

*A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, Illinois
June 2011*

The Disciple Harbinger



Slow Me Down, Lord

Slow me down, Lord!
Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.
Give me, amidst the confusion of my day,
the calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing
music of singing streams that live in my memory.
Teach me the art of taking minute vacations...
of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend,
to pat a dog, to read a few lines of a good book.
Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise,
that I may know that the race is not always to the swift;
that there is more to life than measuring speed.
Let me look upward into the branches
of the towering oak and know that it grew great
and strong because it grew slowly and well.
Slow me down, Lord,
and inspire me to send my roots deep
into the soil of life's enduring value's,
that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

Pastor Sharon's Note

While looking for an idea for this issue, I found this poem.
It resonates with my own experience. During times in my life, God has said, "Wait."
Of what I was waiting I did not know. We all have periods when we wait for something unknown.
God's timing is perfect as we await our destiny.

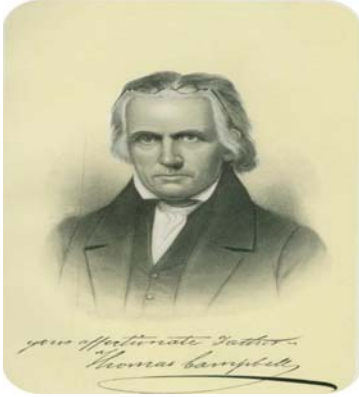
**In Christ,
Pastor Sharon**

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT



OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

(From "JOURNEY IN FAITH" by McCallister & Tucker)



Thomas Campbell
(1763-1854)

Alexander Campbell
(1788-1866)

Thomas Campbell arrived in the United States, from Ireland, In 1807. He served as a Presbyterian minister after his arrival. Two years later, however, he separated from the Presbyterians. That same year, Alexander Campbell arrived in the United States with the rest of the Campbell family. He too, had separated from the Presbyterians while still in Scotland.

For 25 years the two Campbell's joined a Baptist Association. These Baptist's would ordain Alexander. But, in the end, both he & Thomas would decide to leave the Baptists.

In 1830, the dissolution was complete and the Millennial Harbinger was born as a result of that split.

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**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**



POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to The Soup Stop during May & June.

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BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING
(OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 20th, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday the, 19th**. Thank you.

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NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** by **Friday, July 29th, 2011**. Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Wednesday, July 27th**. Thank you.

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SHUT-IN COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you or someone you know will not be able to be in church and would like to receive communion, 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. It is always done the first Sunday of each month.

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UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Please check the information on the contact list on the table in back of the sanctuary to make sure your information is correct. If it isn't, please make any revisions necessary.

Thanks.

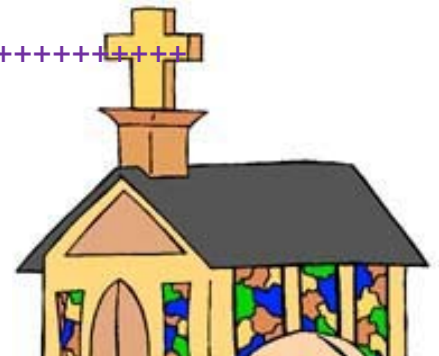
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CONTINUING CHURCH
OUTREACH

Soup Stop Help is needed every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – 2 or 3 people are needed – if you'd like to help, please call the church office.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR



Children's Church - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

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

Choir - Thursday - 5:30 p.m.

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SERVING THE LORD FOR JULY

WORSHIP LEADERS

July 3	Kevin James
July 10	Jackie James
July 17	Patty Maples
July 24	Tarry James
July 31	Mike Chron

ELDERS

Tricia Briggerman & Patty Maples
Jan Ernst & Cindy Maples
Gayle & Mike Strader
Stan Huffman & Jan Ernst
Gayle Strader & Laurie Olson

DIACONATE FOR JULY

SERVE

Susan Watson
T.W. Bosler
Jackie James
Kim Steffes

PREPARE

Jackie James
Kim Steffes

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Molly Evans
Kathy Zuniga
Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga
Malcolm McCarthy, Lilly Dilley

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

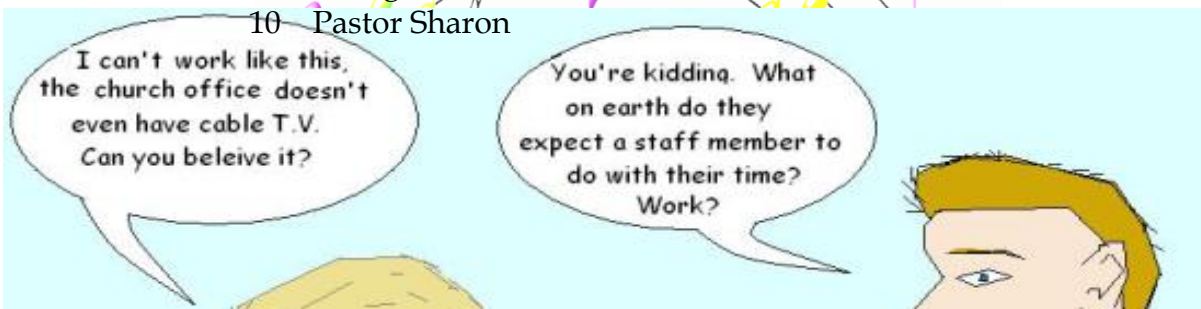
The church has begun an Elder of Month program. If at anytime, you are in need and are unable to get in touch with the office, or Pastor Sharon is unavailable, the Elder of the Month may be called. For the **month of July, 2011**, the Elder of the Month is Tricia Briggerman, 508-6230.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

JULY 2011 BIRTHDAYS

1 Ed Buxton	14 Joyce Allen
6 Jon Adams	15 Madison Endsley
6 Audra Roach	16 Florence Giffin
6 George Denham	28 Ruth Bunch
10 Pastor Sharon	





TRADITIONS

Traditions are important to the church.
Here at OSRCC we have a tradition that has developed in the past few years.

Some unknown donor or donors, has, around Memorial Day,
left red rose bushes under the south portico for the past several years.

This year was no exception.

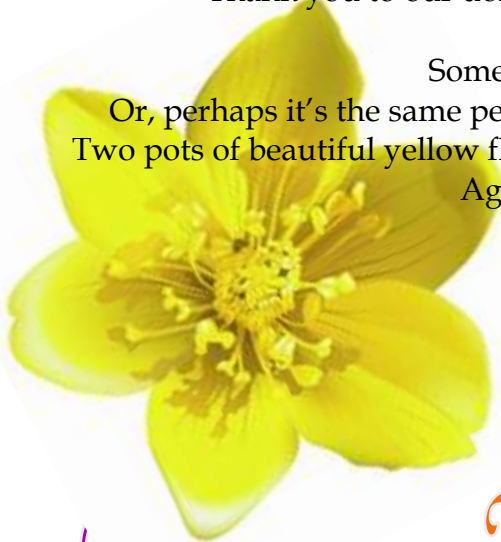
These red rose bushes now grace the west side of the building
and a row is beginning on the north side.

Thank you to our donor or donors for the roses and the tradition.

Someone else also needs thanked.

Or, perhaps it's the same person that donated the roses that needs a thank you.
Two pots of beautiful yellow flowers were also left at the south door of the building.

Again, thank you very much!



Tales To Remember

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE -- JULY

June

- 19---- Happy Father's Day!
- 19----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church
- 20----6:30 pm Bible Study
- 22----1:00 pm Constitution Meeting
- 23----5:30 pm Choir
- 25---- CORE Day
- 26----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church
- 27----6:30 pm Bible Study
- 30----5:30 pm Choir

July

- 3----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church
- 4---- HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!



- 7----5:30 pm Choir
- 9----14 General Assembly – Nashville Tn.
- 10----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church
- 14----5:30 pm Choir
- 17----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church
- 18----6:30 pm Bible Study
- 20----6:30 pm Board Meeting
- 21----5:30 pm Choir
- 24----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church w/ Holy Hands
- 25----6:30 pm Bible Study
- 27----7:00 pm VISION PLANNING TEAM MEETING
- 28----5:30 pm Choir
- 31----9:30 am Worship/Children's Church



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Serving and Growing through Christ



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Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Church during Worship 9:30 a.m.

Office hours are - Tuesday - Friday, 9-3