



October 2011



CHIC 2012

CHIC is a triennial Christian conference for high school students sponsored by the Dept. of Christian Formation of the Evangelical Covenant Church. In 2012, CHIC will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, from

Sunday, July 15 to Friday, July 20, 2012. Thousands of youth from all over North America and around the world will gather for a week of fun, friends and worship. Questions? Contact: chic2012@covenantevents.org

Lindsborg, Kansas, building expansion

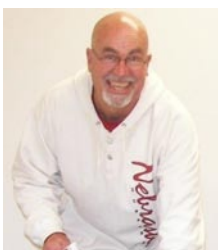
After years of prayer and planning, the Lindsborg Covenant Church has decided to grow it's mission while supporting an expansion and remodel project. Due to be completed in the summer of 2012, this 10,500 sq. ft. addition will add classroom, youth, meeting and office space while enabling significant expansion and improvements to the current foyer, multi-purpose room, kitchen, drop off location and bathrooms. Pictured here, from the churches bell tower, is the site of the expansion, south of the church, where three homes and two garages were recently moved. The church is excited to move in mission and build with gratitude!



New Church Plants!

Two new church plants are being readied to begin ministry this fall in the Denver area. Church planters are **Ryan Ashley (Restoration Covenant)** and **Victor Guillen (Luz of Hope Covenant)**. Watch for more information!

Run For Doug



Pastor Doug Ferguson, Celebration Covenant Church in Omaha, NE, lost his 8 month battle with gastric cancer on June 26, 2011. On October 8, a 5K Run/1 Mile Walk at Chalco Hills Recreation Center in Omaha was held in honor of Pastor Doug to support **Gastric Cancer Awareness**. The fundraiser was organized by his wife Cyndi and family along with friends and members of the church. Over \$8000 was raised to support this aggressive, silent cancer.

Support received goes toward active research of gastric cancer at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and towards raising local community awareness in the area of early detection.

Upcoming Events for Your Calendars

2011 dates:

- Nov 19-20—**50th anniversary celebration**, Hillcrest Covenant, Prairie Village KS
- **November Attendance** figures to be recorded and submitted online to The ECC
- November—watch for **"MWC Pledge"** materials to arrive in churches

2012 dates:

- Jan—**MWC books to close** January 20, all 2011 pledges due at that time
- Jan 28-30—**Connection** in Chicago IL
- Jan 30-Feb 3—**Covenant Midwinter Conference** in Chicago IL
- Apr 27-28—**MWC Annual Meetings**, Fort Collins CO (ECC)
- Jun 21-23—**Covenant Annual Meeting**, Irvine CA
- Jul 15-20—**CHIC** in Knoxville TN

We've moved!

The Midwest Conference Office in Omaha, NE, has moved to a new location. We invite you to visit us at: 17310 Wright St, Suite 101, Omaha NE 68130. A special thank you to Pastors Jim Ressegieu, John Peterson, Steve Hoden, Wes Gibson and Lyle Person for assisting in the move!

MWC Pastor/Staff changes

Marty Boeschling, H.S. Youth & Worship Pastor, to Clay Center KS
Bryce Carlson (Worship Arts Director), from Crossroads Cov, Loveland CO
Carl Sutter (Executive Pastor), from Crossroads Cov, Loveland CO

2011 Fall Retreats for Pastors and Staff

The MWC Ministerial Association sponsored both the eastern and western fall retreats with approximately 95 pastors, ministerial staff and their spouses attending this opportunity for worship, inspiration and fellowship together. The Eastern Retreat was held October 3-5 at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE, with Dr. Klyne Snodgrass, professor at North Park Theological Seminary serving as retreat speaker and Rev. Dave Olson, Executive Minister of Church Growth & Evangelism attending as a special guest. Dr. Kyle Strobel, son of well-known author Lee Strobel, served as speaker for the Western Retreat, October 17-19, at the Franciscan Center in Colorado Springs, CO. Special guests, Rev. Donn Engebretson, Vice President of The Evangelical Covenant Church and Brent Latham, NPTS representative were also in attendance.

MINISTRY FOR TODAY... AND TOMORROW

Current gifts are very important to every ministry—they help keep us going from day to day. But just as you plan for your family's future, our Covenant ministries need to think about the future too. A **legacy gift** is one way to help make sure that future is a bright one. Consider using your will or legacy plan to name Covenant ministries you care about to receive a percentage of your estate. We are grateful for all the "today" gifts we receive—won't you consider making a "tomorrow" gift as well? If so, contact Lavern Holdeman of Covenant Trust Company at 877-768-1763 (toll free) or e-mail at lrholdeman@covenanttrust.com for more information.

COVENANT ORIENTATION FALL 2011

For credentialed pastors needing the "Vocational Excellence" class, don't miss this opportunity to enroll for classes right here in the Midwest Conference—November 14-18, St. Benedict's Retreat Center, Schuyler NE. Contact Covenant Orientation office at 1-773-442-6581.

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