Happy Sabbath,

Weimar College students are currently on winter break. Many are participating in the second Practical Application Component (PAC) week of the year. PAC projects include a choir trip to southern California, campus improvement projects, and various outreach programs.

In addition, eleven students are preparing for Faith Trip. They will leave Weimar on December 11 with vehicles full of books, but no money, canvassing their way across the United States to GYC in Houston, Texas. If you haven’t looked at the website yet, go to faithtrip.org to get up to speed about this exciting trip.

Weimar Academy students are preparing for final exams next week and a choir trip the following week. They will be fundraising over their Christmas break for mission trips coming up in the spring. Destinations include England, South Korea, and Arizona. To find out more about academy mission trips watch the video at academy.weimar.edu or click on the image below.
Tonight’s Webcast

Elder Don Mackintosh will be speaking tonight for AFCOE vespers. The message is entitled, “After He Has Said Before.” Please join us. The program begins at 7 p.m. at www.weimartv.com

Renovations in Progress

Renovation work is progressing in both the Weimar Inn and the NEWSTART lodge. The second floor of the Inn has been completely repainted and three rooms in the NEWSTART lodge are being updated.

Future planned upgrades to the Inn will allow for expansion of the services that Weimar is able to offer. We are looking forward to increasing our capacity to bring healing and education to people in need.
Health Evangelism Leadership Program (HELP)

We are excited about plans to offer a brand new educational service called the Health Evangelism Leadership Program (HELP). It will be like an AFCOE, ARISE, Mission College, or LIFE program for health evangelism.

The four-month course will train participants in running Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) and Depression Recovery programs. Graduates will also know how to facilitate new NEWSTART health evangelism programs and related spiritual bridge programs. In addition, attendees will be trained in hydrotherapy and massage. This practically focused training will enable them to participate in NEWSTART Global’s health outreach system for local churches.

The first class will begin in August of 2012. We are looking for health professionals, graduates of short term evangelistic training programs, and church health ministry leaders to attend the first class. Look for more details about HELP coming soon.
Has the Flu Got You Down?

It is the season when colds and flus tend to get the better of us, but there is good news! You can stay well by following some basic lifestyle principles. We’ve posted an article on our newstartclub.com website to help you stay well this winter. View the article here.
Your Letters

A guest writes: “My cardiologist has stopped requiring my quarterly visits and advised me to see him as needed. My sleep apnea is gone, and I have almost normal glucose readings. I’m walking about 2-3 miles per day. Blessings and thanks to all the staff for all they have done to help make this change.”

We love hearing from you. We hope you enjoy reading about what God is doing at Weimar. If you have a comment, story, or question, please write to communication@weimar.org

God bless,

Weimar Communication Department
Good News About Treatment of Flu

Flu is the seventh cause of death in America. Regular flu kills about 36,000 Americans every year. But occasionally, as in 1918, it becomes a plague. Then, we, our families, or friends may very well be attacked by a killing flu virus. Flu is worth understanding, so we can prepare to prevent and fight it.

Flu Involves Pigs

Ever since Deuteronomy 14 we have known that pigs are unclean and intrinsically dirty. But when you put 1,000,000 pigs in a big Mexican factory, feed them carelessly, deprive them of good air and environment, and then drug them until they can be trucked off so that humans can be "scavengers of the scavengers"—no wonder biology rebels! New and strange viral mutations happen. This new breed of bug called swine flu is 2 parts pig, 1 part bird, and enough human to be catching, allowing the 2009 A-strain of H1-N1 swine flu to spread throughout the world. Even though this strain may not swell to epidemic proportions, it can be a timely and critical wake-up call if we will heed it.

There is direct chemical evidence that when the 1918 strain of flu is given back to pigs the virus multiplies avidly but does not kill them. But when given to monkeys, they die. So do ferrets and mice. No wonder pigs are called "mixing vessels." Birds can transport virus for thousands of miles but they don't live long enough to do as much damage as pigs. In pigs, a reassortment of genes from humans, birds, and swine can happen and