



## Trail of Ants

**While visiting with friends, I noticed a trail of ants marching through the maze of wicker and bamboo furniture. I wondered how each ant knew where the previous ant had been. I guessed that they, like Hansel and Gretel, left a trail to be followed. If so, their trail was not visible to human eyes.**

**I decided to test my theory. I rubbed my finger across their path at one point and then waited to see what would happen. Sure enough, when the next ant came to that point, it was at a loss for which way to go! It spent some time wandering around until it discovered the other side of the trail.**

**As another ant approached, it, too, was confused as to where to go, but it somehow managed to follow most of the wanderings of the previous ant and found the original trail again.**

**I also walk on a path, one forged by Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:5-16 points me in the right direction. To follow Christ I must have the same attitudes that He had. I need to put others first by thinking of myself as their servant.**

**Philippians 2:14-15 shows me how I stray from following Christ. When I grumble and complain my attitudes do not reflect those found in Christ. At that point, I have stopped imitating Him and stepped off the trail. That sin has the same result as my finger did when I rubbed it across the path of the ants.**

**Paul encourages me in verse 16 to "prove to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world." To follow the correct path I need to mirror the attitudes of Christ and guide others along the trail by encouraging them to fix their eyes on Him.**

# COKEBURY'S WORKSHOP OF WONDERS



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 21 - 25 6 15 - 8 30 PM**

There is still lots of ways that you can assist with Vacation Bible School this year. We can still use assistance in the kitchen, classrooms, storytelling area, crafts, music, and sign-in, So please contact Sheryl Kaufman and let her help you find the perfect area for you in this very important ministry.

### MUSIC FOR THE CHURCH

*We are purchasing the UMC Hymnal music on CD. The cost of this music will be between \$350 and \$400. Additional contributions to offset this cost will be greatly appreciated.*

### Address Changes

**Rex Brace**  
721 Klein, #409 Gladys Building  
Derby KS 67216

**Bill & Marilyn Baumgardner**  
1412 South 183<sup>rd</sup> Street West  
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THUNDER IN THE DESERT!  
"PREPARE FOR GOD'S ARRIVAL!  
MAKE THE ROAD STRAIGHT AND SMOOTH,  
A HIGHWAY FIT FOR OUR GOD.  
FILL IN THE VALLEYS,  
LEVEL OFF THE HILLS,  
SMOOTH OUT THE RUTS,  
CLEAR OUT THE ROCKS.  
THEN GOD'S BRIGHT GLORY WILL SHINE  
AND EVERYONE WILL SEE IT.  
YES. JUST AS GOD HAS SAID."

ISAIAH 40:3-5

FROM "THE MESSAGE"

### CHANGE-4-CHANGE

During the month of July the focus of the Change-4-Change Programs will be on the Christmas In July, collecting change so we can provide food, clothes and other gifts for a needy family this coming Christmas. Please show your support for this ministry by providing a contribution of your change in the offering each Sunday.



## ***New Entry Door Project***

We have almost reached our goal and are close to being able to order the new entry doors for the education building entrance and the sanctuary entrance. If you would like to help with this building project please get your donation to the office or mark it for the Door Project and put in the Sunday offering collection.

## **Walking For Life & Riding With Purpose!**

Time to get moving , have fun and improve our health at the same time. We are looking at starting two new activities to help get you rolling. **Walking for Life** - will be a walking program for inside or outside aimed at improving heart health and overall well being – Steven Walters will be our inspiration . We'll incorporate some fun events to keep you motivated. **Riding with Purpose** - will be your chance to get out and pedal your way to better health and you get to do this with Pastor Greg! Sign up sheets will be available in Finley Hall.



## ***July @ Dawson***

- 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed
- 6 - Trustees Meeting @ noon
- 10 - Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 8 AM  
Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 AM
- 13 - 2nd Sunday Potluck after Worship
- 15 - Finance Committee @ 6:30 PM  
Church Council @ 7 PM
- 17 - No UMW this month
- 18 - Adult's Night Out @ 7 PM
- 19 - No Pancake Feed this month
- 21 - SPRC Meeting @ 7 PM



## ***Weekly @ Dawson***

- Sunday - Sunday School @ 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship @ 10:45 AM
- Monday - All Scouts @ 7 PM
- Tuesday - Bible Study @ 10 AM
- Wednesday - Bible Study @ 6 PM
- Saturday - Sidewalk Spirit Blast @ 2PM



*Check out our*  
**NEW WEBSITE!**



**<http://www.dawsonumc.org>**

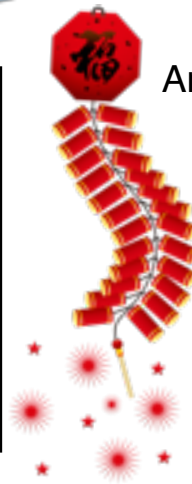
Be sure to check out Dawson's new website!! There is lots of up to date information and our presence on the web will ensure that anyone trying to find out more information about Dawson will have the information at their fingertips. Shirley Dieker has worked really hard on this project .. be sure to tell her thanks!!!

And, don't forget you can still find us on Facebook at



Hearing Assistance  
Available

*Did you know ....  
That we have an Assisted  
Listening System  
available for your use in  
the sanctuary. Ask an  
usher for help with the  
device.*





*...that at the  
name of Jesus  
every knee  
should bow, in  
heaven and on  
earth and under  
the earth, and  
every tongue  
confess that  
Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory  
of God the  
Father.*

*Philippians 2:10-11*

