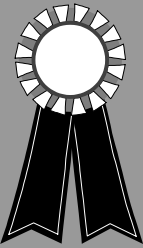


OBC Times

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...and the Winner is!

We had seven entries submitted as possibilities for this newsletter's title. The winning entry,

OBC Times, was submitted by Mischa Hoffman. She won the \$20 gift certificate to Lemstone Books.

Congratulations to Mischa!

Church Schedule

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Celebration
K.I.D.S. Church

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Teen Prayer
6:45 p.m. Teen Mingle
7:00 p.m. L.I.F.T. for teens

7:00 p.m. Taking Every Thought Captive - Adult Bible Study - Conference Room

Pastor's Corner

Pursuing His Presence. Over the course of time this has become my personal theme. I am becoming more and more convinced of the importance of this simple idea.

Too often people are driven by the Pursuit of Pleasure or the Pursuit of Power. We see these all the time in our society with the "accumulation of more and more" and the constant attempts to "climb the ladder of success." These pursuits are rooted in selfishness and ultimately end in self-destruction. Jesus said a man could gain the whole world and yet lose his own soul. In comparison, the Pursuit of His Presence is rooted in selflessness and ends in ultimate fulfillment. As we sacrifice ourselves in order to seek his face we will find real, lasting pleasure and power in his very presence. The Apostle Paul considered "everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ." (Philippians 3:8)

Here's the contrast: the enemy encourages us to seek self-fulfillment in pursuing pleasure and power, but delivers only disappointment and destruction. On the other hand, Christ encourages self-denial and delivers the fullness of his presence, which is the epitome of pleasure and power. What a deal! In pursuing his presence we gain a ton of blessings and find satisfaction with fulfillment along the way. And ultimately we discover the surpassing greatness of knowing him! Let's keep on this path making him our one pursuit.

Pursuing His Presence,



Pastor Phil & Naomi Waldo

Care Groups

Monday

INSTE I, Discipleship
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

The Dream Giver
7:00 p.m.
103 Marion Street

Tuesday

Cross Trainers (grades 4-6)
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room

Purpose Driven Life
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Thursday

Shadows of the Old Testament Fulfilled in the New Testament
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Friday

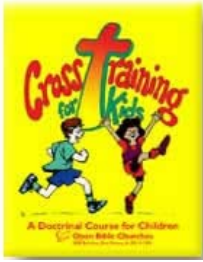
Women's Fellowship
11:30 a.m.
Various Locations
Call Deb @432-7919

Couples Date Night
6:30 p.m.
Every other Friday
Call Wards @ 432-5295

Saturday

The Gathering (for men)
8:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays
Conference Room

Prayer, Fasting & Outreach
7:00 p.m.
Worship Center



Cross Training

26 lesson doctrinal study designed for kids in 4-6 grade!

Cross Training for Kids!!!

CrossTraining class has begun and we are already having fun! Our first classes included learning about The Bible, The Trinity, Sin, and Forgiveness.

After a recent class, held at Virginia Bishop's Realty, we went to see *Shrek 2*.

Future class topics include: Water Baptism, Healing, Missions, and Marriage. We plan to have more class outings and continue to learn about the things of God.



Pictured: Bill Hitt, Alex Haynes, Jacob Waldo, Joshua Freeman, Emerson Hoffman, Quentin Hoffman, Mischa Hoffman, Morgan O'Tool. **Not Pictured:** Alex Harmer and Andrew Russell (Naomi Waldo and Vicky Elsberry -leaders)

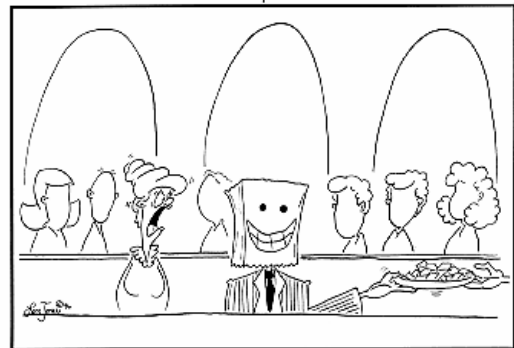
GRADUATION

We had several graduates this year. Blake Elsberry, Jo-El Pfaltzgraff, and Amanda Smalley graduated from high school. Graduating this year from INSTE Level One were Kevin and Melinda Gorman and Elisa Huss. Heather Eime also graduated from Des Moines Masters Commission. Many congratulations to each one who achieved this goal!



Just for Fun...

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



" I think God knows how you really feel, don't you!?"

Women's Event

During the month of May the ladies of the church met for a sack lunch and a time of fellowship. Secret pals were revealed - there were some surprises "I had no idea" and a few "I thought you might be my secret pal". On the right you see Elisa Huss with a gift her secret pal, Janelle Keffer, gave her. Eating lunch (below) is: Ellen Nystrom, Christine Toms, Terri Ward, Janelle Keffer, Kim Abbey and Deb Hitt.



Business Feature

This issue's featured business is:

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Bringing power to your projects is the mission of Al Ward. With more than 15 years of electrical experience, Al, who is a certified electrical contractor, has the knowledge and experience needed for you and your project. Remodel, repair, new construction, cable or telephone wire are all areas he is qualified in to serve you. No job is too small. Quotes are always given free and with no obligation.

If you own a business or know of a business that is owned by someone in our church body, please let the church office know so it can be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters!



SONLIGHT winds up another successful year

Another fun-filled and successful year of Sonlight has come to a close. The computer's off, the gym is quiet, and the kids are busy playing at home; but Sonlight is never truly done.

Sonlight is for kids in grades K-6 and is a step by step look through the Bible at key verses that teach the kids, at their level, about God's love for them and why we believe what we believe. Each grade has a book that the kids work through which contains verses and discussion on a variety of topics related to understanding how much God loves us, why, what His character is like, and who the Holy Spirit is. The books get progressively harder with each year adding to the length of the verses and the depth of understanding. The last book discusses the gifts of the Holy Spirit and helps kids to identify their gifts through a written paper and by encouraging service to others both at home and in the community. All books encourage the kids to witness to their friends, to establish a daily devotional and prayer time, and identifies the importance of missionaries in spreading the gospel.



Sonlight meets at 7:00 pm on Wed. evenings during the school year. We have small group time where the kids spend time with their leader(s) going over the verses they've memorized or participating in an activity to help everyone learn and understand a tough verse. Big group time is where we sing songs, listen to a story, and get our awards. Game time is everyone's favorite, including the parents, because it helps everyone burn some energy.

We encourage the kids to work through their book with their parent(s) at home and come to club prepared to say their verses. This allows the leaders to spend small group time listening to and discussing what they've learned to help ensure they understand the verses rather than just memorizing them for a few minutes. They receive various rewards for their work. Immediate rewards are given the night of club, short term rewards are given after approximately one-fourth of the book is done, and long term awards when the entire book is done. This keeps them motivated to keep working. There are points given each Wednesday so there's an element of competition, but rewards are set up so everyone feels like they can succeed.

Our purpose for Sonlight has always been to encourage the kids to dig into the Word and hide it in their hearts. The program is set up so that kids will learn what the Bible has to say about God and His love for us all, but it's more than that. It empowers them to reach out and tell others about God's love and care for them. Each year we see a high percentage of our Sonlight participants coming from outside the church. It's great to see our kids helping to fulfill our church's mission of Building Bridges in Boone and Beyond by being light for the Son through Sonlight.



We're on the web! Check out...
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Upcoming ...

Thursday and Friday	June 10-11	INSTE National Convention, Des Moines	
Friday	June 11	Robert Abbey Fundraiser, Fairgrounds	4-8:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 12	Elders Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	June 13	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	June 13	Trustees Meeting	3:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 20	Father's Day	
Sunday	June 27	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	July 4	Independence Day	
Sunday	July 4	Fun, Fellowship, Fireworks @ OBC	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 17	Membership Class	
Thursday through Sunday	July 22-25	Boone County Fair	
Monday through Thursday	July 26-29	Vacation Bible School	
Monday through Friday	July 26-30	Senior High Camp	
Sunday	August 1	VHS	1:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday	August 2-6	Junior High Camp	
Monday through Friday	August 9-13	Junior Camp	