

The Midwest Message

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Mark your calendars!

The Midwest Area MBA annual Fall Fest will be held Saturday, October 16 at the Italiano home.

More details will follow

Taco Soup

Recipe submitted by Sis. Rachel Gensburg

Makes (12) 1 cup servings

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground turkey or lean ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 pkg. *Hidden Valley* ranch dressing mix
- 1 pkg. Taco Seasoning mix
- 1 can Pinto Beans
- 1 can Chile Hot Beans
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1 can stewed tomatoes (Mexican flavor)
- I have also used the can of diced tomato with jalapenos.
- 1 can stewed tomatoes (any flavor)

Directions:

Brown meat and onions, drain. Mix *Hidden Valley* ranch dressing mix and taco seasoning mix into meat. Then, without draining, add all of the other ingredients. Simmer 1 hour. If you can find the reduced sodium taco seasoning and the reduced sodium *Hidden Valley*. It is very helpful because of the high sodium count in both the seasonings and the chili hot beans.

SERVING SIZE: 1 cup soup
WW POINTS (if you count): 2 pts



Have a recipe you'd like to share? Is your branch or mission hosting an event? Was your Sunday service simply amazing?

Send information, articles, photos, and recipes to Sis. Christine at christinemaddox13@gmail.com.

Study It, Shoot It: The Rock in Oldham County, KY

By Brother Kiley Obradovich

Scripture, prayer, a minister: those words describe a typical Sunday service at the Oldham County Mission. Add a basketball, young men, and tattoos and you have what we call "ROCK 'n ROCK".

For over a year now, the lives of the young people in Oldham County have been changed for the better because of The Rock.

ROCK 'n ROCK is a chance for most of these young people to get their only church for the week. Every Sunday a group of young men (with occasional young women) from Oldham County, Kentucky gather together for a brief meeting of what they call church. From the perspective of a typical member of The Church of Jesus Christ, this meeting would be a nice chance to get a small blessing and life lesson of Christ (the first ROCK). But to the young men who consistently come and desire to hear the words of Christ, it is one of the only



Shooting the rock after learning about The Rock.



Bro. Doug Obradovich addresses young men at Rock 'n Rock.

blessings and opportunities to learn of God in their weeks. This is followed by an opportunity to play several games of competitive basketball (the second ROCK).

A major concentration of our church is to focus on our young people, and Brother Doug Obradovich does an exceptional job at this task. For all of my life, I have known my father as a person who puts others first. He has always been my coach, teacher, minister, and father. He has a way with young people

and uses this skill to fill the empty seats. Each Sunday he teaches his group a life lesson on how to live through Christ during the course of their lives. The mantra that every Rock 'n Rocker hears repeatedly each Sunday is "Make good decisions."

What started with a group of 10 or 15 young people, and a question as to if we would have enough to run 5 on 5 has turned into an average of 20 to 30 there each Sunday. The number of ROCK 'n ROCKER's that have come through East Oldham Middle School is uncertain, but it could be anywhere from 100 to 200. Most of these ROCKER's start coming for the second ROCK, but they end up enjoying the first ROCK, and that ROCK will be in their life much longer than their basketball skills. The lives of many Oldham County young people are being changed by the ROCK, Jesus Christ.

Chaplain's Corner

By Bro. Dan McNamara

Rejoice! Hallelujah! Praise God! Amen! Hosanna! How do you praise God? In what ways do you bring Him the glory his goodness merits? Everyone praises God in their own special way; David with his harp, the Israelites with their tabrets and trumpets. If you were to praise God right now, how would it come out?

We have so much glory and praise built up inside of us that it could just explode at any moment! Explode! Go Ahead! This is a sure fire way to get your Father in heaven smiling.

Remember feeling the Spirit when singing in the congregation at a conference or campout? The way you sang? It was all out. That is the kind of praise that just lets your heart and soul open up. God is SO good and His blessings are SO great. It is time to celebrate His

glory! As long as His praise is in your heart then His works are on your mind, what a great feeling!

Remember Him always; remember His good works unto you in your life and those around you. The more time you spend focused on the Lord, the less time you spend in sin.

So, sit back, remember ALL that God has done for you, and praise Him today!