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Living Water Church



Dear fellow
co-workers in Christ,

We are so thankful for you and for your prayers. We are amazed at God's faithfulness and how He is continuing to reveal Himself to us and in Cincinnati. Here is an update of how God was working in our ministry in 2010, and what He has in store for us in the New Year. Please continue covering us in prayer; that God's glory shines in Over-the-Rhine, and all the people here would love and fear the Lord!

*Come, and
you will see
and taste the
power of the
Gospel of
Jesus to save
everyone who
believes.*

Romans 1:10



Love in Christ,

OTR Living Water Church

PRAISE REPORTS!

2nd Annual Christmas Party

This year, about 250 people attended the Christmas party at Cincinnati Music Hall. We had our first talent show, where about 30 of our OTR church members performed. The children were very excited to have Bengals football player Dhani Jones attend and sign footballs!



Women's Retreat

On the weekend of March 18, we took our OTR women's bible study to a retreat site to be refreshed in the Lord (without the kids)! We experienced the presence of God in an intimate way and had a great time of fellowship.



Girls' Sleepover

The past 2 sleepovers have been a huge success! The girls went ice skating and then roller skating and have been spending time within a small group over the weekends. They are learning about thankfulness, encouragement, building up the body of Christ, and forgiveness.

Family Day

We rang in the New Year by holding an "open house" for our church families to spend time in fellowship with us in the parsonage. We ate together, played music, and watched the children hold a puppet show for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Baptisms & Easter worship

We are holding 5 weeks of baptism classes for all of the new Believers in the church and for our members who have yet been baptized. Eight of our church members will declare their salvation to the world on April 23, 2011. On Easter Sunday, the OTR women and children will prepare skits and singing. We want to all celebrate together our risen Savior!

Girls Day

On April 16, 2011, we will be dedicating a night to minister to the girls of our church. We have a desire to encourage and bless these young women through teaching them about Biblical womanhood and what God desires for them as they emerge into adulthood.

Church painting

On April 9, 2011, we will clean up and make our church building a better environment to worship. We are so thankful that God provided us with new chairs for our worship service and that He also provided volunteers who are willing to come and paint our worship room! The next project will be new flooring.

Spring Picnic

Our annual spring picnic will take place on May 14, 2011 at Sharonwoods Park. We will have a great time in fellowship with our church families with a Barbeque, games, and worship!

July School of Evangelism

This July, we will be holding our 11th school of evangelism with guest speaker Pastor Min Chung from Covenant Fellowship Church in Illinois. From July 14-16, we will be spending time preparing for evangelism through worship, prayer, and learning. From July 18-23, we will be holding the Inner-City Mission week where we will be ministering to the community members of OTR through block parties, street concerts, and a 3-day children's retreat.

Prayer Requests

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul has begun physical therapy and has been taking medication to treat the Parkinson's symptoms of his MSA. The Lord has been merciful upon Pastor Paul as his symptoms have stopped getting worse. Please pray that the Lord sustains him with joy and that He would bring healing to him.

Ranisha Burgin

Ranisha is an 18 year old that has attended our church and summer retreats. On January 18, 2011, she became a victim of a gunshot wound to the back of her neck. She is currently recuperating at a Rehabilitation Center and is now able to move her arms and slowly gaining feelings in her legs. Please pray for her quick healing and that she would draw near to the Lord in this time.



Building Project

In May 2010, we acquired a new ministry building! As our children's ministry has been growing, we saw a great need for more classroom space and envisioned this new building for classroom use on the first floor. We were hoping to use the second and third stories as housing for a future staff family and intern. The project is currently on hold due to city regulation issues regarding the historical aesthetic of our modifications, so please keep this project in your prayers.



Weekly Bible Studies

Tuesdays: Young girls' Bible reading program (3:30pm @ Jessica's apartment)

Wednesday: Young men's bible study (7pm @ Parsonage), Teen girl's bible study (5pm @ Jessica's)

Thursday: UC seeker Bible study

Friday: Women's Bible study (12pm @ Parsonage), UC campus Bible study, Advanced Bible study

Please lift these Bible studies up in prayer that God continues to grow these children, men and women in their faith and love of our Lord Jesus Christ!