



Olivet Oasis

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

This is Monday and it's a strange time to write this article because Pastor Sam and his family are coming on Friday and the church will be making a decision on Sunday, but this article will probably be read by you sometime during that Friday to Sunday period of time. I would rather be writing this article after knowing what happens on Sunday.

But I don't know what will happen and so I'll just place my trust in God, and write this article about trusting God.

I believe one of the greatest hindrances to the spiritual growth of us as individuals and we as churches is our lack of trust in God. This lack of trust is often displayed in two ways.

One of the ways in which we can display a lack of trust in God is with impatience. We are unwilling to wait for God to act. Oh, we might wait for a little while, but we set the time table. When something hasn't happened in what we feel is sufficient time, we take things into our own hands. We justify our actions by saying that God must want us to act, or we convince ourselves that the outcome that we want must be what God wants because He hasn't told us something different. We believe that because God hasn't spoken or acted, we

must. When we do this we are leaning on our own understanding and we often end up making mistakes. When we seek God's leading, we must wait for His answer, no matter how long it takes.

Another way that we can show a lack of trust in God is to not seek His will at all. We live in a culture that idealizes the individual. American culture idolizes the rugged individual who makes their own decisions, rebels against authority, follows the beat of a different drummer, and demands the rights of the individual. Leaning on our own understanding is almost seen as a God given right in America. Growing up in and being surrounded by this kind of cultural environment can cause us to reason out or determine what we should say or do without consulting God or His Word at all. Again, when we do this we often end up making mistakes.

Trusting in the LORD with all your heart and acknowledging him in all our ways means waiting with patience for Him to speak to us or to act and it means seeking out his will before speaking or acting on our own.

Trust has been a big part of our time together as I have served you. Don't forget the lessons we have learned about trust in the days ahead.

God bless,
Pastor Jeff

Flamingos Are Coming! Flamingos Are Coming!

You've heard about them in the news (well, at least in the OASIS) and now is the time to heed the warnings. The time is approaching to flamingo, I mean protect, your friends and family from the coming Avian Invasion of 2011. It just so happens that the youth of Olivet are trained flamingo handlers and they are prepared to take care of you (for a donation that will support the student ministry at Olivet) should in find yourself with a flamingo problem this summer.

There are three ways that you can participate in our flamingo fundraiser and support our youth this summer:

- 1. Flamingo someone you love.** Nothing says, "I care about you," more than sending 20 to 30 beautiful plastic flamingos to the yard of a friend, neighbor, family member, or senior pastor near you. You can flamingo members of our church family or those outside the church. We will begin taking requests this Sunday after our worship service.
- 2. "Purchase" flamingo insurance.** If you would rather not see flamingos in your yard, but you would still like to support the youth, you may make a donation of any amount and "purchase" flamingo insurance. Doing so will ensure that your yard remains flamingo free all summer long.
- 3. Use the flamingos to make Christ known.** How? If you have flamingos in your yard this summer you will get strange looks and comments from your neighbors. Use these interactions to let others know about our fun-loving church family and invite them to share in the fun and community that we all are blessed with at Olivet.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC

AUGUST 28 - 12:00-2:00

Drinks, plates, napkins, silverware all provided. Bring swimsuits & towels for younger children.

Food will be set up inside to protect from the heat. Canopies will provide shade to sit and eat in comfort!



BABY SHOWER
To welcome
Baby EMMA

Join us for a Welcome to
the World party for Emma
Randall – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 17

Olivet Student Ministry

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Olivet Student Ministry Calendar

Date and Time	Event	Audience	Cost
August 1 8:30-10:00 PM	Flamingo Migration	Leaders and Students	Free
August 2 8:30-10:00 PM	Flamingo Migration	Leaders and Students	Free
August 7 8:30-10:00 PM	Flamingo Migration	Leaders and Students	Free
August 8 8:30-10:00 PM	Flamingo Migration	Leaders and Students	Free
August 9 6:30-9:00 PM	Recharge	Leaders and Students	Free
August 10 7:00-9:00 PM	Team Leader Meeting Training	Leaders, Parents, & Anyone Interested in Learning More About Discipling Teens	N/A
August 22-24	School Starts	Students	N/A
August 28 12:00-??	Church Picnic	Leaders, Students and Parents	N/A
August 31st	Fall Kickoff & Parent Meeting	Leaders and Students	Free

Want to know what OlivetSM is up to?

Send an e-mail to olivetsm@gmail.com and write "Sign me up" in the subject line. You will soon begin receiving weekly updates of what we are up to.

Are you on Facebook?

Check out the "Olivet Student Ministry" page.



What's Happening this Summer?

August 1-13th // Flamingo Fundraiser: The youth of Olivet will be leading a church-wide fundraiser in support of the **Student Ministries at Olivet**. For a small donation, they will be guiding pink lawn flamingos to (and eventually from) the yards of your unfortunate family, friends, neighbors, or anyone else you'd like to bless with a little summertime fun. The fundraiser will be from July 31st through August 13th. Spots will be limited, so please sign up after the worship service July 31st.

**See page 2 for more information!*



End of Summer Bonfire: Date to be determined. We will conclude the summer with a bonfire for all junior and senior high students!! More details coming soon about date and location.

*Please check the church calendar for possible date changes for all activities or visit the new Student Ministry blog www.olivetstudentblog.com/

BREAKAWAY

November 4-6, 2011

A dynamic fall retreat full of high-octane activities.

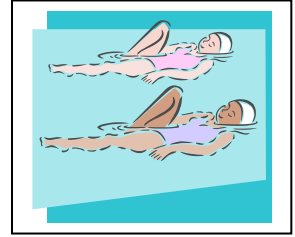
Something for everyone!

Plan on attending!



CAMP VERA

June 20 - June 30



CAMP VERA (June 20-30) was a huge success this year - the best ever - with the exception of the cold weather. Brrrrrr . . . June 20 - June 30

We had a **record number of volunteers**, which made everything much easier for each person who helped. The Seasoned Servants (and Tom Noonan, not quite a senior, but well-seasoned) helped out with many of the lunches and many others **contributed their time and resources** to make the **fifth summer of Camp Vera** possible.

Thirty-one children received swimming lessons through Des Moines Parks and Recreation at Birdland Pool. Five additional children joined us for afternoon activities. We had a Bible lesson, singing time, crafts and outdoor activities. We went on field trips to the IMAX Theater and to Evelyn Davis Park.

This year, our kids were Burmese, Karen, Liberian, Haitian, Burundian, and American. Your support enabled us to continue this program run completely by volunteers and donations.

The name of Jesus and the presence of Jesus were lifted up and felt throughout the week by all. Praise Him.



Thank you!

Thank you!

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- Upcoming Events -

DRESSED FOR BATTLE

**Every woman's fight for freedom!
Pick up registration brochure and
sign up to attend this great retreat
@ Pine Lake - Sept. 16-18!**



**SPEAKER:
SANDI OLSEN**

**Pastor's wife, mother of 5,
counselor, musical performer!**

MEN & BOYS' RETREAT

September 24-25

Encourage-Mentor-grow

Speaker: Rich Bontrager

**..leaving a Godly legacy for future
generations; relationship building; more!**

***waterfront activities *rifle range *zip line
*work project on boys' hill *other activities**



If you are interested in buying this delicious coffee,
please contact Greg Blumhagen or Colleen Burt.
Check out: www.freedomblendcoffee.org

MISSION-OUTREACH

Opportunities to get involved!

***Meals for the Heartland**

Aug. 31-Sept. 3

***Haiti Garage Sale - Aug. 12-13**

***Urbandale Food Pantry - Sept.**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - OUT OF THIS WORLD

Science & Faith . . . Record vs. Record - Taught by Jim Sterns

Trouble in Paradise - August 7

The Beginning - August 14

Days 1-4, Light to Lights - August 21

Animals, Man & Image of God - August 28

Disaster with Purpose - September 11





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Colby Swensen - 1st
 Rod Foster - 2nd
 William Ezel - 3rd
 Sue Moyer - 5th
 Lonny Silber - 6th
 Eliot Lund - 7th
 Aaron Krahn - 20th
 Jeannine Vaughn - 21st

Katie Bogs - 23rd
 Caron Osberg - 23rd
 Mikki Vaughn - 23rd
 Donna Franco - 25th
 Robyn Lund - 26th
 Ann Hembry - 28th
 Micah Augusma - 29th

August	Nursery (Worship)	Nursery (SS)	Usher	Greeter	Audio/Video	Special Music	Worship Team
7 9:30 a.m.	Deanna Sorenson & Robyn Lund	NO Sunday School	Vance Hahn		Video: Dan Audio: Janet	Sherrie Silber	Michelle, Jeff, Mark, Ian, Lonny, Yolanda, Sherrie, Jules, Richard
14 9:30 a.m.	Cathy Strutzenberg & Connie Keller	NO Sunday School	Vance Hahn		Video: Jerry Audio: Eldon	Michelle Gilbert	Michelle, Chris, Ian, Mark, Lonny, Sherrie, Yolanda, Bryan, Tom
21 9:30 a.m.	Wendy Franck & Marie Scherer	NO Sunday School	Vance Hahn		Video: Yolanda Audio: Janet	Men's Quartet	Michelle, Jeff, Ian, Mark, Lonny, Yolanda, Lulu, Sheila, Bryan, Jules, Bill
28 9:30 a.m.	Jackie Foster & Mary Bristow	NO Sunday School	Vance Hahn		Video: Jerry Audio: Eldon	Jules Gray	Michelle, Chris, Ian, Yolanda, Mark, Sheila, Bryan, Tom

AUGUST Worship Assistants

***Attention Volunteers:** If cannot serve on the date assigned, please find someone to trade or fill in for you.

AUGUST Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast @Windsor Hts Hy-Vee
7 9:30 Blended Worship 10:45 Connection 1:00 Karen (Burmese) Worship Service 4:00 Deacons	8 Ladies Coffee @ Panera 6:30-8:30	9 7:00 Overseers	10	11 7:00 Worship Team Practice	12 HAITI GARAGE SALE 8-8	13 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast @Windsor Hts Hy-Vee Haiti Garage Sale 8-1
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REMINDER: No children's Sunday School July or August.
Resumes September 11. Youth & Adult classes still in session.

SAVE THE DATE!
CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, August 28
12:00 - 2:00

Did you know?



Deacon's Special Offering is **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month.
This fund allows the Deacons to meet special needs.

LADIES!

Monday Night Coffee at Panera Bread – 6:30 – 8:30.
Come when you can – leave when you must.
It's just a time of great fellowship.

SEASONED SERVANTS – Thursday, August 4, 2011 – 12:00 NOON
Meal will be provided. Steve Randall, Director of Youth Ministries will
share with the group. JOIN US for good food and a good time!

NEW EMAIL: Gretchen Fousek -
gretchenf@q.com

HAITI GARAGE SALE: Aug. 12 &
13 – PLEASE HELP WITH THIS!

Go on the trip of your life!
Haiti Mission Trip – November
Contact Bob Vaughn:
mjbobvon@q.com
Phone: 515-577-8879

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