

July 29, 2010

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

It is written in the book of Proverbs (10:22a), "*The blessing of the Lord brings wealth. . .*"

When we think of wealth, most of us have a tendency to think of money, property, or some other material blessing. Perhaps this is because the world in which we grew up defines God's blessings in such a way as to suggest they are material only. Some would even have us think that if we don't have a lot of things, then we do not have God's blessings.

God's blessings, however, can take many forms. There is the blessing of talent. All of us, whether we think so or not, have some particular talent--something at which we are good at, some can sing, others can draw. Many can write, and others can fix things. There are those whose talent is to pray for themselves and others. I've always marveled at those who have the ear for learning a foreign language. What a blessing they have been given. I suspect I marvel at this blessing because it is not a gift I have been given but would like to have had.

Some of the blessing that we are given are not pleasant. We usually call them "an adverse circumstance." These blessings are something we would rather not have. Yet, the blessings of learning that come from these adverse circumstances are usually far greater than are those blessings which are desirable. If we could only begin to see these circumstances as a gift from God, they are blessings given to us simply because we are alive. They do not come because we are Christian, or because we claim another religion as our own. They come to us, rather, because we are children of God. And God trusts us enough to accept them, to be shaped by them, and to grow from them.

God's blessings bring to us a wealth of experience, learning, humility, joy, compassion, and other qualities. This truly is our wealth. And, it is from this wealth that we are called each and every day to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ. On this, and every day, let us praise God for the many blessings that are given to us by our Creator.

In Christ,
Pastor Sharon

YOUTH MUSIC CAMP SCHEDULED

Beginning Monday, August 8, 2010, the youth are invited to a music camp from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All youth are invited to this fun filled event. The "camp" is scheduled for Monday, August 8th - Wednesday, August 11th at Old State Road Christian Church.

Pastor Sharon and Laurie Olson, Music Director, will work with the children. The theme of the "camp" is "Prayer On-line." This should be a fun-filled event for our youth. Several ideas are being discussed to make the event fun and educational for the young people. Please, if you need more information, or know of someone you would like to attend, call the church office at 345-3003.



PET BLESSING

Once again, Old State Road Christian Church is holding a "Blessing of the pets" on Saturday, August 7th. Everyone is welcome to come and bring you friends, or anyone who is only interested. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The blessing of the pets will begin at 10:15 a.m. The "Blessing of the Pets" will be conducted by Rev. Sharon Patton. Coles County Deputy Sheriff "Butch" Beadles and his K-9 pal, "Sultan" will give a demonstration how police dogs track down, and capture law-breakers.

We ask that owners please control their pets, either by leash, cage, or some other method. Persons having questions are urged to call the church office: 345-3003. The Pet Blessing will be cancelled in case of rain.



CLERGY VIEWS

Pastor Sharon will be doing the Journal Gazette/Times Courier Clergy Views on Friday, August 20, 2010.

CWF MOVIE

The CWF will be sponsoring a movie time on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

LINDA GONE

Linda will be out of the office Tuesday, August 3 – Thursday, August 5, 2010.

CHURCH STRUCK

On Thursday evening, July 15th the church was struck by lightning. On Friday morning there was no telephone, and no internet. The telephone what fixed on Friday, and the internet was repaired on Wednesday, July 21st. Praise the Lord no one was hurt!

JULY SPECIAL OFFERING

The July Special Offering taken Sunday, July 18th collected offerings for the CCIW Region, our own Region totaling \$ 219.00.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

There were a total of 23 in the Bible Study on Monday evenings, for the month of July.

ELDER'S

On Wednesday, August 18th, at 6:30 p.m. the Elders will again be meeting. **All Elders are asked to please attend.**

VESPER'S PRAYER SERVICES

There were a total of 10 in attendance on Wednesday nights through July 14th. **Vesper's Prayer Services will be cancelled until September.** Pastor Sharon

AS HEARD AROUND THE OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Thou Lord didst frame, this soul of mine

Only to honor thee,

Not basely found to be

Of vanity,

Unflesh it then, and so refine

It Lord it may be all divine." **Written by Henry Colman (fl. 1640)** If you would like to submit a quote, please let Pastor Sharon or Linda in the office know and it will be printed.

We would love to hear your quotes!

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

For July & August will be for **HOPE/Coalition Against Domestic Violence**.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION - A WONDERFUL BLESSING OF LOVE TO THE RECEIVER

There were **19** notes written and mailed in **July's ministry of love**.

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, August 1st & August 8th. For **Soup Stop** will be **sweetener packets** and/or **sandwich bags**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **shampoo** and/or **bar soap**.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 11, 2010** at **6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, August 10, 2010**. Thank you.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed** by **Thursday, September 2, 2010**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, August 31, 2010**. Thank you.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know will not be able to be in church and would like to receive communion on **Sunday, August 1, 2010**, please call the church office at **345-3003**. If no answer, 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.

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

FIRST TIME VISITORS JULY 2010

Lauren Miller

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir - Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Children's Church School Class-Sun.-9:30 a.m.

Worship - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study - Monday - 6:30 p.m.

Vesper's Prayer Service - Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. in September

Vicki Trueblood	August 6
Kristyn Haworth	August 12
Jackie James	August 15
Emily Zuniga	August 16
Malcolm McCarthy	August 16
Mike Strader	August 17
Kevin James	August 27
Lilly Dilley	August 28

AUGUST 2010 ANNIVERSARYS

Jon & Lynn Collins	August 15
Ray & Joyce Allen	August 30

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST

Sunday, August 1, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 - **Linda will be gone**

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 - Evangelism Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
CCAR Cleans
Linda will be gone

Thursday, August 5, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 p.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.
Linda will be gone

Saturday, August 7, 2010 - Pet Blessing at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Sunday, August 8, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.
Music Camp - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 9, 2010 - **Music Camp - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
Committee reports due for board booklet

Tuesday, August 10, 2010 - **Music Camp - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 - **Music Camp - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
Board of Elders at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 12, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.

Monday, August 16, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 - JG/TC Clergy Views due
Elders at 6:30 p.m.
CCAR Cleans

Thursday, August 19, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 20, 2010 - JG/TC Clergy Views

Sunday, August 22, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
CWF Movie at 2:00 p.m.
Holy Hands Puppet Team

Monday, August 23, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 26, 2010 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.
Choir at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 29, 2010 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 30, 2010 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31, 2010 - Harbinger items due



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Lloyd Koontz, Facilitator

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*