

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

April 2009

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

A few years ago my wife and I took our two children to the zoo. Ooo! Look daddy. Come on daddy. Hey dad come here. You not going to believe this. Our children were alive with anticipation for the next animal and hungry for this new and exciting adventure. They had seen the animals on TV. They had actually been to the zoo before, but THIS was fresh and right in front of them. As we walked our little red-head began to skip, swinging her arms and singing about the seals and lions and loud birds and squirrels running on the sidewalk. She sang about the monkeys she hadn't even seen yet. It was as if the excitement and joy she felt had to come out somehow, someway. And it had to happen now! As she sang she tended to spin around, so not only did other folks hear us coming, they saw us. Yeah, she was a cutie back then too.

I have heard the story of Jesus Christ. I have studied the words. I have felt His presence. I have welcomed Him into my heart. How can I keep from singing? When I think of the power of the Lord and the presence of the Holy Spirit, I must leap up from where I sit and celebrate all that is good. As I walk through the woods, when my wife reaches out to hold my hand, when I see my little nephew smiles to show his new little tooth, when I go fishing with my buddy, when I see a congregation rise to meet the needs of a family, I see God.

I have heard the story and I know it to be true. God is the creator of all. Jesus is the son of God. Jesus was sent to earth in flesh. He was born of a virgin, lived and died on this earth and was resurrected. Jesus Christ lives in this time for these people. If I told you I believed these things, I would not be telling you the

full truth. I **know** these things. Why am I not singing and dancing in all I do?

I pray for renewal. May we all be willing to celebrate a risen Lord with a smile. May we refresh our testimony of the love of Jesus Christ and practice it often. Oh, dear Lord. I love and praise you. How I love to sing. *Bruce*

President Veazey to Address the Church

Sunday, April 5th
at 7 p.m. CDT

The Temple in Independence,
Missouri

We will be viewing this broadcast here at our local congregation and would encourage you to share with us at the church if unable to attend at the Temple.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

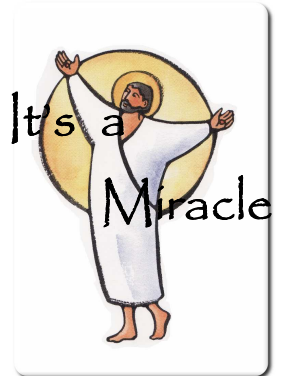
MEN'S GROUP MEETING

*"What It Means to Have a Men's
Group"*

Sunday, April 19th
5:00 p.m. @ the church
A CHILI DINNER MEETING

FAMILY LENT ACTIVITY 2009!

*'Sacrificing'
as a family
and bringing
to Easter the
joy that we
find through
that
sacrifice.*



Lent Activity continues for congregational families this Easter season. This has made us more aware of the need for family time drawing us closer to God and each other.

Visits from grandchildren quickly join in the fun sharing in Lent experience as we see Ben



and Megan sharing their homemade pretzels "with the poor", they made at grandma's house. And to grandparents joy they read "the ancient religious tradition" from the Lent packet . . . all by themselves!

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP there will be an opportunity for you to share your "sacrificial" offering your family has participated in for Family Lent Activity.

Sharon & Pauline



BUILDING COMMITTEE met Monday, March 23rd at the church in discussion, developing additional steps of Phase I of the new church building. We thank the committee for their continued efforts in kingdom building. Those in attendance were: Claude Rains, Jerry Nieft, Bruce Watson, Rick Corn, Bob Sawdon, Donn Quick, Eric Cutshall, and Pauline Watson (*not pictured*) Tracy Dyer was unable to attend.

**LEADERSHIP ATTEND
SIGNAL COMMUNITIES**



WEEK-END RETREAT

With the theme of "Share Christ's Vision" Ark-La-Tex, So Central States & Central MO Mission Centers met at the Ozark Campgrounds. All came away with uplifting testimonies and new insights to future possibilities and growth happening within the church. Those attending from Odessa were Donn & Dena Quick, David & Pauline Watson, Jeff & Jenny Kramer and Bruce & Sarah Watson.

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



"China McMex" Dinner

Sunday, April 26th
At noon



Come join us
after church for our
scrumptious
in-house
dinner!

~ Freewill Offering ~

Proceeds
for New Chairs

J.O.Y. CLUB
50+ Breakfast Club



This month is
Saturday, April 25th
8:30 a.m. @
Morgan's Restaurant

ANSWERED PRAYER

We are so thankful to hear Kaitlin Fletcher only received a sprained ankle with the Lord's protection in car accident last week!

Thank you for your prayers of one another and in particular of our teens! Answered prayer!

**REMEMBER IN PRAY
MANY WITH ILLNESS AND
APPROACHING SURGERY
NEEDING A BLESSINGS!**

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults are planning many varied projects for the next few months keeping an awareness of cost. They are planning Service Projects in April, and volunteering their help to Gage as he earns money for his Malawi IYF trip. Plans are in the making for a trip to the lake in May and a float trip in July.

They are also anxious to share in some worship service in the different congregations.

Jessica Parvin was the only one able to attend the Young Adult Florida Retreat this past month. Great experience.

Another of our Young Adults, Caleb Meyers, joined Liahona and Graceland group over Spring Break, to New Orleans to help clean out damaged sheetrock and general cleanup, assisting homeowners there.

Leaders. Phil & Sharon Meyer

April Birthdays!

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 - 04- Jessica Hudson
 - 06- Nathaniel Kem
 - 07- Shannon Honeycutt
 - 07- Ray Morris
 - 07- Karen Sawdon
 - 09- Anita Banes
 - 16- Michael Marshall
 - 16- Harry Meirarend Jr
 - 21- Cody Sheets
 - 22- Margaret Martin
 - 22- Christina Quick
 - 27- Rolana Frank
 - 27- John Hallier
 - 27- Sherry Fisher

WOMEN SPRING FLING!

Ladies, Women, and children, oh yes, and teenagers too! April 17th is the SPRING FLING, also known as the annual slumber party! Pauline Watson has graciously agreed to have the event at her house and the "young women" have graciously agreed to plan it for us! Every year they come up with something new, fun and delightful for us.

- We would love for you to bring your favorite treats or a snack if you can.
- If you can stay all night then please bring your sleeping bag or bedding.
- Our only requirement is that you are decked out in sleep wear (*which means different things to different folk*).

Pencil us in on your calendar for a night of extreme fun and gut wrenching laughter!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 3rd - 4th
at Lake Doniphan

JUNIOR CHURCH IS FOR "KIDS"!

Grades 1-6 on April 19th
At 11 AM

PARENTS

Sunday School is a great place for the children to learn about God, Jesus, the scriptures, and lots of good instruction in life's challenges. It is also a wonderful place for your children in their age range. Lasting, life-long relationships can develop in this setting and important bonds can be formed. Please make it a priority to set aside that extra hour to come eat breakfast and attend class with some wonderful people who are waiting to spend time with you and your children.

Ilene Sheets.

Primary Sunday School Teacher

MOVING

Shelly & Bryan Coffey have moved into their new home on 314 S Russell, Odessa, MO 64076.

Jackie Watson Family is moving to their new home in Lexington.

David and Shannon Honeycutt have been working on their new home in Grain Valley and are moving in this week-end.

Y.O.U. Bowling Was A "Ball"!



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

March 29, Y.O.U. will kick-off our IYF preparation! IYF is officially for those youth completing 9-12 grades, but the material will be relevant to all youth in their faith journey! We plan to meet on March 29th at 5:30 p.m.!!!

Y.O.U. will not meet on April 5th or 12th—enjoy spending time with your families on communion Sunday and Easter!!

On April 19th, there is the potential for a Mission-wide youth activity to kick-off the camping season! If is our intent to attend this as a group! We will car pool from the church! In the event that this activity is postponed we will be meeting for a cook-out! More details to follow!

On April 26th, Y.O.U. will be car-pooling to Pleasant Hill to watch Ashley Meyer in her Hillside performance. Adults are welcome to join us, as this should be a very entertaining concert! Come support our youth!

*Jeff & Jenny Kramer,
Jr High/Sr High Leaders*

SQUARE DANCING Has Been Good Exercise In OUTREACH!

April 7th and April 21st
7-8:30



*. . . a place to invite
your friends!*



CHOIR PRACTICE—The Choir is dedicated to their Sunday night practices as they prepare for Easter services. We look forward to their special ministry they will be offering.

Tracy Dyer, choir director



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
- 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:

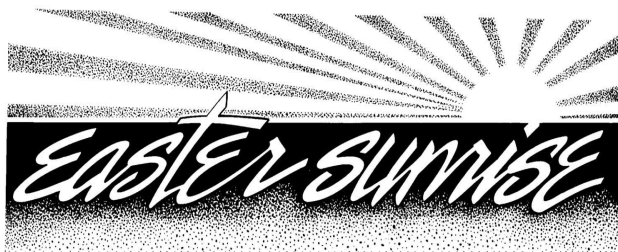
- 7:00 PM Prayer Service
- Family Night last Wednesday

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

*Renew Your
Faith
This Easter*



S E R V I C E S

Easter Sunday

8:30 AM

By Drama Department

*Breakfast immediately
following*

EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday- April 5th

"We Rejoice"

Speaker, Cheryl O'Keefe

April 9th

Maundy Thursday- 7 pm

"Communion of the Disciples"

April 10th

Good Friday- 7 pm

At Oak Grove church

Easter Sunday

April 12th

8:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service *"Rejoice This Day"*

Drama Department

9:30 AM Easter Breakfast

10:00 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Song Service

11:00 AM Easter Worship *"It's A Miracle!"*

Speaker, Bruce Watson

Easter Music by Adult Choir





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 pm Prayer Ser	2 Brownies 5:30-7pm	3 Women's Retreat—Lake Doniphan	4
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:45 AM Prayer Ser 7 pm President Veazey's Address 7 pm Community Palm Sunday Service	6	7	8	9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	10 <i>Good Friday</i> No School/Easter Break 7 pm Good Friday Services	11
12 <i>Easter</i> 8:30 AM Sunrise Service 9:30 AM Breakfast 11 AM Easter Worship No Potluck	13 No School	14 Troop 1546	15 7 pm Prayer Ser	16 Brownies 5:30-7pm	17 7 pm Ladies Spring Fling	18
19 11 AM Baptismal Service 11 AM Jr Church Youth Mission-wide Activity?? 5 pm Men's Chili Dinner Mtg	20	21 7-8:30 pm Square Dancing	22 7 pm Prayer Ser	23	24	25 8:30 am J.O.Y. Breakfast Club Pastors 1-Day Event 9:30am - 4:30pm
26 Noon- China McMex Dinner Y.O.U. to Hillside Performance-PH Mission Ctr CO	27	28 Troop 1546	29 7 pm Family Nite	30		