

OLATHE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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*We honor God
by proclaiming
Jesus Christ
and promoting
communities of
joy, hope, love
and peace.*

*We proclaim
the peace of
Jesus Christ
and invite all to
fellowship,
worship, learn
and serve as
we journey
together,
celebrating our
diversity and
our unity.*

Please join us on this joyous occasion as our parents, Joy and Russell Fletcher, celebrate their Golden Anniversary.

Open House reception at their home
Saturday, September 1, 2007
from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
15972 S. Clairborne Street, Olathe, KS
R.S.V.P. at fletcherjj@earthlink.net
Your presence is gift enough.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner A Success!

The first Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? was a lot of fun for the 10 families who participated. With the help of Tim Sullivan, the thirty-somethings learned that an **icebox** will not keep ice cream solid. Another group learned that if you're friends with the Bolligers, you never have to sneak into a movie. And those who shared the evening with Virgil and Leslie Goodin learned just how close you have to watch an older model grill. Even the youngest of us benefited as Zachary Wright learned it is easier to go through a glass patio door when it is open.

The next session will be Sunday, August 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 ish. There are registration forms in the foyer, as well as an envelope to place completed forms in.

Ice Cream Social

Join us in the Parking Lot (or the multipurpose room if it's really hot) on Wednesday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. for a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social!

Get out your ice cream freezer and favorite ice cream recipe and start turning that crank (or plug it into the outlet)

If you do not have an ice cream freezer, make up a batch of cookies, a cake, pie or anything at all that will go with the ice cream.

Bring your lawn chairs and be prepared to do some socializing.



Thank You to the Stowell Family
For the donation of the lovely piano that belonged to Fran's parents, Max and Jean Stowell. Many of you will remember happy

evenings spent at their home singing around the piano (probably an older version) as Jean played and Max let the singing.



New Wednesday Evening Services Beginning in the Fall



A new format for Wednesday Evening services will begin in the fall which we hope will meet the needs of the entire congregation.

For many years a core group of 4 to 10 people have been meeting on Wednesday evenings for prayer and fellowship. While this has been an important part of congregational life, we would like to explore a format that would meet the needs of a larger portion of the congregation.

First Wednesday— 5:30 p.m.—Dinner followed by activities for the children.

Second Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Global Night -each month we will explore other places and cultures as we gain a new awareness of our *worldwide* church.

Third Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Prayer and Testimony—this will be a service which will focus on including all age groups.

Fourth Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Bible Study using games and activities that will make it appealing even to the children and fun for all.

Fifth Wednesday—When there is a fifth Wednesday we will take part in some kind of a service project either for the congregation or for the community.

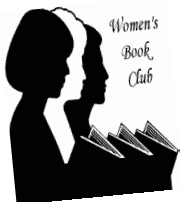
Each Wednesday there will be priesthood who have been asked to set themselves apart from the activities in order to spend the hour in prayer for the congregation, the world church, current issues or expressed needs. They will also be available for those who would like to prayer or counsel in



Each year during the last week of July youth from many parts of the world gather at Graceland University for Spectacular. This is a week of competition in many different sports, classes in many areas from music and stained glass to leadership and fun and fellowship.

It is also the week that scholarship recipients are announced. This year Laura Ferguson received a \$2,000.00 per year Wallace B. Smith scholarship and Cory Snethen received a \$1,000.00 per year volleyball scholarship.

Congratulations Laura and Cory!



Women's Book Club

Thursday, August 23, 7:00 P.M. at Michelle Lundy's home, 2644 W. Centre, Olathe. The book is Home Before Dark by Susan Wiggs.



Men's Breakfast
Every Friday Morning
7:00 a.m. at
IHOP
119th & Strang Line Rd



The Leadership Team will gather on August 12 at 8:00 a.m.



Monday August 20



Olathe will be providing lunch at the Central Avenue Center of Hope on Monday, August 20. If you can help provide food or help with the serving on that date, please contact Lois Viers, 913-541-1277 or loisviers@sbcglobal.net.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barb and Fran Stowell and their family in the loss of Barb's mother Ruby Carlson who passed away on July 5th.

Also, Chuck and Edie Flinn and their family in the loss of Chuck's sister Wanda Huddleston who passed away on Saturday, July 28.



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support in my choice to attend Graceland University. Thank you for helping me financially by doing the congregation matching grant for me the past year as well as this upcoming year. It really means a lot to know that you would do this for me! Thanks again. I really appreciate it from the bottom of my heart!

Thanks & God Bless,
Heidi Mayer



Annual Rummage Sale

Once again the rummage sale was a success in many areas. Many of you contributed merchandise, helped to price and organize items, and came to shop. A huge **THANK YOU** to Lois Viers who worked many, many hours in organizing this event. It is a well known fact that Lois loves doing this with the exception of the week before, the days of and a few days after. I'm not sure we can talk about next year yet.



It was Thursday afternoon about 3:30 p.m. (the sale would start bright and early the next morning) when Lois was heard to say "I'm going home to have supper with my hubby tonight"...and then the phone rang! The caller wanted to know what we were having at the church that week-end and when she was told we were having a rummage sale she stated that she had closed a store she owned in Colorado and recently moved to Olathe near the church and had 4 or 5 boxes of new items that she would like to donate for the sale. Of course Lois told her to bring them on down.

In came 15—20 LARGE boxes of new merchandise. The troops were called in and eight or nine people worked until 11:00 p.m. sorting, pricing and organizing it all. Needless to say hubby brought dinner to Lois that night...and stayed to work.

Approximately \$1,000.00 was made during the week-end and will go to the congregational operating fund and Central Avenue Center of Hope.

On Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. there were nine cars and trucks lined up outside the church to be loaded to take the remainder of the goods to the Center of Hope thrift store.

Thank you to all who brought merchandise, helped to price and organize items, manned the rummage sale and helped to take the leftover items to the thrift store.

Books of the Bible

How many books of the Bible can you find in the paragraph below? There are 15 books from the Old and New Testaments.

I once made some remarks about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu — kept some people looking so hard for facts and studying for the revelation that they were in a jam. Especially since the books were not capitalized. But truth finally struck numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy to spot. Others require judges to determine. We must admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One woman says she brews tea while she puzzles her brain. Well, get to work if you want to complete it. Good Luck!

Nursery Schedule—10:15 -11:30 a.m.



Under 2 yr. old—Baby Nursery

2 & 3 yr Olds—Toddler Nursery

8/5	Curt & Toni Talcott		8/5	Justin & Rebecca Franklin
8/12	Jeff & Brenna Morgan		8/12	Larry & Karen Birkby
8/19	Elias & Jen Mann-Li		8/19	Larry & Karen Winters
8/26	Barb & Fran Stowell		8/26	Dave & Wanda Talcott
9/2	Steve & Frankie Wall		9/2	Greg & Jeanne Mann
9/9	Kelli Wright & Debbie Coddington		9/9	Jon & Stacy Bichelmeyer
9/16	Ron & Pat Trachsel		9/16	Brad & June Johnson
9/23	Dave & Wanda Talcott		9/23	Scott & Chelsea Johnson
9/30	Jim & Brenda McLaughlin		9/30	Mike & Michelle Lundy
10/7	Becca & Peter Wilkinson		10/7	Steve & Laura Beckman
10/14	Jennifer & Ben Bauman		10/14	Stephanie McConnell & Cheron Tiffany
10/21	Darin & Jackie Stowell		10/21	Dave & Wanda Talcott
10/28	Ron & Pat Trachsel		10/28	Bryan & Courtney Talcott
11/4	Chris & Sarah Coddington		11/4	Adam & Lori Steward
11/11	Jason & Brooke Trachsel		11/11	Justin & Rebecca Franklin
11/18	Curt & Toni Talcott		11/18	Larry & Karen Birkby
11/25	Jeff & Brenna Morgan		11/25	Larry & Karen Winters
12/2	Elias & Jen Mann-Li		12/2	Brad & June Johnson
12/9	Barb & Fran Stowell		12/9	Greg & Jeanne Mann
12/16	Dave & Wanda Talcott		12/16	Jon & Stacy Bichelmeyer
12/23	Jim & Brenda McLaughlin		12/23	Mike & Michelle Lundy
12/30	Becca & Peter Wilkinson		12/30	Stephanie McConnell & Cheron Tiffany

Mark Your Calendar
Congregational
Business Meeting
October 14, 2007—10:20 a. m.





“GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.”

L A M E N T A T I O N S 3 : 2 3



Dear friends,

Can you believe we are over half way through 2007? Time is going by so fast. Our congregation is seeing the little ones get bigger, and the big ones, well some of them get bigger too! Our lives are moving so fast and the experiences of our lives slip

by very quickly. To say that most of us are seeing life pass before our eyes is almost literally true. Where have the days gone?

In our home, life has been challenging at times. We can't believe Jeff is about to leave for GU. We will forever be grateful to the many who have had so much to do with the successes he

has experienced. Jeff is very fortunate to have grown up in a congregation like Olathe, to have had this village help raise him. As we sat during Olathe North's graduation a few short

months ago, the aisle he walked through into the gymnasium was lined with teachers on either side. Truly, he hugged about every teacher on both sides and the awareness of how many people had influenced him over the years was awesome. We

only wished that friends from the church could have joined us in that moment....Now, as he prepares to head to Graceland, we know he leaves with a great deal of support that has helped him to grow up and become the young man that he is. You have helped him deal with the tragedies of life that he has learned from, as well as celebrate the victories of life that have caused much joy for him. Thank you.

During these high school years of his, I have had the privilege of representing you in the Co-Missioned Pastor Initiative. I cannot believe that I am just about to complete year three of the five year commitment I made to participate in training, and to serve as pastor. Actually, back in April we passed the seven year mark serving as pastor of Olathe. When I (we) signed on for five more years, I could not have predicted all that was going to take place. I have met some wonderful pastors who serve God in a variety of places and conditions. In my cohort of 25, we have shared together some wonderful joys, as well as some suffering that has been very difficult. While sometimes I have not wanted to give up a full week of vacation each summer, the fact is, I would not trade the experiences I have had for anything. As I prepare to go to study at the Temple for this last week of formal training, I anticipate God's Holy Spirit to join with us as we come together for fellowship and learning.

I want to say thank you again to the congregation for allowing me to have this opportunity. As a congregation, you voted three years ago to embark on this journey and together, we have accomplished some good things. There still is so much more to do. In a couple of months we will have a congregational business meeting (October 14). At that time, we will elect a pastor for 2008. I intend to offer my name for consideration. It is a time for any others who feel so inclined to offer their names as well. While I commit myself to the ongoing work of the CPI and desire to fulfill the commitment I made to serve five years, the opportunity to go on a different course is up to the congregation. If there is anyone else desiring to offer themselves in this capacity and will put their name up for election, please pass that information on to one of my counselors (Brad, Pat or Jeanne), and they will make sure your name is on the list for election at the meeting.

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I feel it is important for the congregation to understand exactly where we are in this process. That is why I am sharing the details of the CPI commitment. We will have further conversation about this in the coming weeks.

Shifting gears, we have some exciting ministries coming in the fall. High Priest Carolyn Brock from the World Church will be with us for a series in September. We are blessed to have her teaching and preaching ministries on September 9 and 16. Sister Brock is a part of the Temple Ministries Team specializing in Spiritual Development. We look forward to the opportunity to share with her. In October, we are finalizing plans to have Brother Jack Ergo be with us. Many remember Jack as a world church minister, sharing in the worship office for many

years. His exciting way of directing the Messiah Choir, as well as bring music "to life", is a blessing to experience. We will keep you posted on that date.

It is an exciting time to be a member of the church and a part of the Olathe Congregation. Our Wednesday Evening services are going to be more "family friendly", offering some new experiences and activities. Sara Coddington and Cheron Tiffany along with Tim Sullivan will coordinate Wednesdays this next year. Plan to share in these opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. We look forward to them.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to the Lord. We are so very blessed and as we have experienced His love and blessing, so we are called to share with others. May God bless you in your homes and in your daily living. May His light guide your way.

Blessings, Pastor Bruce



Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)

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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

CALENDAR

August 2007

DATE		EVENTS	BIRTHDAYS
Wed	1	1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon at China Star, 95th & Metcalf; 7:00 p.m. Building Committee Meeting	Debi Hale
Thurs	2		Mike Meyers
Fri	3	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Ihop	Anna Bundy, Britnie Woods, Mike Stowell
Sat	4		Kelli Wright
Sun	5	8:00 a.m. Priesthood Mtg.; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Communion	
Mon	6		Foster Lundy, Nathan Pearson
Tue	7		
Wed	8	7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social at the church	
Thurs	9		Sara Bundy, Martin Bohn
Fri	10	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Ihop	Dolly Johnson, Jennifer Anderson
Sat	11		Mary Gill, Alice Nicholls, Mitchel Woods, Kelsey Johnson
Sun	12	8:00 a.m. Leadership Meeting; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:20 a.m. Worship	Darian Sims
Mon	13		Nancy Ellis
Tue	14		Gayle Yeamans
Wed	15		Stephanie McConnell, Jennifer Glodowski
Thurs	16		Jonathan Kendrick, Bary Hartman
Fri	17	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Ihop	
Sat	18	10:00 a.m. Sr. High to Worlds of Fun	
Sun	19	9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:20 a.m. Worship; 5:30 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	John Tiffany, Isabelle Muir, Brett Yeamans
Mon	20	9:30 a.m. Prepare and Serve Lunch at Central Avenue Center of Hope	
Tue	21		Josh Goodin
Wed	22		Alli Arnold
Thurs	23	7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club at Michelle Lundy's	
Fri	24	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Ihop; 5:00 p.m. Scrapbooking at the Church	Ian Wilkinson, Sara Tubbesing
Sat	25		Lisa McCord, Curt Talcott, Jim McLaughlin, Shelly Gurwell
Sun	26	9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:20 a.m. Worship Service	Shauna Ferguson
Mon	27		Carrie Sims, Betty Knittel
Tue	28		
Wed	29		
Thurs	30		
Fri	31	7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Ihop	

Olathe Community of Christ



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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:20 a.m. Worship

August 2007

Responsibility Schedule

Date	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26
Theme	"Share the Abundance"	"Be Ready for God"	"Discern the Present Time"	"Be Set Free"
Scripture Base	Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21/12:15-23 IV ; III Nephi 6:3-11; D and C 153:9c	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40/12:35-47 IV ; III Nephi 7:4-12; D and C 154:7	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56/12:58-65 IV ; III Nephi 8:6-13; D and C 156:5	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17 ; Mormon 3:27-33; D and C 156:10
Presider	Mark Binns	Tim Seichepine	Greg Mann	June Johnson
Speaker	Steve Beckman	Bruce Rider	John O'Neal	Sara Tubbesing
Deacon	Yeamans/Baldwin	Adam Steward	Ben Bauman	Milly Binns
Accompanist	Laura Beckman	Milly Binns	Pat Trachsel	Lynn Hartman
Nursery—Baby	C & T Talcott	Morgan	Li	B & F Stowell
Nursery-Toddler	Franklin	Birkby	Winters	D & W Talcott