

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

June, July, August 2009

Vacation . . . and here we are again sharing activities and news from around the congregation over the summer and for your August planning!

J.O.Y. Breakfast Club

50+ Breakfast Club
Saturday, August 15th
8:30 a.m. @ Morgan's Restaurant

JUNIOR CHURCH IS FOR "KIDS"!



Grades
1-6 on
August
16th
At 11 AM

3rd Sunday
of each
month

For the next few months we will be reading & discussing the stories Jesus told (parables). It is our desire to help your children feel comfortable looking up information & reading about the "GOOD NEWS" in the scriptures. We will have fun with puzzles, games & review questions about the stories.

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Send 1) your child; 2) a Bible; 3) offering money; 4) ask questions on the way home; 5) pray for your child to have a heart for Jesus

CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1) have FUN!! 2) learn about GOD

FAITHFULLY FIT

Tuesday & Thursday Nites
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

A new exercise group started with a new twist of fun and excitement! Whether sharing inside or outside, Exercise Session to jazzy music or



session at "The Dish" (low cal recipes) or our "Dieters Devotions, young and



old are taking on new challenges. "Sacrificing ice cream!?" O yeah! You can do it! Just for 1 week! Prayer is definitely a part of our weekly workouts!

Led by one of our college students, Jessi Slater, a Certified Personal Trainer and Yoga instructor.

Bring those tennis shoes and join us!

NAILS AT NURSING HOME—NEED VOLUNTEER

June Dyer currently goes to the Odessa Nursing Home, every Friday at 9am to do the ladies nails

for them. She normally spends about an hour and a half there.

June needs to retire and is looking for someone who would be willing to take her place as the ladies count on her being there and brightening their week.

June is willing to set you up with all her "supplies" to get you going. Please contact her at 816-633-3275 if you'd be willing to take this wonderful outreach tool!

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults have had swimming party at Oak Grove pool, BBQ at Odessa city park, float trip and in general, had a great summer together. Sand volleyball has caught their eye the last few weeks and has been great fun! Also, the Faithfully Fit Class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays are keeping their attention with a large group working out together!

RECYCLED CELL

PHONES and ink & toner cartridges will be turned in. Please bring them to church in the next couple weeks or give them to Shelly Coffey

CHILDREN AT PLAY—REMEMBER TO PRAY

Back to school for our students in Day Care, Elementary, High School and College

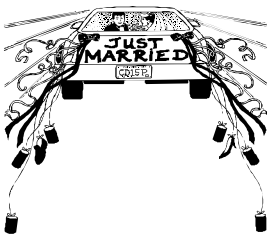
__they all begin a new year with new steps of learning to take. They need our prayers and support!





SAND VOLLEY BALL__our congregation entered a sand volleyball team to the Odessa community roster! Great fun and fellowship were enjoyed by players as well as bleacher fans! What a great group! We didn't know we had so many talented volleyball players!

WEDDING BELLS RING FOR



David and Jessica (Hudson) Thomas as they exchanged wedding vows June 6th at the church.

Brandon & Jill (Tholen) Fletcher were married on the lawn of the Fletcher home May 30th. They will be moving to Lamoni where both will be attending Graceland College.

We wish our newly married couples the Lord's riches blessings and continued happiness as they begin their new lives together.

BAPTISMS

Jessica Parvin, Vanessa Dutel and Debbie Petifurd

Jessica Parvin and Vanessa Dutel were baptized Sunday evening at Family Camp and confirmed the following Sunday here in Odessa.

Debbie Petifurd felt led at that service at Family Camp to ask for baptism. Debbie was baptized the following Sunday, July 7th, at the Sunday morning worship here at Odessa.

Such outstanding testimonies have

been shared from newly baptized as well as congregational members, of the Lord moving and working in the lives of people through baptism.

BABY BLESSING

Addison Elizabeth Waddell was blessed Sunday, August 2nd by Elder Bruce Watson and her great grandfather, Elder Harold Watson during the 11:00 a.m. Communion Service.

RECENTLY MOVED

So happy to hear Troy and Misty Thieman have moved to Odessa.

New Address is:

Troy & Misty Thieman
437 E College Terrace
Odessa, MO 64076

Also to the Mike and Sharon Slater, Jessi, Sam and Whitney as they settle into their new home in Oak Grove.

No more 1 1/2 hours drives to get to church!

New Address is:

Mike & Sharon Slater
1113 SW 8th
Oak Grove, MO 64075

It's like moving home for these families.

Jeff and Jenny Kramer have moved to Marshall as Jeff accepted the principal job in Marshall.

New Address is:

Jeff and Jenny Kramer
PO Box 324
Higginsville, MO 64037

Gage will be staying with his grandmother, Pat Mead, when school starts.

CHINA MCMEX DINNER IN JULY

We felt blessed this month what with vacationers traveling and smaller crowd to have cleared \$229 from our dinner!

Thanks to each one for sharing in our wonderful picnic feast of food and fellowship! Great day!

Classes share at Talent Show



FAMILY CAMP HAD 250+ CAMPERS THIS YEAR!



Mike Slater MC's Talent Show

"HAPPY CAMPERS"

This year we have had many of our congregation involved in the camping program. Our youth have been blessed by those efforts of leaders, and camper friends alike! Odessa youth have all come back full of fun and testimonies to share! Thanks everyone! Would like to hear more? Watch your bulletin!

"China McMex" Dinner

Sunday, August 30th
At noon

It's A Mexican Menu this month

Come join us after church for dinner!

Last Sunday of August in order to get back on track with our normal schedule.

~ Freewill Offering ~



PATRICIA RECEIPTS STEADY

Harold Watson shared with us that our Patricia grocery receipts continue to bring in over \$4,000 of receipts. From those dollars spent and receipts, the congregation receives a percentage of money. It all adds up as we help in just another small way! Thanks for your time and support to this cause.

You can give your receipts to Harold or place them in a box in the foyer

GAGE TO MALOWI

Gage Kramer has returned from his trip to Malowi and shared briefly at last month's campfire of friends he met there. Anxious to hear more.

THANKS FOR SHARING

Thanks for all the calls and email of friends and family on our prayer list and for keeping us informed and aware of others needs. We know what prayer can do! Thanks for taking the time!

"Let Us Pray For One Another"

Let us Pray for one another,
That our minds and hearts may
blend

As we grow in love and mercy,
Day by day, till life shall end.
We can see how others need us;
May we also dare to say
That in love we'll share together;
For each other let us pray.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OUR MISSION CENTER

August 22nd

ONE DAY TRAINING EVENT,

Jerry Nieft will facilitate the class:
Brother, Sister: Are You Saved? Jesus is Savior and Lord!

Come, bring a sack lunch (drink will be provided), enjoy fellowship during an excellent opportunity to learn with a dynamic teacher on a very interesting topic. Register by calling the Mission Center Office, 1-888-747-0439 or 660-747-6193.

August 30th

All are invited to share as THE TEMPLE COMES ALIVE!, 2:30-6:30 p.m.

The events are focused on Acts 2. All ages are welcome, and there is no charge for this event. Please pre-register with your pastor today.

September 15-17—CENTRAL AREA ADULT RETREAT

at Lake Doniphan, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-10:30 a.m. Thursday, *Hope of the Gospel* is the theme with Randall Pratt, Ron Yager, John Sellers and Cliff Caton, guest ministers. Register with Sylvia Heinzle, 816-833-4300 or e-mail Sylvia-heinzle@centralmission.org before August 24, \$66 (includes 2 nights and 5 meals): \$76 after August 24. One-day registration fee is \$30.

October 23-25—Justice for Women, Dignity for All is the theme of the **2009 PEACE COLLOQUY** at the Temple. The 2009 Peace Award recipient is Dr. Halima Bashir from Darfur, Sudan' a young adult aged 29, African and Muslim. For more details contact Jeanette Hicks at 816-833-1000 ext. 2224, jhicks@cofchrist.org. Online registration at www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy.

November 7—MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE, 9:30 am—3:30 pm. Rick Maupin will be our guest minister. We will worship together,

conduct business and elect delegates to the 2010 World Conference.

DECEMBER 5 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR,

Odessa church, 8am-3pm. To reserve a space, contact Sue Mills at 816-633-8133 or 816-263-2337. Hallway tables are available for \$8 and 7'x10' booths are \$15. Breakfast and lunch are served. All are welcome to come and see and enjoy the great food.

APRIL 3-11, 2010—World Conference at Independence

ATTENTION: All persons who wish to submit their names for delegates for Central Missouri Mission Center need to send an e-mail to centralmo@cmcofchrist.org or call (660-747-6193 or toll free 1-888-747-0439) by November 2, 2009.

August Birthdays!

- 02- Casey Anthony
- 04- Zona Duncan
- 04- Garrett Oakes
- 04- Lucas Watson
- 05- Michael Corn
- 05- Steven Gilbert
- 05- Bruce Watson
- 09- Candace Cook
- 10- Danny Mackey Jr
- 13- Zachary Anthony
- 14- John Billings
- 14- Janet Culbertson
- 15- Jordan White
- 16- Justus Quick
- 16- Barbara Quick
- 17- Tammy Gilbert
- 18- Jordan Cook
- 22- Chet Meierarend III
- 23- Maranda Strong
- 26- Ralph Barker
- 26- Bryan Coffey
- 27- Lindsey Corn
- 27- Taunya Meierarend
- 29- Misty Thieman
- 29- Bob Sawdon
- 30- Tracy Dyer
- 30- Tom Kegley





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
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

Come and Worship!

Vacation Bible School!

AUG 6-9TH
6:30 PM TO 9 PM

FOR

3 YRS TO 6TH GRADE

THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY

SARAH WATSON, DIRECTOR

