

Forest Park Chronicle

WRITING FOR JESUS—WORKSHOP

A workshop entitled **WRITING FOR JESUS** was presented by Rev. Larry Bowyer December 5th. Rev. Bowyer is an author, participates in a poetry group, and is pastor at Easton UMC. Participants enjoyed Rev. Bowyer's expertise and sense of humor, experienced a "Walk in the Park", shared lunch and wrote. The following is a sample of the participants' work.

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Sunlight on a cold fall day
Is like hearing my savior say
"You are loved, and I'm here
So you should never fear.
Though the wind is so brisk
And the place looks so dead,
Yet my Spirit Himself is
By whom you are led.
Take the steps. Walk the walk.
I'll lead you and guide you
By my own right hand
To the place I have given you—
Your own Promised Land."

Father,
Oh Lord,
Refresh
Every
Soul
Today

Pardon
And
Renew in
Kindness

Cause
All to
Magnify &
Praise

THOUGHTS WHILE WALKING IN THE PARK

So many trees, all bare, some with vacated nests. Where is the life? Dead leaves, dead branches, but knowing life runs through those branches. Lots of brown grass and weeds, but yet some green. Why is some of it green?

Ahh! A single bird in flight. It appears so free and goes so quickly through the air—appearing weightless. The bird is so different from me — slow, clumsy and certainly not weightless.

I looked in the brush along the stream, or where the stream should be, and saw no life. But we know there is life.

As I'm thinking about that a song comes to mind, "Oh, Jesus Lord and Savior, I give my life to Thee. I own no other Master...". With a song in my heart, I feel life and hope. Jesus gives me the knowledge that with Him in my heart, my spirit can always be lifted.



MEET MR. WIZARD IV—UPCOMING SESSIONS

Steve "Jake" Jacobs, the Chief Scientist for the Discovery Channel has ties to Forest Park and has agreed to offer two sessions in early spring. "Science from Mr. Wizard to Harry Potter" is geared for upper elementary, middle school, and home-schooled children. The content will be based on National Science Curriculum. The date is still to be determined, but tell those you know that Mr. Wizard IV is landing in the Forest with his staff, presented to him by the Duke of Kent, sometime early in the spring!

A second session "Science and the Bible" will be presented the same day and geared more for adults. Jake is a certified lay speaker in addition to his other credentials.

There will be a registration fee charged for the workshops. Titles subject to change.

SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE TWO ABOUT WORK DAYS SCHEDULED—COME WORK WITH US AT FPCRC!

CHRISTMAS SYNONYMS

Each of the following translates into a Christmas saying or song:

1. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quiet.
2. The Christmas preceding all others.
3. Tranquility upon the terrestrial sphere.
4. Natal celebration devoid of color.
5. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders
6. An awe of nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity
7. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation
8. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief
9. Twelve o'clock on a clement night witnesses its arrival
10. Embellish the interior passageways

Answers on page two.



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"AS THE TWIG IS BENT, SO
GROWS THE TREE." A
PARAPHRASE ON THE BIBLE
VERSE: "TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE
WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN
HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART
FROM IT."

PROVERBS 22:6

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WORK DAYS—The board has scheduled work days the 2nd Sat. of each month 11-3, good weather or bad through May. We will be making updates and repairs to buildings to increase availability for group use. Consider bringing your church group or family. Call Frank, Resident Mgr. (785)234-8024 in advance if group is coming.

Answers to Christmas Synonyms:

1. Silent Night
2. The First Noel
3. Peace on Earth
4. White Christmas
5. The Little Drummer Boy
6. O Holy Night
7. Go Tell It on the Mountain
8. O Come All Ye Faithful
9. It came Upon A Midnight Clear
10. Deck the Halls

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RECENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

WOW! Hickory Hall has a new look. The paneling is gone and the walls have fresh paint. We are so thankful for the dedication of the volunteers who gave their time for this project. The meeting room just needs a few finishing touches and then we hope to move on to the bathrooms.

The Dining Hall will soon have a new roof— thanks to some raccoons whose destruction was covered by insurance. The money has been set aside for the materi-

als, but help is needed for installation.

CORRECTION: We inaccurately reported a project of the Y2K Sunday School Class. They are not tearing down the orange building, they are sponsoring Cabin #44.

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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

"I will live this day as if it were Christmas.

I will be the giver of gifts and deliver to my enemies the gift of forgiveness;

My Opponents, tolerance

My Children, a good example

And every gift will be wrapped in unconditional love..." Og Mandino

May we go forward from this moment to be the giver of gifts to those who seek our help. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Forest Park Conference & Retreat Center is officially a member of the Capital City Christian Chamber of Commerce. This allows us to network with the business community and share our mission, as well as broaden our base for publicity and usage. Noted elsewhere in this newsletter are results of our efforts to host workshops and seminars. Consider attending and let other know about these outstanding opportunities. The basketball court west of the Dining Hall will soon have two goals and spectator benches. The Dining Hall will soon receive a new roof. God is good... all the time and all the time...God is good.

Max Klamm, President