



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

We Christians claim the entirety of the Bible as our own. Most of us have our favorite translation from which we read, e.g., King James Version, New Revised Standard Version, New International Version, etc. The Bible is the most popular book in America; in fact, it is the most frequently stolen book as well. And, it has been the most popular book on the best seller list for the longest time.

William Tyndale translated the first English New Testament from the Koine Greek manuscripts. At the time of his translation, Tyndale was breaking the law in England by translating the book into a language people actually spoke. Church authorities at the time called this spoken language a "vulgar language." One young man in England was burned alive because he owned a piece of paper that had written in English the Lord's Prayer.

Tyndale's translation was printed in Germany in 1526. It was later smuggled into England. Religious authorities at the time claimed that "it was God's will that the Bible only be written in Latin." They banned its sale and burned all they could get in their possession. Every other European country was already printing the Bible in the languages of the people. Only England considered it a crime to translate it into a language the people spoke.

So, next time you pick up your favorite copy of the scriptures, remember they have a history of which we know little. For example, did you know that the original King James Version was actually a copy of an earlier Bible named the Bishop's Bible written some 40 years after the Tyndale translation? And, did you know, that the KJV originally included documents that are called the Apocrypha until the early 1800's?

**In Christ,
Pastor Sharon**

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

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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.

SHOW AND TELL

Ruth Bunch, our newly appointed church **Historian**, needs your help! If you have any photos, newspaper articles, or anything else she can use in scrapbooks/photo albums, relating to the people, events & services here at OSRCC – both past & present - please get them to Ruth, or to the church office, so she can begin archiving and documenting the life of this church. She would also appreciate any details (names, dates etc.) you have about the items you donate. In addition, she could use some help identifying people in a few unmarked photos she already has. If you think you might be able to help, please let Ruth know. This is a time-consuming, tedious task, so we'd like to thank Ruth for being so willing to undertake it. The scrapbooks/photo albums will be available in the church library. Thank you!

MISSIONAL ATTITUDE

King's Carpenter to Aid Harrisburg

Disciples Volunteering is partnering with "The King's Carpenter" ministry to provide Harrisburg, IL tornado relief. Commissioned Minister Mike Robinson, a member of First Christian Church in Bloomington is the contact person for individuals or groups who would like to be involved. Contact Mike at:

mrobin2217@aol.com - (309) 275-5908

Disciples Home Mission will be providing a tool trailer and liability insurance.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The next Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th, immediately following the morning Worship. The Adult Sunday School class will meet afterward.

"WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE?"

CWF is continuing with the study of Phillip Yancey's *"What's So Amazing About Grace?"*
All women are invited and the next meeting is May 17th at 6:30 pm.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING

(OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, the 8th**. Thank you.



POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to the Soup Stop during the months of May & June.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** *around* Friday, May 25, 2012. Please have all items into the office *no later than* Tuesday, May 22nd. 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, 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

Molly Evans & Jeri Davis are in charge of the Coffee/Juice Fellowship for the month of May.



THANK YOU!!

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers & the cat mug in honor of *Secretaries Week*. You are all so good to me & I feel honored to be a part of the OSRCC family.
~Love Marci ~

SERVING THE LORD FOR MAY

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 6 Kevin James
- 13 Mike Chron
- 20 Molly Evans
- 27 Patty Maples



ELDERS

- Vicki Trueblood & Tarry James
- Laurie Olson & Stan Huffman
- Cindy Maples & Kaye Woodward
- Vicki Trueblood & Jan Ernst

DIACONATE FOR MAY

SERVE

PREPARE

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Molly Evans
Susie May
Iris Myers
Norma Mineo

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Norma Mineo

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

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

The church has 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 May, the Elder of the Month is **Tarry James – 345-6890**.



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH!

May 6th, the *Adult Sunday School Class* will begin meeting following the Worship Service. All adults are welcome.

Also on May 6th, at 2:00 pm, all are invited to watch the movie "*Courageous*". Finger foods and drinks will be provided.

Later in the month, on May 20th, be sure to stay for the *Congregational Meeting* following the morning worship.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

May 2012 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tobin Strader
- 7 Audrey Ingram
- 7 Kathy Zuniga
- 9 Carolyn Etnire
- 11 Julie McGowan
- 18 Don Spence
- 23 Gayle Strader

May 2012 ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this month.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2012

- 1---1:00 pm Memorial Fund Committee Meeting
- 3---5:30 pm Choir
- 6---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/ Adult Sunday School
(following Worship)
- 6---2:00 pm "Courageous" Movie & Refreshments
- 7---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 9---6:30 pm Board Meeting
- 10---5:30 pm Choir
- 13---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/ Adult Sunday School
(following Worship)
- 14---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 16---6:00 pm Baccalaureate
- 17---5:30 pm Choir
- 17---6:30 pm CWF
- 20---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church
Congregational Meeting following Worship – Adult Sunday School
- 20---4:00 pm Cougill Manor
- 21---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 24---5:30 pm Choir
- 27---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/ Adult Sunday School



(following Worship)

28---- MEMORIAL DAY

31----5:30 pm Choir



Holy Humor

(cause God likes to hear you laugh!!)

(Taken from www.signsandwonders.org unless otherwise noted)

The Church Bulletin Said What?!



These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. **Don't forget your husbands.**"

"The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to conflict."

"Remember in prayer the many who are *sick of our community*. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "*Hell*" to someone who doesn't care much about you."

"Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get."

"Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons."

"Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done."

"Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM.
Please use the back door."

"The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy."

"Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and *medication* to follow."

And last but not least – who could forget - in our very own (OSRCC) bulletin on Easter Sunday, the “*Communion Medication*” scheduled near the end of the service?

(Thanks for laughing **with me**)☺

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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