

# Iowa-Missouri Conference Pathfinders

## December 2011 Newsletter

### **Bible Bowl**

January 7 there will be a practice Bible Bowl at the Macon Church and all are invited. There will be vespers at 6 p.m. followed by a soup and sandwich supper and then the Bible Bowl around 7:30 p.m. Macon has two adult teams participating. If it is too far to come, have one in your own church and challenge your adult members to participate and encourage the Pathfinders. For Information call Kathy Rowe, 660-651-8180-cell or 660-385-6441-work.

January 14 will be the State Bible Bowls. Missouri Bible Bowl will be held at the Multicultural SDA Church located at 9820 Raytown Rd., Kansas City, Missouri, 63134, 816-761-9900, beginning at 2 p.m. The Iowa Bible Bowl will be held at the Muscatine SDA Church located at 2904 Mulberry Ave, Muscatine, IA 52761, 563-263-3362, beginning at 2 p.m.

January 28 will be the Iowa-Missouri Conference Bible Bowl. Place will be announced on January 14 at the Conference Bible Bowls after the results of the State Bible Bowls are received.

February 18 will be the Mid America Union Bible Bowl at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska.

### **Spring Camporee**

Don't forget to choose your Science Fair topic for the Sabbath afternoon activity at Spring Camporee. Please let Kathy Ulrich at the Conference Office know your topic. Possible ideas are: body systems (pick one or all), cells, solar system, electricity, combustion engines, small engines, alternative energy source such as; water energy (turbine), wind, solar, or wave, etc. Magnetism, fluid dynamics-water, air, oil, traffic, crowds, etc. Weather systems, extreme weather, hover craft, aerodynamics-wind tunnel, air planes or vehicles. Biology, chemistry, ecology, psychology and math projects.

### **Honor's Weekend**

The Missouri Teen Honor's Week-end will be held March 2-4, 2012 at Camp Heritage. The Iowa Honor's Week-end will be held March 10-11, 2012 at the Des Moines Church. Please check out the attached Registration forms. Registration forms are due February 17, 2012.

### **Mid-America Union Camporee**

July 25-28 will find hundreds of MAUC Pathfinders enjoying the Mid-America Union Camporee. Since it's taking place in the Black Hills of South Dakota, there will be lots of cool stuff to see and do! A couple of highlights will be taking part in the annual Gold Discovery Days parade and participating in an honor from a choice of many options, including Gold Prospecting and Caving. Groups will also be going to Mammoth Site of Hot Springs, South Dakota (ranked a 4.5/5 on TripAdvisor.com), Harney Peak (5/5) and Reptile Gardens/Bear Country USA (both 4.5/5.) Be sure to get your clubs registered to allow for the best choices of activities. Visit [www.truth2freedom.com](http://www.truth2freedom.com) for all the details about this summer's camporee!

## ***A Christmas Story***

***Once there was a man whose life was one of misery. The days were cloudy, and the nights were long. Henry didn't want to be unhappy, but he was. In the passing of the years, his life had changed. His children were grown. The neighborhood was different. The city seemed harsher.***

***He was unhappy. He decided to ask his pastor what was wrong.***

***"Am I unhappy for some sin I have committed?"***

***"Yes," the wise pastor replied. "You have sinned. You have done something that makes God unhappy."***

***"And what might that sin be?"***

***"Ignorance," came the reply. "The sin of not noticing someone. One of your neighbors is the Messiah in disguise, and you have not seen him."***

***The old man left the office stunned. "The Messiah is one of my neighbors?" He began to think whom it might be.***

***Tom the butcher? No, he's too lazy. Sue, my cousin down the street? No, too much pride. All she thinks about is herself. Aaron the paperboy? No, he's too rude and mean. The man was puzzled. Every person he knew had defects and was not perfect. There was something wrong with everyone. He began to look for Jesus the Messiah.***

***He began to notice things he hadn't seen before. The grocer often carried the sacks to the cars of older ladies. Maybe he is the Messiah. The police officer at the corner always had a smile for the kids. Could it be him? And the young couple who'd moved next door. How kind they are to their cat. Maybe one of them...***

***With time he saw things in people he'd never seen. And with time his life changed. The bounce returned to his step. His eyes took on a friendly sparkle. When others spoke he listened. After all, he might be listening to the Messiah. When anyone asked for help, he responded; after all this might be the Messiah needing assistance.***

***The change in the way he spoke and acted was so great that someone asked him why he was so happy. "I don't know," he answered. "All I know is that things changed when I started looking for God."***

***Now, that's curious. The old man saw Jesus because he didn't know what he looked like. The people in Jesus' day missed him because they thought they did know what he looked like.***

***How are things looking in your house and neighborhood? Are you looking for the kindness and good in everyone instead of the things that make you mad?***

***Max Lucado***

