

SPRING 2012 Newsletter

Friends of OTR Living Water Church,

We are so thankful for all of you and your prayers for our ministry. We continue to be 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 midst. Please continue to pray for us, that Jesus will be magnified in Over-the-Rhine and for all the people in OTR to come to love and fear our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Love in Christ,
OTR Staff



Church Updates

Christmas Party

On December 20, 2011 we held our 3rd Annual Christmas Party at the Cincinnati Music Hall. Over 200 of our OTR families and friends joined for the celebration. A team of 8 students and staff from Kairos Christian Church in San Diego came to help. We also had volunteers from Power Mission Baptist Church and other local churches. Presents for the children were provided by Grace Covenant Church in Philadelphia. The highlight of the evening was the talent show where families prepared and performed songs, skits, and body worship together.



Baptism



This year we baptized four sisters into the family of Jesus Christ: Crystal Brocks, Roshenna Mitchell, India Britten, and Star Hampton (left to right). During the Baptism classes, the Holy Spirit touched each of them in a special way. We pray that God continues His mighty work in each of their lives and that they continue to desire His presence.

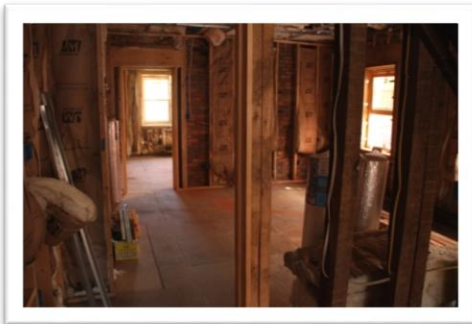
Staff Update

We are pleased to announce that Esther Chailim will be joining the staff as a full time intern. She is from Kairos and has been to OTR in the past for the School of Evangelism and the Christmas Party. Esther will move to Cincinnati in mid-June and serve with us for a year.

Many dedicated college and young adults continue to serve in our ministry in various ways, including teaching Sunday school, giving a children's message, serving on the praise team, and tutoring for the After School Program.



Sycamore House



Construction is ongoing at the Sycamore House. It will house various education programs, including Sunday school, parenting classes, after school tutoring programs, computer classes, and Bible studies. We are praying that the building will be ready for use during the School of Evangelism in July.

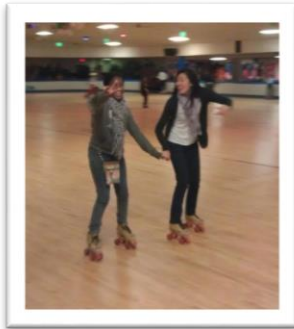
Women's Bible Study Retreat



The women's Bible study group recently went on a weekend retreat at the end of March where the Spirit moved them to openly share what had been on their hearts. We pray that as we continue to journey with these women, God will continue to move and transform their lives.

Activities

We have seen God's hand and provisions through many activities these past few months. Some of the activities include the Family Game Night, roller-skating with the children, attending a Spring Concert at Power Mission Church with the middle school girls, and a Spring Picnic at Sharon Woods. The After-School Program kicked off its pilot program in January. Currently we have three teachers who meet with three to five children on Thursday afternoon, focusing on reading and math.



Prayer Requests

- School of Evangelism/Mission week (7/12-7/21): healing and transformation in the hearts of the student missionaries; gospel will spread powerfully and many people will come to the Lord; speaker Bruce Lee
- Church: build a Christ-centered loving community in OTR; we need children's pastor, worship leader and long term ministry workers
- Sunday Worship: LWC family members consistently attend service; be actively engaged during worship
- Deliverance: from drug, alcohol, anger, abusive words and habitual lies.
- Bible Study: a strong and growing desire to know and love God in the LWC people's heart; we want to see people's lives truly transformed through the Word of God.
- After School Program: curriculum/program development; wisdom and patience for current volunteers; more volunteers
- Education Building (Sycamore House): to be completed this fall
- Healing: Pastor Paul's sickness and protection from falling
- Protection: workers' physical safety and spiritual authority