

A Newsletter from the  
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Of Charleston, Illinois  
April 30, 2009

# The Disciple Harbinger



## FROM PASTOR PHIL

Completing Ministry Here, My Prayer for Old Sate Road Christian Church

May you grow in your relationship with God, Jesus Christ and each other to love and share the Gospel, Good News of Jesus, beyond the doors of the church to the struggling, hurting people of Charleston, Coles County and the world in which you live and share, so that those who need to know the Lord will trust and depend on the God you have come to know and love. Amen.

Agape,  
Phil

## FROM THE STUDENT PASTOR

### Grace and Peace to you, friends!

What a blessing to be a part of Old State Road Christian Church, where love, life, and compassion abound! As this will be my last (official) Sunday with you, my feelings are bittersweet! I am thankful to have completed another year of school, but in disbelief that my time with you has passed so quickly. It has been my pleasure to know you, serve you, and love you over the course of this school year. Thank you all for being so welcoming and encouraging throughout my time here. I have benefited and enjoyed each of the learning opportunities this experience has afforded me. With the flowers that are in full bloom upon the earth now, a new minister on the horizon for Old State Road, and a new semester that awaits me along my journey...we are all experiencing God's timing and call upon us in our own seasons.

### *Ecclesiastes 3*

A Time for Everything

- <sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven:*
- <sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,*
- <sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,*
- <sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,*
- <sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,*
- <sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,*
- <sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,*

*<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.*

May God bless each change and decision that you encounter in the upcoming months and the wonderful ministry that you will do in this community! I love you all!

Pastor Allissa

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you, for all the prayers, cards, notes & calls following my accident. They were all appreciated and great blessings to me. Velma Spence

#### **ELDER STUDY**

Is now meeting on Sunday mornings through Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and all Elders are asked to please attended.

#### **ALLISSA'S LAST SUNDAY AT OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Will be this coming Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We thank her for sharing her heart for the Lord, she has been such a blessing to each of us. Thank you, Allissa for letting us know you. May the Lord bless your study and future ministry.

#### **BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Will be collected this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MEET THE AUTHOR**

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is sponsoring a literacy event for children ages five – ten. Vesta Rundle, author of children's books will be reading one of her books and sharing a story time with the children. Children in attendance will have the opportunity to meet the author and will receive a signed book to take home. The event time is 10:00 a.m. on May 9<sup>th</sup>; there is no charge for this activity but attendance is limited to the first thirty children who sign up. Parents are welcome to observe during the approximately one hour session at the church, 13982 Old State Road, Charleston, Illinois. To make a reservation, call the church office, 217-345-3003 and leave the child's name, a parent's name and a contact number.

#### **PICNIC & FISHING OUTING FOR PHIL & VICKIE**

Will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. at Walnut Point State Park, at the Pheasant View picnic area. The Sunday school teachers will provide the meat, drinks and paper goods, and are asking everyone to please bring a dish to share, and lawn chairs. Also, bring fishing pole and bait, if you wish to fish.

#### **HIGHER GROUND**

Higher Ground, the well-known and popular Gospel Quartet, has been booked for Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 7:00 p.m. for the performance at the church. It should be pointed out that the May 30<sup>th</sup> date is NOT Memorial Day weekend; rather Memorial Day weekend is observed the precious weekend.

#### **PHIL'S LAST SUNDAY AT OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Will be Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a "Celebration Service". There will be a reception for him and Vickie at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the church. May the Lord bless their retirement, with many blessings.

#### **PASTOR SHARON PATTON**

Pastor Sharon's first Sunday with Old State Road Christian Church, in the pulpit, will be June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come and meet our new pastor. May the Lord bless her & Rob's move & ministry.

#### **EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING 2009**

This offering collected a total of \$272.00 for the ministries of the region.

#### **POCKET MONEY MISSION**

Crisis Pregnancy Center for Eastern Illinois collected \$20.85. For May – June will be for Immunization Clinic of Coles County.

#### **MINISTERING WITH AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

There were **33** notes written and mailed in March's **ministry of love**.

#### **FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH DAYS**

Please bring to the church on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, **jars of peanut butter**, and/or **individual microwavable soups, etc.** for **Soup Stop**; and/or for **Food Pantry**, **money is most needed** and/or **shampoo** and/or **bar soap**.

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

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

**MEN'S LUNCHEON & SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Will be on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, but please check bulletins & with Phil for information concerning luncheon.

**NEXT HARBINGER**

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

**SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know would like to receive communion on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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. It is always done the first Sunday of each month.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Those to lift up in prayer:** Jon Adams, Doris Lloyd, Diane Wright, Sara Henry, Margaret Cresch, Connor McManus (a baby in South Carolina), Robert Connour, Chris Merrell, Roy O'Hearn, Kay Etnire, Rob Spence, Chuck & June Davidson, Sharon Thomas, Evan Delude (Iraq), Marilyn Walk, Gina Giberson, Carl Maples, Sharon Holderfield, Karen Brading, Ron Brown, Louise Ernst & family, Shirley & John Melton, Bob Taylor, Brad Cothren, Nathan Maroon, Florence (Sammee) Giffin, Audrey Ingram, Norma Pinder, Rose O'Brian, Pastor Sharon Patton for move and ministry, Velma Spence, T.M. Carroll & family, Gayle 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 2009**

Carson Brawner, Gary Olson  
Mitchel & Rob Royder, Lauren Austin  
Lou Ann & Felicity Shoultz

**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 like to help. please call the church office.

Brownies led by Kathy Zuniga meets twice monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. Not meeting right now.

**SERVING THE LORD FOR MAY 2009**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

May 3	Cindy Maples
May 10	Kaye Woodward
May 17	Trish Briggerman
May 24	Lloyd Koontz
May 31	Vickie Nevius

**ELDERS**

Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon  
Julie McGowan, Kaye Woodward  
Vicki Trueblood, Tarry James  
Lloyd Koontz, Mike Chron  
Gayle Strader, Mike Strader

**SERVE**

Molly Evans  
Florence Giffin  
Iris Myers  
Norma Mineo

**PREPARE**

Iris Myers  
Molly Evans

**DIACONATE FOR MAY 2009**

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Norma Mineo  
Florence Giffin  
Eva Bacon, Kristyn Haworth,  
Madison Endsley, Emily Zuniga

**ELDER SHUT-IN MAY 3, 2009**

**MAY 2009 BIRTHDAYS**

Kelly Bacon, Doug Bacon

May 1  
May 5

Tobin Strader  
Theresa Lukens

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

May 7  
May 7  
May 11  
May 15  
May 18  
May 23  
May 24  
May 31

Audrey Ingram  
Kathy Zuniga  
Julie McGowan  
Allissa Williams  
Don Spence  
Gayle Strader  
Bailey Bosler  
David Paul

**MAY 2009 ANNIVERSARYS**

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR MAY**

Molly Evans, Ed Buxton & Jerri Davis



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Linda Thornton, Office Manager

**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*