

West Side Baptist Church 2011

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Note from Pastor Kip.....

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Matthew 13:1



The changing seasons are wonderful to behold. I especially love this time of the year as summer melts away into Fall. But, if you're not careful you might miss it behind the four walls of your home. Yes, we can get so busy caught up in the things that we have to do that we forget to notice the bigger picture. We might forget to sit out on our decks at night to feel the crispness of the air. We might forget to notice how the leaves change their color little by little. We might forget to notice the early migration of

geese and marvel at their inbred navigation system that propels them on to their destinations. We might forget to notice the fields white onto harvest and take the time to thank God for those sturdy farmers who toil and watch and pray all Spring and Summer.

Last Saturday I spent the morning and into the afternoon working on the sermon and when I was through I sat down and turned on the TV. Max jumped up on the chair, laid his head on my lap and looked up at me with those big brown eyes that said, "please, can we go outside?" So, away we went and eventually ended up at Lake Shawnee. After walking around for a long time we eventually ended up sitting on a bench looking out across the lake, drinking in its beauty and I couldn't help but remember the passage of scripture quoted above, "Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea."

There was much he could have done, and other places he could have gone, but for a moment – as the crowds never seemed to leave him alone for long – he sat by the sea and took in the beauty that his father, the great creator God, had given to be enjoyed and cherished. What did he see and what did he notice? Well, if you read the rest of the chapter it is like the creation became alive as he told parables about sowing, seeds, plants, weeds, and mustard plants as big as trees with birds in the branches. But first, he had to go out of the house to be inspired to use "the handiwork of God" to teach about God's kingdom.

I pray that as the season changes you will put on your jacket and step outside your house for nothing more than to awaken your senses to the beauty of Fall, and be reminded anew of God's glory. May you be inspired by the gift of God's creation and may it come alive and speak to you of God's majesty and love. Happy Fall!

~ Pastor Kip





Chicken Soup for the Soul

LIBRARY CORNER DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Our pastor recently donated several devotional books to the West Side Baptist Church library. Three of them are in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series. Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen wrote Chicken Soup for the Soul in 1993 (Health Communications, Inc.). The subtitle, "101 Stories To Open The Heart & Rekindle The Spirit", adequately describes the book. There are 101 stories, all presented completely on one to four pages, dealing with love, parenting, learning, living your dream, overcoming obstacles and wisdom. The book is difficult to review because each chapter/story is complete by itself. They are full of wit and wisdom, hope and empowerment. The illustrations inspire and encourage us to think what is possible. You may not want to read this volume in public because it is so touching you may respond with tears. These are the kind of stories you need when you are feeling down and blue. They are really uplifting.

Canfield and Hansen followed this heartwarming treasury with a whole series. Two of those are also in our library. You may want to also check out Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul (1997, Health Communications, Inc.) and A 5th Portion of Chicken Soup for the Soul (1998, Health Communications, Inc.). They are equally as enriching and rewarding as the first one.

To read any of these volumes, find them on the display shelf in the library, sign the check-out pad, enjoy the books and return them so others may look at them.

~ Fred Ansell



I would like to take this opportunity to say a word of thanks for the very meaningful installation service. Thank you, Fred and Nancy, for all your planning and work. Thank you, Molly and Almira, for the beautiful reception. Thank you Lynda for all the typing and sending out letters to my friends both far and near. Thank you all for the cards and for your participation. Thanks also to Joe Cutter and John Williams for their meaningful words of encouragement. I have a suspicion that Jim Lagerberg had some special influence in having Mayor Bunten here for the event. That was quite an honor. So, thank you all for making the day so special. I appreciate all of you and am honored to be your pastor.

~ Pastor Kip

The room and shelves have been painted. The referral form to be used by participants has been created. We will be accepting donation of clothing for newborns to age 5. If you know of a friend, neighbor, or anyone who has gently used clothing or baby furniture, please let them know we are taking donations. We will be sorting and arranging the items as we accept donations. If you would like to help please phone Pat Carreno at 286-2054. Thank you.



~ Pat Carreno



Bible Study has began on every Wednesday at 10:30 am and than again at 6:30 pm.



Youth Group is from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm every Wednesday .

Strengthening our Foundation for Ministry

Our three-year Capital Campaign "Strengthening our Foundation for Ministry" is "officially" coming to a close at the end of 2011. Many of you have completed your pledge, some have a couple more months to finish their pledge, and others are going above and beyond in continuing to make gifts even though they had reached their pledge. We thank all those who have made a gift to this important campaign. And to those of you who perhaps haven't made a gift yet, there is always time!



As a result of the Campaign to date we have raised \$423,452.49. Of this total we have \$60,245.43 in a money market account and the remainder of \$32,568.76 is in a checking account.

A couple of Sundays ago I was going downstairs IN THE ELEVATOR with June Cunningham. She said, "It sure is nice that we have this elevator. I don't know what we'd do without it." And she's not the only one who has said that. What would we do without it? We can be thankful that the Capital Campaign was a success and we were able to put in the elevator. We also did a number of other building renovations, landscaping, parking lot repairs, and windows washed as well as have the 10% in the money market account for that special mission project yet to be determined.

We still have plenty of room for you to join in this exciting undertaking for West Side. If you are interested, place your gift in the offering and indicate that you want it to go towards the Capital Campaign.

The Capital Campaign committee organized in 2008 included: Don Morris, Fred Ansell, Sarah Anderson, James Hurla, Mark Calloway, Rev. Campbell, and Nancy Lindberg. We also had the honor of having Dick May, Sr. serve as our honorary chair.

I Corinthians 3:11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Campaign Chair



The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose

The purpose of West Side Baptist Church shall be that as the people of God, worshipping Him inviting others to know Jesus Christ as Savior, growing in Christ, and ministering to all with love, we shall live in obedience to the will of God in every relationship.



Enchiladas

Fundraiser for the youth

You can still order your enchiladas if you have not ordered yet. The order forms are in the office. They will be making them on October 8th.

They will deliver them Sunday, October 9th.



Halloween Happenings for all ages!

Halloween

Happenings is in the works. The date is Monday, October 31, 2011 at 5:30-7:00pm. Plans are being made for inside games, popcorn, cotton candy and trunk or treat. We are needing

donations for candy, and workers to help with games, popcorn popping, making cotton candy and trunk or treat. The donations of candy may be left in the church office. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin for workers. Please contact Pat Carreno for any questions at 286-2054.



Advent

Did you ever want a baby brother-or a baby sister-to come to your home? If so, you know how eagerly you looked forward to his coming and how happy you were when he arrived. There was one baby boy, however, whom everybody wanted. For hundreds of years, all over the world, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, hoped that this very special baby would come to their home.



You see, this baby was part of a promise made by God. A wonderful baby would be born who would break the power of Satan and regain all that man had lost because of sin. The prophet Isaiah was written (Isaiah 7:14) "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Again, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder."

You can help us get ready for the birth of this wondrous baby by submitting a story; remembrances of past Christmas and poems for this year's advent book. Please send or e-mail your article to the church office at office@wsbctopea.org by November 6th.

~ Don Johnson

"Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow."
- Author Unknown



As the Season Changes

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



We would like to SURPRISE our new pastor with a Love Gift to let him know how much we appreciate him. If you would like to contribute to Pastor Kip's gift, you may do so by indicating on your check or offering envelope during the month of October. We will present his love gift with a card during the worship service on October 30th. Thanks.

~ Nancy Lindberg, Moderator



By Judith Viorst

One by one the petals drop
There's nothing that can make them stop.
You cannot beg a rose to stay.
Why does it have to be that way?

The butterflies I used to chase
Have gone off to some other place.
I don't know where. I only know
I wish they didn't have to go.

And all the shiny afternoons
So full of birds and big balloons
And ice cream melting in the sun are done.
I do not want them done

