

# On the Lighter Side

At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer. Walt did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" Walt replied, "I wasn't talking to you." —*Richard Steussy*

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?" —*Submitted by James Powers*

At the Christmas Eve service at my church, the pastor, quizzing some children about the nativity, asked, "What gifts did the three wise men give the Christ child?" "Gold!" one child yelled. "Frankincense!" shouted another. After a pause, a third asked, "Gift cards?"

If anyone needs an ark, I happen to Noah guy.

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ. "What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: "It starts with the letter R." One boy blurted, "Recycle!" —*Mari-Lynn Finley, Los Angeles, California*

Jokes source: <https://www.rd.com/jokes/religion/>



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## COVID-19 UPDATES

Per World Church recommendations camps, reunions, vacation Bible schools, and other large church gatherings are cancelled during July and August. World Church buildings and historic sites are closed through August 31. Congregations can work with mission center leadership and field support ministers to decide when and how to reopen starting in July or later.

## VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join Mission Center Invitational Support Minister Craig Hidy for a worship service via **Zoom – 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings**. Watch the Mission Center Facebook page for details and a link each week!

Seventy Craig Hidy's **weekly blog**: [www.emporiacofchrist.org/70craigblog](http://www.emporiacofchrist.org/70craigblog)

Other **virtual ministry opportunities** – including Bethel and Olathe – can be found at [www.cofchrist.org/online-ministries](http://www.cofchrist.org/online-ministries).

In this time of need please continue your generous response via **etithing**. It is safe and easy. Find more information at [www.cofchrist.org/etithing](http://www.cofchrist.org/etithing).

## AROUND THE MISSION CENTER

### October

18 Midlands MC Conference

### November

6–8 TWIST

TBD Seventy, High Priest, Bishop, Evangelist Gathering

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## JOB OPENING

A link to the position description is posted on [www.midlandsmc.org](http://www.midlandsmc.org).

### **Youth Minister** (Part-time)

Posted 28 April 2020 / Open until filled

Email letter of interest, resume, qualifications, and references to [Khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org](mailto:Khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org) or [allen.keeher@midlandsmc.org](mailto:allen.keeher@midlandsmc.org); or mail documents to: YA or Youth Minister c/o  
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## Chihowa Update

Chihowa Retreat Center will begin looking for a **new resident manager** in the near future. Interim resident managers, Allen and Cricket Laughlin, are coordinating efforts this summer to accomplish some much needed updates and administrative improvements. To **volunteer** in any way please call Allen 816.665.1867.

Chihowa has large amounts of hearty **firewood for sale** and many **free 55-gallon drums**. The drums are white plastic so you can see the volume from the outside. Please contact Allen to coordinate a pick up 816.665.1867. Free wood if you cut down identified trees!



## 2020 Virtual Summer Camps



## Midlands Reunion

**June 18 – 19**

We encourage you to join the community we are craving. Options include group activities, class, campfire, worship, and more. You are welcome at all or part of this virtual experience.

To register and receive Zoom links: <https://bit.ly/2AHAvvN>

Please consider donating to our campgrounds during this unprecedented time of financial strain: <https://bit.ly/31cpQrP>



## Spectacular: Where Do We Go From Here?

**June 18**

Registration is required for this FREE event and will open early July. The schedule is not complete but the day will include:

- SPEC Today as large group then breakout groups
- Several options for Adventure Classes via Zoom
- Worship live streamed on FB, Instagram, and YouTube