

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
May 1, 2008

The Disciple Harbinger



FROM PASTOR PHIL

Our Focus on Mission (Serving and Growing through Christ)

These words of the writer of Philippians can help us in our mission as a congregation:

“Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, {28} and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. {29} For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- {30} since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.”

“{1} If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, {2} make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. {3} Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. {4} Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. {5} Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, {6} who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, {7} but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, {8} he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.” (Philippians 1:27-30 and 2:1-8 NRSV)

Agape,
Phil

HIGHER GROUND

Will be here at the church on Saturday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to get it on your calendar, as it is coming quickly.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

This offering netted \$ 215.00.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

Will be taken Sunday, May 4th & 11th. There were 540 new congregations started in the past 7 years. The largest since the 1800's. Disciples are invited to “Share the Chalice of Love, Hope and Mission,” as we support New Church Ministry programs planting new congregations. Pentecost Special Offering helps to plant these new churches and God's congregations.

BIBLE STUDY

Will be Wednesday, May 7th & 14th, Chapter 3 of the book (Joshua 7 & 8) on the 7th and Chapter 4 (Joshua 9 – 12) on the 14th.

POCKET MONEY MISSION

The money collected through June will be for Lake Land College Dental Health Clinic.

ELDER BREAKFAST

Will be held Saturday, May 10th, at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and 9:00 a.m. for the study.

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 **23** notes written and mailed in February, a **ministry of love**.

SECOND SUNDAY SING

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, May 11th Mother's Day, at 9:00 a.m.**, a day to sing the Lord's praises with our voices.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAYS

Please bring to the church on Sunday, May 4th & 11th, **canned tomato sauce** and/or **dry pasta** for the **Food Pantry** and/or for **Soup Stop, individual microwavable soups** and/or **juice boxes**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS)

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 14th** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet no later than **Tuesday, May 13th**.

MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Will be the third Thursday, May 15th. Be sure to mark your calendars.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be mailed on **Thursday, May 29th**. Please have all items into the office no later than **Tuesday, May 27th**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, May 4, 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, Kay Etnire, Ray Updegraff, Rob Spence, Libby Coffey, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Mike Drake (Iraq), Dick Sherman, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Bill Snapp, Jill Baldwin, Nicole Peterson, Tiffany Samuels-Michaels & babies, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield, Kaye Woodward, Nelson Loew, Search & Call Committee, Agnes Harrell, Linda Strader. 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

SG-C Serving and Growing through Christ

PLEASE ALL CHAIRPERSONS, CHECK YOU BOXES REGULARLY!!!

FIRST TIME VISITORS APRIL 2008

Sara & Stevie Calhoun
Amy Calhoun
Carl & Twilla Black
Melissa Pitts & Hailey Austin

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 MAY 2008

WORSHIP LEADERS

May 4 Steve Spears

ELDERS

Cindy Maples

May 11	Cindy Maples	Lloyd Koontz, Paul Slifer
May 18	Kathy Zuniga	Gayle Strader, Mike Strader
May 25	Vickie Nevius	Kelly Bacon, Tarry James

DIACONATE FOR MAY 2008

<u>SERVE</u>	<u>PREPARE</u>	<u>GREETERS & ACOLYTES</u>
Jeff Endsley	Molly Evans	Jeff Endsley
Megan Endsley	Norma Mineo	Megan Endsley
Molly Evans		Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,
Norma Mineo		Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

ELDER SHUT-IN MAY 4, 2008

Cindy Maples

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

MAY 2008 ANNIVERSARYS

MAY 2008 BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Tobin Strader
May 5	Theresa Lukens
May 7	Audrey Ingram
May 7	Kathy Zuniga
May 11	Julie McGowan
May 18	Don Spence
May 23	Gayle Strader
May 24	Bailey Bosler
May 31	David Paul

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR MAY

Those serving the coffee/juice will be Vicki Trueblood, Kaye Woodward & Jim Wells.



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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*