



# The Link

August 2, 2009

*“We proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love and peace. We will become a world-wide church dedicated to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit.”*

**Thanks**

to everyone who made our 2009 Family Camp a great spiritual experience! We had 250+ campers, some very warm weather, cooler days, a beautiful baptismal service for Jessica Parvin and Vanessa Dutel from the Odessa congregation, an inspiring talent show, and the sharing of loving ministry by Becky and Greg Savage, who were willing to come at the last moment. [We were sorry for the loss of Steve Veazey’s brother. Mary Love created a picture of our worship center for Steve and Cathi and every camper signed the card. We will look forward to the Veazey’s ministry another year.] Thanks to those of you who prayed for our camp even when you couldn’t be there. A special thanks to the 26 “Prayer Warriors” who prayed for 10 individual campers prior to and during camp. Many blessings were received from this ministry. We also had a cabin set aside for administrations. Thanks to Elbert and Joyce Heath and Wayne and Donna Church and other elders who helped them; many persons were blessed on an individual basis.

For our camp evaluation this year, we put these words on the front side of a half sheet paper: *On behalf of the Central Missouri Mission Center, we appreciate you taking time to share a short testimony of your Family Camp experience. We are always looking for ways to make camp a success and a memorable event for all who participate.*” On the back side, we simply said: Other Comments. It is unbelievable what we received back, both in great ideas for improving camp next year, and some wonderful testimonies. I know there are many others out there who shared their testimonies with me and promised they would go home, write them down, and send them to the office. **It is not too late!** Mail them to: Central MO Mission Center, PO Box 350, Warrensburg, MO 64093. We will be sharing, as room permits in our monthly *Links*, these powerful testimonies. Hope this sparks a keen desire for you and your family to make plans to attend our 2010 Family Camp. Please respond to the questionnaire on page 3 **by August 10** regarding a choice of dates for the 2010 Family Camp. Thanks for your input!

Edna Tivis

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 22 — One Day Training Event.** Jerry Nieft will facilitate the class: *Brother, Sister: Are You Saved? Jesus is Savior and Lord!* Come, bring a sack lunch (drink will be provided), enjoy fellowship during an excellent opportunity to learn with a dynamic teacher on a very interesting topic. Register by calling the Mission Center Office, 1-888-747-0439 or 660-747-6193.

**August 23**                   ♥♥ ♥ **50th Wedding Anniversary**♥♥♥  
**2-4 p.m.**                       **for Joe and Yvonne Donald**

at Colonial Hills Community of Christ church. Their son, Jon, who is planning this party also invites you to leave comments at a website that he has created for his parents, <http://joeandyvonne.info>. You will find a guestbook, quizzes about his folks, blog of his thoughts about them, etc. This will be a memorable event you won't want to miss. All are invited, but asked to bring no gifts. Joe is a past President of Central Missouri Mission Center.

**August 30** — All are invited to share as **The Temple Comes Alive!**, 2:30-6:30 p.m. The events are focused on Acts 2. All ages are welcome, and there is no charge for this event. Please pre-register with your pastor today.

**September 15-17 — Central Area Adult Retreat at Lake Doniphan,** 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-10:30 a.m. Thursday. *Hope of the Gospel* is the theme with Randall Pratt, Ron Yager, John Sellers and Cliff Caton, guest ministers. Register with Sylvia Heinzle, 816-833-4300 or e-mail [sylvia-heinzle@centralmission.org](mailto:sylvia-heinzle@centralmission.org) before August 24, \$66 (includes 2 nights and 5 meals); \$76 after August 24. One day registration fee is \$30.

**October 23-25 — Justice for Women, Dignity for All** is the theme of the **2009 Peace Colloquy** at the Temple. The 2009 Peace Award recipient is Dr. Halima Bashir from Darfur, Sudan; a young adult aged 29, African and Muslim. For more details contact Jeanette Hicks at 816-833-1000 ext. 2224, [jhicks@cofchrist.org](mailto:jhicks@cofchrist.org). Online registration at [www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy](http://www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy).

**December 5 — Christmas Craft Fair,** Odessa church, 8AM-3PM. To reserve a space, contact Sue Mills at 816-633-8133 or 816-263-2337. Hallway tables are available for \$8 and 7'x10' booths are \$15. Breakfast and lunch are served. All are welcome to come and see and enjoy the great food.

We are already making plans for our 2010 Family Camp!  
Since the dates we can use Lake Doniphan campgrounds next year include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we would like to hear from you before we finalize our reservation. (Keep in mind that our camps begin in the evening and end before lunch). Please email your preference to [mkidd@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:mkidd@cmcofchrist.org) or call us at 1-888-747-0439 by **Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

We hope to attend the 2010 C-MO Family Camp.  
We suggest these dates:

- Wednesday-Sunday      June 30-July 4
- Thursday-Monday      July 1-5

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**April 3-11, 2010 — World Conference** at Independence.

**Attention:** All persons who wish to submit their names for **delegates for Central Missouri Mission Center** need to send an e-mail to [centralmo@cmcofchrist.org](mailto:centralmo@cmcofchrist.org) or call (660-747-6193 or toll free 1-888-747-0439) by **November 2, 2009**.

**November 7 — Mission Center Conference, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM.** Rick Maupin will be our guest minister. We will worship together, conduct business and elect delegates to the 2010 World Conference.

### **Family Camp testimonies:**

*As soon as I came on the campgrounds, I felt the presence of the Lord. Everyday that I was here I felt it even more. I love to be here with such loving people. ....***Viola Berry**

*I have enjoyed the relaxed schedule. I can't say that there has been any outstanding services; however, the love and excitement of our Mission and the opportunity to meet new people has been wonderful.*

*There were two people who came to me in love, and shared their lives with me in a way that can hardly be put in words. These were totally unexpected and on the one hand, practically unknown. It is the willingness of our people to be vulnerable to the Spirit, even if that response makes us uncomfortable. To reach out and touch our brothers and sisters in caring and sharing of God's love for us, that is what makes us unique. That's what God's family does. ...***Tracy Dyer**

*We had a great week! The time at camp was very healing for both of us. I thought everything was well planned and organized throughout the entire camp. ...***Dustin and Beth Love**

**Stay tuned for more Family Camp testimonies in the September Link!**

“...discern the divine will for your own time and in the places where you serve.” Doctrine and Covenants 162:2c

#### **Conditions of Membership**

The 2007 World Conference requested the First Presidency to “examine the issue of rebaptism in the context of the worldwide mission of the Community of Christ...[and that] following prayer, reflection, and discernment of God’s will for the Community of Christ, the First Presidency issue instructions relevant for today regarding requirements for church membership.”

#### **An Invitation to the Church**

The Presidency invites the church to seriously engage in sustained prayer, spiritual formation, group discussion, and scripture study while listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. This process is not intended to be a popular-opinion poll. If so, we simply would conduct a survey. In fact, a first step in true discernment is to set aside preconceived ideas and agendas so we can become more open to God’s guidance, whatever it may be.

For the First Presidency  
Stephen M. Veazey

See [www.CofChrist.org/CofM/Resources](http://www.CofChrist.org/CofM/Resources) for *Conditions of Membership: Prayer, Discussion, and Discernment Guide*. Resources are available for use by families, small groups, and congregations.