

A Newsletter from the  
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Of Charleston, Illinois  
July 3, 2008

# The Disciple Harbinger



## FROM PASTOR PHIL

### Gratitude Is an Attitude

Choosing to be thankful is a conscious choice. Having a heart and mind of gratitude, leads to joyous and abundant living. Old State Road Christian Church is a place of joy where gratitude and thanksgiving abound. Our abundant life is in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Come be encouraged by the Vacation Bible School children this Sunday. Be a part of the thanksgiving and joy of the past week. Your heart will know gratitude when you see and hear the children sing and watch them dance for the Lord.

Agape,  
Phil

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Phil will be on vacation beginning Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. He will also be counseling at Camp Walter Scott's Disciple and Leadership Camp during the week of Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. T.M. Carroll will once again be sharing with the church family on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. During his absence of vacation, Diane Allen will be sharing on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and the new student pastor, Allissa Williams will be sharing on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. At this time, it is thought that on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Gospel Sing.

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY, PRAYERS AND LOVE TO

Is extended to Iris Myers at the death of her brother, Nelson Loew. May the Lord's loving, and strong arms surround in hope and comfort.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all thoughts & prayers, phone calls, cards, meals which church members have provided me during my surgery, re-cooperation, and follow-up visits to my doctors at Carle Clinic in Urbana. A special thanks is extended to Molly Evans for being "my wheels." Michael Chron

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The church was filled with excitement this past week as the children sang, played games, did crafts and studied God's Word, as they discovered Jesus' miraculous power in God's Power Lab. We wish to thank those who came to help each and every day, Julie McGowan, Kelly Bacon, Vickie Nevius, Kathy Zuniga, Patty Maples and Phil Nevius, as they shared of themselves to God's glory. Thank you to all who gave of their finances to help make this a successful Vacation Bible School.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

During the month of July the Region will be accepting donations for the Christmas in July offering. Due to the many demands on giving during the Advent season, the Region's Christmas offering just doesn't get much attention. This will be an additional time in which you may give to the Regional ministries that may be found listed on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. Our support of the "Christmas in July" is our way to assist our Regional staff as they have been called to serve as our connection to the larger church. Anyone wishing to give may put their money into the offering on Sunday mornings, marked for Christmas in July, when you give your regular offering for July.

## BIBLE STUDY

Did not take place Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> due to VBS, but will meet Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 6 of the book (covering Joshua 18-21).

## POCKET MONEY MISSION

The money collected through June was for Lake Land College Dental Health Clinic, with a total of \$25.55. Beginning in July – September will be for Coles County Immunization Clinic.

**ELDER BREAKFAST**

There will not be a breakfast and study for the month of July.

**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 **36** notes written and mailed in June, **a ministry of love.**

**SECOND SUNDAY SING**

The Second Sunday Sing will be **Sunday, July 13<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 DAYS**

Please bring to the church on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, **jars of peanut butter** and/or **individual microwavable soups, etc** for **Soup Stop** and/or **boxes of crackers** and/or **boxes of mashed potato mix** for **Food Pantry.**

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

The next Board of Elders meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Please have all reports into the office for the booklet **no later than Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY**

There will be no luncheon in July, as Phil will be on vacation.

**NEXT HARBINGER**

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

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, July 6, 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, Rob Spence, Libby Coffey, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Dick Sherman, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Jill Baldwin, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield, Kaye Woodward, Search & Call Committee, Agnes Harrell, Jim Gannaway, Mike Chron, Karen Brading, Karen Brady, Ron Brown. 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 JUNE 2008**

Tony Cox  
Jackie Tryon & Verl Laws  
Brendan & Jaxon Nevius  
Sarah Ogborn  
Brenda, Brian & Amelia Wiggins

**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 JULY 2008**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

July 6               Tarry James  
July 13             Velma Spence  
July 20             Vicki Trueblood

**ELDERS**

Kelly Bacon, Tarry James  
Cindy Maples  
Vicki Trueblood, Julie McGowan

July 27 Kelly Bacon Trish Haworth, Patty Maples

**DIACONATE FOR JULY 2008**

**SERVE**

Molly Evans  
Florence Giffin  
Iris Myers  
Nancy Oakley

**PREPARE**

Molly Evans  
Nancy Oakley

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Florence Giffin  
Iris Myers  
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,  
Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

**ELDER SHUT-IN JULY 6, 2008**

Kelly Bacon, Tarry James

**JULY 2008 BIRTHDAYS**

July 1 Ed Buxton  
July 1 Joe McGee  
July 6 Jon Adams  
July 6 George H. Denham  
July 6 Audra Roach  
July 8 Marc Bunch  
July 14 Joyce Allen  
July 15 Madison Endsley  
July 16 Florence Giffin  
July 26 Robin Gabel  
July 28 Ruth Bunch  
July 28 Aurora Nevius

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

**JULY 2008 ANNIVERSARYS**

July 17 Bill & Cecile Cooper

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JULY**

Those serving the coffee/juice will be Jan & Garry Ernst, & Norma Mineo.



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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*