



# The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

September 2011

## I COULD SING OF YOUR LOVE FOREVER

Recently in my studies I re-found the scripture, Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV) "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." How awesome in that? The Lord will rejoice over ME with singing. When was the last time you had someone so happy to see you they broke into song? So I began to thinking of folks in my life. Truly, I am happy to see them ... so what song?

First song to my head ... When I think of my pretty wife, "Hey, Hey Baby" and then "You Are My All In All." When I think of mom I think of a Kathy Troccoli song "Go Light Your World." I think of dad and I think of "Preacher and the Bear." My kids, "Jesus' Lullaby." I think of the youth "Gonna Sing My Lord." When I think of our congregation, "I Love You With the Love of the Lord." Folks, how can I keep from singing as I embrace the joy of thinking of the ones I love. What wondrous love is this that stirs within my soul this very minute? It may seem a bit sappy to place the words of songs into my very conversation, but frankly why not? Music is a huge piece of my life and these songs and times surrounding these songs have changed me along my journey.

When I think of my ministry as a disciple of Jesus Christ, two songs come to mind, "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" and "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever." By God's grace I am free from those things that would hold me down. As I cast aside my burdens and focus on the Lord and the blessings He provides, I just feel like I could sing of His love forever. I am made better by the people in my life. And I am made whole by the Lord in my life.

What is the song of your life right now?

*Bruce Watson, Pastor*

## ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR PASTOR?

### ADULTS

Saturday, September 10th  
6:30 pm

(this is for anyone who has graduated from high school up to age 100!

Bring a Snack to share!

*Come and have fun!*

Shelly Coffey, 529-2866 or  
Whitney Slater 573-424-3493

### POTLUCK\_\_

## SUNDAY, SEPT 11TH

Please contact Kat McGee if you are willing to host a potluck, take a turn doing breakfast, nursery, greeter, worship center or children's moments.

## PEACEMAKERS CLUB

Wednesday, September 14th  
6pm to 7 pm

*Vic & Vanessa Dutel & Kat McGee*



## JR. CHURCH IS BACK!

Beginning September 18 @ 11:00am, for the 1-6 graders. We will explore events from the Scriptures through stories, crafts, games, songs, reenactments, & etc. (surprise)! Kids, invite a friend & come join the fun. We will learn fantastic things about Jesus, you & y o u r G O D .

*Pete & Cheryl O'Keefe*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Family Camp at Lake Doniphan  
June 22-26, 2012

## J.O.Y. BREAKFAST CLUB

The over 50 Group!

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

@ Hot Pot's Restaurant

## FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, Sept 28th, 7 pm  
*Troy & Misty Thieman*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE VERY WELL ATTENDED

and this is just one of the reasons why!

\_\_\_Junior Class is studying the Old Testament through wonderful movies, discussion on what we saw last week and who dunit! That Old Testament is really exciting and we can only hit the highlights but it is riveting! Even Lou and I are even learning new stuff! Keep those kids of yours coming so we can all enjoy this journey through the scriptures together! We don't want anyone to miss a thing!

*Cou Green and Ilene Sheets!*



## PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS BEGINS\_\_

We will be having Pre-baptismal classes during the Sunday School hour for anyone wishing to come, led by Lucas Watson and Heather LaRue.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEPT 24TH 8:30 A.M.-4:15 P.M., WARRENSBURG Wonder Full World takes you on a journey packed with friendship, God, and spiritual growth. It's a retreat you won't want to miss! Cost is \$30, mail to Central MO Mission Center, PO Box 350, Warrensburg 64093.

## Election of Officers 2010-2011!

### Outreach

Communion to Shut-ins Ministry	Dennis Hattey/ Tracy Dyer
Healing Ministry	Tracy Dyer
Flowers	Kathy Hattey
College Connections/Card Min	Sharon Meyer/ Jenny Kramer
Newsleaf Editor	Pauline Watson
Communications and Call List (Newspaper/Advertisement)	Ilene Sheets
Family Night	Troy & Misty Thieman Mike & Sharon Slater

### Education

Church School Director	Cheryl O'Keefe
VCS Director	
Christmas	Samantha Brucks
Summer	Jessica Slater
Church School Secretary	Shelly Corn
Jr Church Director	Pete & Cheryl O'Keefe
Librarian	Sue Mills

### Spiritual Growth

Adults	Shelly Coffey/ Whitney Slater
Young Adults	Jeff & Jenny Kramer
Recreation Director	Lucas Watson/ Jessica Slater
Jr High/Sr High	Honeycuts/ B Watsons/Meyers
Young Peacemakers	Vic & Vanessa Dutel/ Kat McGee
Music	Tracy Dyer
Youth Choir	Elizabeth Watson / Hannah Meyer

### Supportive Ministry

### \*Presiding Elder

- \* Associate
- \* Associate
- \* Associate

Bruce Watson  
Dena Quick  
Jeff Kramer  
Cheryl O'Keefe

### \*Head Deacon

Fundraising Chairman  
Bulletin

Directory

Service Video Taping/  
Audio setup

Kitchen Coordinator

Administrative Assistant

Children's Moments,  
Worship Center,  
Nursery, Breakfast, Greeter

Rick Corn  
Dena Quick  
Pam Corn  
Sue Mills  
Vic Dutel

Dennis & Kathy Hattey  
Kat McGee

### \*Financial Officer

- \*Book Steward
- \*Historian
- \*Recorder
- Secretary

Eric Cutshall  
Sue Mills  
David Watson  
Myrtle Dillon  
Elizabeth Watson

### Building and Grounds

Lawn/Snow Removal  
Building Committee

- \*Mission Center President
- \*Financial Officer
- \*Pastorate

Eric Cutshall

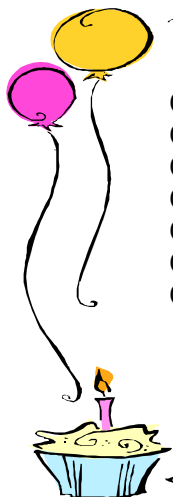
Claude Rains  
Eric Cutshall  
Bruce Watson  
Dena Quick  
Jeff Kramer  
Cheryl O'Keefe

Elected

(3 yrs) David Honeycutt  
(2 yrs) Rick Corn  
(1 yr) Donn Quick

\*To be sustained

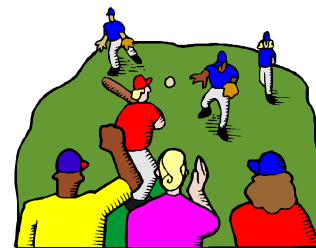
Others to be elected at Business Meeting



## September Birthdays!

01-Jared Green	13-John Mead
02-Connor Marshall	14-Kayla Anthony
03-Ryan Waddell	14-Kathy Humphrey
04-Lana Quick	16-Ilee Sheets
07-Sara Bateman	17-Ralph Kaat
07-Troy Thieman	17-Janet Ladd
08-Pete O'Keefe	20-Kathy Tatom
10-Ray Kegley	24-Kevin Gilbert
10-Betty O'Dell	25-Elizabeth Dyer
10-Wayne Sheets	27-Lance Parvin
13-Kara Cole	28-Mindy Cutshall

## Softball Team Has A Good Season in Community C h u r c h L e a g u e



\_\_Lucas  
Watson and Jessica  
Slater led our church  
co-ed softball team in  
some really exciting  
games! A few battle  
wounds and Sunday

mornings "why you limping?", but so-o-o much a  
team of awesome caliber in every way!! Sports-  
manship and fun reaching out into our community  
is the name of the game! They are WINNERS!!



Mateja Wilson Baptized by her grandmother, Priest Carol Wilson



Rachael Gassen Baptized by Elder Bruce Watson



Troy Thieman Baptized by Priest Pam Corn

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**BLESSINGS**\_\_\_

Atticus Gassen by Elders Pauline Watson & Dennis Hattey  
 Owen Gassen by Elders Dennis Hattey & Pauline Watson  
 Nika Dutel by Elders Pauline Watson & David Honeycutt  
 Shawn Dutel by Elders Cheryl O'Keefe & Donn Quick

**ORDINATIONS**\_\_\_

Vanessa Dutel to Priest by High Priest Donn Quick & Elder Tracy Dyer

Vic Dutel to Deacon by Evangelist David Watson & Elder Bruce Watson

**ODESSA HAD A BUSY**

**Summer**\_\_Garage Sale, Dinner/Concert, Jr Church Swim, Camping Program, Softball League, Congregational Pool Party, Gage Kramer travel to Korea and Whitney Slater to Canada with the World Service Corp! Our little congregation has been on the move!!



New adventures and activities continue to lead our congregation forward!



Thanks to each one for an awesome experience together with Christ!



**Fantasy Football** has begun again! For more information or to join contact Phil Meyer! Get ready for this awesome "game" guys and gals! Trash talk? Teasing? Maybe, but all in fun and good fellowship!

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**



The children of David & Pauline Watson gave a reminiscent celebration in story, picture and song in

their parents honor Sunday, Sept 4th at the church. Thanks to each one for sharing.

**Prayers**\_\_we continue to ask for your prayers for Kayla Anthony's little boy, Jasper, who remains in the hospital for tests and treatment.

For Jeff Kramer, after his motorcycle accident and injuries he received last Sunday afternoon.

There are others on our hearts and minds also\_\_whether on your knees, your pillow or beside your bed, remember to pray.

**We Express our Sympathies**

to the Dyer Family at the loss of their loved one and our friend, Karen. We will truly miss her.

**SEPTEMBER 11—KICK-OFF NIGHT FOR STORIES OF THE MASTER, 6 PM, WARRENSBURG, FOR YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART.**

Five-week focus on the parables of Jesus. Snack potluck at 6, followed by praise music at 6:30. Speakers Bruce Watson (9/11); Scott Norwood (9/18); Scott Blair (9/25); Steve Muse (10/2) and Diane Allison (10/9) will be complimented with videos and skits. For additional info, contact Scott Norwood at [norwood3@charter.net](mailto:norwood3@charter.net).

**SEPTEMBER 13-15 —ADULT RETREAT AT CAMP DONIPHAN.**

Guest ministry provided by David & Carolyn Brock, Tom Mountenay, Dr. VerDught, and Becky Savage. The theme is "Walking with Jesus". Cost: \$84. Registration forms are available at our office or contact [margaretmcdowell@centralmission.org](mailto:margaretmcdowell@centralmission.org).



# Community of Christ



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Odessa, MO 64076

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:15 AM Breakfast

9:45 AM School

10:45 AM Worship

1st Sunday of the Month:

8:45 AM Family Prayer Service

9:30 AM Preparation

9:45 AM Sunday School Classes

Wednesday:

6-7:00 PM Peacemakers

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](http://www.odessacofchrist.org)

*Give Generously. Love Courageously*

## SEPTEMBER 17-18: HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT, RICH HILL

Saturday 2pm through Sunday 2 pm. For more info, go to the C-MO youth Facebook page. Youth leaders and parents (who are YW certified) interested in helping and/or providing transportation please contact Anita Norman, 660-238-4944 or [anorman@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:anorman@cmcofchrist.org).

## OCTOBER 2—SOLID ROCK (FORMERLY KNOWN AS ROCK 'N ROAD SHOW), 4-6 PM, WARRENSBURG.

This event is for youth 5th grade through 12th grade. Let's get together and support each other in our walk with Jesus. Back by popular demand (schedules permitting): Josh, Conner, Matt and Elizabeth.

**INTERPERSONAL PEACEBUILDING** (1.2 CEU credits are available through Graceland University for \$20)

September 14 and 19  
8:30 am—5 pm Cost \$25  
@ Community of Christ Temple  
Wednesday, Sept 7th

## LISTENING EAR

Listening Ear participants will learn how to assist someone in accessing their own internal resources to resolve the dilemma in a constructive way without "fixing" them, giving advice, or counseling. *Prerequisite: Interpersonal Peacebuilding* (2-day Session) Oct. 7 & 10 8:30 am—5 pm Cost: \$25  
@ Community of Christ Temple  
Please register by: Oct 3rd to Sandee Gamet, [sgamet@cofchrist.org](mailto:sgamet@cofchrist.org) or 816-833-1000 x 2353

## OCTOBER 8—DON COMPIER'S CLASS, WARRENSBURG CHURCH, 9AM-2PM.

Don will explore aspects of our contemporary culture and what

they mean for the church's mission. Bring your scriptures and lunch. Call 888-747-0439 toll free, or 660-747-6193 to register or email [mkidd@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:mkidd@cmcofchrist.org).

## OCTOBER 15—MISSION INITIATIVES AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

with Seventy Karin Peter, Warrensburg Church, 9:30 am-2 pm. All congregational leaders, priesthood and interested persons are invited. Please register by October 10, 660-747-6193, locally or 1-888-747-0439 toll free or email [mkidd@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:mkidd@cmcofchrist.org).

## OCTOBER 21-23, 2011 PEACE COLLOQUY.

The theme is: "Creating Hope, Healing Earth". Terry Tempest Williams will be honored with the 2011 Community of Christ International Peace Award. For additional information and/or to register, go to [www.CofChrist.org/peacecolloquy](http://www.CofChrist.org/peacecolloquy).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:45 am Prayer Ser	5	6	7 7pm Prayer Ser	8	9	10 6:30 pm Adults "Are You Smarter Than Your Pastor"
11 Potluck Dinner	12	13 Adult Retreat Sept 13-15th	14 <u>Interpersonal Peacebuilding @ Temple Sept 14 &amp; 19</u> 6-7pm Peacemakers 7pm Prayer Ser	15	16	17 8:30am J.O.Y. Breakfast Club High Sch/Middle Sch Retreat @ Rich Hill
18 11am Jr Church	19	20	21 7pm Prayer Ser	22	23	24 8:30-4:15 pm Women's Retreat
25	26	27	28 7pm Family Nite	29	30	

*Sunday, Sept 4th*

*"Love One Another"*

*Speaker. The Dutels*

*Sunday, September 11th*

*"Forgive from Your Heart"*

*Speaker, Mission President,  
Claude Rains*

*Sunday, September 18th*

*"God Is Generous"*

*Speaker, Heritage Day*

*Sunday, September 25th*

*"Do God's Will"*

*Speaker, Heather Frank*