

May 2008

Dear Youth Leader,

While the weather may not be cooperating to its fullest capability, the calendar does not lie...summer is here and we are full-steam ahead! We trust you are anxiously anticipating a summer of growth in your youth ministry.

With a nod to all of you who get your fall youth calendars out on time, we are writing to give the relevant information we've confirmed to persuade you to be a part of the 2008 Oasis Conference, November 7-9 in Manhattan, Kansas. Robin Sigars, (Senior Minister, Carterville Christian Church, Carterville, MO) will bring the Word at all four sessions during the weekend, and Abandon Kansas will lead us in worship (myspace.com/abandonkansas).

The purpose for the conference is to give our teens a framework for checking their identity in the mirror of I Sam. 16:7b. This is the time of life that one's individuality is being formed, and we see our students create personas based on many things; but Christ all too often fades to the back of that mix. In a world yearning for safety and authenticity, our hope is that this conference helps provide a vehicle for you to lead your teens to this mirror to **Update your Status.**

With large group worship services designed to embrace intimacy with the Almighty, and small group times designed to facilitate spiritual reflection and growth, we hope you plan to join us at Oasis this fall.

Registration forms, information about housing and a sample schedule are available online at www.oasisconference.org. If you are interested in helping teach a class, please contact us through the website. Let us inform you of a change this year that will affect your planning; Kansas Farm Bureau is having their annual meeting in Manhattan during the same weekend. Please secure your housing as soon as possible, as KFB members will have significant numbers of rooms committed on both Friday and Saturday night.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Looking forward to November!

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