

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
February 23, 2006

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Reflections on:

We are the people of God, growing in God's love and serving in Jesus name.

“growing in God's love”

1. Growth indicates change in us.
2. “growing in God's love” may be understood as being nurtured or encouraged by God. It is God who is acting in our life to bring about growth, in our love and/or our ability to love. Loving is understood as something we are not doing on our own, but with the help and discipline of God.
3. “growing in God's love” may have a quality of our love becoming like God's love. WOW!! Can we love as God loves? What are the qualities of God's love? Do words like kindness, mercy, grace, thanksgiving, and joy embrace our understanding of God's love? Should they?

For reflection, I invite you to consider other things “growing in God's love” might say about us and our church at Old State Road. If you have thoughts or comments, then sharing them with us can only broaden and deepen our understanding of what it is to be “growing in God's love”.

Next month look for thoughts about “serving in Jesus name”.

Agape,
Phil

SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONARY

On Tuesday, March 21st, Larry Colvin, missionary for South Africa, will be here to speak at the men's luncheon and also be joining the choir in the evening. A meal is planned for the choir and Larry at 5:30 p.m., with choir to follow.

SPRING FLOWERS AND LILIES

It is time to order our flowers for Easter. They will be sold 2 Sundays in March (possibly on the 5th and 12th), so that they will be ready for Easter. The cost will be \$ 12.00 per flower and may be purchased in memory or honor of someone.

2006 CAMPING SEASON

The materials for the 2006 camping season dates, fees and locations have arrived. Please be thinking about attending one of the camps this year. There is a camp for almost everyone.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY

Please bring to the church on Sunday, March 5th and 12th, **dry laundry detergent** and/or **dry milk** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop**, **peanut butter** and/or **individual snack items (not chips)**. They will then be distributed to the Food Pantry and Soup Stop. Thank you for your generosity.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (ALL INVITED)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 8th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, March 7th**. Thank you.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheon for March will be held on Tuesday the 21st. Missionary Larry Colvin will be here to speak. All men are invited.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, March 30th**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, March 28th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, March 5, 2006**, please call the church office at 345-3003. If no one answers, please leave a message on the voice mail that you would like to receive communion on this Sunday. This will be greatly appreciated. Whenever you would like to receive communion from the Shut-in Communion Ministry, please let the church office know. It is done the first Sunday of each month.

PRAYER LIST

Those to lift up in prayer: Virginia Evans, Jon Adams, Elbert (Butch) Chron, Doris Lloyd, Diane Wright, Robin (Buxton) Tyner, Al McLaughlin, Kathy Davies, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Rachael Brown, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Cindy Huckstep, Cynthia Jeffries & family (Jan Myers' niece), Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Donna Warmoth, Gabriel Starwalt (4 month old). If you know of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please contact Ferne McHenry. **We are all called to pray, whether we know this person, who they are or what the need is for them, God knows.**

PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!

FIRST TIME VISITORS FEBRUARY 2006

Scott Lewis
Mary Melton
Sherry Brock

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir – Tuesday – 6:00 p.m.
Spirit Seeker Class – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.
Children's Church School Class – Sun. – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – Sunday – 9:30 a.m.

CONTINUING CHURCH OUTREACH

Soup Stop to help every Thursday from
10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – 2 or 3
are needed – if would like to help
please call the Church office.

Brownies led by Christina Miller meets every
other Monday evening at 4:15 p.m.

SERVING THE LORD FOR MARCH 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

March 5 Lloyd Koontz
March 12 Marla Belden
March 19 Cindy Maples
March 26 Verlon Myers

ELDERS

Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward
Tarry James, Jackie James
Verlon Myers, Chuck Cole
Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer

DIACONATE FOR MARCH 2006

SERVE

Mike Bess
Kevin James
Velma Spence
Janet Myers

PREPARE

Velma Spence
Janet Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Mike Bess
Kevin James

ELDER SHUT-IN MARCH 5, 2006

MARCH 2006 BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward

March 2	Kathy Bess
March 5	Eva Bacon
March 8	Ray Allen
March 9	Dillon Goodwin
March 10	Diane Allen
March 13	Jon Collins
March 14	Mitch Goodwin
March 16	Marla Belden
March 18	Aaron Wells
March 22	Maggie Huffman
March 25	Tarry James
March 25	Agnes Hunt
March 30	Velma Spence
March 31	Ferne McHenry

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

If your birthday or anniversary dates are not mentioned & you attend regularly, please let the office know.

MARCH 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

March 1	Mike & Kathy Bess
March 16	Wayne & Agnes Hunt

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

Those serving the coffee/juice for March will be Patty Maples, Tricia Haworth.



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**Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Adult Church School at 8:30 a.m.
Children's Church School during Worship 9:30 a.m.
Office hours are - Tuesday - Friday, 9-3
*Growing in God's Love in a Spirit of
Tolerance, Diversity, and Inclusion***