



# Olivet Church News

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***"Making the Grace of God Real for People"***

## 2009 BBQ NUMBERS

<u>TICKET SALES</u>	<u>ADVANCE</u>	<u>AT DOOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ADULT	2,013	286	2,299
CHILDREN	224	18	242
TOTAL	2,237	304	2,541
TICKET REVENUE	\$19,013	\$ 2,950	\$ 21,963

	<u>DINE-IN</u>	<u>CARRY OUT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ADVANCE ADULT	881	710	1,591
AT DOOR ADULT	188	98	286
ADVANCE CHILD	73	74	147
AT DOOR CHILD	9	9	18
TOTALS	1,151	891	2,042

## 61,860 SERVED since 1978 (minus one year)

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Olivet BBQ added 2,042 customers served to the grand total served for the 30.5 years we have BBQ statistics. Of the 2,042 who enjoyed chicken or mutton dinners, 1,151 patrons dined under the big tent and 891 people chose the carry-out option.

We had another good year of Advance Ticket Sales: 2,237 were sold prior to the BBQ, generating \$19,013.00 in advance ticket sales revenue. We sold 304 tickets at the door, adding \$2,950.00 to our gross revenue. Total BBQ income exceeds \$22,000.00, which includes over \$300.00 in donations and advance pie donations, plus almost \$900.00 in sales of BBQ leftovers. Five-hundred sixty-six advance tickets were sold by our top four advance ticket sales people:

Wayne & Jo Behymer 388  
 Jeff Bradley 71  
 Carson & Ruby Teel 57  
 Sally Robinson 50

A big thank-you to them, and all who were able to sell advance tickets. The top 3 or 4 ticket sales people of today do sell less collectively than the top producers of 15-25 years ago, which is good. Now, we have more people selling 10-25 tickets, contributing to another successful Olivet BBQ. Net profit from the BBQ is usually approximately one-half of total revenue, and that should be the case this year. When the bills all paid, one-half of the net will go into Olivet's Building Fund, with the other half being divided among Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center, The Shelter and Olivet's youth groups in support of their mission trips. Ken Bartley

## Congratulations, Sydney and Drake

Our Annual BBQ would be impossible without the work of hundreds of volunteers, and many of the most valuable of those volunteers are young people. Each year BBQ leaders recognize outstanding service by a young woman and a young man by awarding them the Michael Mast Award. This award is named for David and Joyce Mast's late son Michael, who was himself an energetic and committed young BBQ worker year after year.

This year's Michael Mast Award winners are Drake Grimes, older son of Greg and Sara, and Sydney Tyler, older daughter of Carolyn Henry and the late Jeff Tyler. They have each received a plaque in recognition of their excellent service, and their names are being added to the permanent plaque displayed in Olivet's fellowship hall. Thanks to Sydney and Drake, and to all our wonderful BBQ workers, young and old.

### **River Retreat Directions**

**From Columbia, take Hwy. 63 south to Hwy. 50, take 50 east to Hwy 19, take 19 south to I-44, take I-44 east (about 5 miles) to Leasburg (exit 214) take Route H south (about 7 miles) , go over Meramec River then turn Left and YOU ARE at OZARK OUTDOORS!. Please stop at store and check in. See page 5 for more information.**

### **Out and About Upcoming Activities**

On Thursday, July 23 10:00 a.m. the Out & About folks will meet at the Museum of Art & Archaeology on the MU campus in Pickard Hall to look at the show "Pre-Columbian Textile Art: Design that Speaks to Today." This is a showcase of ancient Peruvian weaving of some 30 pieces of the museum's collection. Following our time at the museum will have lunch at The Heidelberg. Anyone who is interested in going to the show is welcome. Only cost is your meal. If you want a ride or to car pool contact Sally Robinson 819-5043.

September 4, 2009 the Capital City Players in Jefferson City present "The Church Basement Ladies" featuring William Christopher, M\*A\*S\*H's Father Mulcahy. This is a new musical comedy. Sally Robinson will be getting tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$28.00 a piece. If you are interested contact Sally as soon as possible 819-5043.



### **Voluntary Action Center Support**

#### **Share the Spirit - VAC's Christmas in July**

On July 14, 2009, Voluntary Action Center will serve a Christmas in July picnic to local low income families at Missouri United Methodist Church. In addition to being a lot of fun for the families, this event reminds all of us that there are many local families in need throughout the year, not just during the holidays.

#### **You Can Help! Each \$10.00 Donation Will:**

If you wish to support VAC's Christmas in July, there is a container marked for your donation in Fellowship Hall. Look for the Santa Claus picture.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Friday, July 10—July 12—River Retreat**

**Saturday, July 18—Craft Work Day**

**Sunday, July 19—following 11 am worship—Brief BBQ follow-up meeting**

**Sunday, July 19—Saturday, July 25—LYHF Mission Trip to Tahlequah, OK**

**Sunday, July 26—Thursday, July 30— At Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, August 2— Sunday School begins**

**Sunday, August 16— Ice Cream Social**

## From the Pastor

### **Preparing the Way of the Lord**

Side by side on the page of a songbook I sometimes use are the words to “America the Beautiful” and the words to a lesser known tune from the 1970’s rock musical *Godspell*, “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord.” That makes for an interesting collision of ideas and perspectives. As you know, “America the Beautiful” is a sort of hymn in celebration of America’s natural beauty, our high ideals for unity and peace and our great heritage of personal and political freedom. “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” is a repetitive, insistent chorus calling us to announce to others the news: God is coming to make things new and to set things right.

The conventional wisdom is that friends and family members don’t discuss religion and politics—these topics are simply too divisive. And, as we experience fairly often, discussing the two together can be downright dangerous to warm and comfortable relationships.

It seems to me that part of the reason the political-religious climate is so charged today is that people who have publicly discussed God and national issues have often spoke in a screeching tone of voice with a “take no prisoners” attitude”—agree with me or get out! What these screechers normally screech is a traditional (but by no means unanimously held) version of Christianity wedded to a certain reading of America’s history and values and concluding with what they want to be the final word on whatever issue it is they care about.

This screeching provokes a no less strident response from those who have decided they don’t want any religious thought or expression within a thousand yards of congress or the White House, the courthouses, state-houses or governor’s mansions. Sometimes these folks seem to take the attitude “off with their heads” toward anyone with a religiously based opinion about anything.

And so it goes—most of us avoid talking much about religion and politics, while those who do so insist on using their very most unpleasant voices. Is this the best we can do? I don’t think so.

Seeing “America the Beautiful” and “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” peacefully cohabiting the same page in my little songbook causes me to think about how each of these pieces of music might influence the people who sing them and hear them, influence us to wonder just how the two fit together. And I think the word “influence” is important here.

How does our being Christians influence our participation in our nation’s public and political life? And how does being a citizen of this nation with our grand ideals of liberty and justice for all influence our understanding and practice of our faith? As Christian citizens it is our responsibility to keep those questions before us, to be informed about to what’s really at stake in issues ranging from universal healthcare to gay marriage to America’s response to Iran, and to come to conclusions that are considered and faithful.

That doesn’t prepare us to screech or dominate, but it does benefit our national life when citizens of faith take the trouble to listen carefully to the facts and pray carefully to discern the truth and then share what we’ve come to respectfully but without apology.

In that way we honor and celebrate before God the traditions of freedom guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights, as well as honoring and celebrating the example of generations of faithful citizens in this and many nations. In that way we help prepare the way of the Lord in a land that is beautiful for what it is and for what it may yet become.

*Dennis*

### **BBQ Follow-Up On July 19**

There will be a brief BBQ follow-up meeting on Sunday, July 19, following the 11:00 service for all committee chairs. Please email Eileen ([sharpef@centurytel.net](mailto:sharpef@centurytel.net)) or bring to the meeting, a brief summary of your committee's successes and concerns from the 2009 BBQ. Thanks, Angela and Matt, Rex and Eileen

## News Around the Church

### Booknotes



#### PAUSES THAT FEED & REFRESH

This summer's heat wave arrived early and stayed late. Hope you weren't caught without some good books for cooling down and forgetting for awhile—or helping cope with-- the uncomfortable aspects of the heat and other agonies that life sometimes brings. Come have fun browsing in the library!

Gardening is a hot-interest hobby again. But if you'd rather just dream or reminisce and buy at the Farmer's Market, the Olivet Library has some fascinating books to enjoy:

1. The Complete Book of Fruits and Vegetables (find in "V" section) contains large, beautiful close-up illustrations, to remind us where still-life artists get their inspiration. Just looking is worth your time! It also provides lots of information tidbits for planning a "second chance" fall garden.
2. If you started an herbal garden, Little Guides Herbs ("V" section) is great for a quick browse. But, you might not want to stop! This little book is filled with growing guidelines, companion planting suggestions, harvest and storage how- to's, plus herbal craft recipes and ideas such as candles, insect repellants, oils, medicinal uses, and gifts.
3. Into every Eden comes the Good Bug, Bad Bug. Find out which is which!

### Warm Up Columbia

From mid July through August, Outreach will be gathering warm blankets for distribution by Voluntary Action Center. Stores are now stocking blankets.

Boxes will be available for your donations. **Thanks for your support of Outreach Ministries**

### Thank you Olivet Family!

Due to the hard work and perseverance of so many wonderful Olivet adults and children the BBQ on June 20<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Once again, over 2000 people were served in a 3 ½ hour time frame. That's amazing! Our profits will enable us to send financial support to the Shelter and Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center as well as our own Youth Mission Trip and Building Fund. Working as co-chairs of the BBQ has been a tremendous experience and we are grateful to Mike and Rockie Alden for asking us to join them two years ago. It will certainly be something we will treasure for a very long time. We appreciate and are in awe of the dedication of the committee chairs and co-chairs and look forward to being involved in this great tradition for many years to come! Have a wonderful restful summer!

Rex and Eileen Sharp

### Thanks

Dear Olivet family, Karen and I both want to thank you for the support and love offered. It is nice to know that even though medical science may sometimes fail, that the love and support of Olivet people never faltered and kept my spirits up through this health concern. Having been healthy for so much of my life, it is a shock to have your body start paying you back for what you may have done to it when you didn't know better. Thanks to the prayer and assistance as I went through the surgery and the recovery period.

*Bob Broz*



## Olivet River Retreat

### Friday, July 10—Sunday, July 12

The Olivet River Retreat will begin Friday, July 10. We will be going to OZARK OUTDOORS, just west of Cuba. (Their website is [www.Ozarkoutdoors.net](http://www.Ozarkoutdoors.net) or the phone number is 1-800-888-0023).

The first official event will be the supper group meal. All the meals will be provided and eaten buffet style at designated times. Each person will be assigned a meal to help prepare and/or clean up. Sunday breakfast will be the last group meal, but food will be available for those who will be staying later. If you have a preference for a meal assignment, please note this on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Campsites, electrical hookup sites for RV's, and rooms have been reserved at OZARK OUTDOORS. You will need to figure your family's rates as listed on the rate sheet. If you are reserving a room, we will let you know how much it will be so you can add it to your rate sheet in order to find your grand total for the weekend. For tent camping, just figure the per person per day rates for camping and food and add it up. RV sites are available at an extra \$12 per night.

#### **Nancy Foss is collecting money and making room reservations. Please contact**

Canoe, kayak and raft trips are available by calling OZARK OUTDOORS (1-800-888-0023). Please check the current rate sheet from OZARK OUTDOORS on the table in Fellowship Hall for these prices. The church provides the float inner tubes. The resort has a pool, volleyball courts and horseshoe pits. Onandaga Cave and State Park is right next to the campground and is a wonderful place to visit.

See the OZARK OUTDOORS website for tour rates. The boat races and Wayne's Games are only a few of the great experiences you will have on the retreat. Sunday, July 15 will be the highlight of the retreat as we gather for morning worship and celebrate baptisms in the river. Reservation AND payment are due by Sunday, June 28 to hold your spot for the weekend. One-half of payment will be reimbursed if you must cancel on short notice, provided sufficient funds are available.

OZARK OUTDOORS charges everything per person per night and that is how we are going to charge for the weekend this year. If you are camping/RV site, you will have camping/RV charges per person per night and food charges per person per day. The cost of food is \$20 per weekend and \$10 for one day. If you are renting a room or cabin, you will have a room fee (to be figured by us) per person per night and a food fee per person per day. We feel this the fairest and easiest way to figure how much the cost will be for the weekend. (Please see fees attached to packet on the gray table in Fellowship Hall).

Guests: This a great opportunity to get to know your church family better. There will be plenty of children and youth attending, so don't feel you must bring "guests" in order to have fun.

#### **Pets: No Pets, Please .**

Suggested Items to Bring: Tent, tarp, hammer, water shoes, floats, toys, life vests for small children, flashlight, batteries, games, cards, sleeping bags, air mattress, bathing suits, towels, goggles, sunscreen, bug spray, quarters for showers and lawn chairs.

Directions: From Columbia, take Hwy. 63 south to Hwy. 50, take 50 east to Hwy 19, take 19 south to I-44, take I-44 east (about 5 miles) to Leasburg (exit 214) take Route H south (about 7 miles) , go over Meramec River then turn Left and YOU ARE at OZARK OUTDOORS!. Please stop at store and check in. Questions? Please contact Kim or Ben Amiot at 443-3549, or Rob or Nancy Foss at 814-0911, 2009 Float Trip Chairs. Complete information, including cost and list of suggested items to bring can be found on the gray table in Fellowship Hall.

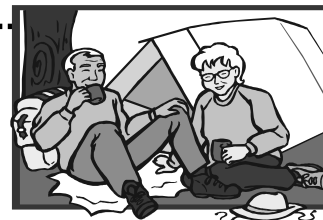


### **Congratulations to Mike Alden!**

On June 30, 2009 the Columbia Kiwanis Club awarded the Kiwanis/Don Faurot Sportsperson of the Year Award to Mike for his outstanding leadership in the sports community here in Columbia and around the country. Don Faurot was a long time member of the Columbia Kiwanis Club. In 1991 the club wanted to honor Coach Faurot for his outstanding leadership with young people and making a difference in their lives so they established this award. A committee of Columbia Kiwanis Club members receive nominations from the sports media, the colleges and university athletic departments and past winners of the award of people who make a difference in the Columbia sports community and provide outstanding leadership. Congratulations to Mike for being the 2009 Kiwanis/Don Faurot Sportsperson of the Year.

### **Note from Pat Carl**

I would like to encourage everyone to consider going on this River Retreat in July. Last year I went for the first time and I went by myself. It was really a great time. You can choose to use a tent, take your RV, or rent a cabin. You can sit by the water all day (there is a canopy set up by the river), take a float trim, play games, visit the cave, read a book, swim in the pool, etc. There are a few planned things but there is also a lot of unplanned time. If you can't go on Friday, then go down on Saturday. I hope to see you there.



## Olivet Christian Church 2009 VBS

When: July 26 – 30

Time: 5:45pm – 8:30pm

Who: Preschool (3) – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (the grade you will be entering) & Adults

At Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School, kids go on an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition to an extreme Adventure Camp that teaches them their strength comes from God.

Through rockin' new music, extreme sports video, cool, challenging crafts, mind-boggling science activities, and larger-than-life games, kids will learn how to live on the E.D.G.E. - Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere!

Please join us!! We will enjoy a meal together each night at 5:45 and start VBS at 6:30. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and have dinner with their kids each night. Then those who wish may attend our Adult VBS.

Sign up is easy — go to:

[www.cokesburyvbs.com/occcomo/ce](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/occcomo/ce)

Adults need not register - just send an email to Angela Pigg @

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**Olivet Church News Basic Information**

The Olivet Church News (OCN) is a publication of the Olivet Christian Church, a congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our newsletter is published twice monthly on Thursdays. Our next OCN will be mailed July 23 Please have your news information to Dee Youngman at deeandlukeyoungman@yahoo.com (as an attachment, if possible)) no later than July 16. Thanks.

**Sunday Services**

(Nursery available during both services)

8:30 am., Early Worship Service

9:30 am., Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am., Morning Worship/Children's Service K-3

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**Olivet Youth Groups**



LYHF, grades 9-12

CHI-RHO, grades 6-8

YOYO's, grades 2-5

**May 2009**

**Abbreviated Monthly Financial Statement**

**Identified Giving**

May 3.....	\$ 8,226.50
May 4 .....	\$ 2,350.00
May 10.....	\$ 3,975.00
May 17.....	\$ 3,356.00
May 18.....	\$ 1,610.00
May 24.....	\$ 3,075.00
May 31.....	\$ 3,377.99
Total.....	\$ 25,970.49
Monthly need .....	\$ 21,951.92

**Building Fund**

Pledges.....	\$ 2,533.00
Bible Baptist .....	\$ 1,000.00
Crafts.....	\$ 68.25
Gift.....	\$ 100.00
Total.....	\$ 3,701.25

Thank you for your support!

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