

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

October 2009

Are You There?

The service is, OK today. Somehow I feel a peace but something is kind of making me restless.

Wow, I really never paid attention to the words of that song we sang just now. It's like the words really describe where I am and almost who I am.

. . . Look at him over there, he's crying, I wonder why. . . Look at that lady over there, something is really bothering her. . . And those teens up there, they've put their cell phones away! My goodness they seem to be sitting close together . . . it's like they're a family or something. . . . I can tell that elderly gentleman is praying, but what for and why right now?

I'm not sitting in the sunlight, but I feel flush and my heart is beating so hard. What's wrong with me!? It must be that late night pizza we had. No, that's not it.

Should I be praying or something? The speaker is talking, I'm hearing what they're saying, but my mind just won't shut up. If I talk to God right now, will he listen? I think it's Him, pulling on my heart strings . . . this is definitely not pizza! I kind of want to jump up and tell somebody what's happening, but I don't know what I'd say because I'm not sure I totally understand.

Look at all these people. Do they understand how precious they are to me and how they have lifted

me up? I have done so many things in my life I'm not so proud of. I'd like to say I'm sorry. I can't, I just can't. I don't know why, I just can't. People knew me when I . . . I'm no angel. I can't let go! Help! Dear God, HELP!

Dear God . . .
... Yes, I'm here.

Pastor Bruce Watson

JUNIOR CHURCH IS FOR "KIDS"!

Grades K-6
Oct 25th @
11 AM



We have been studying the miracles of Jesus. Do you know the first miracle Jesus performed? Your children know. Ask them, they would be happy to enlighten you. After each Jr. Church experience, please ask what they did. The review will help retain God's truths in their brains and instill enjoyment in their hearts for God's word. Your interaction will keep the doors of communication open for the future. Thank you for assuring each child had a Bible. They proudly opened their Bibles to the stories we read. Due to Keegan's baptism in October, Jr. Church will be the 4th Sunday, 10/25.

PEACEMAKERS CLUB
Led by Vic & Vanessa Dutel
Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
at the church!
Youth Choir @ 6:30 pm
Peacemakers @ 7 pm
Great fun and activities
planned for kids
K-6th grade

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS
Right before
Peacemakers Club
Tuesday @ 6:30—7:00
Patty Watson

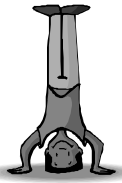
SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK DAY WAS GREAT!

Hey, thanks everyone for coming! Teachers came and organized their rooms, cleaning cabinets, painting murals and going through study materials and supplies. WOW!, was all Cali Meirarend could say when she walked into her classroom with the fresh, new look!

"Caution and construction tape are just a few signs of changes being made in our classes!

We FOUND. . . .

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
AN UPSIDE
DOWN
CAKE?
"YUMO!"**



**GIVING A GOOD STIR
FOR 2009-2010!**

"BORE NO MORE"

#1, #2 OR #3,

whatever book or recipe__ we have promises for a great year of learning ahead of us! The scriptures

will come alive for you and your family, enticing new learning and closers walk with God as we study with the following great lineup of teachers!

- **2&3 Yr Old Class**
Teacher: Jenny Anthony
- **Pre-K/Kindergarten**
Teachers: Sami Slater & Elizabeth Watson
- **Primary Class**
Teacher: Ilene Sheets
- **Junior Class**
Teacher: Patty Watson
- **Junior High/Senior High Class**
Teacher: Honeycutt/Meyer/
Kramer, quarterly rotation
- **Young Adult Class**
Teachers: Kramer/Honeycutt/
Meyer, quarterly rotation
- **Adult Class #1**
Teacher: Larry Green
- **Adult Class #2**
Teacher: Tracy Dyer
- **Inquirers Class**
Teachers: Bruce Watson
David Watson

**2 & 3 YR OLD CLASS IS
NEW THIS YEAR
STARTING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

We invite any child nearing the age of 2 yrs and able to adjust to classroom setting, to join our 2-3 yr old class, meeting in the "nursery" classroom with Jenny Anthony, teacher.

Church School Dir. Pauline

**ADULT CLASS #2
In Education Wing**

Is looking at the "conditions of membership" that our Prophet has asked us to look at. We are going to be investigating all the scriptural references that we can find. We are not looking to resolve this, but only to explore and understand. We hope to gain an awareness of all sides of the subject and understand more fully the concerns of all who wish to follow C h r i s t .

We will be starting a study of the New Testament in a few weeks.

Thanks, Tracy

Y.O.U.

(Youth Onward & Upward)
Are meeting twice a month
2nd and 4th Sundays
@ 2 pm

We hear some records are being made in and out of church in the life of our active teens. They are also breaking new strides with plans in the works for a service project__a facelift to the Christian Ed lower hallway! Keep watching this outreach activity in the works!! For further info check with Honeycutts & Kramers

YOUNG ADULTS

IT WAS THE "KIDS CHOIR" ALL
GROWN UP!



This past month the Young Adults were in charge of our morning worship, led by Phil and Sharon Meyer. Outstanding testimonies! Young Adult Choir! How beautiful their music and wonderful worship!

They are deeply involved this month in the Annual Haunted Barn which is always such a success, Saturday Oct. 24 and 25th.

Young Adults are still collecting used/old cell phones and toner and ink cartridges. A basket in the foyer is provided.

**J.O.Y. BREAKFAST
CLUB**

Saturday, Oct 17th
8:30 a.m.

Morgan's Restaurant



DON'T FORGET

**ODESSA BAND
INVITATIONAL**

Saturday, Oct 10th



Out of town bands are talking about our oasis already we hear! Yes, we will be out on the street again this year with our water bottles offering water to all participating bands. Terrific way to meet some really neat kids! Thanks everyone for your donations!

FAITHFULLY FIT

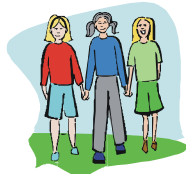
Canceled until further notice due to busy scheduling right now.

Please turn in Newsleaf info by **20th** of the month to Pauline Watson:
dpwatson@embarqmail.com or Phone 816-633-3250

**__LADIES TO MEET__
AN AWARD WINNING
EVENT!**

Tuesday, October 13th
at the church

We met the 2nd Tuesday of Sep-
tember and dis-
cussed our goals
and plans for the
coming year.



It is my desire that
the Odessa women grow in
friendship, grow spiritually and
show our service to others. I
would also like to see women of
all ages be ministered to by this
group.

To that end, we are planning to
initiate a visiting program to all
women in the congregation. I
would also like to have at least
one spiritual growth activity and
one service project during the
coming year.

We do have the craft fair coming
up in December. Please come to
the next meeting on Oct. 13,
2009 at the church. We will be
discussing the Thanksgiving dinner
and the birthday party that we
are to host at New Haven.

Everyone of the female persuasion
is invited to come and bring your
ideas.

Mindy Day

October Birthdays

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 03- Bob Sowerwine | 15- Jacob Parvin |
| 03- Jerri Myers | 17- Kathy Ballew |
| 05- Tim Meierarend | 17- Keegan Honeycutt |
| 09- Tammy Watson | 20- John Dyer Jr. |
| 10- Jennifer Watson | 23- Larry Green |
| 11- Jenny Kramer | 23- Valerie Kem |
| 11- Phil Meyer | 232- Sharon Winter |
| 11- Sharon Watson | 25- Dawn Ramsey |
| 12- Mike Slater | 25- Julianna Sowerwine |
| 12- Drew Kuenzli | 26- Cheryl Meierarend |
| 14- Bruce Thompson | 27- Eric Cutshall |
| | 27- Kayla Myers |



**DELEGATES TO WORLD
CONFERENCE
APRIL 3-11, 2010**

World Conference

ATTENTION: All persons who wish
to submit their names for dele-
gates for Central Missouri Mission
Center need to send an e-mail to
call 660-747-6193 or toll free 1-
888-747-0439) by November 2,
2009.

October 23-25

“Justice for Women, Dignity for
All”

**2009 PEACE
COLLOQUY**

at the Temple.

For more details contact Jeanette
Hicks at 816-833-1000 ext.
2224, jhicks@cofchrist.org.

November 7

**MISSION CENTER
CONFERENCE**

9:30 am—3:30 pm

Rick Maupin, guest minister.

We will worship together, conduct
business and elect delegates to
the 2010 World Conference.

**GRACELAND
HOMECOMING**

October 10th

FAMILY NITE

WEDNESDAY 7 PM

OCTOBER 28TH



No, that was
last month! But
WOW! Great
crowd! Excel-

lent Drive-in Movie with In-car
Listening, comfy seating, reason-
able concession stand, great
company to enjoy it with!
Neighborhood family joined us
too! Who can beat that!
Sharon & Mike are going to try!
Its close to Halloween you know!
O-o-o-o! Watch your bulletin!
A new surprise awaits!



**Christmas
Craft
Fair**

**Saturday, Dec 5th
8 a.m.— 3 p.m.**

**Reserve your booth
space . . . !**

**Display those talents
and sell your**

**Holiday Crafts - Candles -
Woodwork -
Jewelry - Artwork
Home décor - Gift Items &
more!**

Call 816-633-8133 for information



Community of Christ



515 S First
Odessa, MO 64076

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

- 9:15 AM Breakfast Gathering
- 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 AM Worship Service

1st Sunday of the Month:

- 8:45 AM Family Prayer Service
- 9:30 AM Preparation
- 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes

Wednesday:

- 7:00 PM Prayer Service
- Praise Worship 2nd Wednesday
- Family Night last Wednesday

Pastor: Bruce Watson 816-520-7493

Mission Statement — "We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote Communities of Joy, hope, love and peace."

Church Website:
www.odessacofchrist.org

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment great than these." Mark 12: 35 & 36

China

McMex Dinner

LAST
DINNER . . .
MEXICAN!

NOW
IT'S
CHINESE!

Sunday, Oct. 25th
@ noon

~ Freewill Offering ~





October 2009

Odessa Community of Christ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Peacemaker Club 6:30-7:30 pm Kids Choir 6:30pm	7	8	9	10 Graceland Homecoming Odessa Band Invitational
11	12	13 7 pm Women's Mtg	14	15	16	17
18 Baptismal Service	19	20	21	22	23 Haunted Barn (dusk)	24
Int'l Women's Gathering 10- 18th—22nd				Peace Colloquy 10-23-25th		
25 Jr Church 12 noon China McMex Dinner 2 pm Y.O.U. 4 pm Haunted Barn	26	27	28 7 PM Family Nite	29	30	31 Halloween