



The Newsleaf

Odessa Community of Christ

April 2011

He Lives!

Jesus Christ is the son of God. He was born on this Earth, He lived, He died and He was resurrected. YES! We should not dwell on His death, but we must embrace it so that we might better understand the importance of the Savior conquering the grave. The teachings of Jesus Christ are solidified through grace and a risen Lord. Easter celebrates both, grace and an empty tomb.

What an awesome setting. Jesus' body had been laid in the tomb, a great stone lay heavy over the opening, women gathered around the grave to mourn and guards were posted to ensure no foul play. The stillness of this area of grief was about to transform into one of praise and joy. The earth began to shake and two heavenly bodies descended and rolled the stone aside. "Fear not ye; for we know that ye seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" Matthew 28:4-5.

Oh brothers and sisters, don't grief for our Savior in His death, because He is alive this very day. We cannot mildly sit by and wring our hands in misery. We must throw our hands in celebration. Search out your heart of what you believe. Rediscover the story retold in the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) to immerse yourself in the transformation. Christ lives! My eyes have been opened and I cannot deny Him. (Please read the 5th chapter of 3rd Nephi in the Book of Mormon.)

I have invited the Lord into my heart and my life, how can I keep from singing. I do not have to thrust my hand in His side to know Him. I know His presence. I know His love. I just seem to suppress that knowledge in the rush of daily life. Shame on me. I carry this covenant with me everyday. I will take this Easter season and embrace God's joyful presence in my life. Even at this very place, at this very moment I place my thoughts and

heart at that very place, at that very moment, and I smile. I smile from deep within as I contemplate the power and passion that must have been. It is as if the very definition of "love" itself had been transformed that day. I pray you rediscover the joy, the celebration, the smile and the love of Jesus Christ.

Bruce Watson. Pastor

Choir Practice

Choir practice has started Sunday evenings at 5:30 to prepare to offer the ministry of music Easter Sunday. All singers needed. Join the fun, fellowship and opportunity for service.

Tracy Dyer. Choir Director

An Easter Bonnet represents the tail-end of a tradition of wearing new clothes at Easter, in harmony with the renewal of the year and the promise of spiritual renewal redemption." Wow!! A symbol of the promise of the promise of spiritual renewal!!! Cool!!



Sarah W and Jenny K, challenge all the women of the congregation to wear an Easter Bonnet this Easter! So, ladies...dust off and refurbish an old



hat you have laying around, make one, or treat yourself to a new hat!! A few gals have already gone shopping in search of that perfect Easter hat!!

Join us if you wish!

Peacemakers Club



Tuesday, April 12th
At the Church
With Vic & Vanessa

"The Mission Matters Most"

Worship and the president's annual address to the worldwide church on Sunday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

President Stephen M. Veazey

Shalom Place:

A Journey through Lent
March 9 — April 21

The Temple, noon-12:55 p.m. daily. Each day will have a particular focus and presenter.

Go to www.CofChrist.org/visit/ for more.

Primary/Junior Class Presents Worship__ Parents:

The first through 6th grade class will be presenting the 11:00 Worship service on April 10th and we would appreciate your support for these wonderful kids! The kids will all take part and there may be some interaction with the audience too! Get ready to see some little snippets of the stories they have been learning and see and

hear "our future." All of the kids will have notes or prepared papers so if they haven't been to class for a while, no problem, everyone can share and take part. We are so looking forward to seeing you!
Cou and Ilene

Junior Church

(K thru 6th grade)

April is such an exciting month. We celebrate fantastic events in the life of Jesus Christ! Easter is not just about the "Easter bunny", but watching for new plants to pop through the soil and spring to life! It's about Jesus, who gave the gift of new life in Him. Parents, when you talk to your kids about Easter, tell them of the events of the crucifixion and resurrection that took place on the American continent. This is found in the Book of Mormon, III Nephi 4:6 - 5:27.

Due to the exciting happening in our congregation during **April, no Jr. Church is scheduled. We will meet again May 15.**

J.O.Y.

Breakfast Club
The over 50 Group!
Saturday, April 16th



8:30 a.m.
At
Hot Pot's Restaurant
Coffee's On!
(20 shared together last month!)
Va'll Come!

Lord, You've Got Our Attention
Precariously dangling ceiling tile in the

sanctuary spied during services last Sunday, has been repaired!! A few prayers and God's watch care! You've got our attention Lord! We need to build . . . in haste"! His work__ His church!! Thanks Dennis, David and Bruce for your keen eye and much needed repair!

Prayers to our Building Committee, Pastor and all those involved in decision making, as we move forward in our building project.

... "the time of hesitation is past!"

PLEDGE CARDS

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New CHURCH__Please remember to fill out **your pledge cards for the new church.** You can give them to Bruce, Eric or just put them in the offering plate.

Spring Cleaning?__As you do your spring cleaning (or not) please save what you would be donating to other organizations and **donate to the Odessa congregation for a HUGE garage sale** at the Quicks in Higginville the first Saturday in June and probably another location at a later date in Odessa. All proceeds will go toward our new Church! Contact Dena for more information.

Family Night

Wednesday
April 27th, 7 pm
Celebrate
Fun & Fellowship!

March was a Scripture Scavenger Hunt! Fun was had by all as they brought a keen eye and sharp mind for to this very creative Scripture Scavenger Hunt! It was a mixture of food and fellowship. Big, Bigger, & Biggest eggs we've ever seen as our youth and adults alike, searched the church and scriptures for clues for a win! Tantalizing prizes challenging the teams all the way! Great challenge and great fun!

Patricia Receipts__We are collecting Patricia's Receipts again...turn them into Hal Watson, leave them in the foyer or put them in the offering plate. \$148 was collected in just a few weeks as our 1% cash received from this easy savings!

Prayer Chain

Please call, text or email Pam Corn at (home) 816-565-2545, (cell) 816-405-6926, or the kidsmom11@comcast.net, with any prayer request.

Bulletin Info__needs to be turn in to Pam Corn no later than Thursday evening each week at: thekidsmom11@comcast.net.

Service Of Invitation & Baptism

Led by our pastor, we had a Sunday in March with emphasis on "invitation"! *"Ask and ye shall re-*



ceive"! Knock and the door shall be



opened!" Awesome! That's all you can say after such a wonderful service! One of baptism of friends, family sharing in love and fellowship topped off with potluck and visiting! Invite! Share! Thanks everyone for your super efforts!

"Reach out in understanding, clasp their hands, and invite all to share in the blessings of community created in the name of the One who suffered on behalf of all."

Doctrine & Covenants 161:3a

WELCOME__we would like to welcome Les and Carol Sadler, Pam Corn's mother, who have recently moved here from Florida. They could use our prayers as they have yet one more trip for furniture and to get settled in. We look forward to fellowshipping with them.

April 30 — Youth Worker Registration Workshop, 9am-12:30, Warrensburg Church. Karen Waring of the World Church Legal Department will be presenting this class for those persons interested in becoming a Registered Youth Worker.

Priesthood Training
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
Pleasant Hill Church

___9:00 am to 12:00___
(Helpful to obtain a copy of
"The Sacraments" by Andrew Bolton)

- Aaronic Ministries (TBD)
- Melchizedek Ministries with Bob Kyser

12:00—1:00 pm
Lunch available for a donation

___1:00 pm to 2:30 pm___
Choose one of three elective classes

- "Technology in Worship" - Bruce Watson
- "Nourishing My Spirit" - Jerry Nieft
- "Invitation & Hospitality for Growth & Nurturing"- Diane Allison

Please register with the Mission Office @ 660-747-6193 or 888-747-0439.

*Other priesthood training will be:
August 27, Butler
October 22, Clinton*

China McMEX Dinner

Note: Sunday, April 17th

"STONE SOUP"

You know the story, Dena

*Come & share!
There's enough for all!*

MENU

Beef Brisket
Loaded Baked Potato
Corn
Garden Salad
Our Famous Thrown Rolls
Confetti &
Chocolate Cake
Drinks

—
Villagers . . .
More & More contributed until a delicious & nourishing pot of soup was enjoyed by all.

Fundraiser For our
New Church
*Made from Nothing but an empty
Cooking Pot & a Stone*

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Children's Camp — June 3-5, Grades K, 1, 2, Camp Far Westa, Cost: \$60 (May 20, \$85). Director to be announced at a later date.

Junior Camp — June 5-9, Grades 3, 4, 5, Cost: \$130 (May 20, \$155). Camp Far Westa, Erin Roberson, Director.

Family Camp — June 10-14, Lake Doniphan. Join Rick and Diane Maupin and many friends from the Mission Center for a time of celebration and worship. Please pre register by mailing your registration form and a \$100 deposit for housing. Hope to see you there. All volunteers are welcome; contact mkidd@cmcofchrist.org or call 1-888-747-0439.

Sr. High Caravan — June 23-July 3. A deposit of \$200 is required by April 1 to be eligible to go on this trip to tour historic sites. Directors are Steve and Janet Muse, Anita Norman and Kyle Jeschke.

Spectacular — July 23-30, Grades 10, 11, 12, Graceland University, Cost: \$360/camper, \$310/sibling (June 23, \$535/\$495). Delegation leader to be announced at a later date.

Jr. High Camp — August 1-5, Grades 6, 7, 8, Camp Far Westa, Cost: \$130 (July 8m \$155). Camp directors are Kane Brooner, Kyle Jeschke, and Anita Norman.

April Birthdays!

- 04- Jessica Thomas
- 07- Shannon Honeycutt
- 07- Ray Morris
- 07- Karen Sawdon
- 09- Anita Banes
- 10- Brylly Coffey
- 12- Emerson Corn
- 16- Michael Marshall
- 16- Harry Meierarend Jr.
- 21- Cody Sheets
- 22- Margaret Martin
- 22- Christina Quick
- 27- Rolana Frank
- 27- John Hallier
- 27- Sherry Howery-Fisher

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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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 Communities of Joy, hope, love and peace."

Church Website:

www.odessacofchrist.org

Celebrate the Miracle Of Easter
Renew Your Faith this Holiday Season

Easter Schedule

April 17th Palm Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. Speaker, David Honeycutt
Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm April 21st @ Odessa



Easter Sunday April 24th

8:00 - 9:00 am Sunrise Service
9:00- 9:45 am Easter Breakfast
9:45 - 10:40 am Sunday School Classes
10:45 am Welcome & Announcements
11:00 am Easter Celebration
Message~ Cheryl O'Keefe
& Special Performance by Choir



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:45 am Prayer Service	4	5	6 Anniversary of the church	7	8	9
10 11 am Worship Primary/Jr SS Class Potluck @ noon	11	12 6-7 pm Peacemakers	13 7 pm Prayer Ser	14	15	16 8:45 am J.O.Y.
17 <i>Psalm Sunday</i> No Jr Church China McMex Dinner @ noon	18	19	20 7 pm Prayer Ser	21 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	22 <i>Good Friday</i>	23
24 <i>Easter</i> 8 am Sunrise Service 9 am Breakfast 9:45 am SSch 10:45 Song Ser 11:00 Worship	25	26	27 7 pm Family Nite	28	29	30 Priesthood Ed 9-4 pm/P Hill