

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

March 2010

BOOM!! This winter has been a cold one. Snow, rain, ice, wind and a multitude of combinations of the aforementioned, have pushed us into our houses. One evening sitting in my living room watching TV with my wife, two dogs and of course the cat (it's like an indoor farm), suddenly ... boom! All the animals shot up (this would include myself). The dogs barked at the door thinking someone was trying to bang their way in.

Realize, I live in a house positioned next to an old hedge row. Note – those who can't relate to what a hedge row is or that, not all the trees in the row are necessarily hedge, please take this opportunity to visit with some of your country family and friends. Knowing the recent weather and that some of these trees next to the house are fairly tall, I peered off our deck with a sense of dread and uneasiness. I noticed some limbs on the ground near the foundation. There didn't appear to be any major damage. It's dark and cold. I gave one of those "please God, make everything OK" prayers and went back to the sofa.

The next morning, not really remembering the prayer I tossed out, I put on my shoes and went out to check the damage. I got up on a chair on the deck ... the roof looks fine. Obviously nothing big landed on the roof. From my perch on the chair I spied the ground where a large limb lay on the ground next to the house. Upon inspection I saw where it had broken loose and bounced off the roof before it landed on the ground.

The tree limb could have easily fallen in such a way to come through the window or even to pierce the roof (it was certainly big enough). God had a lesson for me that day. Many dangers and trials hang over us. But God hears our prayers, knows our wants and loves His children. God is present in our lives. The house stands firm and strong on a foundation and is built to weather the storms.

No matter what trials we face, God is there. We are built by the Lord's grace. We are made new through Him. Your house is strong, I mean, YOU are strong. You can face the dangers life might drop on your head. We are called to be disciples. Yes, you are called. Have faith in your faith.

Bruce Watson. Pastor

Spring Fling for Junior/Jr High/ Sr High

at the Warrensburg Church
March 21st at 3-5pm

Come for freebies, camp information, music, fellowship and fun! There will be supervised activities for the youth during the leaders meeting 2-3 pm

Y.O.U.

(Youth Onward & Upward)
Jr High/Sr High Youth

__Meet each 2nd and 4th Sundays__

Our youth have offered much to our congregation this month as they have shared their gifts and talents. The youth shared in worship with a campfire setting for the 11 o'clock hour

where they shared testimonies and lead the congregation in personal commitment. We also saw the young men of the Y.O.U. group sharing with the older guys, working in the kitchen and serving at the Annual

Sweetheart Banquet this month. Thanks youth, we so much enjoy and appreciate your out-reaching spirit in our midst!



J.O.Y. Breakfast Club

Saturday, March 20th

At 8:30 a.m.

Place to be announced

This past month the JOY Club enjoy breakfast at Bates City Café with 21 friends attending! What a great fellowship had by all!

Elaine Smith, Coordinator



Now THAT'S love!

Thanks so much men for an outstanding dinner & sacrificial entertainment!



New Congregational Directories

Our new congregational directories are complete. We thank Sue Mills for the awesome job of updating information for our congregation. Check with Sue for your copy.

A new much needed binding machine was purchased assisting the completion of directories. Great!

March 20th— Tony and Char-maine Chvala-Smith Workshop, 8:30

WORLD CONFERENCE

April 10-17, 2010

at Independence

Youth Service Corps Are you 12-18 years old and interested in helping World Conference run smoothly while meeting new friends from around the world? You will get to do all sort of cool things that will have a positive impact for those around you. Apply for Youth Service Corps at www.CofChrist.org/wc2010/registration2010, asap.

If you are youth worker certified and are at least a sophomore in college and would like to help in a supervisor position in the Youth Service Corps, please contact Edna, etivis@cmcofchrist.org.

Conference Kids Needs You! With World Conference just a few weeks away, the Conference Kids program needs 5-10 teachers to make this ministry work. All program materials and supplies will be provided. Staff/teacher volunteers must be 21 or older and a Registered Youth Worker. The morning program runs from 8:30—12:15 Monday-Friday and 8:00-10:15 on Saturday. The afternoon program runs from 1:30-5:30 Sunday-Friday. Contact Conference Kids Director Brenda Strickland at bstrickland@CofChrist.org or at 740-464-481 if you can help!

am-4 pm at the Warrensburg Church. Register by calling 1-888-747-0439 or locally, 747-6193.

Apostle Rick Maupin Shares in Odessa

We felt fortunate to have Rick and his wife Diane, sharing with the Odessa congregation this past month. The spirit of enlightenment and commitment were shared as felt his spirit among us! Our Children's Choir added their special touch to our worship experience as they gave special music for our service. A good day as the spirit of God continues to lead.

___Best dinner so far!___

Could be heard on the lips of many as they shared brisket dinner and a wonderful spread of food at the China McMex Dinner this month. Great fellowship.

Thanks to our construction worker, Hayden Slater, and his "drive" to "collect more \$\$\$ for my new church", as well as many other efforts, we took in over \$526 less expenses!

Thanks to you for your continued support and sacrificial offerings our



new church home is becoming a reality!

Two new Chafing Dishes were donated and added to our serving table this month. Great addition! Nothing burned! No circuits blown! So nice! Thanks! "New Church! New Church! New Church!"

Young Adults___age 21 or older, interested in helping at a youth camp this summer, contact Anita at anorman@cmcofchrist.org.

Central Young Adult (CYA) Retreat

March 5-7

Camp Chihowa

All young adults (18-35) and friends from Central, Midlands, Farwest, and Central MO Mission Centers are invited to share "The Real World" with Karin Peters, guest minister. Cost is \$65

CIT's Needed__ Youth and young adults, ages 15-20, if you are interested in helping at a youth camp this summer as a Counselor-in-

Training, please contact Anita by March 15th.

2010 Family Camp

will be June 30-July 4
at Lake Doniphan

"Sharing in Community of Christ"

Steve and Cathi Cackler-Veazey will be guest ministers

Start making plans with your friends to be there!

Registration form on table in foyer or on website odessacofchrist.org.
Mail registration and a minimum \$100 to Central Missouri Mission Center, PO Box 350, Warrensburg, MO 64093. All fees need to be paid by Tuesday, June 22.

Volunteer and for more information about camp, contact camp director Mary Kidd, mkidd@cmcofchrist.org.

Sharing in Community of Christ is the 2010 Reunion theme. Check out daily themes and scriptures at www.CofChrist.org/onlineresources/reunion10/. Free downloadable reunion resources will be available in mid-March, including worship helps, an adult facilitator guide with a Power-Point presentation, children's resources (ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11), and youth resources (junior and senior high).

President Steve Veazey

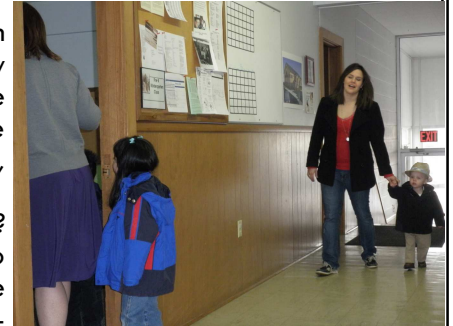
shared testimony and talked to Apostle Linda Booth about the counsel to the church. Get insight into the revelatory process as you continue to prayerfully consider this counsel. Pastors in English-speaking areas will receive a DVD. Get a group or classes together to watch the DVD. The interview will also be available to read or watch via webstream at www.CofChrist.org/wc2010/counsel.asp on March 1.

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



"To Sunday School"
*To Sunday School,
Oh come today and learn
How Jesus was a little boy
And learned like you and me!*

Look at them guys! All our little children HURRYING into Sunday School!



They are so anxious to come! Be with their friends! Anxious to learn and know more! And to be in the belly of the whale?! WOW! Isn't that the ultimate delight for any kid! To be in the deep, deep belly of a whale?! Well it is! Just think! Just like Jonah? Maybe . . . but isn't it just the neatest! To crawl into that musty old tent someone dug out of their garage after a long winter storage, and designed it especially for kids! Imaginations just race! You and your friends out in this big, big ocean, and now in this spacious scary belly of Jonah's whale! Wow! What could be neater than that! "Hook line and



sinker", the story comes alive! Such exciting opportunities for learning!

Guys, they've heard the story before! Not the most perfect atmosphere or the way for you and me, but they are going deeper into the story and loving it! This same teacher has probably told it before but they are excited to hear more!

We need to continue to learn MORE . . . go deeper "into the whale" and keep childlike excitement.

A big thank you to all our teachers for such loving care given in learning!

"Come, learn of me!"

March Birthdays

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| 04- Michael Spencer | 25- John Grubb |
| 04- Jacquelyn Watson | 25- Tyler Meierarend |
| 09- John Corn | 26- Stephanie Meierarend |
| 10- Sam Quick | 27- George Grubb |
| 11- Lynne Oakes | 28- Keith Fletcher |
| 17- Brandin Hallier | 28- Mary Kuntz |
| 17- Casey Kuenzli | 29- Greg Watson |
| 18- Chaz Quick | 30- Levi Corn |
| 19- David Honeycutt | 30- Pat Mead |
| 23- Genaro Retaro | 31- Seri Mills |



Community of Christ



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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

Junior Church

SUNDAY
MARCH 21ST
AT 11 AM

"Where in the World"

Join us for the marvelous adventure of "where in the world" your Mission Tithes impact lives... March generosity stories feature Apostle Mary Jacks Dynes' Canada/North Central USA Mission Field. PowerPoint presentations are included with each week's story except March 14. To receive monthly stories, check with your mission center financial officer or find them at www.CofChrist.org/generositystories.

Family Night

March 31st
7 pm
At church

It's An
Egg-stravaganza!

More details coming

Oblation Fund contributions for Haiti were over \$500,000 as of February 14. Your donations are providing shelter, food, and medical care following the devastating earthquake. An assessment team, a joint effort by Community of Christ and Outreach International, has returned. They report that amidst the rubble and loss, people continue to give thanks to God, worship together, and move forward with hope. See a video report from their work and get additional updates at www.CofChrist.org/news/2010/jan/Haiti-updates.asp. Assistance for Haiti will continue through the rebuilding efforts. Thank you for generously supporting Oblation.

Call Rob Borkowski, 816-595-1705
for more information.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 pm Prayer Service	4	5	6 8:30-2pm Worship Workshop Pleasant Hill CYA Retreat March 3-7
7 8:45 am Prayer Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
CYA Retreat						
14 Daylight Savings Begins 12 Noon- Potluck 2:30 pm Cluster Leaders @ Mission Ctr Office Y.O.U. Meeting	15	16 7 pm Ladies Meet	17 7pm Special Worship St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 8:30 am J.O.Y. Breakfast
21 2-3pm Youth Leaders Mtg- Warrens. 3-5pm Spring Fling Jr/Jr Hi/Sr Hi	22	23	24 7 pm Prayer Ser	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Y.O.U. Meeting	29	30	31 7 pm Family Nite			