

Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene

Activities and Announcements 06.28.09

IMPORTANT TORONTO TRIP MEETING... Sunday, July 5th immediately following the morning worship service. This meeting is for parents and students.

DID YOU KNOW SHILOH IS ALMOST UPON US?...

OKC First Church will once again partner with Shiloh Summer Camp (www.shilohcamp.org) to prepare a meal for their campers. This is our fourth consecutive year to participate and several people from our church have worked at this camp in the past. Shiloh Summer Camp is located in OKC on 40 acres in a beautiful campground setting that provides for inner-city children and youth. We will be cooking for the camp (about 200 people) on its closing night – July 31st. Set-up, cooking and preparation starts at 4:30, with dinner served at 6pm. Following the meal there will be the talent show and closing ceremonies for the camp.

If you would like to help, please contact Lance Schmitz. If you would like to donate supplies for this event, we are in need of the following: propane grills, someone with a truck, hotdogs and buns, hamburger patties and buns, bottled water, ice, ice chests, individual packages of chips, ketchup, mustard, pickles, cookies, brownies, plates, napkins and utensils.

NWO DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CAMP... will be held at Camp Bond in Tishomingo, OK. **Camper Registration** forms are located on the children's information board by the Children's Church room. If you are interested in being a **Camp Counselor**, applications are located in the tray on Pastor Lisa's office door.

Camp dates & cost (Late Fees after June 25th):

Primary camp (1st & 2nd) July 13-15, cost is **\$120**.

Junior camp (3rd & 4th) July 15-17, cost is **\$145**.

Preteen camp (5th & 6th) July 13-17, cost is **\$165**.

If you would like to sponsor a child to camp please note your checks: NWO District Children's Camp- your support will be greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!... During the summer, our college group (live_well ministries) will continue to meet at the home of Brandon & Ashley Whiteside, our college pastor and his wife, on Wednesday nights at 8pm, unless otherwise noted. Contact Brandon at brandonw@okcfirstnaz.org for directions and any info! Additionally, college students can meet at Panera Bread at 3321 NW Expressway (just a couple of miles east of the church) on Sundays during the Sunday School hour for breakfast and conversation. Please search for "live_well ministries" on Facebook and "Become a Fan" to receive weekly updates from Brandon.

GET READY, GET SET, PAINT!... The OKC First Nursery is desperately in need of painting and sprucing up and we need you!

We have 4 work crews/times you can sign up for, so hurry and sign up today.

Prep Crew: Thursday, July 9, 5:30-9:30pm

Paint Crew 1: Friday, July 10, 9:30am-1:30pm

Paint Crew 2: Friday, July 10, 5:30-9:30pm

Finishing Crew: Saturday, July 11, 9am-2pm

If you cannot paint but would like to contribute, we welcome your monetary donations to help purchase the paint and any other needed items. Come to the Registration Desk in the Atrium before or after the morning worship service through Sunday, July 5, and let us know how you can help.

Also, anyone who could lend any of the following items to help defray expenses would be appreciated: paint rollers, extension poles (for rollers), paint brushes, paint trays, disposable tray liners, disposable floor covering/drop cloths, paint buckets, edgers and blue tape.

For questions, please go to the Registration Desk or contact one of our crew leaders: Vanette Bell, Susan Emrich, Becca Null or Patty Martin. Sponsored by OKC First Women's Ministries.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BE A PART OF SUMMER KIDS CLUB...

First Indian Church of the Nazarene is reaching out to the kids in their neighborhood and offering a fun, educational, and Christ-centered program each Monday and Wednesday from now through August 5th. We are looking for helpers on a weekly or bi-monthly basis! Whether you can help tutor kids or just help to show them God's love, we need you! Sessions are 12 - 3pm each day. For more information, please contact Teri Inman 204-8800 or teriinman@cox.net.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS... We will not be having Wednesday night dinners this summer, but we will still have seating, drinks & wireless internet available in the Atrium each Wednesday evening. Please feel free to use the Atrium for meetings, fellowship & socializing!

SUMMER OF FUN FOR CHILDREN... We will be going to Leonardo's Discover Warehouse in Enid on Friday, July 3. You will need to call the church and RSVP. We will meet at the church at 9 am and return by 4:30 pm. The cost is \$5 and all need to bring a sack lunch. Call Pastor Lisa (843-9588) for more information!

Zambia Vending Machines: at the South end of the South hall.

Designated smoking area: outside the South doors of the South hall. Celebrate Recovery Information: outside the Green Room South entrance.

Annual Operating Budget (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2009) \$800,000

Received June 21	\$14,220
Annual need as of June 21	\$384,615
<u>Received as of June 21</u>	<u>\$325,708</u>
Balance	(\$58,907)
Monthly need	\$66,667
<u>Received as of June 21</u>	<u>\$45,115</u>
Balance	(\$21,552)

How are you doing with “friendship with God”?

Are you hungering for this “friendship with God” relationship we talk about at OKC First Church? DISCIPLE Bible Study can biblically nourish, nurture and encourage you to live as a disciple of Christ. Through DISCIPLE, you can strengthen your faith and be guided into service and ministry. We will be starting a DISCIPLE I bible study class in late August and encourage you to commit to it!

Listen to these comments from our church family members who invested their time in DISCIPLE I this past year:

It has been my privilege and a blessing to participate in this life-changing study that has given us an overview of the entire Bible. Not only has it taken me deeper into the word and encouraged me to live as a disciple of Christ, it has given me a close covenant group--an intimate fellowship where my faith has been nurtured as our group shared their gifts, burdens, hopes, struggles, and love. This study has revealed to me in a deeper way who God is and how I am a part of His story and who God created me to be. My spirit has been renewed, my faith has been nurtured, my knowledge has increased, and I have become vulnerable to my covenant group.
- Sarah Mosley

I loved committing to something for a longer period, and committing to my group for the course of the year. Even in a small group, there are so many different "takes" on any given passage or idea. It was enlightening and refreshing to hear those different ideas. I also loved developing a

relationship with my fellow DISCIPLE members over the year!

Over the course of the year, we were able to see patterns in God's relationship with us, to hear His call on us, to learn to walk with Him and in the light of His love and hope... Wow!

I would highly recommend the DISCIPLE study. I loved seeing the broader picture the Bible presents as well as learning the call on my life as a disciple of Christ. My life was transformed as I saw recurring patterns in God's relationship to His people (to ME!), and also by the group interaction over each week. What a blessing it has been! I am so looking forward to next year and DISCIPLE III!
- Laura Jergensen

I loved the longer amount of time both weekly and the 34 weeks to delve into details. I missed the group the two or three times when I had to be gone. There was always something to think about that someone else mentioned.

The variety of ways that we worked during the session was very stimulating to me. There was always something to surprise me each week, and I liked that!

Every week had a new something to try to implement into my daily life. Some weeks I was more successful than others, but the red line of disciple each week was a challenge to me to see how God would enable me to live it out. I have found that many of the things are still part of my daily life and that is what it is all about.
- Sharon Dikes

Contact Pastor Judy Cox or call the church office (843-9588) for more details!