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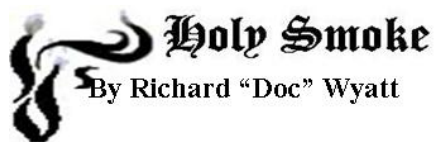
April 3, 2012 Issue

Dear Kris

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

Homesteader Online

Please share this with other members of your congregation - You are welcome to use it as a Sunday bulletin insert, forward as an email, print copies OR include all or part of it in your own church newsletter.



**Come To Israel:
Travel - Learn - Grow**

Did you know that Homestead Presbytery has a plan for you?

A plan for education and renewal.

Every three years, the Presbytery plans a "Pilgrimage" to enhance our pastors' education and to renew the spirits and energy of congregational leaders. It is hoped that each congregation will be encouraged to take advantage of these offerings. The first trip is: JUNE 3-12, 2013 to ISRAEL

Why should pastor's go to Israel?

- * Deliver powerful sermons based on knowledge and images from the Bible Lands
- * Understand the location of Biblical events and how the geography of the land impacted those events
- * Discover the excitement of learning about the Bible, not experienced since seminary
- * Enrich the lives of church members by discovering the importance of being their Spiritual Leader

Why should members go to Israel? This is a unique chance for you to:

- * Increase Biblical Literacy:
Learn more and recall more about the Scriptures having seen the land.
- * Revive Spiritual Awareness:
Awaken a dimension of your faith in a way no other experience can!
- * Enhance Life:
The journey will open new horizons and provide a lifetime of memories.

Perhaps a Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity to Walk the Way of the Cross; See Jesus' Tomb; Sail the Sea of Galilee; Stand where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount; Pray in the Upper Room of the Last Supper; Renew your Baptism at the Jordon River; Visit Bethlehem where Jesus was born and the Shepherd's Field; See Nazareth, Jesus boyhood home; Renew your wedding vows at the house of the wedding feast and Jesus' first miracle of water into wine; Ride through the Wilderness desert; Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives; and more...

Message

Joy Ball is Retiring!

Open House reception
Sunday, April 15, 2012
from 2-4 PM

Calvin Crest - Upper Area Lodge.

Cards or letters of appreciation

can be sent to Joy at:

Calvin Crest
2870 county Road 13
Fremont, NE 68028

Synod School 2012

Register now

"Singing the Lord's Song in a
Strange Land."

Annual midsummer ministry of
the Synod of Lakes and Prairies ,

July 22-27

Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

Presbytery Day

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Early bird Deadline April 15!

[Registration and Brochure](#)

Confirmation Retreat

April 20-22, 2012

Calvin Crest

For more information contact

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Schedule and

[registration information](#)

Brochure:

<http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Israel-Brochure.pdf>

Itinerary:

<http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/Israel-details-Homestead-Presbytery-HL13-June.pdf>

Wee Kirk Conference - Register Today!

The Great Plains Small Church Conference is coming to Sioux Falls, SD, from May 1-3, and there is still time to register IF YOU DO IT NOW!

Register now for excellent speakers, seminars, worship, music, and sharing. This year we are featuring Bien Acosta and Caroline Kurtz as speakers, Gary Fugman as music/worship leader, and experienced small church leaders as seminar facilitators.

"Walking in the Light" is the theme for the conference, based on 1 John 1:5-7.

Registration cost:

PC(USA) congregations Subsidized

<u>with fewer than 50 in worship*</u>	<u>with fewer than 100 in worship*</u>
\$75 for individual (double occupancy)	\$110 for individual (double occupancy)
\$115 for couple (double occupancy)	\$140 for couple (double occupancy)
\$155 for individual (single room)	\$190 for individual (single room)

All others Actual Conference Cost

- \$350 for individual (double occupancy)
- \$430 for individual (single room)
- \$700 for couple (double occupancy)

*A maximum of six (6) persons, including clergy and spouse, from any one congregation may attend at the above rates. All others will pay \$350 each. Double occupancy is the norm.

[Download](#) a brochure!

<http://www.pfrenewal.org/docs/smallchurch/2012-GPWK-Brochure.pdf>

[Register](https://pfr.wufoo.com/forms/2012-great-plains-wee-kirk-conference/) online! <https://pfr.wufoo.com/forms/2012-great-plains-wee-kirk-conference/>

Closing Headline

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation - Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

Please submit articles to krisp@homesteadpres.org or mail to 1135 Eastridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68510

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