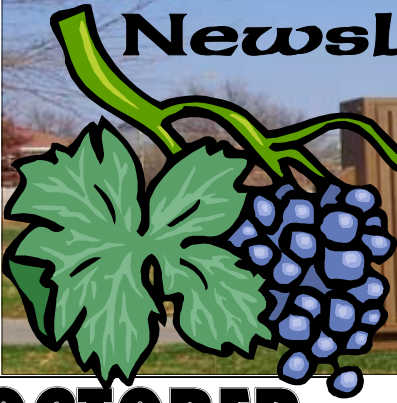


The Newsleaf



ODESSA
Community of Christ
WE PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST & PROMOTE
COMMUNITIES OF JOY, HOPE, LOVE & PEACE

October 2005

OCTOBER IS SITTING CLOSE AND WATCHING THE TEACHER LOOKING GOOD...

Sunday, October 2nd
Family Prayer Service
8:45 am

Potluck Dinner
Sunday, October 9th
12 Noon

**Senior Adult
Retreat**
Tuesday, Oct. 11th-13th
At Lake Doniphan

Graceland Homecoming
Friday, Oct. 14th-16th
Game at
2 pm on Saturday.
Oct. 15th against William
Jewell College

Saturday, October 29th
**2nd Annual Youth
Haunted Barn Party**
Inviting Lee's Summit and
our Mission Center Youth

**Sunday
October 30th**
Bring items for Community
Service Center
List on Bulletin Board



When I was a young boy I watched my father work on our cars. Having a new car meant only that it wasn't ours yesterday. We weren't poor but money was tight and my father felt to do the repairs himself. I remember climbing up on the car fender to watch as my father worked. I thought, "*This is a guy thing!*" I sat with my feet resting inside the hood so I could get closer to the action!

My father sweat over the greasy engine, he didn't talk a lot, but he never has when he's really working hard, but he told me what he thought I needed to know. Occasionally, I would ask a question and he would teach me how this part or that part of the engine worked, and why each part had to work properly for the old car to travel down the road.

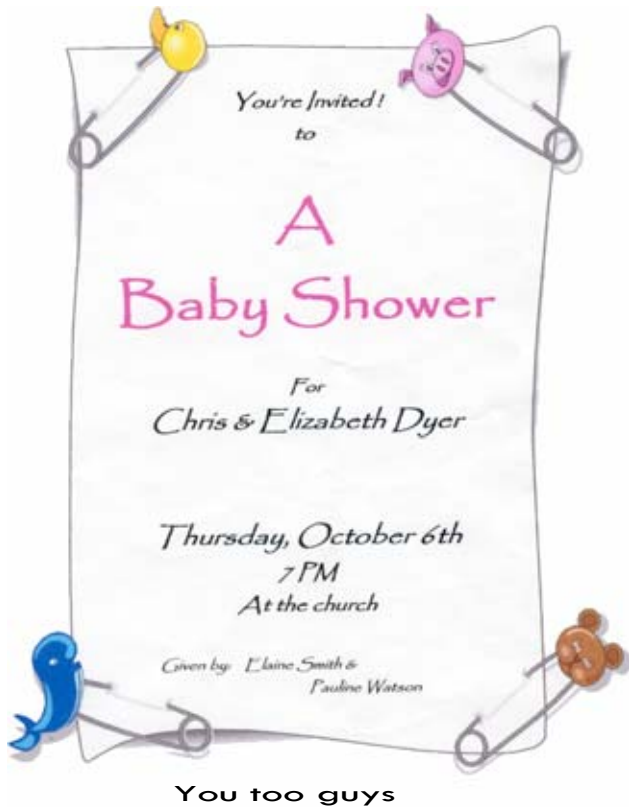
I realize now, it wasn't "*a guy thing.*" It was a parent-child thing. I watched him work and sweat, but I learned so much more than how to fix a bad starter or change the spark plugs. I see my learning from my earthly father walking hand in hand with the teachings of my Heavenly Father. I learned from my dad's mistakes. (He would scowl at the ground if I diagnosed the car's problems when he couldn't). But I know what is good in me was nurtured by the instructions *sitting close and watching the teacher.*

Bruce Watson, Pastor

**Peacemakers
Club**
2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Led by Jennifer Anthony
& Karen Dyer





IT'S COMING SOON _____ Annual **Craft Fair** will be here at the church Saturday, December 3rd this year! Continue working on crafts and items you can contribute! Its not far away! Make your plans for this outreach and fun activity!

October 14th—16th **Graceland University Homecoming**

November 4th—6th **Peace Colloquy** at Independence

November 6th **Odessa Thanksgiving Dinner** 12 noon

Temple School Classes
Being offered Soon!
Saturday, October 22nd
 8am—4pm
 "Introduction to Caring Ministries"
 ALSO
 Saturday, Dec. 3rd
 "Ministry of Presence"
 At Oak Grove
 Each Class \$17, Taught by Larry Childers
 Please register prior to

Senior Adult Retreat
 at Lake Doniphan
 October 11th—13th
 Guest Ministers: David Schaal & Everett Graffeo

WOMEN met at the home of Pauline Watson for a total "pampering" session presented by Jenny Kramer. What a wonderful evening each lady had BUT these are the only pictures they would allow to be shared! "It's OK to have a group of ladies come to your house, take their shoes off and soak their feet!!?"

Yes, it really is! In this presentation we learned we need to STOP, if just for a moment, and RELAX." Thanks Jenny for reminding us

and for sharing your gifts and talents with the ladies. Lou led us in business and upcoming events followed by refreshments and fellowship. What a Great group of ladies!



Women's Retreat _____ Friday, September 30th— Oct. 1st at Lake Doniphan. Guest Speaker will be Linda McDaniel. The theme will be "Our Unique Ministry as Women". Cost \$55

NEXT WOMEN'S MEETING Tuesday, October 11th WATCH BULLETIN. Program to be announced. Lou Green, Women's Leader

Saturday, November 12th
MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE
 (Saturday only this year)
 At the Warrensburg Church
 World Church President, Steve Veazey, guest minister

October Birthdays

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| 02- Mary McLallen | 20- Kyle Dierk |
| 03- Jerri Myers | 20- John Dyer Jr. |
| 05- Timothy Meierarend | 23- Larry Green |
| 09- Shawn Horne | 23- Valerie Keim |
| 09- Tammy Watson | 23- Sharon Winter |
| 10- Jennifer Watson | 25- Dawn Ramsey |
| 11- Jenny Kramer | 25- Julianna Sowerwine |
| 12- Drew Kuenzli | 26- Cheryl Meierarend |
| 13- Marla Harris | 27- Eric Cutshall |
| 13- Betty Hughes | 27- Kayla Myers |
| 14- Bruce Thompson | |
| 17- Kathy Ballew | |



Community of Christ

515 S. First Street
Odessa, MO 64076

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday:

9:30AM Breakfast Gathering
9:45AM Sunday School Classes
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:30 PM Youth Meeting
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:

5:30 PM Peacemakers Club
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"



"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."
John 13:35

Y.O.U.

(Youth Onward & Upward)

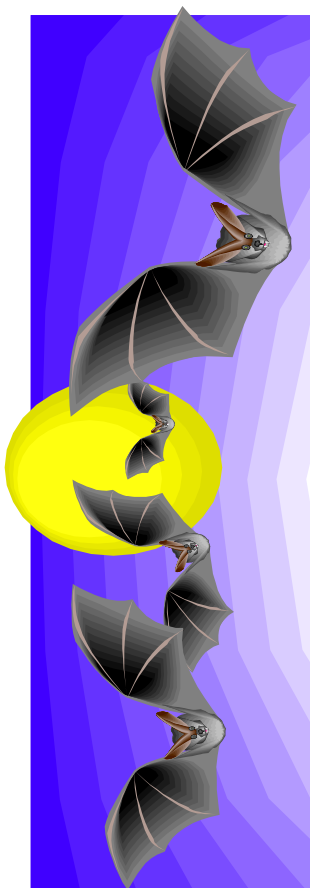
The youth group has been adjusting to new leaders!!!

Currently, several of our youth are busy planning the 2nd Annual Haunted Barn Outing in Elaine Smith's barn. This event will take place on October 29th. In addition to inviting Lee's Summit youth to join us again this year, we have also invited the entire Mission Center youth!! We are hoping for a great turn-out.

Our youth have then invited the Mission Center Senior High youth for a Lock-in at the Kramer's house. We hope to have a full house at church in Odessa Sunday morning.

The 3rd Sunday of each month, the youth will be attending 4-1-1 Praise Craze with Jason Watson and the Lee's Summit congregation. We attended in September and had a great time worshipping and getting together with other youth.

REMINDER!!! Every 4th Sunday we will be collecting items for the Odessa Community Service's Center. Items needed include spaghetti sauce, crackers, toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo....but we will accept donations of any non-perishable items you would like to donate!! Thanks to Myrtle for being our Community Service Center connection!



Junior Church

Each 3rd Sunday 11 am Junior Church had a larger group than last time and are looking forward to sharing with more kids next time. We worked on what the three main scriptures are and watched the "Miracles of Jesus" Snacks, songs and expanded our worship skills.

Jr Church Director, Ilene Sheets "IS"

Jr Hi/Sr Hi Sunday School Class

Collecting Items for Odessa Community Service Center

The month of October, the Jr Hi/Sr Hi Sunday School Class will be collecting items for the Odessa Community Service Center. Items should be brought on the last Sunday of the month.

Items being collected will change from month to month so check bulletin board for this month's needed items.

A collection basket is in the foyer.

November 18th— **Independence Messiah Choir's 80th** and LAST Annual performance

DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED—Let Sue Mills know of any changes in addresses etc for new directories by Oct. 15th. 633-8133

Worship Service to Bristol Manor

1st & 2nd Sundays
At 2 pm

Bible Study Class

"Parables of Jesus"
7 pm Monday evenings at the church
Led by David Watson

8:45 am Family Prayer Service

1st Sunday of the month we invite your family to share in this special fellowship. Experience mornings at its best with your family as we share a few quiet moment with God.

WELCOME! Our new family

Tommy and Leona Stout have just recently moved to Odessa from the Independence area, to their new home on Dryden. Tom has shared with our youth in the past and now shares with his family here in Odessa. So happy to have them worshipping with us!

Beautiful White Antique GATE Presented at first worship service of the new church year beginning September 2005-2006, representing our efforts to be that "gateway" into new possibilities as we remember our Congregational Blessing and the direction given.

ROOFS OVER AFRICA

A World Church effort to help those in need. You can e-mail to the World Church or designate on your envelope a contribution. Check bulletin or church website for further info.



The Month of September all funds marked for Oblation on our envelopes has gone for the hurricane victims.

Sunday School Classes

9:45 a.m. each Sunday Morning
All your friends are there!

"WALK THE WALK!"

"TALK THE TALK!"

Saturday's **K-6 FUN DAY** was great fun! Cody and Wendy were in charge of recreation and Arielle and Jenni Jones were in charge of crafts. They made some spectacular picture frames. There was a good turn out of kids at Tracy's house. Thanks Dyers! Thanks Kids and Leaders!

A special thanks to Sue for that "special walk" taken "door to door" inviting our neighbors to this fun day event! Our "parking lot kids" came!!!

Youth Choir

presents a wonderful ministry of music to our congregation! We enjoyed this talented



group this past month as they shared solo, trio and group participation. What a joy to hear our kids!

Turn in your Newleaf info by 20th of the month to Pauline Watson: dwatson30@earthlink.net or Phone: 816-633-3250