

CMRB NEWSLETTER

October, 2012

"Sharing News of the Central Missouri Restoration Branches"

Fall Retreat Dates:

October 5-7 Junior High

October 19-21 Older Youth

November 2-4 Senior High

November 10-11 Junior

Please see the website www.odessahills.com for more information and to register. Note: We now have "paypal" to make it more convenient for you to pay when you register.

ODESSA HILLS SWIMMING POOL PROJECT UPDATE:

We are getting close to starting the construction of the pool and are still in need of funds. There are several congregations planning fundraisers. Please keep this in mind and plan to support them.

Woman to Woman Conference

Colbern Road Restoration Branch, November 10th 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

more information call (816) 699-5319

Book of Mormon Day for Kids

Saturday, November 17th 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

at the "Gathering Place" more information call (816) 461-3722

Chilhowee: *by Marj Foss*

The scripture for our new church year is, "IT IS YET DAY WHEN ALL CAN WORK" *D & C 142: 5b*. Our directories for 2012-2013 are now available.

We have enjoyed some very inspirational family worship services in September as well as sermons by our own priesthood. On Thursday, September 20, Bonnie Murphy hosted the "Isaiah class" at her home. Cheri Tandy taught the lesson on chapter 26.

This is the season for the youth to enjoy the fall retreats and we are hoping many can attend with their hearts and minds prepared to receive the spiritual food available. There are many who put a lot of prayer and hours of time and effort into preparing for these events to help our youth become more involved in serving the Lord in their congregations and in all they do in their lives. We hope the youth take the best advantage possible from these retreats. THIS

LIFE IS THE TIME TO PREPARE TO MEET GOD!" (Time of probation 2 *Nephi 1:108*). Let us keep them in our prayers that they may have the desire to make that preparation NOW.

We are looking forward to a joyous evening with Sam Smith and his music group on October 21st. All are welcome to join us for that special event. At 5 p.m. there will be an ice cream social and finger foods, with the music to follow after clean up. There will be a free will offering for the swimming pool fund at the Odessa Hills Campground.

We always welcome any of our brothers to come worship with us. May God bless you all.

Colbern Road: *by Tara Green*

September was the first month of the new election of officer's year and the start of the "New Year's" activities.

August 4th Zioneer's had their first activity, and had about 7 participate in the "Swim Party".

September 6th was the first meeting of the year. Team building activity was "How to be more obedient to God." They also went over the overview of the new year.

September 17th was the first Handmaiden meeting of the year. The Handmaiden group is girls Kindergarten through 5th grade. They meet every Monday and the girls must attend 3 of the 4 Mondays of the month to earn the badge for the month. They are working on the Hymn/Music Badge.

September 22nd had about 30 participate in first Young Adult activity. They went bowling at Diamond Bowl and then pizza at Square Pizza.

Kingsville: *by Cynthia Lamberty*

September is the month when newly elected and re-elected leaders assume their responsibilities for the coming year. Pastor, Elder Jim Hensley, scheduled a Leadership meeting to discuss his goals and the goals of the various department leaders. Jim encouraged the leadership to be a living example in leading others to a closer walk with God. To be committed to the jobs they accepted when elected or appointed. To reach out to others who enter our branch, so we can be that light upon the hill. (Luke 8:16)

Sunday, Sept 2nd, Elder Don Marsh was the speaker of the 11 o'clock hour. After our brother Don's sermon, we renewed our commitment to our Lord by taking the sacrament emblems.

Sunday, September 9th, Elder Mike Vick presented slides and videos of his recent missionary trip to the Philippines. The saints in the Philippines express so much joy in their worship and the hymns they sing. They are a poor people, if you measure by our monetary standards, but so rich with joy in worshiping their Lord. You can see the children loved doing crafts and singing with Julia Levengood, Jared Brotherton, Jordan Brotherton, and all the missionaries. We will continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and other foreign countries.

Sunday, September 9th (10:50 a.m.), Pastor, Elder Jim Hensley, called a business meeting to order. We unanimously voted to accept Jared & Bethany Eggenberger as new members of our congregation. What a blessing Jared and Bethany are to our church family. Bethany is

teaching Sunday school this year and Jared and Bethany are the leaders of the Family Night Committee.

Saturday, September 15th, the youth participated in the parade at the Holden Fair. The theme and message on the float was "Follow the Light of Christ and Eternal Life is Your Reward". Their float was a trailer converted into a boat (they made using cardboard) with blue cloth around the bottom that appeared to be water. The boat had a flag with a picture of a fish. They put a lighthouse, with a light in it, in the back of the pickup that pulled the boat. This project required a lot of work on the part of the youth and their families. They did a great job and were rewarded with a "third place" prize. The youth want to thank Larry Marsh for providing the trailer and James Watterson for pulling the "boat" with his truck. This was an event the youth will not forget. Hopefully, someone that watched the float go by was impacted by the message it carried.

Sunday, September 16th, our guest speaker was Elder Bill Marsh from the Colbern Road Restoration Branch. In his sermon, Bill testified of situations he knew God had watched over him and protected him. We are always happy to have Bill and Jeanie visit us in Kingsville. In order to continue our fellowship with Bill and Jeanie we had a potluck following the 11 o'clock service.

Knob Noster: *by Gerri Kent*

We have had a busy month, with good attendance at Sunday services and also at Wednesday evening prayer services. Our prayer services are richly blessed by the prayers of the children, many of them taking part. We have been ministered to in our Sunday school classes by dedicated teachers. The adult class has been taught by Michael Brown, and for several Sundays, we studied the Parables of Jesus. On Sept. 9th, the study was on the Good Shepherd. The scripture of note was from III Nephi 7:3-12, "I am the law and the light, look to me and endure to the end and ye shall live....."

We had had good spiritual ministry this whole month, some from visiting ministers. On Sept. 9th, Alisa Brown's parents, Steve and Marsha Bohall, came and Steve delivered an inspired message. His opening scripture was from Joshua 24:14-24: "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. His voice we will obey." We had lovely special music from Hannah Hon on her clarinet.

September 16th, there was a short business meeting before the preaching. It was voted on and accepted to enhance our sound system, one that will allow for producing CD's. Also it was unanimous to remove the phone from the church since it is rarely used and they have raised our fee. Most all members have cell phones and the pastor's number is posted several places. Leonard Brown was the speaker of that day. His theme was caught up in Proverbs 22:6. "Train up a child...when he is old, he will not depart from it." He admonished those who have been blessed with testimonies, to share them with their children. He talked about Earl Curry's "The Endowment" and a quote "God can only open up to you that which you prepare yourselves to receive." He closed his talk by reading from III Nephi where the heavens opened, angels descended, and the children were encircled by a ring of fire, and Jesus said, "Behold, your little ones."

September 23rd, Junior Munsterman was our speaker. We had special music from Delana Munsterman and Rena Munsterman, Junior's sister and wife. They offered a spirit-filled

rendition of "Take Time to be Holy" and "Whispering Hope." The theme came from Genesis 7:17, "The Lord called His people Zion..." Junior continued with "We have been taught from our youth, to be a part of Zion. This is what our hearts should long for: to be One with God and one with each other.

On September 30th, we look forward to a day filled with spiritual blessings. Holly Brown, daughter of Alisa and Michael, will be baptized. There will be a baptism and also confirmation in the morning and a pot luck dinner following for food and fellowship. Many of Holly's family are expected to attend; many from other branches.

We close this report again by praying for God's continued watch care and blessing for all of His children, both those in Central Missouri and many loved ones and Saints who are far away.

Lexington: *by Sylvia Powell*

October was a month of celebrations at Lexington. We welcomed a precious little baby girl into our church family. Sydney Therese Smith, daughter of Brett and Nanette Smith, was born October 10th. We wish little Sydney great joy and well being.

On October 23rd Miranda Immer was baptized by her grandfather, Bob Immer. This was a wonderful experience for all. The baptism took place at the Odessa Hills' lower lake. God created a beautiful setting for the baptism. There was a lovely reception following the confirmation.

Everyone enjoyed great food, fun and fellowship at the annual hog roast at Mike and Donita Cochran's home on Saturday, October 15th.

A number of our ladies attended the Restoration Women's Council's Fall Retreat the first weekend in October. Pat Chadwick gave a Spirit-led class on latter day prophecy. God graced the retreat with a beautiful weekend. Because of the nice weather some of the ladies enjoyed the patio tables and chairs for their meals.

On October 2nd Eric Odida shared with us about the ministry going on in Kenya. He told how they were desiring to put up a greenhouse to provide employment for some of the saints. There was a desire expressed by the congregation to be part of this project. We wish them well in this endeavor.

The women gathered together for our monthly meeting at Grace Davis' home. Bob Immer gave us some important tips on self protection.

Odessa: *by Erik Simmons*

Elder David Kinnaman, who was elected Presiding Elder for this year, took office along with the branch officers on the first day of September. We look forward to David's leadership as well as that of all the people with extra responsibilities, offering our prayers and support.

In order to keep the church building in good order, we have installed new windows and the walls have received a new coat of paint.

The congregation got together on Labor Day for a picnic which included a bounce house for the kids.

Guest speaker, Elder Mike Sanders brought ministry for our morning worship on September 16th. Our congregation happily congratulated Colin O'Keefe after he made his

covenant with the Lord during the afternoon service of the same day. On the 22nd, the middle adults met at Lake Jacomo for a get-together and pontoon boat ride. Happy birthday to Maxine Hattey, who celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, Sept. 29th with an open house. The event was well attended by family and friends.

Several of the priesthood went out to various congregations in September to bring ministry including: Columbia- New Jerusalem- Kingsville- Norfolk, NE.

Plans for the middle adults for the month of October will be to attend a dinner theater performance.

Warrensburg: *Ken Johnson*

We began our new church year with the yearly theme from D&C 63:1a: "Hearken, O ye people, and open your hearts, and give ear from afar, and listen, you that call yourselves the people of the Lord, and hear the word of the Lord, and His will concerning you." Elder John Sartin brought the Sacrament Remarks at the Clinton Restoration Branch. Our Pastor Alan Ream led the early-morning Prayer & Testimony service during the church school hour. Elder Ken Johnson gave the morning Sacrament remarks.

The branch women met at the church Saturday, September the 8th to learn the art of jelly making. They shared a luncheon of finger foods.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts began their new year with regular meetings this month as the committees met to plan the year's activities.

Larry Marsh of the Kingsville Restoration Branch shared ministry with us Sunday, September 16th. He encouraged us to become a more righteous people; especially through our own personal salvation and the purification of our hearts through God's Son, Jesus Christ. We were admonished that it is much later than any of us realize by sharing three dreams that he has had. He also encouraged us to warn our friends and neighbors to repent and to seek Jesus as their personal Savior.

Two of our local women were able to participate in the fall Women's Retreat at Odessa Hills Campground the week-end of September 28th-30th.

CMRB Branch Bulletin Board:

After renovations, the Knob Noster branch has an exterior double door --no windows -- that needs a good home. It is about 4 years old, in good condition but needs a bit of paint. Contact Brother Junior Munsterman if you have a need. Thank you.

Branch**Name:****2012 CMRB Schedule**

October 7th

October 14th

October 21st

October 28th

Bates City**Chilhowee**11am Service
5:00 p.m.

Testimonies

Bob Schrunk

Phil Tandy
Sam Smith Music Group
Family Night

Joe Williams

Clinton**Colbern Road**Dan Kroesen
no serviceDale Godfrey
TBDStuart Gage
Steve EggertMarlin Guinn
Lynn Baumgart**Kingsville**11am Service
6pm ServiceMark Eggenberger
Book or Mormon
classMike Vick
Book of Mormon
classScott Hallier
Bryon WeiszLarry Marsh
Family Night**Knob Noster**

Michael Brown

Melvin Quick

Eric Hon

Tom Steele

LexingtonSteve Bohall
Eric ArnoldSteve Kropp
Randy MartinVernon Darling
Family NightCong. Retreat
No Service**Oak Grove**10:30 Service
6:30 ServiceEric English
Chip GowanGuest Minister
Curtis HallierLyle Smith
Don NormanPastors of Zion
Rotation**Odessa**

1:30

Sacrament
Ray DillonAaron Dillon
Kevin EggertJunior Munsterman
Sean O'KeefeWayne Dillon
Ryan Fieth**Warrensburg**

10:30 service

Ken Johnson

Don Franklin

Larry Marsh

George Locke

Wellington