

A Newsletter from the  
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Of Charleston, Illinois  
January 31, 2008

# The Disciple Harbinger



## FROM PASTOR PHIL

Paul's words to the church in Thessalonica bear direction and wisdom for the church today.

(1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 NRSV) And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. {15} See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. {16} Rejoice always, {17} pray without ceasing, {18} give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. {19} Do not quench the Spirit. {20} Do not despise the words of prophets, {21} but test everything; hold fast to what is good; {22} abstain from every form of evil.

Agape,  
Phil

## ASH WEDNESDAY

It is hard to believe but Ash Wednesday is this upcoming Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a service at 6:30 p.m. at the church, Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season. The new devotional book for the Lenten Season begins that day, please get yours Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> on the back table.

## ELDER RETREAT

Will be held Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Citizen's Bank. This will be a planning session for the church. All Elders are encouraged to attend.

## WEEK OF COMPASSION

Will begin Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and go through Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. WOC provides much needed help, hope and hospitality following natural disasters, civil wars and human catastrophes, to the displaced, uprooted and poverty stricken, to provide resources to rebuild stability and dignity through self-help.

## BIBLE STUDY

The books for our study into the Books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth have arrived. We will start Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The book is from the study found in the Genesis to Revelation Series. Hope to see you Wednesday to start this exciting study. Linda Thornton

## POCKET MONEY MISSION

Through December the money collected was for SBLHC Hospice, the amount for this Pocket Money was \$ 25.74. Now the money is for Hospice Grief Counseling. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## ELDER BREAKFAST

Is cancelled for the month of February, due to the Elder Retreat.

## 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 15 notes written and mailed in September, a **ministry of love**.

**SECOND SUNDAY SING**

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.**, a day to sing the Lord's praises with our voices.

**FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAY**

Please bring to the church on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, **shampoo** and/or **bar soap** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop**, **individual microwavable soup, etc.** and/or **peanut butter**.

**BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)**

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Will be the third Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**NEXT HARBINGER**

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, February 3, 2008**, 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:** Jon Adams, Elbert (Butch) Chron, Doris Lloyd, Diane Wright, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Bill & Cecile Cooper, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Robert Connour, Chris Merrell, Roy O'Hearn, Melissa Rice, Kay Etnire & family, June Edwards, Ray Updegraff, Rob Spence, Libby Coffey, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Mike Drake (Iraq), Audrey Ingram, Dick Sherman, James Neal, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Bill Snapp, Jill Baldwin, Nicole Peterson, Tiffany Samuels-Michaels. If you know of someone who needs to be added to or removed from this list, please contact **Nancy Oakley 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.**

**CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS**

*VISION: To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian Spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6: 8)*  
*MISSION: To be and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 8)*

**PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!**

**FIRST TIME VISITORS JANUARY 2008**

Chris Olson  
Payton & Allison Davis  
Dylan Briggerman  
Pat Black

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Choir – Thursday – 6:00 p.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 Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

**SERVING THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY 2008**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

February 3 Vicki Trueblood  
February 10 Patty Maples

**ELDERS**

Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan  
Trish Haworth, Patty Maples

February 17 Vickie Nevius Kaye Woodward, Pat Marsh  
February 24 Steve Spears Gayle Strader, Mike Strader

**DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY 2008**

**SERVE**

Doug Bacon  
Garrett Bacon  
Kevin James  
Amanda McGowan

**PREPARE**

Kevin James  
Amanda McGowan

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Doug Bacon  
Garrett Bacon  
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,  
Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

**ELDER SHUT-IN FEBRUARY 3, 2008**

Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

**FEBRUARY 2008 ANNIVERSARYS**

**FEBRUARY 2008 BIRTHDAYS**

February 3	Elbert (Butch) Chron
February 4	Patty Maples
February 7	Kelly Bacon
February 12	Charles Cole
February 13	Marty Watson
February 16	Paul Slifer
February 24	Donna Slifer
February 26	Jane Spence

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY**

Those serving the coffee/juice will be the Nancy Oakley, Julie & Amanda McGowan & Vickie & Phil Nevius



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**Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 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*