

The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

February 2011

PRAYER SOFA

It is no secret, I truly enjoy snow. I'm amazed at the sight of the big, huge flakes gently falling to earth, and the formation of huge drifts. I get a kick out of off-road JEEPing through the snow. I have such wonderful memories of sledding with family and friends after a snow. I share the love of a car drive during a snowfall at night with my wife. Yep, I like snow.

I remember a big snow storm when I was a boy. I was off school because of the storm, so I bundled up (mom made me wear an extra layer of pants), and ran outside into a wonderland of fun. Fort building, snowball fights with my sister and of course, sledding down the hill beside the house. It was super cold outside so I went inside several times to warm up. All day I was outside and inside, outside and inside! Finally I was worn out and gave up on the cold weather and stayed inside sacked out on my bed reading my favorite comic books.

During this same day my father was at work, a mailman. He walked from house to house delivering mail in the Kansas City metropolitan area. After his workday he had a 45 minute drive home to our place in the country.

As the afternoon pushed into evening, my mother was becoming more and more worried about my father and his long drive home. A couple of points: dad's pickup wasn't the best and this was before the days of cell phones. Mom paced the floors of our house, stopping by the front door to check for lights in the driveway. As the time passed, our house became rather quiet. The three of us (mom, my sister and me) were uneasy as we thought about the possibility of the worst.

Mom came to the bottom of the stairs and called up to us kids to come downstairs to the living room. As the fire was going in the fireplace, mom took our hands and led us to the sofa. We knelt down, the three of us, faces bent to the cushions. Now we had had these prayer meetings many times before, usually just nightly prayers before bed. This time, it was different. My sister and I didn't need mom to tell us why we gathered at this common place and at such a special time. Sharon started and then me. Mom was to go last. After mom said, "Amen" God chimed in with His love. The familiar "crack" of the front door sounded. And my father stepped through to complete our family time.

My foundation of prayer and belief of God listening to each heart was defined that night. We were talking, God was listening and the rest ... well ... I'll let you know after I get up from the sofa.

Pastor. Bruce Watson

Y.O.U.

(Youth Onward & Upward)
Junior High/Senior High

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday
February 23rd

ARE YOU A BIG WINNER? YES YOU ARE!

Sign-up for the "Big Loser/ Bigger Winner". Bring your ransom \$\$\$. Eat healthy & exercise healthy. We will become the healthy persons God intended us to be by taking excellent care of our bodies.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
GOING TO
THE
MOVIES!
After Church



Watch bulletin for information

There will be two sign-up sheets. One will be posted on the bulletin board. One will be kept in an envelope and note the amount of \$ you are prepared to put up for ransom.

Mission Center Activity for:
JR HIGH/SR HIGH
ROCK N' ROADSHOW
Feb 6th 4-6 p.m.

Sedalia will host and provide snacks for the second Rock N' Road show. Come get together for music, fun and fellowship. Call Anita, 660-238-4944 for further details or questions.

J.O.Y.
BREAKFAST CLUB
The over 50 Group!

Saturday, Feb 19th
8:30 a.m.
At
Hot Pot's Restaurant

Join Us!



The big picture is to care for the bodily temple with which God blessed us. Bonus! We can also lose weight!

God will bless us for our efforts

-Cheryl

JUNIOR CHURCH

4th Sunday this month

Feb 27th

11 a.m.

Our Jr. Church kids presented an inspiring Sunday service, January 30. You heard stirring words from the Lamine prophet, Samuel, as he stood on the wall of Zarahemla City. We will meet



again February 27 to find out about another hero of the Book of Mormon. Abinadi meets with King Noah & his priests. Does Abinadi have the right answers for King Noah? Are they friends or enemies? Come hear this true story of Abinadi, a man of God. If you want to read about Abinadi, it is found in the Book of Mosiah, chapters 7 & 8.

BUDGET MEETING 3RD SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY

- Feb 20th -

We have need of an additional Budget Meeting to bring updates and approvals to congregation. We will shorten our Sunday School classes that morning slightly, to bring this to the congregation.

PRIMARY/JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Age 6 to 12 Sunday School class is full of energy and great students! These students make up part of the Junior Church School that Cheryl O'Keefe and staff demonstrated Sunday in

a "Mock Junior Church." It was great and the kids did a fantastic job.

Just as Cheryl suggested Sunday that we question the kids after Junior Church about the story they had that day, please do the same after Sunday School. The children often have papers they bring home that might give you a hint of what is going on. Questions and interest from you keep them on their toes and reinforce their learning from that day.

February begins the study of Jesus early teachings, including a quick overview of the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. Do not expect them to know all the Beatitudes but maybe they will learn these are important aspects of Jesus teachings. Thanks Parents! Ilene Sheets

ADULTS ENJOY

The "Adult" group had a great time at the White Elephant Gift Exchange. We played "Whose Triangle is it" before going into the exchange. Ask Elizabeth Watson whose triangle it is... she was pretty frustrated! and Felix was sure it was a conspiracy! Felix stole a nice purse from Misty because he needed a "Valentines" gift for his wife! Then Troy stole it back for his wife. I think Scott Smith took the prize for having the most gifts stolen! Rick ended up with a pair of women's slipper socks!

We had 3 teenagers, Hannah, Lily and one of Lily's friends who babysat the small children for us. Thank you girls!!!!

The 15 adults brought snacks to share.... Misty made some awesome "Paula Dean" cornbread filled BBQ chicken cups.

We hope the next activity will bring out more of you! Watch the bulletin for upcoming events.

Rick and Pam Corn

DIRECTORIES 2011

Our Congregational Directories are completed. What an awesome job right down to our "Believe" cover through colored coded pages and ease of reading just to mention a few enhancements. Thanks Sue Mills for all the hard work! Please contact Sue for your 2011 directory.

OUR NURSERY ROCKS!!

Moms, grandmas and Kathy Hattey, are found "ROCKING"! Our Nursery rocker is a busy tool during Sunday School and 11 o'clock worship. More and more 2 & 3 yrs children are filling our shrinking nursery classroom! Great to see our young mothers and father enjoying Sunday School knowing their little ones are happy and learning with Kathy. Great job! Thanks Kathy!

Pictured here during morning worship, is one of our grandmoth-



ers "rocking"! What a haven and "rocking" ministries provided for our young families!

Volunteers always welcome!

Note from our "Rocking"

Nursery: Our new church needs a bigger Nursery! (and maybe another rocking chair).

China McMEX Dinner

Sunday, February 27th
at Noon

*"It's A Heart-warming"
Menu*

Chicken & Wild Rice Soup
Tortellini Soup
Dena's Taco Soup
Tortilla Wraps

Miracle Cheesecake
Add'l Dessert

Raspberry Ice Tea
Coffee & Punch

ETC! ETC!

New Church
Building
Fundraiser!

~ Freewill Offering ~



THANKS__Last Month our China McMEX Dinner was a "copy cat" menu and play dough creations from the kids. Our dinners are served every even numbered month throughout the year with a Freewill Offering going to our Building Fund. Make plans to join us for delicious dinners "prepared and served by our ladies. We thank everyone for your awesome continued support! Keep it up! ___we're getting close to that 1st shovel of dirt!!!!

FAMILY CAMP JUNE 10-14, 2011

We hope you are planning to share a few days with us at Lake Doniphan. Our guest ministers will be Rick and Diane Maupin. Watch for registration forms starting in February!

__UPCOMING EVENTS__

February 6 — CANCELLED
CLUSTER TEAM MEETING,
Warrensburg Church, 3 PM, This meeting will be for all cluster leaders, Evangelists and team members.

February 21 — President's Day, Mission Center Office Closed.

February 26 —
PRIESTHOOD TRAINING
Warrensburg Church.
___9:00 am to 12:00___

- Larry Norris will lead Aaronic Ministries Training
- Ray Peter will lead Melchisedic Ministries Training

Lunch will be available for a donation.

___1:00 pm to 2:30 pm___

Three elective classes to choose from; one will be

- Technology in Worship taught by Bruce Watson
 - other two classes to be determined.

Contact Donn Quick, Richard Fenwick, or Diane Allison for more detailed information.

*Other priesthood training will be
April 30,*

*Pleasant Hill; August 27, Butler;
and October 22, Clinton*

__BREAKFAST__

All those hosting breakfast please remember to setup by 9:15 am.

Thank you, Dennis & Kathy

MOVING__

Donn & Dena Quick's grandchildren Justus, Lana and Tyan, are traveling with their mom and grandparents to join dad, Darin, in New York this week. Darin will join his family from a tour in Afghanistan. The children

shared with the congregation a map of the location of their new home and the excitement they carry of seeing dad again real soon!!

We will miss their smiling little faces but so happy this young family will be united once again.

Address:

Justus & Lana Quick
9051 B Bassett St
Fort Drum, NY 13603

Email: jlquick67@hotmail.com

WELCOME__Thanks Dutels for introducing new friends to our congregation!

We welcome Robert and Angela Gallegos and their children Rickey, Rachel, Elizabeth Olivia and Blanca to our congregation. The joy of sharing in fellowship with this young family has been awesome!

SYMPATHY__Several in our congregation have lost loved ones this past month and we express our prayers and love to each one.

February Birthdays!

01- Tyan Quick
03- Heather LaRue
04- Amy Marshall
05- Barbara Hallier
06- Norma Ewbank
11- Lou Green
11- Margie Grubb
13- Brice Humphrey
13- Chris Watson
14- Brandon Fletcher
15- Carter Cole
16- Caleb Quick
21- Karlee Cole
23- Carson Brucks
25- Samantha Slater
28- Phillip Ballew
28- Hayden Slater

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



Community of Christ



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Odessa, MO 64076

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:15 AM Breakfast
9:45 AM SSchool
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
Praise Worship 2nd Wednesday
Family Night last Wednesday

Pastor: Bruce Watson 816-520-7493

Mission Statement — "We proclaim
Jesus Christ and promote Communi-
ties of Joy, hope, love and peace."

Church Website:

www.odessacofchrist.org



PeaceMakers CLUB

2nd Tuesdays



Tuesday, Feb 8
6:00 pm

at
the
Church

For more information contact Vic or
Vanessa Dutel @ 863-2308

Valentine Dinner

The Men Invite:
the
congregation
to a elegant evening's
Valentine Dinner
Of food & festivities!

BE MINE!!
Saturday Feb 12th
6:30 pm

Always a creative
extravaganza !

*Join Us
For Dinner!*



Potluck Dinner

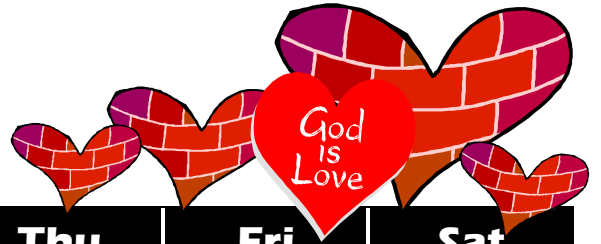
Sunday, Feb 13th
At noon

Liahona
Will be joining us
As
our Guests

FYI_ College kids love
our potluck dinners!

Kathy Hattey, hosting

February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7 pm Prayer Ser	3	4	5
6 8:45 am Prayer Service No Breakfast 4-6 pm Jr Hi/Sr Hi Rock N' Roadshow	7	8 6 pm Peacemakers Club	9 7 pm Fireside Chat	10	11	12 6:30pm Valentine's Dinner
13 11 am Liahona 12 noon Potluck Dinner __Jr Hi/Sr Hi To the MOVIES	14	15	16 7 pm Prayer Ser	17	18	19 8:30 am JOY Breakfast
20	21	22	23 7 pm Family Nite	24	25	26 Priesthood Training 9 am—12 Warrensburg
27 11 am Jr Church 12 noon China McMex Dinner	28					