

June 2008

# The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 7th - 11th  
All ages  
6:30 pm - 9 pm  
Watch your bulletin !

### Junior Church Taking Summer Break

We will not pick up again until September to allow for vacations and all the camps.

We had our last Junior Church setting for the year. It was an outside "campfire" and we went over a lot of silly campfire songs the kids might be learning for children's camp or family camp. They all thought it was weird that we didn't have an actual fire. (*Jen is a little slow when it comes to that sort of thing*)

Also, the kids dripped rainbow colors from the popsicles we ate. While we were licking popsicles, we pretended to paint pictures of the things of summer and all of them decided to paint a popsicle picture of Jesus or God in the sky. What insight! They instantly saw the bright popsicles and thought of the colors and beauty of God's creation! I am so proud of my "Kids". Have a great summer guys!  
I love you all, Jen.

**"WiLS Project"** A volunteer project to help physical needs of homes in our community for those unable to do the work themselves. Our first rehab with this organization this past month. Workers are excited as they begin the project of tearing out and replacing a needed ramp. With a few young muscles and experienced workers, the job is nearing completion.

Expenses are taken care of by the organization, with time and labor the only things needed from workers. What a wonderful way to spend a few hours working side by side with friends while helping our neighbor at the same time! Couldn't ask for better than that!



**From Our Pastor** \_\_\_ With a knock on the door, I entered the room of my next patient. As I came in the room, I was met with a loud, "Hello, Bruce. It sure is good to see you again." The hand of an elderly gentleman was thrust out my direction waiting for a handshake. I must be honest I didn't recognize the man greeting me. As a nurse and a minister I see so many folks it's hard to remember everyone. We talked for a bit as I glanced through his chart. Now I remember! His name was J.M. A few years ago we had him in the hospital where I worked. I never knew his first name. He never told anyone his first name. Even his driver's license had J.M.

He looked so different. Cancer had a tight grip on him. We laughed and chatted as we headed toward the procedure room where I would care for him. Right before he drifted off to sleep, again he told me how good it was to see me. Tears filled his eyes as he leaned my way. I just wanted to hug him, but this was not the time.

J.M. served in the military in the war. He would tell me stories about the special relationships he had with his squad and the horrible things he had seen. He would tell me of holding the body of one of his friends. Tears streamed down his face as he talked of his fallen comrades. To compose himself he would always change the subject to politics and government issues that needed revamping. J.M. was a great man.

I can't help but compare the old gentleman to another one who thrusts out His hand waiting for a handshake. He too has held the broken and cried for their pain. He pushed through the pain and the weight of the world to pray for me. A gentle welcoming smile on His face encourages my soul. J.M. was my friend. Thank you J.M. for showing me J.C.

*Bruce Watson*

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

Check your bulletin  
for

**"Beginning of Summer Campout"**

## Thanks to the generous ongoing support of Oblation Fund contributors,

Community of Christ is able to respond to needs in China. To



assist with relief efforts following the 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck the Sichuan province on May 12, Community of Christ is giving \$25,000 from Oblation to the International Federation of Red Cross and

Red Crescent Societies.

To assist in relief efforts to Myanmar, which suffered a catastrophic cyclone on May 3, Community of Christ is giving \$50,000 from its Oblation fund to CARE International. Community of Christ members have expressed an urgent desire to help, and we have also been aware that relief agency access to Myanmar has been difficult. Thanks to generous ongoing support of the Oblation fund, we are able to respond.

Here are some of the ways in which we have been helping so far:

- We have distributed water in two townships (South Dagon and Thaketa) in Yangon to approximately 2,000 families (10,000 people) in temporary shelters and other community members who have no access to town water supply. This included distribution of bottled water as well as cleaning wells and toilets at collective centers (schools and pagodas).



- We distributed rice to 3,000 people in seven collective centers using locally available food. Further distributions are planned with the World Food Programs likely to include rice and high energy biscuits.



- 50,000 family kits are being assembled in Thailand. The family kits include blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheeting, clothes, kitchen and hygiene items.

- Assessments have been completed for Tha Ke Ta and East Dagon Townships in Yangon. Rice for approximately 900 people, hygiene supplies and diesel for power pumps have been provided.

**Young Adults**\_\_ Had a great time miniature golfing at Cool Crest earlier this month, moving right into their campfire the following week at Tracy's farm. Our Young Adults are a busy group and enjoy all activities together but are a little distracted lately. Or at least our Young Adult leader who is getting married this month . . . better check bulletin for YA headliners coming soon.

## Mothers Honored on Mother's Day\_\_

Oldest & youngest were honored with a mother's favorite dandelion bouquet! All the women were then honored with beautiful long stemmed flowers to take home. Mary Ring was honored as our



oldest mother and Samantha Slater as our youngest mother!

Two other mothers shared their story from our Communion table, challenging us all to have His spirit move into our homes and family life more fully!



## June Birthdays

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| 02- Mindy Day        | 10- Donna Kegley    |
| 04- June Dyer        | 12- IV Meierarend   |
| 05- Eric Cutshall Jr | 17- Tim Sheets      |
| 05- Linda Mathis     | 18- Brandon Gilbert |
| 06- Dena Quick       | 18- Mary Ring       |
| 08- Thomas McSparren | 22- Patty Watson    |
| 08- Damon Winter     | 25- Judy Updike     |
| 09- Cali Meierarend  | 26- Jenny Spencer   |

Please turn in Newsleaf info by 25th of the month to Pauline Watson: dpwatson@embarqmail.com or Phone 816-633-3250

## June Scripture Challenge week of:

June 1st	Mosiah 12 & 13
June 8th	Alma 1 & 2
June 15th	Alma 3 & 4
June 22nd	Alma 5 & 6
June 29th	Alma 7 & 8

## Women International Headquarters June 19-22

Share with each other and church leaders including Presidents Steve Veazey, Becky Savage, Apostles Stassi Cramm and Mary Jacks Dynes, Central Mission Center President Barbara Borkowski and others about what we can do as individuals, congregations, and a worldwide church to respond in our communities to issues raised during the conference.

## Building Committee Presentation

11 a.m. Sunday, June 29th

**Wedding Bells Ring for** John Corn and Lindsey Pippin on their marriage this past month. Our prayers are with them as they move out as a family and new beginnings!

Scott Blair and Jenny Jones will tie the knot Saturday, June 1st and offer them our best wishes for a beautiful wedding day and life together.

**MOVING** Jenny Anthony, Lily and Case, will be moving to Independence to be closer to work, but will continue worshipping with us often. New address:

519 E Pacific Ave, Independence, MO 64050  
Home Phone: 252-1053

## David Watson honored at Mission Center

**Spring Conference** . . . A gift certificate and standing ovation were given to David Watson for driving our kids to summer camps the past 10 years. Yes, that "big yellow bus" will keep rolling down the road to camps this summer but in your travels, who knows, David may pass you by as he and Pauline will be doing some traveling too!

**Baby Blessing** Brady Wayne Watson was blessed this past month by his great grandfather, Harold Watson and Bruce Watson.



## "Wheels Fundraiser"

We're still shopping  
For  
Our special car

## GRAD CELEBRATION GREAT

A great night of family fun celebration, with our graduating Seniors.

AMERICAN IDOL?! Who should have joined us for such an event but Ryan Seacrest (oh, Bruce) himself, and joining him our panel of judges, our very own Paula (Arielle Kramer) and Simon (Caleb Meyer), selecting our next American Idol! A tough decision for the crowd gathered hearing all those untold stories



from parents and friends! And those wonderful scrapbooks from parents told more unforgettable story? Talent shared on the karaoke from Brian and Luke could only be topped by the Seniors singing their favorite

pop hits, "My God is So Strong" and "This Little Light of Mine"! Definitely, all factors taken into consideration in their popular vote! Some real favorites in this crowd!

Everyone added to the fruit and dessert bar satisfying every sweet tooth in the house! Special touches from a large crowd of fans resulted in a memorable evening and ALL honored Seniors decided upon as our American idols. Fans cheered them on with well wishes, prayers, encouragement and love, carrying them to the TOP of the charts in the future!

Thanks everyone for a great night of honoring some really great kids! Congratulations! May God bless you on your journey!

## PATRICIA RECEIPTS

are adding up as the congregation continues saving cash register receipts. There is a flowered vase in the foyer for you to continue sharing and adding up a few dollars at a time for the congregation. Thanks Hal, for leading out with this project.

## TEDDY Finds His Place In Worship

Our hearts were softened as our little rascal Jacob ran to the worship center and gave "teddy" a great big hug! Love expressed from this small child says it all! He found something in our worship that "touched" and "moved" him! Teddy! Love! He just couldn't resist just one little hug expressing "love" the only way he knew how and with someone he was so familiar with! Our children! A plus shared for our service of Baby Blessing that day. Thanks Jacob, for showing us how to express our love in worship and for coming each Sunday morning to learn! . . . He loves you too!



# 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
- 5:30 PM Youth Meeting
- 5:30 PM Peacemakers— last Sunday
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

### 1st Sunday of the Month:

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

### Wednesday:

- 7:00 PM Prayer Service

Pastor: Bruce Watson 816-230-8813

**Mission Statement**—“We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote Communities of Joy, hope, love and peace.”

## Happy Father's Day

# 2008 Youth Camps!

- June 13-15 Children's Camp @ Heit's Point
- June 28-July 3 Sr High Camp @ Camp Farwesta
- July 6-11 Jr High Camp @ Camp Farwesta
- July 19-26 Spectacular @ Graceland University
- August 3-7 Junior Camp @ Camp Farwesta

There are camp registration forms available in the foyer or online at [www.cmcofchrist.org](http://www.cmcofchrist.org).



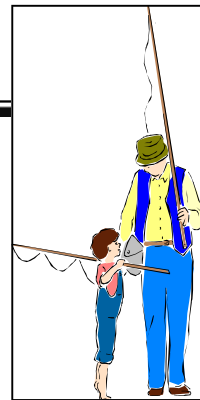
## FAMILY CAMP 2008!

June 20-24th

Registration Forms available online @ [www.cmcofchrist.com](http://www.cmcofchrist.com)

Family Camp needs to be completely paid to the Mission Center by Wednesday, June 11th, in order to avoid a late fee of \$25.

If you have not already done so, please register and pay your \$100 deposit ASAP in order to reserve your room/bed. There are still plenty of cabins/cottages still available.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:45 AM Family Pr Scott & Jenny's Wedding	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7 pm Prayer Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Children's Day</i> 12:00 Potluck Dinner	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm Prayer Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm Prayer Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> NO Family Night	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 11 am Presentation 5:30 pm Peacemakers	<b>30</b>					
  						
						

## COME & WORSHIP—Sunday Morning Worship Services

Song Service - 10:45 A.M.

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.

June 1st—  
*"Build with Faith"*  
 Speaker, Jeff Kramer

June 8th—  
*"Journey in Faith"*  
 Speaker, Bruce Watson

June 15th—  
*"Is Anything Too Wonderful for God?"*  
 Speaker, Chad Reynolds

June 22nd—  
*"Alive to God"*  
 Family Camp

June 29th  
*"Be a Living Sacrifice"*  
 Presentation