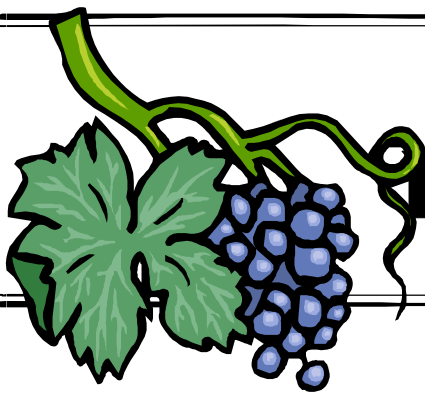


December 2009

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ



These are a few of my favorite things:

Chocolate, Taco Bell, cold cereal, meatloaf, DOUGHNUTS, computers that work, computers that almost work, funny videos, inspirational videos, potlucks, volleyball, El Camino's, my Jeep, football and Christian music on the radio.



I love friends. Friends to go fishing and friends to pray with, friends to talk with and friends that give great hugs. I love being around young people as they dance

with the Holy Spirit. I love the stories of experiences and the people who share them. I love potlucks. I love smiles that warm the heart and hugs that embrace those smiles. I love firm handshakes and eyes that meet.

I love my family and the real meaning behind it all. My church family envelopes my little family and I thank God for that every day, but its still not enough. I love how I see one falling and another rushing to lift them up. I LOVE to see our congregation in prayer.

I love my wife and the life-long lesson of companionship she gives. I love my children and their ability to capture my heart with the simplest of words.

I love my Lord and all He has done. From the cool way He sent His son to the amazing way He paints a sunset. I love it all. Thank you, Lord for all things you have given me. Thank you for the world not in front of my eyes as well. Thank you for it all.

God Bless you all

Bruce Watson. Pastor

Peacemakers Club

K- 6th grade

Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

With Vic & Vanessa

Children's Choir

K-6TH GRADE

Children's Choir is practicing for Christmas the first 15 minutes of Sunday School with Patty Watson. Bring your friends to Sunday School to sing and learn exciting songs and stories of Jesus and his great love !



Bell Choir

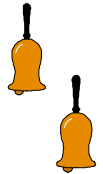
SOUNDING GREAT!

Meeting Sundays @ 6:30 pm

Practicing for Christmas!

Kids and Adults—Join the Choir!

Led by Sharon Slater



Christmas Program

December 20th

11:00 A.M.

Presents . . .

The journey of the babe in the manger
Vignettes, Children's Choir,
Bell Choir and much more!

Come!

Share in the hope of the world!

Led by Bruce Watson



Baptismal Service December 13th

December 13th Lance Parvin will be baptized at the 11:00 a.m. Baptismal Service. Another others wishing to make their commitment in baptism please contact our Pastor, Bruce Watson to be included in our service of baptism also.

NEEDING BRICKS in Sunday School

Numbers keep growing, right before our very eyes! Ordering additional books is becoming the norm in the Pre-baptismal Class taught by Ilene Sheets! The Inquirer Class, meeting in the lower Fellowship Hall, keep adding more chairs and another table!

68 students in Sunday School the last Sunday in November!!! New courses of study and excited teachers are contributing to this great explosion in learning!

Bricks can't slow the growth of this group down!

Bricks to build a new church is more like it!

We've seen grandmas, moms, dads, teens bringing kids in by the carloads. Literally! An overnight at a friends home here, means Sunday School and church the next day!! Neat to see them parading into class with new friends!! Blessings! Truly a month of "thanksgiving" with an awareness of God's riches blessings and the efforts of a lot of dedicated friends from the Odessa congregation reaching out to others! Our prayers go out to each one in their commitment to *see and know the babe in the manger* with friends and neighbors! Great job!

Pre-Baptismal Class

Wow! What a day! November 29, 2009, there were nine young people in the pre-baptismal class. You might think that many children would be a scene of chaos, but no! Before Christmas, the first 10-15 minutes of our class is choir practice in Patty Watson's room! I peeked in and all the kids were being attentive and focused around her table. Then, even though we had a couple of interruptions (*like Bruce*), our class was able to focus and we discussed various aspects of baptism and then took a trip to the baptismal font. The children were so quiet and orderly that Sharon Slater, sitting on a bench in the hall, didn't even see us walk by!

Josey Meierarend got baptized and Lance Parvin is going to be baptized on the 13th of December! And we still have more to come! *Ilene Sheets*



— Junior Church Outstanding — 22 children in November!!

(K-6th grade)

Pete and Cheryl O'Keefe continue to share the gospel story with our children as they lead out in worship together. Interest has peaked as they gathered this past month for their special service for KIDS ONLY! Prayers and outreach are doing great things!

NO Jr Church in December
due to the Christmas Drama

GET READY!

for our next Junior Church
Sunday, January 17th

Y.O.U. (Youth Onward & Upward)

Youth will be having a separate Bake Sale Booth at the Craft Fair to help with youth expenses.

YOUTH - Bring lots of goodies

- Next Y.O.U. Meeting is Sunday, Dec. 20th at the church.
- Youth will also be helping in the Christmas Drama December 20th
- and will be working at Della Lamb December 12th. There will also be Caroling around the holidays! Watch bulletin for times TBA.

It was shared with the youth of the "High Adventure" to Colorado will be July 11th and anyone interested needs to let Kramers know as soon as possible so plans can be made.

Youth Leaders, Honeycutt & Kramers

Young Adults

The Young Adults are in charge of Sunday, December 27th Worship Service. We look forward to their ministry.

Also this month the Young Adults will be going caroling ending up at David & Pauline's for hot chocolate and warm by the fire!

Welcome Home for the Holidays

Students! Great to see all our college students home for Thanksgiving break! See they've brought some Graceland friends with them too! So nice to have all sharing together and catching up with friends and family! Lots of hugs and visiting going on! Wonder how many turkey dinners they had!?! Love you guys!

J.O.Y. Breakfast Club

We have canceled our Breakfast this month due to the holidays.

Ladies To Meet

Ladies met in November discussing plans and preparation needed for the upcoming Craft Fair. Sounds like a great day is planned by our ladies and should be lots of goodies to select from at the Bakes Sale table. Excitement abounds as all are getting ready for the big event! Fun time! Be sure to join us!

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party at Mindy Day's house on December 15, 2009 at 7:00. All women are invited. Bring a \$10 gift for the exchange and a snack to share.

Craft Fair Information

At the Women's Meeting this past month, we decided the following"

- 1- We will set up on FRIDAY ONLY starting at 2 p.m. as the crafters will be coming in at 7:00 p.m. to set up. Anyone who wants to come and help get tables set up and especially decorate would be welcome
- 2- We are asking those who plan on bringing baked goods that, if possible, to also provide a small plate of extras as samples.
- 3- We will be sending around a clip board for people to sign u for tear down that Saturday evening.

NO China McMEX Dinner in December

We will have a simple Soup Dinner
at noon
Sunday in January 3rd

This month's Offering

The money given to the "Little Brown Basket" will be given to needy families this month. The Suitcase Offering continues to go to Outreach International. Thanks for sharing.

New Purchases

We have purchased three new white rectangular tables for the church and a much needed additional video projector for further study and ministry, and a new small Lectern for the sanctuary for ease in mobility etc.

NEW DIRECTORIES__ If you have any changes to the current directory, please let Sue Mills know as she will be working on it as soon as the Craft Fair is over.

BOOK STEWARD__ The new daily breads are in at the Temple Bookstore. This year they will cost \$15.95 (\$1 more than last year); but are almost twice the size of previous years due to the following being added.

Daily Prayer for Peace

A daily spiritual formatting

Let Sue Mills know if you would like to order one or more copies.

Christmas Vacation Bible School

Saturday, Dec 19th

Check your bulletin for further information

Directors. Phil and Sharon Meyer

Della Lamb Christmas Store

Saturday, December 12th

Helping families shop for Christmas

In November the congregation collected canned corn and green beans to assist with needed food at the Della Lamb Christmas Store. A large group worked bagging groceries for Thanksgiving, to share with those in need. Keegan, one of our 8 year old boys, was great help as he found things he could do too.

ENROUTES TO BLESSINGS

You Prayed__Traffic jams to blessings! They all happened this month. We have truly been blessed! Another traffic jam on the highway and a quick prayer for injuries as we pass by. Unbeknown to us we prayed for someone we personally knew!

Other traffic jams in life come and go in our lives but it is truly wonderful to know our congregation is praying for each other and are there when we need them.

We have had several surgeries and illness this month and each have received the Lord's protection and blessing. Thank you for holding each one up in your prayers, visits and cards. They mean so much!

December Birthdays

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| 01- Jennifer Anthony | 15- Shane Solst |
| 03- Bryan Phelps | 24- Josh Sowerwine |
| 06- Gary Ramsey | 25- Whitney Slater |
| 08- Donn Quick | 26- Clara Frank |
| 09- Shelly Frank | 30- Henry Grubb |
| 09- Amber Hallier | 30- Quentin Mackey |
| 14- Ina Urness | 30- Bob Williams |
| 15- Pam Hart | |

Need your input to Newsleaf by **20th** to Pauline Watson:
dpwatson@embarqmail.com or Phone 816-3250

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 8 am-3pm Craft Fair
			<i>Petifurd/Kaat Rehearsal</i>	<i>Petifurd/Kaat Wedding</i>	<i>2 pm Decorate for Craft Fair</i>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Della Lamb Christmas Store—helping families—Time ?</i>
<i>Advent Service (Temple)</i> <i>6:30pm Bell Choir</i>						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Christmas Vacation Bible School
<i>Baptismal Service</i> <i>6:30pm Bell Choir</i>		<i>7 pm Ladies Christmas Party @ Mindy Day's</i>				
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26
Christmas Drama <i>6:30pm Bell Choir</i>						
27	28	29	30	31		



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

1st Sunday of the Month:

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

Wednesday:

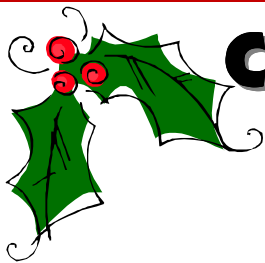
7:00 PM Prayer Service
Praise Worship 2nd Wednesday
Family Night last Wednesday

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



Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, December 5th
8 a.m.— 3 p.m.

- CRAFT BOOTHS GALORE -

Bakery Items - Jams & Jellies - Holiday Crafts
Candles - Woodwork - Jewelry
Gift Items & more!

Serving Breakfast & Lunch for shopping
Convenience

Not Much Time Left . . .
So Lets All

Bake! Make! Create!

For our Bake Sale & Craft Table



Christmas Vacation

Bible School

Saturday, Dec 19th
9—2 p.m.

K—6th grades

For further information
contact
Phil or Sharon Meyer