

Salina Heights Christian Church



Youth Group Kick-Off & News

Summer has been great, but it's nice to get back into the swing of things again! So as a way of kicking off youth group and back to school, we are going to go to **UNITED** at The City, Wednesday, August 12th. This will be a great opportunity for us to get together as a youth group and worship with a bunch of other groups to get excited for what God is going to do this school year!

Long story short, it's going to be awesome! So come meet up at the church at 6:30 August 12th, and we'll go over as a group. If you're an adult and would like to help transport students for this event or hang out with us at The City, either call or email Micah.

The following Wednesday (August 19th) will be our first night of Salina Heights Youth Group! We will be having both Jr. High and Sr. High groups on Wednesday nights to make it easier for everyone to participate. However, we'll be alternating between large groups and small groups for the youth every week. So every Wednesday we meet there will be something for both Jr. and Sr. High – one week it will be Jr. High youth group and Sr. High small groups, and the next week it'll switch. Youth Group will start at 6:45 PM on Wednesdays and end at 8:00.

Future Link . . .

- **September 18, 19, 20**
Women's Retreat @ King Solomon
- **September 20th**
Peacemaker Kick-Off Sunday
- **November 1**
Special guests *Eternity Focus* will be sharing in our morning services with an evening concert to follow. To learn more about their message and music go to www.eternityfocus.com. These young ladies are related to our very own Karol Regier and come highly recommended.

King Solomon's Women's Retreat

September 18-20, 2009

*Amazing Love . . .
Amazing Grace*

The speaker, Terrie Johnson is back by popular demand! Terrie traces her beginnings to a small town in the heart of the south, Reb Bank, Tennessee. Growing up in church yet rejecting the truth of God's grace, Terrie lived a double life. One person inside the walls of the church on Sundays, another person altogether when the doors closed. Then in 1999, Terrie's lifetime of pretense, sin and despair came to a grinding halt as she met Jesus in a dramatic and life changing manner.

Retreat Schedule

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| | Friday Night |
| Registration | 4pm |
| Supper | 6pm |
| Ice Breaker | 7pm |
| Worship/Speaker | 7:30pm |
| Talent Show | 9:00pm |

Saturday

The day includes, prayer walk, workshops, crafts, fellowship & rest! Details upon check-in.
Worship/Speaker 7:30pm

Sunday
Worship/Speaker 10:30am
Closing Prayer

For more information, pick up a brochure at the Information Center or contact Jennifer Griffiths 785-630-0492 or by email at jdgriffiths@hotmail.com.

Outreach Link . . .

Nearly one year ago we were assembling groups for the 40 Days of Community focus. Those groups were party to repairing a house, supplying food to the food bank, cutting down a tree for a homeowner, taking in a single mom who later accepted Christ and is now involved in this church, and we are now preparing to offer the love of Christ to a people group in our community known as the firefighters.

Keep passing the passion. Keep reaching out. Keep shining the Light of Christ in your neck of the woods.

Mission Link . . .



CARDER UPDATE

Where did the time go? In this past year we have made it half way around the world and back... now we are preparing to go and stay.

- 5 weeks in Mexico
- 4 months in Oklahoma
- 3 weeks in Indonesia
- 2 months until we go—around Sept. 22

Are you excited for the next year too? We are! Thank you all for being a part of this team!

The Classics Are Back

If you are 60 years of age or over, you qualify as one of the Salina Heights *Classics*.

In recognition of your wisdom and experience, there is a special Saturday morning gathering where you can share ideas, ask questions, pray for our elders and staff, and provide a life perspective that only you can give.

Please join Kerry in the conference room on August 15th from 10:30am—Noon. All you need to bring is yourself. Everything else will be provided.

Enjoy some great fellowship as we partner together in ministry for the cause of Christ!

Keep Your Fork



I recently ran across the story of a woman who wanted to be buried with a fork in her right hand. I thought it was a bit odd, but then again, we're all odd in our own way.

She went on to explain that every night when dinner was complete, they would clear the table and mom would say, "keep your fork." This was always good news. 'Keep your fork' meant that there was more and it was usually sweeet . . . like velvety chocolate cake, or deep-dish apple pie. It was something wonderful and with substance.

So this woman, on her death bed, wanted to be buried with a fork in her hand so that people might ask, "What's with the fork?" To which her minister would reply, "Keep your fork . . . the best is yet to come!"

As I thought about this woman's desire to make a statement as she left this earth, I couldn't help but wonder what our life might look like if we woke up every morning with that same expectation of God's wonderment.

Today might be filled with sorrow, but the best is yet to come. Today might have unbearable conflict, but the best is yet to come. Today might very well be the BEST DAY in my entire life, but the best is yet to come.

So the next time you see a fork, just remember the lesson from this woman's courageous exit from life to life everlasting. 'Keep Your Fork' for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.



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Ministry Team Updates and Events . . .

Worship Team—Randy and Sadie have successfully moved to Wichita and are trying to settle into a new home, new job and prepare for the new life that arrives this fall. As a result, Randy will no longer be able available to contribute to our Sunday morning worship services.

Kerry and the band will work together, as they always have, to assemble music and songs that complement the message and point us to our Great and Mighty God.

It's possible that we could find another college student from Manhattan that would be willing to serve in this area, and it's also possible that we continue to function with no additional help.

If you would like help with sound, visual display, singing, or playing an instrument, please contact sue@salinaheights.com or call the church office and sue will be happy to get you connected.

Visitation—Bub Leonard has stepped up to help with visiting those who are sick, having surgery, and in a nursing home. Kerry said that it was obviously something God had in mind for a long time. When Kerry went to Bub to ask if he would be willing to serve in this ministry, Bub said that he had already been praying about this for days.

This will be a team effort between Bub, Kerry and the elders to see that those who are sick and in need receive the kind of pastoral care that would honor God and bless his people.

So, if you are in need, or know of someone in need, please contact the church office. Sue will arrange for the most appropriate response and consider each need with the utmost of respect.

If you, also, would like to serve the body of Christ in this way, please contact Sue in the church office or email sue@salinaheights.com.

Education—JaNae was offered a job at the Ell Saline school district as a reading teacher. PTL. As a result, she will not be available to carry the load here at SHCC as in the past.

Micah Crosley will be taking responsibility for the Jr. and Sr. high Sunday school curriculum and teaching positions. Adult Education is another area of responsibility that will need oversight. One individual has already been approached and is prayerfully considering.

JaNae will continue to ration off responsibilities and serve at least through December. During this fall semester she will re-evaluate the time commitment of home, work and church to determine if she has the time to make the ministry a success and benefit to Salina Heights.

If you have any questions or would like to help in the Children's Ministry please email janae@salinaheights.com or call 827-3609.



Joybells, Kid's Connection Project Rock

Beginning September 6th all of our 2nd service children's ministries will be back in full swing.

Joybells (4's & 5's) will be dismissed after the communion/offering time of the 2nd service. They will meet downstairs in their respective class room.

Kid's Connection group (1st—4th grade) will be dismissed during the 2nd service following our corporate prayer time. The Kid's Connection group will meet downstairs in the elementary large space.

Their fall focus will be *God's Big Picture* taking a journey from Genesis to Revelation. This series began this last year and will be finishing up this year. If you know of some kids who need to hear about God's big picture, why not invite them to come with you?

Project Rock group (5th & 6th grade) will be dismissed during the 2nd service following our corporate prayer time. They will meet in the Red Garage next to the east parking lot.

Their fall focus will be *Maximum Challenge*. Heading into the preteen years can bring on many changes both physically and emotionally. And in the midst of life change, they will be challenged to accept God's changeless message of love and concern through the ages. Ultimately, learning the secrets to winning in real life!

Singles—Monica Englehardt loves to see people excited about God. People groups can be categorized in a variety of fashions, and one of those groups is singles.

Monica wanted to partner with God in creating more ways for folks to fit in and belong here at Salina Heights. Last month was the first *Singles Event*. It was a great success as ideas were shared and fellowship extended.

This month Monica has been in contact with other church singles groups and are planning a night for everyone to go bowling together. Date and Time TBA.

As the community of Christ comes together for fellowship, prayer and encouragement . . . May God Be Praised!

Date Night—This month our date night team is putting together a progressive dinner planned for August 29th, 2009. Details will become available as the time get closer. Contact Melissa Miller for more information at 827-7442 or millerm@juno.com. 

Missions—The mission focus for August is I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Service). They have five main areas of service: HUNGER, DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER, EVANGELISM, and MEDICAL.

Gary Finley, the director of development said "The current recession we're experiencing affects most of the world's nations. People around the globe are feeling the pain of hard times. Such added hardship can mean the difference between life and death for many in our world who have *never* known prosperity."

- While 10% unemployment is causing great pain to many American families, there are nations such as Haiti where 2/3 of the labor force do not have formal jobs.
- While home foreclosures in the U.S. have reached an all-time high, 11 million "street children" in India spend their nights sleeping without shelter or huddled inside abandoned buildings.
- While food pantries across the U.S. are seeing their shelves empty as quickly as they can be refilled, somewhere in the developing world a child dies from hunger every 5 seconds.

There is no denying that fact that most Americans are hurting. There is also no denying the fact that in global terms, we remain a very blessed people.



For more information on I.D.E.S. check out the full color brochure posted on the mission board in the main hallway. If you want to get involved with the missions team, contact Mickey Birney by email at mickeybirney@att.net or Sue at the church office.

P.I.T. Crew—This is a team of 4 crews who volunteer one Sunday per month in helping during our 2nd service. You'll hand out bulletins, answer questions at the information center, help escort new folks around, and the like.

If you signed up for PIT Crew last spring or would like to jump in now, we invite you to join in a carry in dinner after the 2nd service on August 9th.

Many thanks to Laveda Hobbie who has volunteered to help get this much needed ministry up and running.

Contact Sue at the church office if you would like to get involved.