

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

November 2008

How Can I Keep From Singing

Music soothes the savage beast. ~ William Congreve

Music is part of me. It is in my culture and it is in my soul. Folks, it is in my DNA. Sometimes I forget about it in day-to-day life but it is still there. The beat of a drum, the strum of a guitar string, the whisper of a flute, the melody of a trumpet, the harmony of a choir. Oh please, feed my hungry soul. Music fills a part of me I do not understand. I often do not realize this emptiness until that which soothes comes and changes the air, the world resting on my soul. I can breathe once again.

It makes me smiles to think of the countless campfires I have attended where music of praise and meditation floated on the night air. You're smiling too aren't you? It's OK, breathe in those feelings of remembrance and joy. Fight Satan with a smile.

Music won't cure what ails you, but it will sooth the pain until the healing touch comes.

What in your life needs soothing? Is it work? It is money? Is it a relationship gone bad? Is it the burden of leadership? Is it family? Are you looking for your direction and God's involvement in your life? I know you want something more. God knows your heart, He made it.

Do you remember that old hymn, "There is a balm in Gilead?" What a beautiful way of describing the gentleness of our Lord. Do you know the song, "Shout to the Lord?" Celebrate and give God the praise while you proclaim His goodness and love to the world. You have a job to do. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19 NIV. You need to embrace those things that promote goodness, that talk to you, that allow you to hear the very voice of God. With Christ by your side, you can do all things. We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit as a comforter. The music in this world helps me respond to the Father in heaven.

Find the music in your life. There is a symphony for the world to hear.

Pastor. Bruce Watson



Devin Mackey's Baptism & Confirmation

Sunday, October 19th
by his grandfather,
Elder Harold Watson



Y.O.U.

(Youth Onward & Upward)

Y.O.U. has just completed a busy weekend at the Haunted Barn. We had at least 80 kids go through the barn on Saturday night, with 25-30 of those joining us at the Kramer house for a lock-in! We had a great time as we visited old friends and became acquainted with new ones! We had visitors from Pleasant Hill, Harrisonville, Butler, Oak Grove, Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, Independence, Odessa and Higginsville (think I covered them all)! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to all of the young adults for all of their hard work, and to all the "not so young" adults who helped entertain our guests as they waited their turn to go through the barn!

We really, really do plan to start meeting regularly....but in the meantime, please mark your calendars with the following dates for Y.O.U. events through the end of the year!

- **Saturday, November 22, 9 am - 1 pm.** We will be traveling to the Della Lamb Community Center in

Kansas City to assist with assembling Thanksgiving grocery packages. We will leave the Odessa Church at 8:00 a.m., and we will be grabbing a bite to eat together as a group - so please bring however much you need to get full on fast food!

- **Saturday, December 6 - 9 am - 1 pm.** We will be traveling to the Della Lamb Community Center in Kansas City to assist with Operation Santa Claus for underprivileged kids. We will leave the Odessa Church at 8:00 a.m., and we will be grabbing a bite to eat together as a group.
- **Sunday, December 21 - time TBA. Y.O.U. Christmas Party and Caroling!!!**
- **Tuesday, December 30 - 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m. (or so) - NEW YEAR'S ADAM PARTY!!!** Lock-in at the Kramer's. Bring a snack to share!

Gage Kramer Selected To IYF Malawi

Gage has been selected to attend IYF Malawi with our Mission Center in June! Our Mission Center representatives are Gage, Alex Everhart, Bailey Everhart and Jessica Lee. If you are interested in financially supporting Gage in this endeavor, he would be very appreciative. Football season is almost over, and he would LOVE to do any odd jobs you might have to help earn his way to Malawi. His mom and dad will be willing to assist and/or supervise Gage with these jobs, too!

Bunco Anyone?

If you are interested in playing Bunco once a month or so at the church, please join us! We will be meeting on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00. Light snacks will be provided!!

Mission Center Conference

Saturday, Nov 15th 10 am—3 pm

Celebration Service in the morning, followed by lunch served at the church, with afternoon business and closing worship

J.O.Y Club - next get-together will be Saturday, November 22nd at 8:30 a.m. at Morgan's. Continued breakfast get-togethers once a month are being enjoyed by all who come. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome. (Just Older youth (J.O.Y.) refers to those over 50.) *Elaine*

Sunday School Teachers & Spouse Enjoy!

This past month, our Sunday School teachers and spouses were found grilling brats on an open fire chiminea-style at David and Pauline's. The chill of the evening led us inside to an invigorating evening of sharing.

Beginning with one really late and confused example of a teacher, we continued with lively "teacher talk", jokes and brainstorming the new church school year! Hand-outs were given to teachers as guidelines and motivation.

Great ideas! Great spirit of sharing!

We enjoyed hearing from each of our youth classes this past month during announcements, celebrating Sunday School's "Spirit Month". What a great job by all our kids! **Scripture! Prayer! Singing! Games, art and crafts! Teachers!** Thanks everyone! Attendance is . . ."WOW" . . . And Growing! Looking to a great year ahead!

See you there! *Pauline*



Junior Church ___ Sunday, November 16th
@ 11 a.m. and December 14th (the 2nd Sunday in Dec)

Christmas Drama

Sarah Watson, Cheryl O'Keefe and Jenny Kramer are busy planning the drama portion of our Christmas service. We will be having practices during the month of December!!! Watch the bulletin for details!!!

One-Day Bible School in December

Saturday, December 13 we will be having our one day Bible School! Please let Jenny Kramer know if you are willing to help this year. Jenny will be contacting people in the next couple of weeks to finalize plans!

China McMEX Dinner ___ Exceptional turnout! Exceptional food and fellowship! Thanks to your generosity we cleared over \$500 again this month. Our next dinner is **Sunday, December 28th.**



Ladies! ___ What fun we always have as we meet, just us ladies! Opening with devotion right down to the very end, what great fun and fellowship all enjoy! Door prizes! Business meetings like none other! Refreshments! **LADIES**, remember our Craft Fair is Saturday, December 6th! *Cook, bake and sew!* Lorraine Mackey shared information of crafters and advertisement already out there. Should be a good one this year!

Our next meeting is
Tuesday, Nov 11th at 7 pm

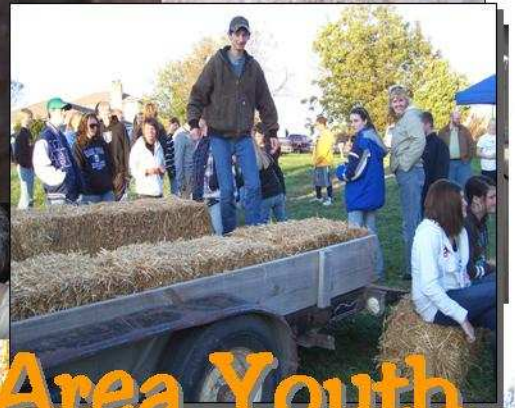
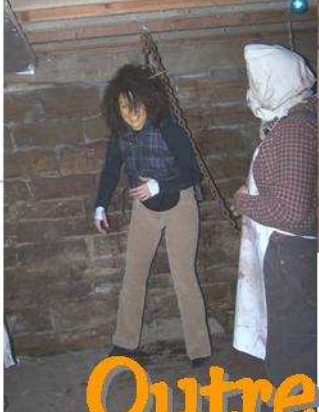
November Birthdays!

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| 02- Jeff Kramer | 15- Travis Kegley |
| 02- Guylene Lindsey | 15- Josey Meierarend |
| 02- Devin Mackey | 20- Kim Floyd |
| 03- Renee Winfrey | 22- Chuck Cole |
| 07- Olivia Dyer | 23- Sarah Kegley |
| 11- Scott Blair | 24- Jordan Gilbert |
| 11- Dennis Hattey | 24- Melissa Tatom |
| 12- Harry McPherson | 24- Carol Williams |
| 13- Dennis Hart | 29- Judy Green |
| 14- Lorraine Mackey | 29- Gage Kramer |

Please turn in Newsleaf info by 25th of the month to Pauline Watson:
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Community of Christ



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

- 9:15 AM Breakfast Gathering
- 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 AM Worship Service
- 2:00 PM Young Adult Meeting
- 5:30 PM Youth Meeting
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

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
- Family Night last Wednesday

Pastor: Bruce Watson 816-565-2153

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

Church Website: www.odessacofchrist.org



Give Thanks

Craft Fair

Saturday

December 6th

8:30 am To 3 pm

Ladies "bake up a storm for"
Our ever popular
Bake Sale

Full house of Crafters from KC
area!

Do some Christmas Shopping!
Serving Breakfast and Lunch

Invite the family or friends to meet you
for lunch or just a piece of pie!



Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov 9th

At Noon



Turkey & Dressing
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Rolls & drink provided

Bring Potluck to top it off!