

A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, IL.
August 25, 2011

The Disciple Harbinger



Pastor Sharon's Note

If Old State Road Christian Church could look or be any way you want, what would our church look like, be like, or do like? What would our ministry look like? What ministry is God calling us to? And how do we get there?

We are speaking here about vision. A vision is a picture of our desired future. What do we here at OSRCC want our future to look like? It's easy to say we want a bright future for our church. We all want this. But, these all – too – easy - to - say words don't help us have that bright future. Rather, it takes intentional discernment and careful planning to actualize our vision of the future of our church.

On **September 18th**, Dr. Scott Woolridge will be here at OSRCC to lead us through a visioning process. **PLEASE** join us for this important day in the life of our church. We will begin our day at 9:30 A. M. with Dr. Woolridge preaching at the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided – but **PLEASE RSVP** so we will know how many to expect for lunch. Our day will conclude around 2:30 P.M.

Don't miss this important day. We need your input.

*In Christ,
Pastor Sharon*

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

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OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

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

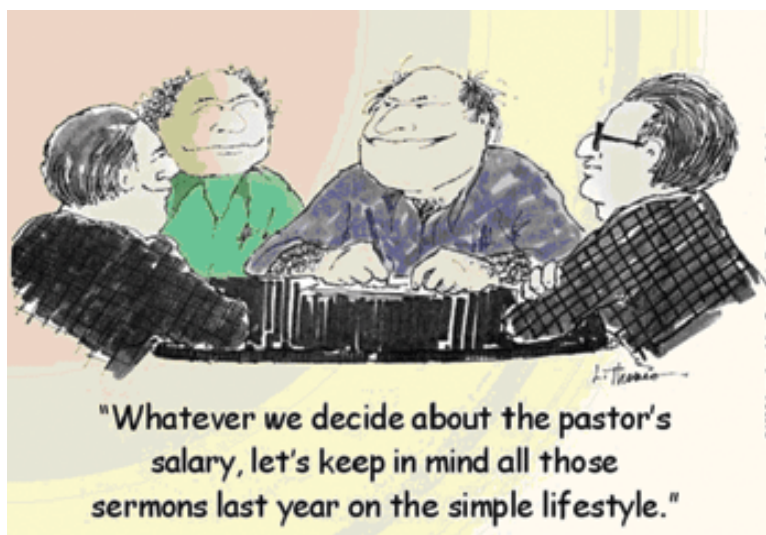


Alexander Campbell
(1788-1866)

Alexander Campbell, the most important founder of the Disciples, arrived in the United States in 1809. Although he had little interest in creating "a new party" of Christians, he soon did just that. Alexander believed in baptism by immersion of adult believers.

Also central to the faith was the weekly practice of communion. Christ, he said, had given the church a ritual by which to remember Him and to provide strength for the Christian journey of faith. The Table of the Lord was, in his opinion, open to all who expressed desire to partake.

It would not be long before Alexander would emerge as the leader of the new movement.



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.

THANK- YOU

A big thank-you to Jan & Garry Ernst for the new awnings that grace our church. If you haven't seen them yet, please stop by and check them out. Sunday morning would be a good time to do so.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING - (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011** at **6:30 p.m.** Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday the, 13th.** Thank you.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next *Harbinger* will be **emailed/mailed** by **Friday, Sept. 30, 2011.** Please have all **items** into the office **no later than Wednesday, September 28th.** Thank you.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

The Charleston Food Pantry is our Pocket Change Mission for the months of September & October.

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.

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.

SERVING THE LORD FOR SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sept. 4 Cindy Maples
Sept. 11 Vicki Trueblood
Sept. 18 Kaye Woodward
Sept. 25 Kevin James

ELDERS

Vicki Trueblood & Tarry James
Tricia Briggerman & Patty Maples
Cindy Maples & Kaye Woodward
Stan Huffman & Laurie Olson

DIACONATE FOR SEPTEMBER

SERVE

Elyn Pogliano
Kevin James
Julia McGowan
Norma Mineo

PREPARE

Kevin James
Julia McGowan

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga
Malcolm McCarthy, Lilly Dilley

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

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 September, 2011**, the Elder of the Month is **Stan Huffman**, 345-6889 or 254-6887 (cell).



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

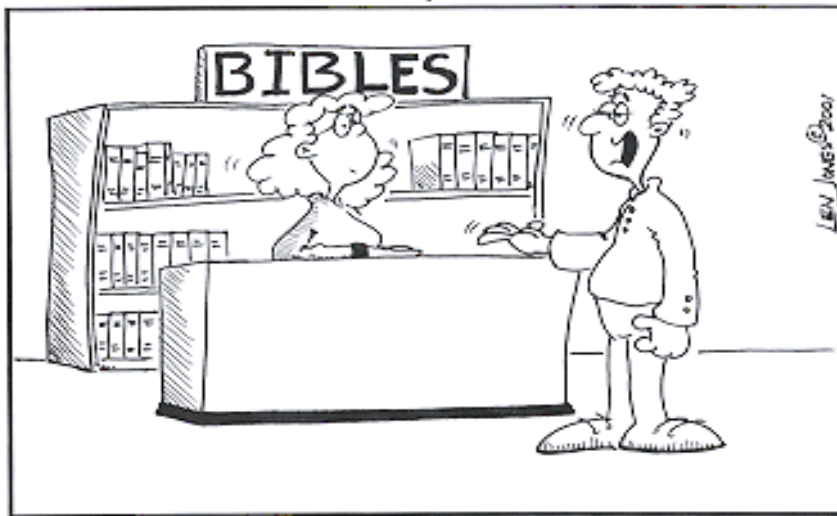
Sept. 12 Megan Endsley
Sept. 15 Tricia Briggerman
Sept. 15 Sherry Patton
Sept. 16 Sophia Goodwin
Sept. 22 Cindy Maples
Sept. 24 Susan Watson
Sept. 25 Amanda McGowan
Sept. 26 Jim Wells

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 1 Mike & Gayle Strader
Sept. 15 Tarry & Jackie James
Sept. 29 Marty & Susan Watson




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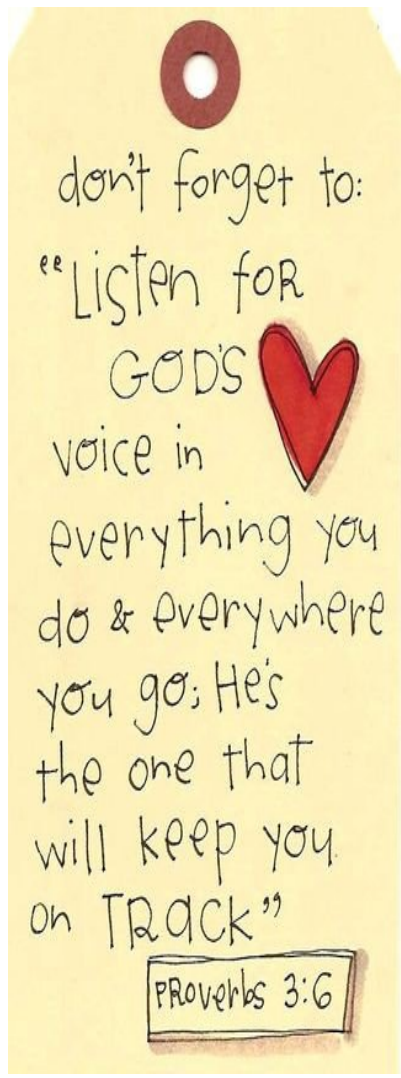



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SEPTEMBER

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1 5:30 pm - Choir
4 9:30 am - Worship/Children's Church

- 5 LABOR DAY
- 6 7:30 am - Habitat
- 8 5:30 pm - Choir
- 8 Charleston Ministerial Association
- 11 9: 30 am -Worship/Children's Church
- 12 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- 14 6:30 pm - Board Meeting
- 15 5:30 pm - Choir
- 15 6:30 pm - CWF
-  18 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
VISION PLANNING w/Dr. Scott Woolridge
- 18 4:00 pm - Cougill Manor
- 19 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- 21 12:00 pm - Cluster
- 21 6:30 pm - Elder's Meeting
- 22 5:30 pm - Choir
- 25 9:30 am - Worship/Children's Church
w/Holy Hands Puppets
- 26 6:30 pm - Bible Study
- 29 5:30 pm - Choir



don't forget to:
 "Listen for
 GOD'S 
 voice in
 everything you
 do & everywhere
 you go; He's
 the one that
 will keep you
 on Track"
 Proverbs 3:6

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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