

Over-the-Rhine Living Water Church Fall 2011 Newsletter



Dear Friends of OTR Living Water Church,

We are so thankful for you and your prayers for our ministry. We are continually amazed by God's faithfulness for our church and for the city of Cincinnati. Here is an update of how God has been working in our ministry in 2011. Please continue to pray for us, that God will be revealed in Over-the-Rhine and for all the people to come to love and fear our Lord and Savior.

Love in Christ,

OTR Living Water Church



Church Updates

July School of Evangelism

This past July 14-16th, we were blessed with the 11th year of the School of Evangelism. We were blessed with God's word through Pastor Min Chung from Urbana Champaign. We had 120 participants from all across the United States sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people in OTR. After the School of Evangelism we went on a 3 day retreat with 60 OTR children and 60 young adults. We were also blessed through a concert on Thursday evening and the Matthew party, where we served over 400 hamburgers and 800 hotdogs to the OTR community on Saturday.



Staff Changes

After a faithful year of service as our intern, Jessica returned to San Diego in August. We are thankful for her service and faithfulness to the OTR community and wish her joy and blessings as she begins a new stage of life.



We are pleased to announce that Stephani Kim has joined the OTR staff as the new intern. Stephani moved to Cincinnati in August for a job at the University of Cincinnati. She will move to OTR at the end of December to better serve the needs of the church and community.

Many college and young adults have been serving in our ministry in various ways by teaching Sunday school, giving a children's message, and serving on the praise team.

Sycamore House

Construction is currently underway for the new Sycamore House. It will be the future home of various education programs, including Sunday school, parenting classes, after school tutoring programs, computer classes, and Bible studies.

Women's Bible Study New York City Trip

The women's Bible study group recently went on a weekend trip to New York City. They fellowshiped with sisters from the Joy Fellowship Church in the Bronx, visited the New Life Girl's Christian Rehabilitation Home, worshipped at the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church, and toured the city. God greatly blessed their trip and we pray that He will continue the work He started.



Activities

We have seen God's hand and provisions through many activities these past few months. Some of the activities include the Back-to-School Backpack Day, Coney Island picnic, Republic Street Block Party, Pumpkin Patch, Girl's Sleepover, Creation Museum trip, and 3D Movie Day (Hubble), Family Night, and Thanksgiving Dinner.



Upcoming events: Girls Dress Up Day (Dec. 10), Christmas Party (Dec. 20)

Thanksgiving

God continues to amaze us with His provisions for our ministry as He works through our brothers and sisters in Christ. We would like to thank God for the following:

- ◆ God has put on the hearts of many of the OTR women a strong desire to transform their lives.
- ◆ **Grace Covenant Church** in Philadelphia will once again provide shoebox gifts for the children this Christmas.
- ◆ **Peter and Nancy** will also once again provide all the food for the 3rd Annual Christmas Party on December 20th, serving about 250 people.
- ◆ A **local Chinese church** has donated a used van to us. Please pray that it will be a safe and reliable vehicle for our ministry.



Prayer Requests

- ◆ Please continue to pray for Pastor Paul's healing and strength, and for Pastor Johann's clear vision and wisdom in the Lord.
- ◆ Please continue to pray as we search for a youth pastor, praise leader, and long-term interns for our children.
- ◆ As our church grows, please pray for God's guidance and wisdom as we engage in new areas of ministry.
- ◆ The Sycamore House construction is underway but there is still much to do. We need it to be completed by June 2012 so that we will be able to use it for the School of Evangelism (July 19-21).
- ◆ OTR is seeing many shootings even during the day, pray for God's protection from the enemy, especially for our church family and staff.
- ◆ Some of our church family members are experiencing housing problems, please pray as they search for housing.
- ◆ One of our OTR brothers is currently in jail. Butta Yer (20 years old) is a member of the young men's Bible Study and was baptized in the spring. Please pray for him and his family during this time.
- ◆ Yoshi, one our OTR brothers attending God's Bible School, will be going home to Japan for one year. He has no church in his hometown and no community of believers. Pray that God will sustain him and use him to spread the gospel.
- ◆ A team from the Kairos church in San Diego will be joining us December 16-22. Pray for a deep encounter with our Lord.