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SE MESSENGER

Steve's Reflections

The celebrations of the resurrected Christ are now in our recent past—and in Topeka we felt fortunate to see the sunshine as well! I trust you each found renewal of spirit throughout your Lenten season... and you are now ready for the summer!

It may be hard to imagine—but summer will be here before we know it. And... of course—camp programs are on the top of my mind! No, we're not ready! There are still a number of projects which need completion—and Work Days are scheduled for **May 5-7**. Training for counselors and others continues. Anticipation of improvements at the camp (including new Convection Ovens!) and a surprises at the pool... all of these are nearing the annual opening of camp.

In the midst of these realities—I find it difficult to remember “one day at a time.” I want to see it all ready, now! I want to hear the laughter of kids now! I want to know everyone is ready for camp ministries and all the joys now! My prayer is constantly “those who wait on the Lord... will find renewed spirit. Teach me Lord, to wait!” May it be so!

Blessings,
Steve

Upcoming Events:

April 30—Camp Registrations due!

May 3—Clergy Cluster Mtgs.
FCC, Pittsburg and
FCC, Independence

May 5-7—Workdays at
Disciple Center at Tawakoni

May 8—Mother's Day

May 30—Memorial Day
Regional Offices Closed

TEAM² Event—
Aug 26-27, Hillside CC

CAMP GALA

September 17

Mark your calendars please!

Steve's May Calendar:

1—Drury
2—off
3— SE Clergy meetings, Pitt, Indy
5-7—Work Days at camp
7— Young Adult planning
9— KDYC planning
13-15—Drury, graduation!
16—Staff (tentative)
23-27—camp prep/training
31— camps begin!!

[Calendar subject to change]

Improved Background Check and Training Introduced!

The camping ministry program has used various procedures to ensure the safety of our children (and leaders). Beginning this spring we are using a service provided by our insurance carrier—Presidium.

Presidium not only offers a thorough and affordable background check service. It also offers online training in three modules, which individuals take at their own convenience. Each segment takes 30-40 minutes to complete; and upon completion, the Administrator (Steve Martin) receives a report of successful completion.

Using Presidium is not only convenient, but it is also thorough and much more effective due to the updated information and better coverage of materials.

Any who have questions are encouraged to call Steve Martin for further information.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

May 3 KDM Cabinet, Fairview CC, Wichita
May 6-7 Mentor Retreat, Disciples Center
May 17-19 Bethany Project, Heartland Center
For Spirituality, Great Bend
May 24 KS Bible Chair Task Force, Topeka
May 24 Boundaries Trng., FCC, Great Bend
May 31-June 4 Junior 1 Camp, Disciples Center

Workdays at Disciples Center at Tawakoni May 5-7



Oven Campaign HUGE Success!

Thanks to all who made donations to the campaign to purchase a new, Double Convection Oven!

We are so pleased with the results! Churches, Groups, Individuals all came together to raise \$5500 in a few short weeks!

Drop in and see the new ovens which will arrive early in May.

Kids (and adults) will all eat well this summer!!

BOUNDARIES TRAINING 2011

**May 24 at FCC Great Bend,
July 30 at Woodridge Christian Church in Wichita,
or August 4 at the Regional Office in Topeka**

10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00

The topic of "Clergy Boundaries" is a crucial and timely one in today's society. All members of the clergy (and all church lay leaders) should be informed about such legal and ethical issues as they relate to the church and ministry. This year's focus is on the Ministerial Code of Ethics and Ethical Guidelines for Congregations.

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