

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
July 27, 2006

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Change, Transition, Transformation

Change (nothing stays the same) - inevitable

Transition (process of changing from one state or condition to another) - manageable

Transformation (a marked change in nature, form or appearance) - a cooperative act of God and humanity

Change - Today is not yesterday.

Transition - Today we can work for improvement.

Transformation – White hair appears, attitude (faith, hope and love take over) and wisdom replaces reaction

Change - church - new hymns, new Bible translations, new orders of worship, new times of worship, new faces in worship - church

Transitions - church - developing programs, creating mission opportunities, programming for growth

Transformation - church - gifts and talents being used, ministry and healing taking place, prayers answered, a new priesthood

Thoughts from St. Louis, Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church and Fundamentals of Transitional Ministries three day seminar Phil attended.

Agape,

Phil

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, August 6th, Old State Road Christian Church will be blessed with hearing from William C. Hine, Dean of the School of Continuing Education and Professor of Education at Eastern Illinois University, at the 9:30 a.m. worship time. Dr. Hine has been the dean for 20 years and is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and chairs the BOT Student Life Committee. He has been involved in a wide variety of church activities/committees on the local, state, and national level. Will has been married to Betsy Hine for 34 years and they have two sons whom are dentists in private practice in Indianapolis and are on the IU School of Dentistry faculty. You won't want to miss this blessed experience.

ELDER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, August 12th at 9:00 a.m. will begin a series of Elder Breakfasts "Serving from the Heart." These breakfasts will focus on: leading small groups and discovering the Spiritual gifts in ministry of the congregation. There is a workbook entitled: "Serving from the Heart", which will be used. Christ came to serve and not be served. If He could serve us, why can't we use His example and serve others? Jesus set us free, what a better reason to serve Him, and along side of Him in proclaiming the Good News.

CCIW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The CCIW Regional Assembly will be held Friday, November 10th – Sunday, November 12th in Lisle, Illinois. The theme for the assembly will be "Becoming God's People, A Healing Journey." On the back bulletin board of the church, you will find information about the assembly. Anyone wishing to attend the CCIW Regional Assembly, may call the church office, 345-3003, to receive a registration application. This will be an uplifting, Spiritual experience in getting to know the Lord more personally, as well as others in the denomination, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

MINISTERING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT

This new ministry is a time to share by writing a note of appreciation, etc. to someone who has touched you in a special way and blessed you or maybe needs encouragement. There were 43 notes written and mailed in July. **That is a ministry of love.**

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m.**, a day to sing the Lord's praises with our voices. Even if you do not feel that you have a good voice, God doesn't care, He just wants to hear your voice. It is all sweet smelling to the Lord, when we sing His praises.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Through to September, it will be for the Immunization Clinic of Coles County.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY

Please bring to the church on Sunday, August 6th and August 13th, **canned vegetables as: peas, corn, green beans, carrots and/or canned soup** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual wrapped snacks and/or jar of peanut butter**. 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, August 9th at 6:30 p.m.** Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, August 8th**. Please note the due date for items. I will be gone the week of the board meeting so will need the material a week earlier. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Disciples Men's luncheons will resume in September.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, August 31st**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, August 29th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, August 6, 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, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Rachael Brown, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Cindy Huckstep, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Donna Warmoth, Gabriel Starwalt (4 month old), Robert Connour, Chris Olson, Tonya Norviel, Stacy Gillis, Kyle Schroeder, Donald Ashenbramer, Yvette Brown. If you know of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please contact Ferne McHenry or Kathleen Beck. **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 JULY 2006

Jennie Castlebury
Bob & Barbara Silver
Allison Endsley
Sandy Pence

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 AUGUST 2006

WORSHIP LEADERS

August 6 Stan Huffman
August 13 Vicki Trueblood
August 20 Vickie Nevius
August 27 Lloyd Koontz

ELDERS

Tarry James, Jackie James
Verlon Myers, Chuck Cole
Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer
Cindy Maples, Patty Maples

DIACONATE FOR AUGUST 2006

SERVE

PREPARE

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Nancy Oakley
Amanda McGowan
Maggie Huffman
Kevin James

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Kevin James

Nancy Oakley
Amanda McGowan

ELDER SHUT-IN AUGUST 6, 2006

Tarry James, Jackie James

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

AUGUST 2006 ANNIVERSARYS

August 9	Carl & Marlowe McSparin
August 15	Jon & Lynn Collins
August 20	David & Sheri Paul
August 22	Phil & Vickie Nevius
August 23	Sam & Ruth Bunch
August 30	Ray & Joyce Allen

AUGUST 2006 BIRTHDAYS

August 5	Annie Nickles
August 5	Chris Richardson
August 5	Bill Olson
August 5	Lynn Collins
August 6	Vicki Trueblood
August 6	Kathryn Gossett
August 12	Kristyn Haworth
August 14	Phil Nevius
August 15	Jackie James
August 17	Mike Strader
August 27	Kevin James
August 28	Kyle Bess

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR AUGUST

Those serving the coffee/juice for August will be Kelly & Doug Bacon, Marla Belden, Laurie Olson.



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Vicki Trueblood, Facilitator

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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*