



The Link

March 7, 2010

“We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace. We will become a world-wide church dedicated to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit.”

NO, NO! Bad Doggy!

“Uh, Gee. Well, er,...>Hi<. My name is *No-No-Bad-Doggy*. You really don’t want to know me. I’m a worthless hound. How do I know, you ask? Well, the boss keeps telling me so. I don’t doubt it. He’s right, isn’t he? He’s the boss. I keep my tail tucked between my legs and try to mind my own business, but it doesn’t seem to help. I get in trouble without even trying, so I don’t try. I bump into things and have accidents and get kicked a lot. It’s been going on since I was a puppy. Every once in a while I get really mad and bite somebody or tear something up. I know I shouldn’t, but it’s who I must be. By the way, I didn’t catch your name, pooch.”

“HHHHH, HHHHH, My name is *Good-Doggy, Gooooood—Doggy*. Sorry to hear your story. You aren’t a worthless hound. You are a valuable pooch and so am I. How do I know? First, my Master told me so. Then, I learned for myself it is really so. Sure, I make some mistakes, but I’m forgiven and I learn from them. When I was a puppy, I thought like a puppy, acted like a puppy, and got into puppy foolishness. But now I am an adult, Big Dog, and I put away such things. I carry my tail high, for I’ve got joy. I run with my Master, work with him, and snuggle up with him in the evening. I’m valuable and needed. He takes care of me, and there isn’t anything I wouldn’t do for him. We’re a team.”

“Ahhh, do you think I could meet your boss? He sounds like someone I’d like to know.”

“Sure, come on over. I’ll introduce you.”

Jerry Nieft, Congregational and Disciple Support

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20 — Tony and Charmaine Chvala-Smith Workshop, *How Did We Get Here from There?*, 8:30 am-4 pm at the Warrensburg Church. Register by calling 1-888-747-0439 or locally, 747-6193.

March 21 — Youth Leaders meeting at Warrensburg, 2-3 p.m. and **Spring Fling for Junior/Jr. High/Sr. High** at the Warrensburg Church, 3-5 p.m. Come for freebies, camp info, music, fellowship and fun! There will be supervised activities for the youth during the leaders meeting.

March 26—Kingsville Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$5; kids (5-10), \$2.50; 4 and under Free. Come one, come all.

April 10-17, 2010 — World Conference at Independence. Wednesday, April 14, immediately following the adjournment of the business session, there will be a Field Reception in the Independence Chamber of Commerce Building located at 210 West Truman—the corner of Spring and Truman Road. There will be fellowship, light snacks, and special recognitions, www.cofchrist.org/WC2010/default.asp

June 30-July 4, 2010 Family Camp, will be at Lake Doniphan. Steve and Cathi Cackler-Veazey will be our guest ministers. All of the lodge rooms and mini-lodge rooms are full; however, there are plenty of cabins and RVs spaces left. We hope you will make Family Camp part of your summer experience. Send your registration form and a \$100 deposit.

Communion Servers Needed for World Conference—If you would like to volunteer, please send your name, email, street address, and priesthood office to Van Wilson (816-833-1000, ext 2361, vwilson@cofchrist.org. Mandatory practice Saturday, April 10, 1-3:30 p.m., conference chamber.

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Children's Camp — June 4-6, Grades K, 1, 2, Camp Far Westa, Anita Norman, Director

Sr. High Camp — July 5-8, Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, Camp Far Westa, Camp Directors, Steve and Janet Muse

Spectacular — July 24-31, Grades 10, 11, 12, Graceland University, Anita Norman, Delegation Leader

Junior Camp — August 2-6, Grades 3, 4, 5, Camp Far Westa, Camp Director is Heather Brooner (Far West Volunteer)

Jr. High Camp — August 2-6, Grades 6, 7, 8, Camp Far Westa, Camp Director is Kyle Jeschke (Far West Youth Minister)

See April and May Speaker Schedules on separate page.

Headquarters is seeking World Conference Herald House Store Staff and Warehouse Staff. To view the complete position descriptions, visit <http://www.cofchrist.org/hr/staff.asp>. Please send letter of interest, application and resume to [hrm@cofchrist.org <mailto:hrm@cofchrist.org>](mailto:hrm@cofchrist.org).

Youth Service Corps—Ages 12-18— If you want to meet new friends from around the world and want to do all sorts of cool things that will have a positive impact for those around you, apply for Youth Service Corps at www.CofChrist.org/wc2010/registration2010.asp.

If you are youth worker certified and are a sophomore+ in college and would like to help in a paid, supervisory position in the Youth Service Corps, contact etivis@cmcofchrist.org.

Conference Kids Needs You! The World Conference Kids program needs 5-10 teachers to make this ministry work. All program materials and supplies will be provided. Staff/teacher volunteers must be 21 or older and a Registered Youth Worker. The morning program runs from 7:30-12:15 Monday-Friday and 8:00-10:15 on Saturday. The afternoon program runs from 1:30-5:30 Sunday-Friday. Contact Conference Kids Director Brenda Strickland at bstrickland@CoChrist.org or at 740-464-4681 if you can help!

Young Adults (age 21+) and CIT's (ages 15-20) needed — If you want to help at a Youth camp this summer, contact Anita at anorman@cmcofchrist.org by **March 15**.

See June Speaker Schedule on separate page!