

## 2009 OWATONNA CHURCH OF CHRIST HIGHLIGHTS

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The Owatonna Church held a VBS this summer. We enjoyed high participation by most of the members. The adult class was led by specially invited speakers, a different one for each night. It was a nice success. After another congregation backed out of their plan to travel here and help, Dan coordinated the VBS when the congregation elected to proceed on our own.

The 6th MN Bible Lecture was held and it was another high point in the year. Six faithful preachers were invited to speak and their lessons are available online at the link given below. Dan helped to set up and prepare for the lectureship that was held in April. The record attendance made it a big event for the mid-north states. No other church related event compares in attendance or Scriptural emphasis.

In 2009 Dan and Hazel visited every supporting congregation. It was about a 4,000 mile trip to visit them. It was a productive trip.

Dan went to the Freed-Hardeman lectures in February. Several other members also attended the lectureship. This was a refreshing time of encouragement and fellowship with other members from Owatonna who attended.

Numerous studies have been conducted with residents at the local halfway house. These are only conducted by invitation by the residents.

Dan is continuing individual studies with newer Christians on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Studies are with Vicki & Tom Towle, Randy and Amy Shamps, Paul and Amy Wiens, Ty McClurg and his fiance' Jessica Wells. Besides discipleship studies, two of these couples also went through pre-marital counseling as encouraged by the state. Over the summer on Tuesday mornings, Dan taught a Proverbs class for the Ladies at the local park. On Saturday morning Dan meets with interested men to review the book, Every Young Man's Battle which is about strategies to overcome sexual addiction. Other members are engaging in personal evangelistic efforts as well.

Dan is conducting two studies a week at the jail. The topic is Boundaries and inmates are invited to study the Bible in one on one studies. This ministry expanded to studying in Minimum and Medium Pods at the local detention center. These are mostly local men involved in drinking or drugs. The total count of attendees runs from 20 to 30 a week.

Sermons and Bible classes have included in-depth study of the Kings and the book of Hebrews. This year Dan expanded his lessons to include

PowerPoint overheads and this has brought positive comments about the effectiveness of the lessons. Dan is preaching on Sunday and teaching the Wednesday adult class. Most Sunday sermons are uploaded to the church's web-site and available for streaming at the church's link below.

The churches web-site was developed and is regularly updated by Dan. A Internet presence is very important in the modern world.

Dan is also involved in Toastmasters International. This is a good opportunity to meet new people, bring exposure to the church, and mostly a tool for self-improvement in personal speaking.

The congregation in Owatonna enjoys good Leadership with Jim Cox and Dan Nitz. The congregation with their guidance is helping to support Dan Mayfield. In the last year partial support was also given to Zackary and Elizabeth Opheim who are working in China. Local members in need were aided with food or other necessities. The congregation gave some support to Brother, O.D. Ramey for his mission efforts in Africa. Many of the members pitch in to help others as when one Sister needed several repairs done on her home.

The Owatonna church of Christ enjoys the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Our mission today is the same as the Great Commission to seek and to save the Lost and to make them disciples of Jesus Christ. We thank you for participating in this important work in Owatonna, Minnesota.

Sincerely yours.

Dan Mayfield

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MN Bible Lecture: [www.minnesotabiblelecture.blogspot.com](http://www.minnesotabiblelecture.blogspot.com)