

*A Newsletter from the
Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Of Charleston, IL.
February 2012*



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

Soon we will begin the liturgical season of Lent. Lent is the time of the church year we spend more time intentionally reading scriptures, sacrificially giving up something (e.g., chocolate or meat), or we spend time in prayer. Some of us read a daily meditation book. (Advent is the second season of the church year we often prepare in much the same way to celebrate in the church.)

The Lenten and Easter seasons are the best known and, for Christians, the most important of the two church seasons.

The word Lent is not even in the Bible. (Neither is the word Advent.) "Originally, 'Lent' was nothing more than the English name of the season between winter and summer. . ." (from kencollins.com, retrieved on January 26, 2012). Eventually the word Lent came to mean the observance of a church season.

During Lent we relive many of the major events in Jesus' life. Our scripture readings from the gospels again tell the story of many of the events that led to the crucifixion. Yet, as we know, crucifixion was not the final word; rather, the final word would rest with God in the miracle of resurrection.

The Lenten meditation books are in. I invite you to pick one up on Sunday and join us as we prepare again to journey to the cross and the coming glory of Easter.

**In Christ,
Pastor Sharon**



Disciples of Christ History

Split of the Disciples of Christ

Following the Civil War, the nation set about rebuilding both the North and the South. Land was cheap and feelings were still raw. Alexander Campbell was gone and no one stepped up to fill the void his death had created in the leadership of the Disciples of Christ. Disciples prayed for unity but could not seem to find a way to bury their differences of opinion.

Some wanted only those things the Bible taught. “Those [things] the Bible does not specifically teach is prohibited” (McAllister and Tucker, *Journey in Faith*, pg. 237). For example, pianos, organs, and Sunday School are not mentioned in the Bible.

Others believed, “That which the Bible does not specifically prohibit is permitted”. (McAllister and Tucker, *Journey in Faith*, pg. 238). Pianos, organs, and Sunday School were permitted. Thus, began the split between the soon to be known “Church of Christ and the Christian Church (DOC). The Church of Christ did not believe in the use of the piano, organ or Sunday School. The DOC’s accepted the use of the piano, organ, and Sunday School. While the piano and organ use during worship received blame for the split, the reason was really the difference of opinion about the Civil War.

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.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathies are expressed to Maggie Huffman & family following the passing of her brother on Jan. 25th.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, the 14th**. Thank you.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to The Coalition for People in Need during January & February.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** by Friday, February 24, 2012. Please have all items into the office **no later than Wednesday, the 23rd**. Thank you.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS

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.

COFFEE/ JUICE FELLOWSHIP

Patty Maples & Tricia Briggerman are in charge of the Coffee/Juice Fellowship for the month of February.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

Due to recent troubling events in the area, the board has adopted a new policy concerning our children. If a child should go missing during an event held here, **CALL 911** as you begin searching – & make the call from a **CHURCH PHONE**. We hope it is never necessary, but feel it's best to have a plan in place.



SERVING THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY

WORSHIP LEADERS

5 Mike Strader
12 Kathy Zuniga
19 Gayle Strader
26 Stan Huffman

ELDERS

Stan Huffman & Laurie Olson
Patty Maples & Tricia Briggerman
Mike Strader & Gayle Strader
Vicki Trueblood & Tarry James

DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY

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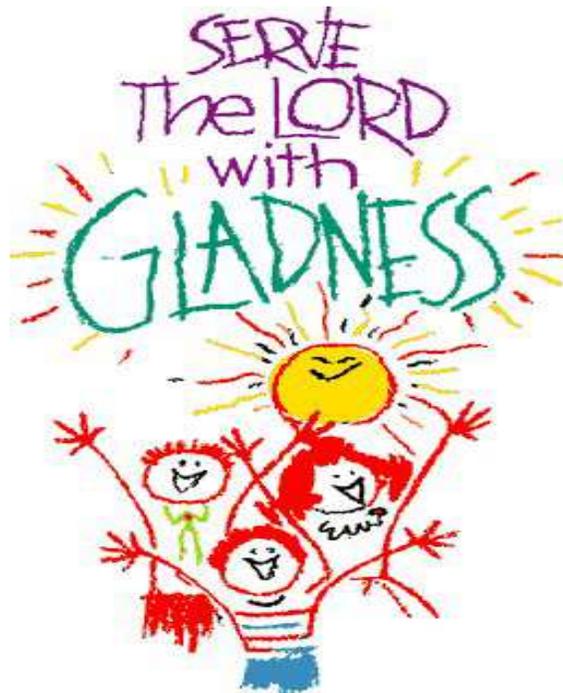
Molly Evans
Iris Myers
Susie May
Amanda McGowan

PREPARE

Amanda McGowan
Iris Myers

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Molly Evans
Susie May
Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga,
Joey Upton



ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

The church has begun an Elder of Month program. If at any time, 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 February 2012**, the Elder of the Month is Cindy Maples – 348-1345.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

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

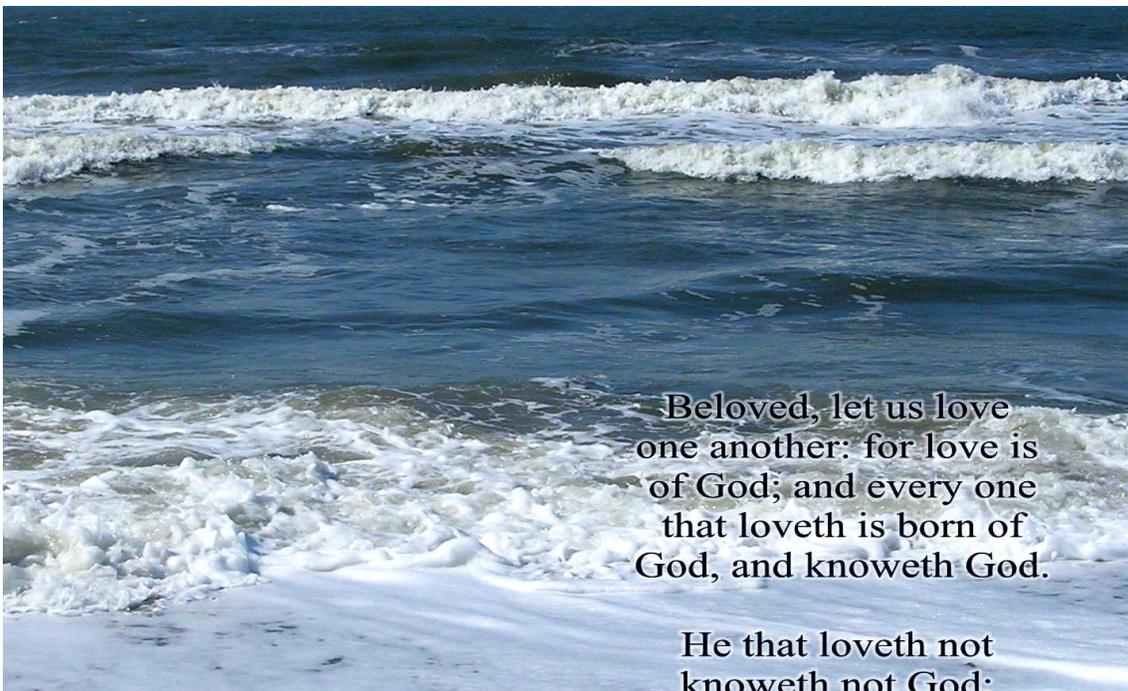


FEBRUARY 2012 BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Patty Maples
- 7 Kelly Bacon
- 7 Dylan Briggerman
- 13 Marty Watson
- 16 Paul Slifer
- 24 Donna Slifer
- 27 LaNeesha Nailing

FEBRUARY 2012 ANNIVERSARIES

(No Anniversaries this month.)



Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

2---5:30 pm	Choir
5---9:30 am	Worship/Children's Church
6---6:30 pm	Bible Study
8---6:30 pm	Meeting w/Dr. Scott Woolridge (<i>postponed from Jan. 25th</i>)
9---5:30 pm	Choir
12---9:30 am	Worship/Children's Church
13---6:30 pm	Bible Study
15---6:30 pm	Board Meeting
16---5:30 pm	Choir
16---6:30 pm	CWF
19---9:30 pm	Worship/Children's Church
19---4:00 pm	Cougill Manor
20---5:30 pm	Bible Study
22---7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
23---5:30 pm	Choir
26---9:30 am	Worship/Children's Church w/Holy Hands Puppets
27---6:30 pm	Bible Study



Holy Humor

(cause God likes to hear you laugh!!)

(Taken from www.angelfire.com unless otherwise noted)



A young girl once confessed to her priest that she thought she was guilty of the sin of pride. She said, "When I look in the mirror, I think I am beautiful." The priest said, "That's not a sin, that's a mistake."

You know it's going to be a boring service when the ushers ask for your espresso order as they hand you a bulletin.

"The Top 10 Things People Think About While Singing a Hymn"

10. The pot roast.
9. What does pastor wear under robes?
8. Will the person behind me ever hit the right note?
7. 90 minutes till kickoff.
6. Did I turn off the curling iron?
5. The likelihood of the ceiling fan falling and hitting me on the head.
4. How many people have lost more hair than I have?

3. How would the hymn sound if Metallica played it?

2. Are there doughnuts at fellowship?

1. How many more verses?

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

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Marci Jo Ferguson – Secretary

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