

December 30, 2010

# *The Disciple Harbinger*



## Pastor Sharon's Note

Next week we begin another new year. Did you know that even in the ancient Near East, the New Year was cause for great celebration? According to *Mercer's Dictionary of the Bible* in Israel the earliest calendar was an agricultural calendar. Thus the New Year was set to begin when the first cutting of a crop would occur. It was King Solomon who changed the calendar so that the New Year began in the autumn. Still later the calendar was again changed and this time New Year's Day arrived on the first of the seventh month.

The celebration of New Year's was begun by the blowing of the *shophor* which is an instrument which is an instrument made of a ram's horn. The king would ascend the throne and peace and prosperity would be established. This annual ritual would be held with all the pomp and circumstance the local priesthood could provide. Parades would be held - one of the most important being that of the king ascending his throne. Sacrifices would be brought to the gods to insure the peace and prosperity desired by the peoples.

It is generally held that these early rituals influenced our own adoption of religious rituals at or near the beginning of our calendar year. At the beginning our New Year we are once again reminded that "God has again taken reign." God is in control of our modern day history.

As we begin the year 2011, let us rejoice for God is in control and we are invited to join in the adventure. Have a blessed New Year and may the Lord who walks beside us, with us, and loves us, be ever present in your life.

In Christ,

*Pastor Sharon*



### **ANOTHER STEWARDSHIP EVENT**

Several of you went to the stewardship event held October 17, 2010. Rev Ed Taylor was the presenting speaker and nearly everyone in attendance said they had a wonderful experience. Ed gave us the wisdom of his own experience about stewardship and invited those of us in attendance to share many of our own experiences.

The Disciples of Christ, Lakeland Cluster sponsored the event in October. The cluster will again be sponsoring another stewardship event with Ed. THIS WILL NOT BE A REPEAT OF THE OCTOBER EVENT. Rather, it will be an extension of that workshop. We will again receive the benefit of Ed's wealth of experience. This extension event is planned for March 13th, from 2 pm to 5 pm at the First Christian Church in Sullivan. Please mark your calendars so that you may attend. More detail will follow as they become available.

### **GOODBYE/THANK YOU/MAY GOD BLESS**

It is time for me to say goodbye, I've always prayed for the Lord to make it clear when my time at Old State Road Christian Church was finished. It has been made very clear to me, due to my health, it is time. What an amazing blessing this position has been for me, filled with not only personal blessings, but much love. Though very hard for me to leave, it is time. It was decided by the Board of Elders that my contract would not be renewed. Though it is now very complete, I had to agree with the board's decision. It is time to take care of myself, and will give me time to heal, as much as I can. I have had two church families, much more blessed than most people.

My prayer is that God will/and is preparing the right person for the office position, as well as, preparing the church family. Pray for the person that will come.

May the Lord continue to bless this congregation in every possible way, for with God all things are possible. In Christian love, Linda Thornton

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE'S ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - take down the tree and decorations, immediately following worship.

### **POCKET CHANGE MISSION**

For November 2010 through February 2011 will be for **Coalition for People in Need, Inc.**

## FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP STOP OUTREACH

Will be collected Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. For **Soup Stop** will be **instant hot cocoa mix - regular & sugar free** and/or **paper lunch bags**; and/or for **Charleston Food Pantry** will be **money most needed** and/or **crackers** and/or **mashed potato mix**.

## BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 12, 2011** at **6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, January 11, 2011**. Thank you.

## NEXT HARBINGER

The next Harbinger will be **emailed/mailed by Thursday, February 3, 2011**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Tuesday, February 1, 2011**. 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, January 2, 2011**, 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*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Choir - **Through December - Thursday - 5:30 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.

## CONTINUING CHURCH OUTREACH

**Soup Stop** to help every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. - 2 or 3 people are needed - if like to help, please call the church office.

## SERVING THE LORD FOR JANUARY 2011

### WORSHIP LEADERS

### ELDERS

January 2	Tarry James
January 9	Kevin James
January 16	Kathy Zuniga
January 23	Jackie James
January 30	Vicki Trueblood

**DIACONATE FOR JANUARY 2011**

**SERVE**

**PREPARE**

**GREETERS & ACOLYTES**

Garrett James  
Mike Chron  
Kathy Zuniga  
Jackie James

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Garrett Bacon

Mike Chron  
Kathy Zuniga  
Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga  
Malcolm McCarthy, Lilly Dilley

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

The church has begun an Elder of Month program. If at anytime, you are in need and are unable to get in touch with Linda in the office, or Pastor Sharon is unavailable, the Elder of the Month may be called. For the **month of JANUARY**, the Elder of the Month is **Vicki Trueblood, 345-7244.**

**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS FOR JANUARY 2, 2011**

January's Coffee Fellowship servers are: Nancy Oakley, Kathy & Bob Zuniga?  
**Coffee/Juice Fellowship will only be served on the first Sunday of each month.**

**ELDER SHUT-IN JANUARY 2, 2011**

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**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES**

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

**JANUARY 2011 BIRTHDAYS**

Wayne Hunt	January 3
Kim Steffes	January 5
T.W. Bosler	January 6
Norma Mineo	January 9
Bailey Staggs	January 11
Molly Evans	January 13
Ty Nailing	January 13
Madielynn Sims	January 31

**JANUARY 2011 ANNIVERSARYS**

Paul & Tricia Briggerman	January 29
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JANUARY**

**Sunday, January 2, 2011** - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.  
**Decorations taken down from Christmas.**

**Monday, January 3, 2011** - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 - CCAR Cleans

Thursday, January 6, 2011 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 9, 2011 - Children's church school at 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 p.m.

Monday, January 10, 2011 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - Materials due for Board Booklet

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 - Board of Elder Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
**Print Paychecks dated January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday, January 13, 2011 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Choir at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 16, 2011 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 17, 2011 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - Elder's at 6:30 p.m.  
CCAR Cleans

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - Soup Stop at 10:30 p.m.  
Choir at 5:30 p.m.  
CWF at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 23, 2011 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. - **(Holy Hands)**

Monday, January 24, 2011 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 27, 2011 - Soup Stop at 10:30 a.m.  
Chancel Choir at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 28, 2011 - **Print paychecks dated February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Sunday, January 30, 2011 - Children's church school at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 31, 2011 - Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.  
**HAVE A SAFE AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!!**



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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*