

SE MESSENGER

Reflections

Well, the long-anticipated Camp Gala is now history—and a good history, as the results show a total of \$28,658—up \$4,268 from last year! What a joy—we all had a great time!

I recently heard on the news that Kansas folks are “big on volunteerism.” They quoted figures, yet I don’t recall these. But I do know from experience that Kansans have “big heart.” That means folks like to come together and invest themselves in things that matter. Its not fun to get together and gripe; it is good to be together, and to work and sweat and make good things happen. That is my experience—and that was truly represented by all who invested themselves in the successful Gala!

But, its not about raising money, is it? More importantly, it is about investing in the future of our Church and its leadership. We know from experience that those who are part of the camp program (both youth and adults) are in fact the best leaders in our churches. These are the folks who know and value what it means to be invested in the faith community. These people know what a difference God can make in one’s life; and, they want others to know this same joy!

May God continue to bless our efforts as we give ourselves more fully to God’s Spirit....now and in the future.

Many blessings and God-speed,

Steve

Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 7—SE Clergy Cluster
FCC, Chanute**

**Dec. 24-27—Christmas
Regional Offices Closed**

**Dec. 31-Jan. 3—New Year’s
Regional Offices Closed**

Jan. 7-9—Young Adult Retreat

**Jan 18-19—Ministers’ Week,
PTS**

**Feb. 7-10—Ministers’ Week,
TCU**

Feb. 18-20—Chi Rho Retreat

March 4-6—CYF Retreat

Steve's December Calendar:

[Calendar subject to change]

2-4—Emerging Church workshop, TCU

5—Jazz Christmas Concert, Community CC, KC, MO

7— SE Clergy, Chanute, 10:00

10—Personnel interviews

15-31—Vacation days

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 24-27 Christmas Holiday—Offices Closed
Dec. 31-Jan3 New Years Holiday—Offices Closed
Jan. 7-8 KCYF Cabinet, Disciples Center
Jan. 7-9 College-Age Retreat, Disciples Center
Jan. 18-19 Minister's Week, PTS, Tulsa, OK

**KCYF SPRING RETREAT
March 4-6, 2011**

Disciples Center at Tawakoni

The retreat will feature Russ Boyd,
Minister of Youth at University
Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX

Russ will lead youth to consider the
Core Values of the DOC Church.

Registration Fee: \$55.00

Chi Rho Retreat
Feb. 18-20,
Disciples Center at Tawakoni

Featuring: Sam Augustin

Jesus: Actions Which Make a Difference!

\$55.00—due Feb. 4
(Flier/Application on website)

**Young Adult Retreat,
Jan. 7-9—D Center/Tawakoni**

Featuring....

***"Life on the
Edge..."***



Presented by
Geoff Brewster, Director of Church Relations, PTS,
Tulsa

\$25—deadline is Jan. 2

Flier on website, kansasdiscalples.org

Thanks to all who supported the Gala!!
Churches, individuals, youth, everyone!

Here are the results:

- Registrations—\$5,465
- Auction—\$15,271
- Donations—\$5,810
- Scholarships—\$1645
- Tip jars (scholarships) - \$468

Total revenues are up by \$4,268!!
What a tremendous joy for youth and the camp!

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