

The Newsleaf



September 2005

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 26th-28th
**Odessa Congregational
 Retreat**
 Begins Friday 6:30 pm

**Setting Apart
 Our new Pastor** will be
 At 11 a.m. Service
 August 28th

Sunday, Sept. 4th
**Family Prayer
 Service**
 8:45 am

Potluck Dinner
 Sunday, September
 11th
 12 Noon

Saturday, Sept. 17th
**Mission Center
 1-Day Training
 Event**
 At Warrensburg
 Church
 8:30am-3:30 pm

Pastor's Notes . . .

As we embark on a new year, we must revive that yearning that brought us to this point. I am a plain man placed in inspirational situations. Many possibilities lie before us. We need only to stop and look around at those who touch our lives. There is a hunger on all sides. But, how can this be said.

Do you feel that urge? A want for something more? That feeling stirring you toward self-contemplation and quiet time? That which pushes you toward goodness, family, study, prayer and sometimes guilt, is the gentle spirit, the Comforter.

I can recall standing in front of a group of young people so completely filled with a heavenly presence that I could not speak. I sensed a portion of the love the Lord and how much He needed these young servants to have a fuller testimony of His goodness and grace. Everything I had I want these children of God to hold their arms out and feel the Father of all encompass them at that moment. They deserved it and they needed it. I ached to have them feel what I felt, know what I knew and to see what I saw. I did not have the experience or the maturity to fully understand the happenings of that day.

I feel I know a bit more of the meanings of that day now. I have seen the unconditional love and service of members of this congregation. Will it take money, will it require time or will it need a loving hug? Wanting something more for someone else is love. I have seen and been loved in my church. As I have grown from an ornery boy to an ornery man, I have been taught by my mentors. People have reach their hands out to me and reached into their pockets to support me. I must now say thank you. I must also say that your

jo is not over. While I have grown I want more for myself and this powerful congregation. The world church's theme for the year is "Tell the Sacred Story." I would offer up a refined focus involving three areas of ministry: Outreach, Education, and Spiritual Growth.

Bruce Watson

Junior Church

Each 3rd Sunday 11 am

Okay Junior Church kids, where are you? Too old for Preschool? Too young for Junior High? Well, this is where its at! Kindergarten through sixth grade and others with permission ahead of time.

This time we shared with Kayla, Lilly, Jerri Myers and Ilene Sheets and Declared the Messiah! Our goal this year is to learn to worship together in different ways and create new ways to worship together. We will celebrate the existing themes and each 3rd Sunday will be different.

Please come, bring your friends and we'll have a great time together!
 Jr Church Director, Ileen Sheets "IS"

2 & 3's meet for Junior Church too, in a special Worship Service just for them, led by Guylene Lindsey, Melissa and Valerie. Following the theme for the day "Declare the Messiah" the ladies create and excite the children so they understand! What a great job! What fun! How quickly they learn!

-- **Adult Choir** --
 Meet 7 pm Sunday evenings
 Please come & share

Peacemakers Club

2nd & 4th
 Wednesdays
 5:30 pm

Election of Officers 2005-2006!

Outreach Pauline Watson
 Communion to Shut-ins Ministry Harold Watson
 Hospital Ministry Elaine Smith
 Nursing Home Ministry/Program Larry Green
 Flowers Myrtle Dillon
 Greeters Ministry Pauline Watson
 College Connections/Card Ministry Pam Corn
 Newsleaf Editor Pauline Watson
 Communications Patty Watson
 (Newspaper/Advertisement)
 Fellowship Ministry/Family Night Stephanie Meierarend
 & Kim Fletcher

Education Donn Quick
 Church School Director Donn Quick
 VCS Director Sherry Billings
 Early Worship Coordinator Eric Cutshall
 Church School Secretary Rotating Youth (monthly)
 Jr Church Director Ilene Sheets
 Temple School Dennis Hattey
 Librarian Jennifer Anthony

Spiritual Growth David Watson
 Congregation Nursing/Wholeness Fran Atkins
 Women's Leader Lou Green
 Men's Leader Harold Watson
 Adults/All Ages Larry & Lou Green
 Young Adults Chris & Elizabeth Dyer
 Recreation Director Brian Corn/Lucas Watson
 Jr High/Sr High Jeff & Jenny Kramer
 Young Peacemakers Jennifer Anthony/Karen Dyer

Music Sarah Watson
 Drama Sharon Winter
 Adult Choir Tracy Dyer
 Youth Choir Patty Watson
 Children's Moments Arielle Kramer
 Worship Center Coordinator Mary Meierarend

Supportive Ministry
 Presiding Elder Bruce Watson
 Associate Elaine Smith
 Associate Tracy Dyer
 Head Deacon Rick Corn
 Fundraising Chairman Dena Quick
 Bulletin Sue Mills
 Directory Sue Mills
 Service Video Taping/Audio setup Eric Cutshall

Stewardship Commissioner Myrtle Dillon
 Book Steward Sue Mills
 Historian David Watson
 Recorder Myrtle Dillon
 Secretary June Dyer
 Mentor Ministry Tracy Dyer

Building and Grounds Rick Corn
 Lawn & Snow Removal Eric Cutshall

Building Committee
 Mission Center President Claude Rains
 Mission Center Steward Comm Judy Edmonds
 Financial Officer Myrtle Dillon
 Pastorate Bruce Watson
 Elaine Smith
 Tracy Dyer
 Elected Bob Sawdon
 Rick Corn
 Donn Quick

Thanks! EXCITING new leaders! EXCITING new programs! NEW year beginning September 1, 2005! We thank all for their past and present support in leadership rolls as we endeavor to excite, stir and motivate the love of Christ in the life of the church. Volunteering seems to be the norm for Odessa's Election of Officers and that spirit of commitment was again present this year! THANKS for your willingness to serve!!

Women Department **Women's Retreat**__Friday, September 30th—Oct. 1st
 Women's Retreat at Lake Doniphan. Guest Speaker will be Linda McDaniel not Linda Booth as originally reported. The theme will be "Our Unique Ministry as Women". Cost \$55

The ladies will meet **Monday, September 12th** at 7:00 pm at Pauline Watson's home. Please make note this is on the 2nd Monday night. Jenny Kramer will have our program. She said, she is going to "PAMPER" us! Come and see what this is all about and enjoy a relaxing evening with the ladies.

Lou Green, Women's Leader

Y.O.U. (Jr Hi/Sr High age youth)

Our youth sponsored a congregational float trip this month led by Bruce and the crew!

It was a great time had by all!
 Float-
 ing down the Niangua River trying to
 keep dry__you

can't! And the wonderful communion shared in the quiet of the river! Awesome!

New leaders, Jeff & Jenny Kramer are already at work with the kids!

The youth are collecting items for the Community Service Center each week, a basket in the foyer, and will deliver items once a month
 Items needed are listed on bulletin board.

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

Sundays 5:30 pm
 At
 The
 Church

**TEENS DON'T MISS OUT
 "IT'S A PARTY EVERY WEEK"**

Temple School Classes Being offered Soon!

Saturday, September 10th
8 am—4 pm at the Oak Grove church
"Introduction to Understanding the Scripture"
ALSO

Saturday, October 22nd
8am—4pm
"Introduction to Caring Ministries"
Each class \$17
Taught by Bishop Larry Childers

Saturday, September 17th
MISSION CENTER 1-DAY TRAINING EVENT

At Warrensburg Church
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Registration fee \$5.50

Sunday, September 11th
Sign up begins for the
Joseph Smith Jr. Bicentennial Hymn Festival
See flyer on bulletin board for more info



Sunday, September 18th,
HERITAGE DAY HYMN FESTIVAL
at the Auditorium in Independence 7 pm

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

October 11th—13th **Senior Adult Retreat**
at Lake Doniphan

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

October 15th **CMSU Homecoming**

WELCOME! Our new family

John and Sherry Billings have just recently moved into their new home on Montgomery Place. Sherry is the daughter of Norma Ewbank and the new Middle School Principal, and John is an appointee working for the church. We look forward to our sharing together both in the church and the community!

NEW COPIER

The Congregation voted Sunday, August 21st to purchase a much needed new copier. We look forward to this new piece of equipment.

LIBRARY—Sue Mills has been working very hard to get our Library more accessible for checking out books. **COME AND SEE!** And check out a book to read!

Please return any books you have checked out so Sue may get all our books cataloged and read for a fresh new start. She is looking for Vol. 1 of the RLDS church history if anyone finds it let her know.

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

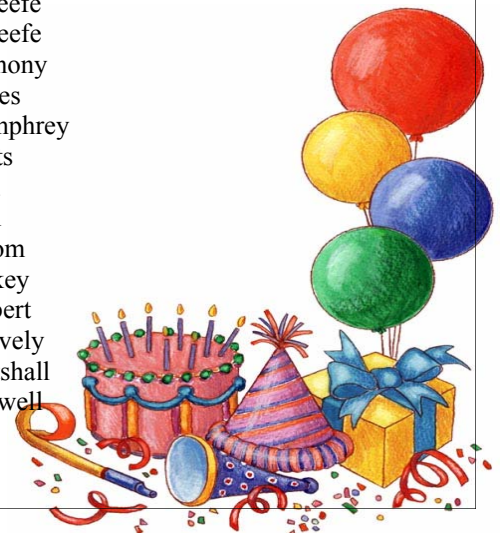
BAPTISM—Lily Anthony was baptized Sunday afternoon at Family Camp, at Lake Doniphan this summer by her grandfather, Tracy Dyer. Lily was confirmed by Elders David Watson and Pauline Watson in a very meaningful service of confirmation at the church the following Sunday. A video was shared with the congregation of camp as Lily shared what her baptism meant to her. Very special words of explanation and commitment.



“. . . Receive the giftedness and energy of children and youth, listening to understand their questions and their wisdom. Respond to their need to be loved and nurtured as they grow.”
Doctrine & Covenants 161: 4a

- 01- Jared Green
- 02 Connor Marshall
- 05- Rachel O’Keefe
- 07- Sara Bateman
- 10- Ray Kegley
- 10- Betty O’Dell
- 10- Wayne Sheets
- 11- Colin O’Keefe
- 11- Kelly O’Keefe
- 14- Kayla Anthony
- 14- Fred Hughes
- 14- Kathy Humphrey
- 16- Ilene Sheets
- 17- Janet Ladd
- 18- Asley Zeih
- 20- Kathy Tatom
- 22- Billy Mackey
- 24- Kevin Gilbert
- 27- Jeanne Snively
- 28- Mindy Cutshall
- 30- Danial Stowell

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS





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:

- 6:00 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"*



*"I am the vine, ye are the
branches. He that abideth in me,
and I in him, the same bringeth
forth much fruit; for without me ye
can do nothing." John 15:5*

Congregational Retreat

"Let Our Light Shine"
August 26th, 27th, 28th

— Friday—

- 6:30 pm Potluck Setup
At the church
- 7 pm Welcome & Potluck
Games & Campfire to follow

— Saturday—

- 10:30 am Meet at Tracy Dyer's House
- 10:35-11:20 Morning Class
- 12 Noon—Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
Potluck Veggies, Salads, Desserts

Afternoon— games, swimming, visiting

- 3:30-4:30 pm Afternoon Class
- 5:30 pm Fish Fry
- Potluck Veggies, Salads, Desserts
- Making HOMEMADE Ice Cream
(Bring Ice Cream freezer w/ingredients)
- Campfire Closing

— Sunday—

- 8:30 am Breakfast (Biscuits & Gravy)
- Larry & Lou in charge— Men Helping
- 9:45 am—12 noon Follows Normal Schedule

Bring — Lawn — Chairs

