

Oklahoma City First Church of the Nazarene

Activities and Announcements 07.12.09

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER THIS WEEK... For the Toronto Mission Trip participants: Mike Laughlin, Karen Laughlin, Alex Fain, McCall Adams, Brian Lawes, Kristin Moyer, Brandon Whiteside, Steve Stark, Allison Wier, Luke Winslow, Alex Laughlin, Hilary James, Parker Fain, Cara Fain, Jean Moore, Sam Hardee, Sam McKenzie, Josh McKenzie, Jeff Duke, Lisa Moore, Jessica Martin and Gabby Trent.

THE HOPE BOX IS BARE... If you would like to donate food for this ministry, please put it in the kitchen by the atrium. If you don't have time to shop and would like to make a monetary donation, please mark "Hope Box" in the memo. Thank you so much for your continued support of this ministry!

JOY TRIP TO JENKS... Our senior adults will be going to the Aquarium in Jenks on Saturday, July 18. Please talk to Walt or Linda Crow for more details.

UPCOMING KIDS SUMMER OF FUN EVENT... Our kids will be going to Central State Park to swim and to Pop's to eat in Arcadia on Friday, July 31st from 11am-4:30pm. Please drop off and pick up your kids at the church. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Pastor Lisa with any questions and to RSVP at 843-9588.

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.

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 12-3 pm through August 5th. Whether you can help tutor kids or just help to show them God's love, we need you! 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!

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. 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.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!... During the summer, our college group (live_well ministries) will continue to meet at the home of Brandon & Ashley Whiteside 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.

GROCERY DELIVERY DAY... will be Saturday, July 25. Contact Pastor Lance for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Saturday, August 8 – All Church cleaning, starting at 9am. Everyone can help!

Saturday, August 22 – New Student Institute (NSI) at Southern Nazarene University.

Saturday, August 29 – Grocery Delivery day.

Sunday, August 30 – Celebration Community Service at 6pm with Luz y Vida.

Sunday, September 6 – All Church Labor Day Dinner after AM Service.

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.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE
2009 Annual Operating Budget (Jan 01-Dec 31): \$800,000

Received July 5	\$11,845.00
Annual Need as of July 5	\$415,385.00
Received as of July 5	\$350,108.00
Balance	(\$65,277.00)
Monthly Need	\$66,667.00
Received as of July 5	\$11,845.00
Balance	(\$54,822.00)

Are you hungering for “friendship with God”?

We talk about “friendship with God at OKC First Church – but do you have a way to personally nurture this relationship with God? **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!

Read these comments from Ken & Kim Rosfeld, who invested their time in DISCIPLE I this past year:

The time commitment established a discipline and an accountability that I really needed. It seemed daunting at first but simply became habit as the year progressed. It established a healthy pattern of daily bible study that was very manageable. The sessions became almost a family get together that were something to look forward to each week. The interaction in the group provided the opportunity to get to know a diverse group of individuals and to learn from the variety of perspectives in the group. The structure of the curriculum is such that interpersonal growth within the group is strongly emphasized and a level of trust is established that makes it a very comfortable environment to share personal thoughts and feelings. While the informational aspects of the class certainly deepened my understanding of the bible, the emphasis was directed at application and how our lives can be transformed by the message. On a regular basis, things that I learned were almost immediately applicable to a particular situation that I would encounter. I watched as each person in our group moved to a new level of maturity in faith. – Ken Rosfeld

The daily Bible Study and prayer requirement was one of the most beneficial things for me. Throughout my Christian journey, I have struggled with the discipline of daily prayer and study and DISCIPLE gave me the structure and accountability I need to keep my time with God a priority. The nine month time period gave us a chance to really get to know and trust one another in the group and allowed us to cover so much more of the Bible than we would have been able to in a shorter study. Every week someone in the group would have a different approach or opinion about what we had read that week. We struggled together with difficult passages and allowed each other the freedom to disagree. I learned so much from the other people in my group and learned to love and appreciate the different personalities and gifts within the group. It was also great to have my husband in the group. We would often continue the discussion in the car on the way home and were able to have conversations about faith that we've never had before. It helped our marriage to grow spiritually as well. Seeing how the story of God unfolds throughout the Bible and then seeing how I'm a continuing part of that story was amazing. It was challenging in ways that I never would have dreamed and I saw my own life changing along with all the members of my group. I used to think of Discipleship as something that mature Christians "did" but now I understand Discipleship to be what I AM. – Kim Rosfeld

Mark your Friendship Folder if you are interested in more details, contact Pastor Judy Cox or call the church office (843-9588).

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