



Kansas Mini-Messenger

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Dear

Happy New Year! We hope that you are having an excellent Christmas season, experiencing the Incarnation of God among us. Thank you for your support of the Christian Church in Kansas through the Christmas offerings; your gifts will make ministries possible in this new year.

Camp Work Days set for spring!

Please join us in sprucing up Disciples Center at Tawakoni, getting the camp ready for spring and summer use. The 2012 Work Days are March 1-3 and May 17-19. Tasks include winter cleanup, painting, and repairs of all kinds. You may even have spotted a project that needs attention; everyone is welcome! Individuals and groups are encouraged to come for any portion of those days; work begins Thursday mid-morning and ends mid-day Saturday. Of particular need is those who will do serious deep-cleaning in the sleeping cabins.

There is no cost for food or housing; please let us know that you are coming so that we can feed you well. To register or to ask a question, email Steve Martin, smartin@kansasdisciples.org, or call the Topeka office at 785-266-2914.

Church Anniversary

Belmont Boulevard Christian Church in Salina invites you to help celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29. Under the theme **Golden Homecoming – Celebrating God's Blessings**, events include a come-and-go fellowship reception Saturday from 3-7 p.m., Sunday morning coffee time

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at 9:30, then worship at 10:30, followed by a potluck dinner and sharing.

Dr. Paxton Jones, Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas, and former pastor of the congregation will bring the sermon. In 50 years BBCC has raised up nine Timothys and Priscillas as ministers. Along with other former ministers of the church, several of them will also participate in the worship service.

Need Help With Stewardship?

Have you discovered the truth of the *supreme beatitude*? The words of Jesus, quoted in Acts 20:35, are ***Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving*** (New English Bible). You might have experienced this joy as you watched your children or grandchildren open Christmas packages. What fun, as they tore off the bows and wrapping paper! What Jesus said really is true; it is more blessed to give than to receive.

JOY that comes from giving! As Minister of Stewardship Education, Jim McCollough encourages congregations to teach this concept year-round, not just during your stewardship emphasis. To help us learn that stewardship is not fund-raising, we need to talk about the joy of giving more often than just before voting on a budget.

Jim is available! January is full; there are openings in February and months following. Please give Jim McCollough a call at 785-266-2914 or an email at jimmccollough@cox.net to visit your congregation and help you establish a year-round program for teaching stewardship!

SE District to host Christian Piatt

Southeast district will host a day of workshops, keynotes and fellowship on March 10 at Pittsburg FCC. Christian Piatt of Pueblo, CO will bring two keynotes and a workshop on the general theme of "reaching the younger generations." Others to lead workshops include Kirby Gould of Christian Church Foundation, and Brandon Gilvin of Week of Compassion.

Piatt, a member of Generation X himself, is a popular speaker and the author of several recent books. Registration for the day-long event is \$6, and includes lunch. For further details contact Steve Martin, smartin@kansasdisciples.org.

Holiday Schedule

Regional offices are closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16. It seems highly appropriate for ministries to observe the only federal holiday in honor of a minister.