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SE MESSENGER

Reflections

A moment to brag: my wife, Debby and I were at Drury University, where our daughter performed her Senior Recital. An hour of wonderful music on the bassoon and tenor saxophone! I sat back in amazement: Amanda showed nearly no anxiety and played with amazing clarity and confidence! And I had to ask myself: Who's child is this? I know Amanda is serious about her studies, and for that I am grateful. But I sometimes take for granted her abilities and it provides me with a bit of surprise!

Why should we be surprised by God's blessings? For me, this spring in particular provides both surprise and relief! Given our winter, I thought spring would never come! Unfortunately, the blessings we receive from God are often unexpected as well. The lessons we learn from our difficulties... the growth we receive from our challenges... the benefits of prayer and patience... all these and more are unexpected blessings. Our journey with God is without an evident map; it is something which we learn and experience through daily faithfulness to the One who names us and calls us.

I know we struggle in the church—and in our personal lives as well—as this current age is anything but what we expected! Relationships and finances and security and all the rest are without much guarantee! But... God's love and grace are sufficient for these times. This is the lesson I need to continually relearn. I expect it may be similar for you as well.

May we be found faithful,

Steve M.

Upcoming Events

May 4—SE Clergy Mtgs.
9:30 a.m. FCC, Pittsburg
1:00 p.m. FCC, Independence

May 31—Memorial Day
Regional Offices Closed

June 1—Camp opens!

**Camps still open—please send
Registrations soon!**

**Directors are securing staff—
call Steve if you would like to
serve!**

**Camps are closed 10 days
prior to the event!**

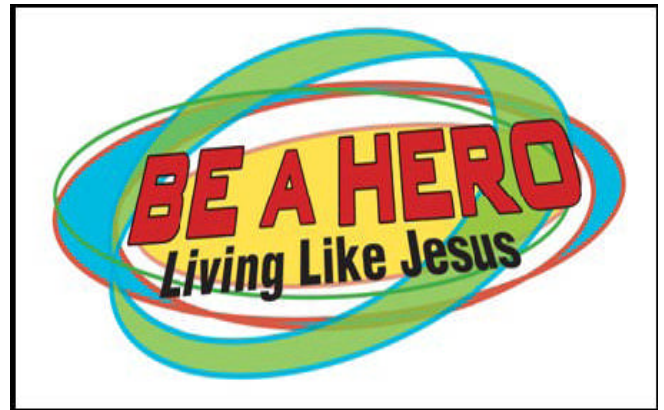
Steve's May Calendar:

- 1 Drury
- 2 Listening Conference, Cheney
- 3 Office
- 4 SE Clergy Mtgs.
- 5 Office
- 6-7 Camp Tawakoni
- 9 Church Visit
- 10-14 Office
- 16 Church Visit
- 17 Office
- 18 Staff Meeting, Great Bend
- 19-21 Office
- 23 Church Visit
- 24-29 Camp Tawakoni
- 30 Day Off
- 31 Memorial Day, Reg'l Offices Closed

[Calendar subject to change]

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- May 2 Listening Conference, Cheney AND Garden City
- May 4 Listening Conference, Galva
- May 6 Listening Conference, Atchison
- May 11 Listening Conference, Colby



August 13-14

Youth Sponsors' Retreat ...
featuring Randy Kuss,
Indianapolis, IN

God At Center, II

Save the date!

\$45—lodging, meals, program

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Specialty Camps—still time to enroll!

Grand Camps—June 24-26 OR June 28-30
\$100/adult and \$25/child

X-treme Challenge—for youth grade 11—
College ages—July 9-11—\$160

Camp Friendship—July 21-24—counselors,
grade 10-college age—\$60

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