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I Stand at the Door

That's the title of a poem by Samuel Moor Shoemaker (1893-1963), the Episcopal minister who would become the spiritual mentor of Bill Wilson, the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. His instruction to Bill W. became the twelve steps on which AA was built, leading to the sobriety of millions of individuals.

When Shoemaker died in 1963, Billy Graham said: "Words cannot express adequately the sense of personal loss I have felt at the home-coming of our beloved Sam. What a blessing it has been for me to talk and especially pray with this giant among men. I doubt that any man in our generation has made a greater impact for God on the Christian world than did Sam Shoemaker."

Part of his poem says:

*I admire the people who go way in.
But I wish they would not forget how it was
Before they got in.*

To know the depths of the love of God: this is such a great thing. Yet the heart of Shoemaker's poem is his longing to be used by God in guiding those who are still outside the door of faith. There are millions of them: and yet most importantly there are

*One of them, two of them, ten of them,
Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.
So I shall stand by the door and wait
For those who seek it.
'I had rather be a door-keeper ...'
So I stand by the door.*

The challenge for you and me today is this: to find one of those people who is struggling along outside the door, and help them put their hand on the door to enter in to the household of faith.

Jay Ayers



Fran Calderwood, who has served the presbytery for many years, **celebrated her 80th birthday** with a reception on Sept 2nd at the United Presbyterian Church, Sterling. Fran's nieces and nephews planned a fun filled day. Over 90 friends and family members were in attendance. Family traveled from NM, TX, NC and all over KS to share in the celebration. Pictured above (l-r) are Fran, a party guest, and Rev. Tom and Elaine Robson. Pictured to the right with Fran, are Lynn Calderwood, Howard Means and Evelyn Calderwood.

Installation Service
Rev. Angela Madden

Sunday, October 21, 2012
3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
1101 Millington, Winfield
Reception to follow
Childcare provided

Installation Service
Rev. Sang Ouk Kang

Sunday, October 14, 2012
3:00 p.m.
Korean Presbyterian Church
8035 E. Gilbert, Wichita

Westminster Woods Winter Retreats 2013

Young Adult Jan. 4th – 6th

High School Jan. 18th – 20th

Middle School Feb. 1st – 3rd

Visit www.westminsterwoodscamp.com and click on the Camp Blog for Sept 5th to watch the new camp video. It is GREAT!

Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, Nov 17th
Sterling College Campus

Reminder!

Visit www.pbysk.org for employment opportunities within PSK

Helping Hands and Chainsaws!

It's Sat. Sept 15th and St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Haysville, has a parking lot full of trucks, trailers and men wielding chainsaws!



Their mission: Cut down and dispose of ten large, dead pine trees along the west side of the church's property. For three hours, the chainsaws buzzed, trees crashed down, limbs cut off, trash raked up, limbs, brush and trash loaded on to trailers and taken to the Haysville green waste yard. Tree trunks were cut up for firewood and placed on trailers/pickups.

Mission accomplished: By 11:00 a.m., the ten trees, ranging in size from 10" to 18" in diameter, and believed to be 50 years old, had been felled. Eighteen trailer loads were taken to the green waste yard and four trailers and two pickups were loaded with firewood. Ladies of the Haysville church provided a delicious lunch for the volunteers.

Thanks to the volunteers: Pastor Craig Mead, St Marks, three from Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church and 21 from First Presbyterian Church of Derby.

PSK YC - Executive Council Members



(L-R) **Historian:** Kayla S, **Co-Historian:** Cayla B, **Clerk:** Dayton W, **Moderator:** Hannah W, **Advisor:** Skylar B, and **Vice Moderator:** Christina S. Not pictured – **Editor:** Nicholas L.

On September 8th the PSK Youth Council held a meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wichita. Plans for the Westminster Woods Work Weekend (W4) Nov 16-18th were finalized. "*Umbuntu – I am because who we are*" is the theme chosen for W4. This year some youth will be part of the band leading worship during W4. We hope that all PSK youth will register early so they can be a part of this amazing experience! The guest speaker for the YC spring conference, Sleep"less" in Sterling, will be G.A. Vice Moderator, Tom Trinidad. The theme for Sleep"less" will be "*Casserole*." It is the hope of YC that this theme will open up conversation about the many different ways for all of us to "unify."

Submitted by: Nicholas L.

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PSK Youth Council Work Weekend Nov 16-18, 2012

Westminster Woods Camp

Register online at:

www.w4.ezregister.com