

# SE MESSENGER

## *Reflections*

Where does the time go?? This is such a frequent question. In a recent staff devotion this issue was raised. The author quoted from one of my favorite hymns, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The line is familiar: "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day."

Yes, "time marches on!" Seems like yesterday we were opening camp—and now we're working on evaluations! Seems like yesterday....I know you can fill in the blank!

But even as we experience the passing of time, we can be assured that God's strength and comfort and grace are ever-present, regardless of our current situation. As we look toward yet another fall—and the hope for cooler temperatures – let us not overlook the blessings of our present day. The blessings we enjoy—the beauty and wonder and graces—all these and more are present to remind us of an ever-present Loving God.

May we find ourselves faithful in God's eyes as we continue to serve God and others!

Much prayer....Steve Martin

### **Upcoming Events:**

5—Labor Day  
*Regional Offices Closed*

6—*SE Clergy, Parsons*

11—*SE Cabinet, Parsons*

17—*Gala at Disciples Center—please call Topeka office to confirm your attendance.*

23-24—*Men's Retreat*

23-24—*Camp Program Team meets*

## Steve's September Calendar:

1—office  
2-5—holiday/vacation  
6—Parsons—Clergy meet!  
7—Topeka, Staff meeting  
8-9—office  
11—Girard  
12-15—office  
16-17—camp for Gala!  
18—visit  
19—Salina  
20-22—office  
23-24—camp  
25—visit  
26-30—vacation???

*[Calendar subject to change]*

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 17 Gala, Disciples Center at Tawakoni  
Sept. 23-24 KS Disciples Men Retreat, Disciples Center at Tawakoni

KDYC 2011

"Intersection: Cross & Community"

Nov 11-13—Ramada Inn, Hutchinson

Featuring **Aaron Marez** of Ft Worth  
And **Brian Nixon** & Friends leading worship!

\$45 per person (\$55 after Oct 11)

Hotel rooms, \$79 — call 800-362-5018 to reserve before Oct. 21

Details at [www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org)

## Kansas Disciples Women Retreat

### LOOKING PAST THE CHURCH'S DOOR



Midweek October 5-7  
Weekend October 7-9

Disciples Center at Tawakoni



Disciple Men's Retreat

September 23-24

Disciples Center  
at Tawakoni

"Discovering the Joy of Being Different,  
Yet United in Christ"

Facilitator: Rev. Sotello Long

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