



# *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](http://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](mailto: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)



**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:anorman@cmcofchrist.org) by **March 15**.