

The Disciple Harbinger

January 25, 2002



To reach the church:

Please call the church at 348-3003. If there is no answer please leave a message and we will return your call.

Attendance

54 January 13

55 January 20

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VALENTINE'S DINNER

With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, you won't want to miss this. For all you young lovers, no matter your age. You are cordially invited on Sunday, February 17 at 6:00 pm, to a Valentine's Dinner being served at the church. The menu is going to be luscious & the fellowship, loving. This is for all of the family, for friends, members or non-members. Come & enjoy this wonderful celebration of love. The menu is as follows:

Swiss Steak
Chicken Apricot
Garlic Potatoes
Green Beans & Corn
Salad & Dressing
Desserts of
Red Velvet Cake,
Cinnamon Rolls
& Jello Hearts

Are your taste buds ready for this luxurious extravaganza? What better way to celebrate love, than together. There will also be entertainment for the evening. The cost will be \$ 10.00 per person for adults & \$ 5.00 per child under 12. The money made will help fund the Outreach Mission Project for this upcoming summer. All we ask is that you let us know of your attendance, so that we may have plenty. Enclosed is a sheet to fill out & return, either to the church on Sunday or by mail. If returning on Sunday, please either set it on the office desk or into the Congregational Life box in the Library. Thank you.

IT IS ABOUT LOVE

When we think of February, we should remember Valentine's Day and the importance of love in our lives. When we think of love, we should remember I Corinthians 13. I would like to share a part of a prayer that was first penned by E. LaVerne Epp, upon the death of his father based on this Love Chapter. He prayed, "In all we do and experience, O God, teach us first to love, for love is most precious. Love knows no limit to it's endurance, no end to it's trust, no fading of it's hope. It outlasts anything, and it stands when all else has fallen. When we love, it is easier to speak;

it is easier to listen;
it is easier to play;
it is easier to work;
it is easier to cry;
it is easier to laugh.

Teach us that love is the truest of all seasons; give us desire and willingness to share it's beauty." May we in response to this prayer, love as God has intended to love. This can happen in our families, in the community as we help others, and most certainly it can happen in this community of faith.

I will be sharing two stories with you this coming Sunday morning in worship. Stories dealing with railroads and lighthouses. Stories that deal with our response to God to share His love with Christ and with each other.

Denny

CWF NEWS
YOUR CARDS & STAMPS ARE
NEEDED

Please save your greeting cards and stamps. The CWF will be recycling them. There is a sack in the back of the Worship Hall for your donations. The greeting cards are recycled by the St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Cards are then resold and the receipts are divided (for the child who had remade them), between their savings account, college fund, special group outings, and the ranch expenses. These Born Again Cards can then be purchased for \$ 6.50. The stamps are used to feed the hungry here and abroad. One half goes to Church World Service and one half is used in church sponsored projects in South Georgia, as well as, elsewhere in the U.S.A.

SPONSORED MARGARITA

A report on Margarita, a child we sponsor from Cozumel, Mexico. She is only able to attend school through our scholarship money help. This is a report on her progress from Jan William-

son. "Margarita is doing fine. She no longer lives next door so it is a bit difficult for me to keep up with her. I did visit her shortly after Christmas. Her grandmother, a very special woman who was very instrumental in Margarita's life, passed away. In addition, her step father has turned a corner in his life where he is drinking & I do not like to see him. However, she is a trooper. Because of your wonderful gift of special schooling, she did pass all of her advanced classes and is now in 6th grade. This will enable her to continue her schooling through the normal channels. Next year she will be entering 7th grade. Here it is known as secundaria. Her grades have been very good & her desire to continue is still strong.

She & her mother are in Belize now. When her grandmother died, she & her mom, went to Belize & while there, her mom got sick & she has not yet returned to Cozumel. Since school started last week, I don't know what is going to happen to her. As soon

as I hear, I'll let you know."

CWF PROJECTS

Cards needed-all greeting card fronts

St. Jude's Ranch for Children
 100 St. Jude St.

Boulder City, Nv. 89005-1618

Purchase cards-10 Born Again Cards

\$ 6.50 per package. State type of card desired, All Occasion Greeting Cards, Postcards, Christmas Ornaments.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children
 P.O.Box 60100

Boulder City, Nv. 89006-0100

Phone # 1-800-492-3562

Postage Stamps-used to feed the hungry at home & abroad. 1/2 Church World Service, 1/2 church sponsored projects in South Georgia & elsewhere in the U.S.A. Used for immediate need, & to help others help themselves.

Art Field, Director

Stamp Project

2124 Highway 280 W

Plains, Ga. 31780

Please note that there are many new programs already started & coming up.

Board Members, please be sure to check your mailboxes!

UPDATING ADDRESSES

We are in the process of trying to update our records. In order to do this, we again need your help. Enclosed is a form to fill out & return to the church office. They may be set on the desk in office or put into the Office Manager's box in the Library. Or if prefer mail or call in to the office. Thank you for your assistance.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Starting Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 7:00 pm, we will be having Lenten Devotional Studies each Wednesday evening leading up to Easter. These studies will go through Wednesday, March 27. There will be included each evening a light supper served by individual families or

groups from the church. The light supper will be served at 6:00 pm, prior to the Lenten Study. Please come, & enjoy the fellowship & studies during this Lenten Season. There are sign up sheets in the office for both attendance & supper service.

INTERGENERATIONAL CRAFT EXPERIENCE

Starting Sunday, February 3 through February 17, there will be a new craft experience beginning for the whole family. It will take place following the worship service. The experience & the fellowship shared is for all ages.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Starting February 24 a new adult church school class will begin.

FAR AWAY ADDRESSES: Bill and Norma Mineo, 52 Kiowa Dr., Ft. Myers Beach, FL. 33931-2416 & Wayne & Agnes Hunt, 973 E. Washington, Gilbert, Az. 85234

Prayer Concerns

Sophie Huffman, Dale Spence, Hayden Cole, Kip Kubisz, Robert M. Wilson, Virginia Evans, Dorothy Teaters, Ada Elder, Jon Adams, Fred Moler, Tom McDevitt, Pat Cole, Sharon Holderfield, Sharon Mathews, Jim Ingram, Wanda Fouts, Danny Pritchard, Ralph & Annie Nickles, & Florus & Bobbi Nadler, Diana Allen.

Please notify Ferne McHenry to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

CHURCH USE

For the use of the church for weddings, receptions, etc., there are request forms which need to be filled out, located in the church library on the table. This request must be made at least 15 days before the use is required.

You will then receive a letter of approval or denial, which will include the policies of the church.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT

For the use of any of the church equipment, there is a form located in the church office for checking out that equipment. This way the church will know who is using it & when it has been returned.

CHURCH LIBRARY

We hope that you take advantage of the Church Library. The books are there for your use & help. All we ask is that you be sure to check out those books by filling out the form in the library, located on the counter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP**HELP!**

We need your help. Since it is not always possible to know who is in the hospital or going into the hospital, we ask that you please notify the church office of that admittance. Also, we could use your help in knowing when someone has lost a loved one. Whenever you can help us with either of these, it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The hours for the church office are as follows:

Tuesday—Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
COMMITTEE 2002**

JoAnne Pritchard—Chair
Vicki Trueblood
Ferne McHenry
Maggie Huffman
Mike Chron
Carolyn Hayden
Ray Allen
Bobbi & Florus Nadler

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

We would like to extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Paul Slifer & family at the loss of his aunt, Mary Hooten, & to John Bailey at the loss of his brother.

The CWF will meet at the church on February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

OUR WORSHIP GUESTS

There is a way to fill this space with names. Invite someone to church! Also, when you look around on Sunday and you haven't see certain people in church for awhile, then pray that you will look up next week and they will be there. Invite someone new to come to church, and pray for those who you would like to see in church. Seriously, do this!

**Scheduled to Serve
In February**

Communion: Kevin James, Ashley Slifer, Kim Steffes, Nancy Oakley

Preparation & Cleanup: Diana Allen, Audra Roach

Greeters & Candlelighters: Bob Wilson, Jeanette Wilson

Elders:

1/27 Verlon Myers & Paul Slifer
2/3 Jan Hall, Bill Warmoth
2/10 Richard Hayden, Lloyd Koontz
2/17 Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James
2/24 Verlon Myers, Stan Huffman

HARBINGER DEADLINE:
Please submit articles for the next Harbinger on or before February 13, 2002 to the church office.

**February
Anniversaries**

4 Jon & Tammy Adams

Elder Shut-in

3 Lloyd Koontz, Jan Hall

February Birthdays

1 Bill Warmoth
3 Elbert (Butch) Chron
4 Patty Maples
7 Gene Miller
7 Kelly Bacon
8 Jeanette Wilson
16 Paul Slifer
19 Bobbi Nadler
26 Jane Spence

Worship Leaders

3 Mike Chron
10 Jan Hall
17 Diana Allen
24 Buck Greenlaw

**A NEWSLETTER OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Denny Pritchard, Interim Minister, 11-4-01
Dick Hayden, Moderator

Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.
And Sunday School for all ages at 10:45 a.m.
Office hours are—Tuesday - Friday, 9-3

*Growing in God's Love in a Spirit of
Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusion*

We're on the Web!
www.disciplesofchrist.org

Linda's Moment

"GOD BLESS AMERICA!" How much have we heard those 3 words in the last 4 months. I'm certainly not complaining, it's been wonderful. But I have to admit that I have wondered just how much people understand what they are saying, when they say it. Do they truly understand the blessings of God? How He blesses us 24/7. Even the tiniest of things, like clean water out of the tap, is a blessing from our Lord. God can truly bless our great nation, if we just put our full trust in Him. One of His promises for the nation may be found in Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,..." NIV. This also is true for each of us. Ezekiel 34:26 says, "...I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing." NKJV. When you think of rain showers & all the rain drops that it takes to make just a small shower, and God's blessings are even greater in number. His blessings for us are innumerable. The verse says "in their season". When we are completely ready & when the timing is right, they will come to those who wait, as is stated in Isaiah 30:18. So whenever saying the words "God bless America", say them with the meaning intended & expect that those blessings will come when the time is right & we are ready.