



Islamic Society of Wichita
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Community events

- * Sisters' Revert Dinner on March 6 at 6 p.m.
- * "I Need a Hero" youth camp from March 19-21 (see information on the back of this newsletter)
- * Sisters' Committee Culture Day on March 12 at 6 p.m.
- * Sisters' Potluck on March 27 at 6 p.m.
- * "A Clear Message" Dawah workshop presented by Dr. Jerald Dirks on April 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see information on the back of this newsletter)

ISW services

The Islamic Society of Wichita strives to provide services for the Wichita Muslim community. It offers marriage counseling, marriage ceremonies, group tours and financial help for the needy, as well as educational opportunities. For more information, please call (316)682-5479.

Masjid Darru Assalam

The month of Rabiul-Awwal

Article written by Abdullah Saleh and published on ummahpulse.com on March 13, 2008

Rabiul-Awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar, marks the birth of the best of creation, the most beloved to Allah SWT, the holy Prophet Muhammad, sallallahu alaihi wa salam. The Prophet Muhammad, sallallahu alaihi wa salam, was born on the 12th day of Rabiul Awwal in the year of the elephant. This was approximately sometime in May 571 AD.

The year is named after the elephant, because in that year, approximately two months before the birth of the Prophet Muhammad, sallallahu alaihi wa salam, Abraha, a Christian ruler from Yemen decided to destroy the Kabah in Makkah.

His army, which contained elephants, marched toward

Makkah when two miraculous events took place. Firstly, the lead elephant reached Makkah, knelt and would not move any further no matter how much he was tormented and beaten by Abraha's troops. Secondly, Abraha did not take the events with the elephant as a sign and decided to march toward the Kabah, but as he and his army moved forward, the sky became black and was full of birds, each holding three pebbles. The birds threw the pebbles down at great velocity and accuracy and killed the army of Abraha.

Allah SWT in the holy Quran talks about this event in Suraah Fil: "Have you not seen how your Lord dealt

with the companions of the elephant? Did He not make their treacherous plan go astray? And He sent against them birds in flocks, striking them with stones of baked clay, so He rendered them like straw eaten up" (Qur'an, S.105). In the event, it shows that if Allah decides to protect His house then no force of any magnitude can do anything to harm it. [Otherwise, the Kaba has been destroyed partially or completely before and after that event.] Many historians also see this event as a precursor for the light which was about to dawn on the whole of mankind from this sacred city of Makkah: the Prophet Muhammad, sallallahu alaihi wa salam.

Wichita Muslim community helps with Haiti relief

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The Holy Qur'an contains 47 verses about charity and giving to those in need. One can also find over 250 Hadith (Sahih Bukhari) pertaining to charity and giving. Surah 36: Ayah 47 (Asad) from Holy Qur'an says: Thus, when they are told, "Spend on others out of what God has provided for you as sustenance," those who are bent on denying the truth say unto those who believe, "Shall we feed anyone whom, if [your] God had so willed, He could have fed [Himself]? Clearly, you are but lost in error!"

On January 23 and 24 and February 6 and 7, the Muslim community of Wichita came together to help those who survived the Haitian earthquake. The community participated in food packaging events organized by Numana, Inc. at the Kansas Coliseum and Wichita State University. Volunteers worked in shifts in an assembly-line fashion, packaging simple and nutritious meals. The meals consisted of rice, soy protein, freeze-dried vegetables and 21 vitamins and minerals

targeted to help the immune system of malnourished people. At the food packaging events, these ingredients were measured into bags, sealed, boxed and prepared for shipment by volunteers. During these two events alone, more than two million meals were put together for the victims of Haiti's earthquake. Community volunteers attended as individuals, families and groups. Parents brought their children to set a good example and teach them about giving and charity in a practical way.

Masjid income and expenses for January '10

Income:		Expenses:	
General Donations	\$7,818.75	Youth/Sisters/Seniors/Dawah	\$85.57
Friday Donations	\$4,435	Burial Committee	\$775.85
Youth Committee	\$842	Utilities	\$3,637.64
Automatic Withdrawals	\$1,921	Maintenance	\$4,603.43
Tarabishi Fund	\$700	Janitorial Expenses	\$1,750
Class fees	\$340	Equipment	\$0
Membership dues	\$65	Postage/Supplies/Printing	\$88
Burial Committee	\$1,895	Wages	\$4,600
Miscellaneous	\$201.44	Miscellaneous	\$0
Total Income:	\$18,218.19	Total Expenses:	\$15,540.49

Thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Weekly classes

Al Bayan Quranic Insitute	Weekdays
Hadeeth of the Day	After Fajr
Assafwah Tafseer by Sheikh Hilali	Sundays at noon
"Matters of the End of Time" by Hussam Madi	Sundays after Isha
"I Want to Know You"— A different brother introduces himself each week	Mondays after Isha
Tawheed (Oneness of Allah) by Shaheed Williams	Tuesdays after Isha
Hadeeth from <i>Saheeh Muslim</i>	Wednesdays after Isha
"Matters of the End of Time" by Hussam Madi	Thursdays after Isha
"Lessons from the Sirah of the Prophet (s)"	Fridays after Isha
"Thoughts of a Scholar" by Sheikh Mohamed Al-Hilali	Saturdays after Isha

"I Need A Hero"

ISW Youth Spring Break Camp

March 19-21

For young people, ages 12-18

Registration fee: \$130

To register, visit the ISW Office or
www.surveymonkey.com/s/2LWX5CZ

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"A Clear Message"

Presented by Dr. Jerald F. Dirks

A workshop that will provide basic training in the principles, goals and challenges of presenting Islam. Also discussed will be the challenges faced in searching for and remaining in Islam.

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration fee paid by March 31 is \$15
 After March 31st, registration will be \$20
 payable at the door
 (Breakfast and lunch are included.)

To register visit www.myisw.com and
 submit payments to the ISW office