

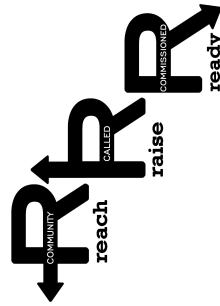
Bru's News:

It has been a privilege to teach the Life of Christ at Ozark Christian College for the last 15 years. Life of Christ is taught over two years, through four semesters. Currently I am teaching semester three. The course description for semester three is an exegetical study of the third year of Jesus' ministry through the great day of discussion on Tuesday of the final week. With each semester, the first week is spent providing an overview of the life of Christ before looking at the specific events from the given semester. Just did this for the 30th time this past week. In my lectures, I note that the first year of Jesus' life is a year of obscurity. Jesus is coming onto the scene. The second year of Jesus' life is the year of popularity. Jesus is doing some amazing miracles, thus, crowds are coming from all over the Jewish homeland to witness the miracle worker. And the final year of Jesus' ministry, the crowds are turning away from Jesus. There is a sense of rejection. The reasons why the crowds are leaving Jesus are twofold. First, the opposition by the Jewish leaders is heating up. The Jewish leaders will excommunicate those who follow Jesus. Second, Jesus is saying some things which are hard to take. Jesus tells the people to eat his flesh and drink His blood (John 6). With Luke 14, Jesus gives His sermon on the cost of discipleship. Included in this cost is the denying of our earthly relationships, taking up our cross, counting the cost, and giving up all.

It is these hard sayings which separate the fans from the true followers. Fans turn away from these hard demands. They want the easy way. A true follower is willing to arise to the challenge. The road may be tough and difficult, the demands may be stern, but the true follower is willing to go the distance.

Are you a fan or a follower? I encourage you to be a part of a very amazing and interesting study starting with February. Our Home Discipleship groups, as well as Sunday night deeper study led by Vance Russell will be studying Kyle Idleman's book NOT A FAN. This book will help one move from a fan to a sold-out follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't be a part of the crowd that turned away from Jesus when the going got tough. Make a commitment to be involved in this study. You won't regret it.

Serving Jesus together,
Brian



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Andrew Stout, Youth Minister

Bobbie Powers/Amy Nance, Children's Ministry Directors
Lisa Kloster, Secretary
Brenda Penner, Secretary

Sunday Schedule:

Traditional worship services in the sanctuary

Bible classes for all ages

Contemporary service in the sanctuary

Contemporary service in the gymnasium

Kids in Christ

Bible Study

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

9 & 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

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THE COUNTRYSIDE CONNECTION

January 25, 2012

Couples' Retreat

It's not too late to sign up!

Join us for a great time with a wonderful speaker (Cindy Dagnan), games, activities, music and free time for fellowship. The cost per couple will be \$100 and will cover your private room and food. Meet at the church at 5:30pm on Friday, February 3rd and we'll return around 5 p.m. Saturday the 4th. Please sign up in the entryway ASAP or call the church office.



Gideon Sunday

A representative of the Gideons will be here Sunday, February 5th to tell about their work of placing Bibles around the world. We will receive an offering for this ministry.



Visiting Missionary

Called to Serve

JANUARY 29, 2012

PRAYER & MEDITATION:

Vance Russell

GYM PRAYER & MEDITATION

Andrew Stout

COMMUNION & OFF. PRAYERS

SERVERS: Team 1

1-USHERS: G. Vanderpool & T. Hammack

2-USHERS: D. Borchardt & J. Swartz

1-GREETERS: M/M Bob Kennett

2-GREETERS: M/M Dick Baert

SHUT-INS: Eddie Penner & Dan Nance
Todd

1ST WORSHIP NURSERY:

Ed & Terry Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

Gerald Luttrell & Kim English

Hudson

2ND WORSHIP NURSERY:

Fran Smith & Ginger Owen

WEE WORSHIP: J. Hoover & M. Adair

VAN DRIVER: Danny Nance

JANUARY 15, 2012

Morning Services 440

Offering \$6,194.87

Budget Need \$9,381.44

Bible Classes 174

Evening Service 47

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

PRAYER & MEDITATION:

Eddie Penner

GYM PRAYER & MEDITATION

Clayton Kent

COMMUNION & OFF. PRAYERS

SERVERS: Team 2

1-USHERS: S. Taylor & F. Naccarato

2-USHERS: D. Sandberg & S. Werder

1-GREETERS: M/M Bob Kennett

2-GREETERS: M/M Dick Baert

SHUT-INS: Clayton Kent & Ragan

1ST WORSHIP NURSERY:

Heather Austin & Becky Hudson

SUNDAY SCHOOL NURSERY:

John Swartz, Fran Smith & B.

2ND WORSHIP NURSERY:

Alisha Krusich & Nancy Seybold

WEE WORSHIP: J. Hoover & M. Adair

VAN DRIVER: Tracey Noel

JANUARY 22, 2012

Morning Services 457

Offering \$6,787.36

Budget Need \$9,381.44

Bible Classes 168

Evening Service 41

New Members

Please welcome new members Corbin & Ashlee Murray. They were baptized last Sunday, January 22nd. Please welcome them into our church family!



Super Bowl Party!

We will have our annual Super Bowl party Sunday, February 5th at 5 p.m. Please bring a snack and a 2 liter of pop. We will have a devotional at half time.



Breaking Bread

Sign up for Countryside Dinner Groups...a great way to meet people whether you are a long time member or new to the church. Joining a Dinner Group is easy, just fill out a Breaking Bread form (available on Welcome Center table) and place it in the Breaking Bread box in the foyer. You will then be assigned to a group of 6 to 8 people. Your group's host will contact you to coordinate a night in February or March that best suits everyone's needs. **Note:** Even if you signed up for our last Breaking Bread; you need to sign up again. The groups will be different each time.



Elders' meeting Sunday, February 12th, 4:30 p.m.
General Board meeting Sunday, February 19th, 4:30 p.m.

Women of Joy Conference

Experience the fastest-growing Christian women's events!

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma • April 13-15

State Fair Park Arena Special guests: Stormie Omartian, Anita Renfroe, Pam Tebow, Lisa Harper and more. Concert by Casting Crowns, Matthew West & Royal Taylor. Worship Leader: Charles Billingsley. Fliers and a sign up sheet are available in the entryway. Money due on or before February 26th. See Lisa Kloster for more information.

Conference with Lodging fees:

\$159 per person at 4 per room

\$179 per person at 3 per room

\$219 per person at 2 per room



WOMEN OF JOY™

College Students

There is a **Free Lunch** for college students Sunday, January 29th following 2nd service. If you are interested in helping, please see Jenny Jameson.



Preaching & Teaching Convention

At Ozark Christian College

Monday–Wednesday, February 27-29, 2012

Our theme will be True Identity – A study in Exodus
Visit occ.edu for a complete list of events.



New HD Groups

HD Groups are starting up on Wednesday, Feb. 8 & Sunday, Feb. 12. A fan is an "enthusiastic admirer," but Jesus wants Followers, not Fans. Join us as we study what Jesus means when He says, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Join us as we study Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman. Sign up at the HD Group Table to join a group & order a book for \$10. See Vance to pick up your book if you have already ordered one.



January 29th – Family Worship Sunday

No 9 or 11 a.m. KIC services for 1st-5th Grades

Family Worship Sundays occur during months with five Sundays. This happens once each quarter. On fifth Sundays, 1st-5th grade children do not have separate worship. This is an opportunity for the kids to experience worship with their families in the sanctuary or gym services. Classes for nursery and pre-school will still be available.

Sign Up to Receive Newsletters Online!

If you have internet access and want to receive the Countryside Connection via e-mail, please send an email to vrussell@cccpiitt.org to get signed up for our e-newsletter.



January 29th – VBS Leadership Team Meeting

Vacation Bible School 2012 will be held June 4-8. Lots of planning takes place in order to provide VBS to over 400 children! If you would like to be a part of our leadership team, please attend this meeting at 6:00 p.m. There are many areas in which to use your talents! This meeting is for anyone willing to be involved in behind-the-scenes planning and coordinating of a specific area of VBS...decorating, games, snacks, crafts, Bible lessons, photography, carnival, and more.



The next seniors' dinner will be Thursday, February 2nd at noon.



February 24-25 – SuperStart! - Tulsa

Friday evening through Saturday for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades
Check out their website at www.ciy.com/superstart/

Your Life Version 2.12 – February 24-25

--At Maranatha Bible Camp--

Straight talk about Christ, college and Your Life! This is put on by area college campus ministries for juniors and seniors in high school. Cost-\$30 if registered by Feb. 15 (add \$10 if registered after that). Visit maranathabiblecamp.org for registration forms or see Andrew.



UTurn! Every Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. This is for jr. high and high schoolers. Bring your friends!



The Oasis Coffee Shop

Countryside's very own teen coffee shop is open every Friday night, 8 to midnight. If you are a middle or high schooler, stop by and check us out. We have lots of games & great drinks that cost \$1 or less.

Mission Trip Fundraiser

The youth group is going to St. Vincent for a mission trip this summer. It will cost approximately \$1,000 per person so we are doing some fundraising to help with the cost. For the next week and a half (through Feb. 4th) we will be taking orders for homemade sub sandwiches to be picked up February 5th after church. **This would be great to use for the Super Bowl that night.** You can order by the foot and will have 3 different meats and 3 different cheeses to choose from plus all the fixings. Pick up an order form from Jenna in the kitchen this Sunday or call the office and we can fax or email you a form.