



Odessa Community of Christ

# The Newsleaf

October 2011

be baptized and be a part of this baptismal service also, please contact our Pastor.

straightening the sanctuary after each 11am worship service. Please encourage them in this service for the Lord & for you. Your kids are the GREATEST!!! *Pete & Cheryl O'Keefe*

## Nursery Tales

Hi everyone! I'm so excited because, as most of you know, the nursery is now split into two sections, both of which can see and hear the service!

The toddlers (age 2-4) get to go into the carpeted classroom in back, and the parents with the littler ones can have the whole nursery room in front for themselves. This way there is less crashing of the kids and adults LOL. This was in effect as of last Sunday and worked out extremely well. Thanks to all who helped make the toddler room happen!

\*\*\*I'm asking for volunteers in the toddler room. I have the mom's of the toddlers scheduled along with a few other young ladies, but there are very few of us and I know the kids would love to have some different adults in to play with them---perhaps some parents whose children are already grown up? You can partner up if you'd like and give me a call.

Thank you so much!  
*Kat McGee (816)565-0490*

## BAPTISM THIS

**SUNDAY**\_\_\_Aaron Baldwin will be baptized this next Sunday, Oct. 9th, at the church during 11 o'clock service.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Sunday, Oct. 16th of Aaron and several other recently baptized.

If you wish to make your commitment to

## POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, Oct 9th  
At noon!

Where You'll find the best Food & Friends in town!

## "DINNER FOR 8"

Adults

October 22nd

Check bulletin for dinner hour

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

## PEACEMAKERS CLUB

Wednesday  
Oct 12th  
6 - 7 pm



*Vic & Vanessa Dutel & Kat McGee*

## JUNIOR CHURCH

October 16th @ 11:00am  
for the 1st—6th graders

Jr. Church is rolling along with great participation from the kids. They volunteer for readings, prayers & collecting offertory. There is a variety of Bible stories, scripture games, crafts, prizes for "Happy Helpers"& snacks too. The older kids have been given the responsibility of picking up &

## J.O.Y. BREAKFAST CLUB

The over 50 Group!

Saturday, Oct 15th  
8:30 a.m.

@ Hot Pot's Restaurant

## FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, Oct 27th, 7 pm

## HALLOWEEN

## CARNIVAL GAMES

Wednesday, October  
26th

Spooktacular fun for  
Everyone!

*Troy & Misty Thieman /  
Mike & Sharon Slater*



## SMOOTH OPERATION!

providing lotion to families in need. Misty is collecting new bottles of lotion to donate to Della Lamb this year. Bring lotion to church or contact Misty for other ways you can help.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

A new class year has begun. We have a class for every one of every age or you can be in a "class" of

your own! Really, Thanks to all who are

Ashley Meyer volunteered for the Nursery class; Hannah Meyer volunteered for the Pre-school/Kindergarten; Ilene Sheets & Lou Green are continuing with the Children's class; Lucas Watson & Heather La Rue have the Pre-baptism class; Tracy Dyer & Dennis Hattey continue with the Adult class; Bruce & David Watson lead the Seekers class.

These classes can change one's life. A life with Jesus Christ by our side is the very Best thing that can happen to us! Jesus waits with open arms to greet you every Sunday morning at 9:45. Come, let Jesus wrap His arms around you in warmth, peace & understanding.

### PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

Taught during the Sunday School hour for anyone wishing to come, led by Lucas Watson and Heather LaRue. Hear its great!

### THE PRIMARY/JUNIOR CLASS

has got to be the best class in ODMO because our students are the greatest. While we miss the students in the Pre-baptismal class, it makes us a smaller class, and gives everyone a chance to talk more. So kids, since we have extra chairs, you need to invite some of your friends to come and share our Old Testament stories with us! The boys like the war parts of the movies and the girls like chick-flick types but there is definitely something for everyone! Do you adults know what armies fought who in what battles and how Eli died and the great decision King Solomon made and well, you know . . .



**GOLDEN LIVING CENTER** is offering "trick or treating" for community children A safe place and a special opportunity to visit friends and neighbors! They look for-

ward to sharing with you! Monday, October 31st, 6-8 pm at the center.

### BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Sunday, Sept 25th a special Baptismal Service was held at the Dyer



farm as Johnathan Roark was baptized



by Elder Scott Blair. A wonderful experience for all as friends and family



gathered for Johnathan's confirmation at the church during the 11 o'clock service by Elders Bruce Watson and Scott Blair.

### FAMILY CAMP

at Lake Doniphan  
June 22-26, 2012

Make your plans to be a part of this awesome family celebration!!

### "MY FAMILY TREE"

Have you thought about yours? Your Past? The Present? The Future?!!



Those experiences! Our strength from our past is apart of that future! You are on that "tree", you are a part of that future!

Check out our congregational Family Tree in the Education Wing hallway! Our tree is bearing good fruit!

*We find such strength and joy with you hang'n with us!!*

### 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The congregation is invited to join Dennis & Kathy Hattey as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, October 22nd, 2 pm, at the church.

### ANSWERED PRAYER

We are so very thankful for the Lord's blessings as we see friends and family back in the pews and around town going here and there!

*A card! A visit! A casserole! Prayer! It takes them all! Thank you!!*

**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.**

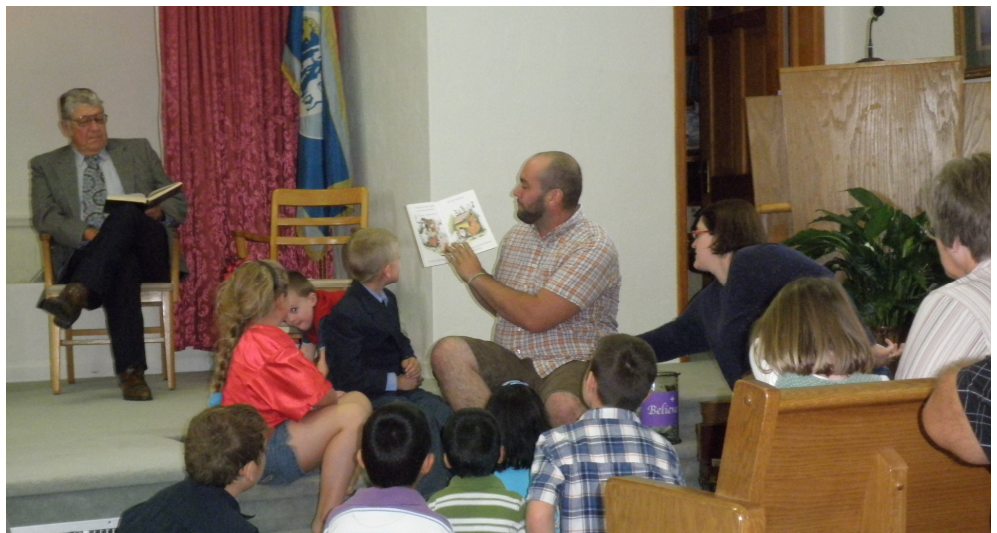
The theme is: "Creating Hope, Healing Earth". Terry Tempest Williams will be honored with the 2011 Community of Christ International Peace Award. For additional information and/or to register, go to [www.CofChrist.org/peacecolloquy](http://www.CofChrist.org/peacecolloquy).

**PRIESTHOOD EDUCATION\_\_AT CLINTON**

9 am—2:30 pm with lunch provided. Please pre-register by calling Mission Office, 888-747-0439 or email [mkidd@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:mkidd@cmcofchrist.org). This is the same class as were held in Feb, April and August.

**YOUNG ADULT—**

Preaching Class with Karen Peter, facilitator Warrensburg. This class is particularly for young adults (ages 18-35). 9am—4 pm on Saturday, November 12th and from 2 pm-5 pm on Sunday, Nov 13th. Sign up to Scott Norwood @ [norwood3@charter.net](mailto:norwood3@charter.net).



**"GOT A BOOK AND A BAG!"** That's all it takes to bring children scurrying to Children's Moments to hear the stories of their Jesus! Children of all ages! They were captivated! Thanks for your special ministry Brian!

**WATER FOR ODESSA BAND INVITATIONAL**

Saturday morning  
Oct. 22nd

**VOLUNTEER**

**TODAY**

To hand out  
Water to our students  
from  
area schools!

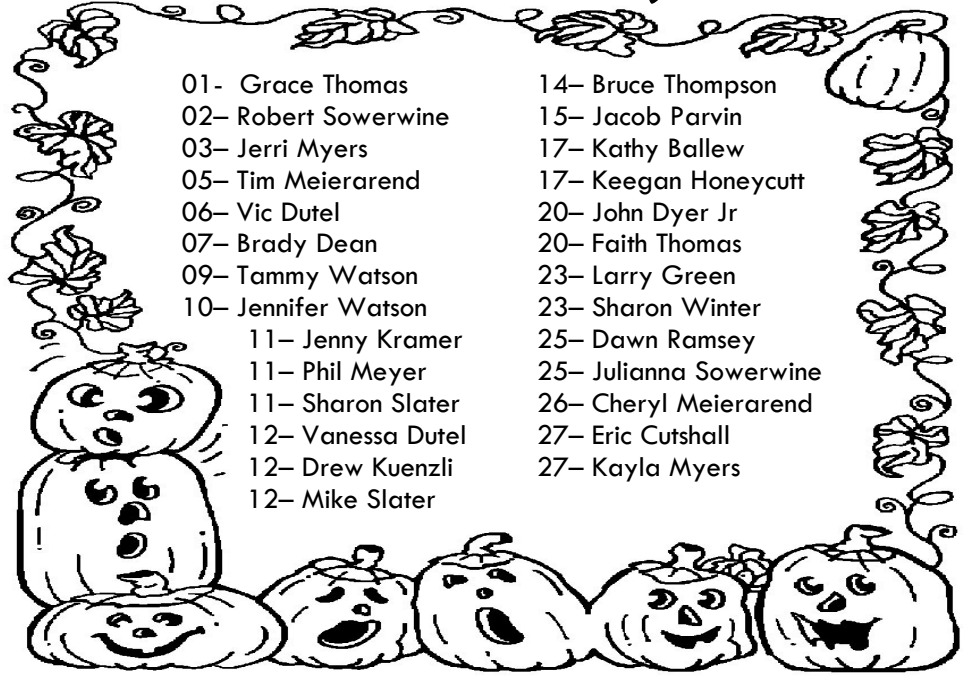


**MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE**

Saturday, Nov 5th

Warrensburg 9:30am-3:30pm  
9:30-11:45 Introduction of NEW HYMNAL  
12:00-11:00 pm Lunch & fellowship  
Warrensburg youth serving  
Adults \$7 Ages 8 and under \$3  
1:15 pm Prayer for Peace  
1:30 pm Business Session & Closing Worship  
Mark Euritt, Assistant to the Apostle will be joining us.

**October Birthdays !**



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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 01- Grace Thomas     | 14- Bruce Thompson     |
| 02- Robert Sowerwine | 15- Jacob Parvin       |
| 03- Jerri Myers      | 17- Kathy Ballew       |
| 05- Tim Meierarend   | 17- Keegan Honeycutt   |
| 06- Vic Dutel        | 20- John Dyer Jr       |
| 07- Brady Dean       | 20- Faith Thomas       |
| 09- Tammy Watson     | 23- Larry Green        |
| 10- Jennifer Watson  | 23- Sharon Winter      |
| 11- Jenny Kramer     | 25- Dawn Ramsey        |
| 11- Phil Meyer       | 25- Julianna Sowerwine |
| 11- Sharon Slater    | 26- Cheryl Meierarend  |
| 12- Vanessa Dutel    | 27- Eric Cutshall      |
| 12- Drew Kuenzli     | 27- Kayla Myers        |
| 12- Mike Slater      |                        |



# 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:

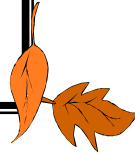
7:00 PM Prayer Service  
6-7:00 PM Peacemakers—2nd Wed  
7:00 pm Chats -2nd Wednesday  
Family Night last Wednesday

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)



## Thank You

Sometimes a simple “thank you” just doesn’t seem like enough. If you’re out to lunch with a friend and they pick up the check, a thank you is warranted. If someone holds the door open for you, or lets you go first at the checkout line or compliments you on your choice of matching socks, a thank you fills the bill. But what happens when you know those two words aren’t enough?

How do you thank someone for raising you to adulthood? How do you thank someone for the hug, or the card in the mail or the phone

call, just when you need it? Folks, how do you say thank you to someone who looks you in the eye and says, “I know you’re hurting, I’ll pray for you” A thank you will not suffice to the woman who says that she will love you forever, and then she proves it every day. Words cannot describe the heart that has been changed by the care and love of another.

How can you say thank you to your God for the gift of life? How can you say thank you for the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in your soul? At your moments of despair and times of jubilation, He guides and comforts. He was there the very moment when you stood and said “Here am I, send me” Thank you is

just not enough. But we must utter those words aloud to those in our lives working for the cause of love. The Lord knows our hearts. Still, we say thank You. We thank You with our commitment, our sacrifice and our love. We thank You with our actions and our meditations. In our deeds and in our proclamations, we will show the world our gratitude for our Savior. In our prayers and through our tears. With every piece of who and what we are, we whisper our love for our God, “Thank You.” Amen

*Bruce Watson, Pastor*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45 am Pr Ser	3	4	5 7 pm Prayer Service	6	7	8 Class w/Don Compier
9 Baptismal Service Potluck Dinner	10	11	12 6-7 pm Peacemakers 7 pm Chats	13	14	15 8:30 JOY Brkfast 9:30-2pm Mission Init. & Cong Life
16 11 am Jr Church 11 am Confirmations	17	18	19 7 pm Prayer Service	20 7 pm Priesthood Mtg	21 Oct 21-23 Peace Colloquy	22 Water @ Band Invitational 2 pm Hattey 50th Anniv "Dinner for 8"
23 2pm Scripture Presentation @ Odessa	24	25	26 7 pm Family Nite	27	28	29
30 China McMex Dinner @ noon	31					

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13 Potluck Dinner	14	15	16 7 pm Prayer Service	17 7 pm Priesthood Mtg	18	19
20 11 am Jr Church	21	22	23 7 pm Prayer Service	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26 HP/EV/Sev Retreat
27	28	29	30 7 pm Family Nite			