



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

An unknown author wrote these words:
"Life is not about the destination; rather, it's about the journey."

Jacob surely came to understand these words. He had conned his father and cheated his brother. All because he was focused on the destination he had in mind. Then Jacob, in turn, was denied the wife he wanted. Another destination. On top of this he was required to wrestle all night with God's representative. Jacob had his focus squarely centered on the outcome. He wanted what he wanted rather than wait for what God wanted to give him. The eventual outcome was a new name and a nation of ancestors. Neither the new name nor the ancestors should be ignored--they are simply not the most important aspect of Jacob's life.

What is important is what Jacob learned along the way. He himself learned what it was like to be betrayed by someone he trusted. Jacob learned what it meant to be afraid as he confronted the angelic being with whom he wrestled. Jacob also learned what it was like to be forgiven by those he himself had harmed. For, while Esau had every right to be angry, he was, instead, glad to see his brother again. Esau rejoiced that his brother was alive and had returned home.

The journey itself will determine the destination. If we are faithful to God as we complete the journey on which we walk, we are assured the final destination will be ours as promised by our Lord.

**In Christ,
Pastor Sharon**

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

SG-C

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Worship - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - Sunday - following Worship

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

Choir - Thursday - 5:30 p.m.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING!!

DATE TBA SOON!!

Stay tuned for more details!



NEW STORAGE CABINETS

We have gotten estimates to build new storage cabinets for the sanctuary. Donations would be much appreciated. If you are interested in helping with a donation, please see Dr. Stan Huffman. Thank you.



Vision 'Planning'
 is not enough
 There's so much more
 to do -
PLANS require
ACTION
 And
ACTION requires
YOU!

©~Marci Jo Ferguson ~



© 3poD * www.ClipartOf.com/15085



CHURCH HISTORY

Ruth Bunch, our church **Historian**, *still* 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, 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!

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to **HOPE – Coalition Against Domestic Violence**, during the months of **July & August**.

SYMPATHIES

Our love & prayers to Nancy Oakley & her family following the death of her sister, Norma, on June 23rd.

“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 July 19th at 6:30 pm.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, the 10th**. Thank you.

© Randy Glasbergen
www.glasbergen.com



“If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?”

NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be emailed/mailed *around* **Thursday, July 26th, 2012.** Please have all items into the office *no later than* **Tuesday, the 24th.** Thank you.

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

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 *July*, the Elder of the Month is *Tricia Brissorman. 508-6230.*

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.

COUGILL MANOR

Join Pastor Sharon, the OSRCC Choir & anyone else who wishes to participate, on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00 pm, at Cougill Manor. Fun, music & fellowship – all are welcome!

COFFEE/ JUICE FELLOWSHIP

Jan & Garry Ernst, & Norma Mineo are in charge of the **Coffee/Juice Fellowship** for July.

SERVING THE LORD FOR JULY

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 1 Kevin James
- 8 Mike Chron
- 15 Molly Evans
- 22 Jackie James
- 29 Mike Strader



ELDERS

- Cindy Maples & Kaye Woodward
- Jan Ernst & Laurie Olson
- Mike & Gayle Strader
- Patty Maples & Tricia Briggerman
- Vicki Trueblood & Tarry James

DIACONATE FOR JULY

SERVE

- Jim Upton
- Mike Chron
- Jackie James
- Kim Steffes

PREPARE

- Jackie James
- Kim Steffes

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

- Mike Chron
- Jim Upton
- Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga,
- Joey Upton

WORRYING
is like a
ROCKING
CHAIR
It gives you
something
TO DO
but doesn't get you
ANYWHERE



— ANONYMOUS —



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

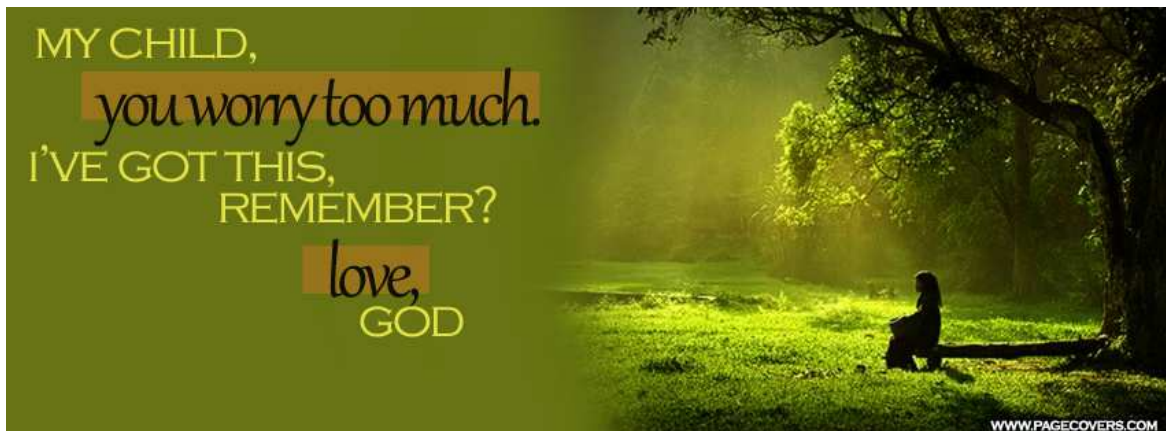
*(If your birthday or anniversary dates are not mentioned,
please let the office know.)*

JULY 2012 BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ed Buxton
- 3 Christie Edmonds
- 6 Jon Adams
- 6 Audra Roach
- 6 George Denham
- 6 Susie May
- 10 Pastor Sharon
- 11 Marci Ferguson
- 14 Joyce Allen
- 15 Madison Endsley
- 16 Florence 'Sammie' Giffin
- 28 Ruth Bunch
- 29 Gene Etnire

Birthdays coming up in early August:

*(2) Jessica Brawner, (5) Bill Olson & Lynn Collins,
(6) Vickie Trueblood, (12) Kristyn Haworth*





Holy Humor

(cause God likes to hear you laugh!!)
(Taken from www.revsmiles.org unless otherwise noted)

A little boy decided he was going to read the Bible, so he opened his grandma's huge, old leather-bound bible that had been passed down through the family for generations. As he turned the pages, a fragile, old pressed leaf fell out. He gently picked it up and ran to his grandma, "Grandma! Grandma! I found Adam's underwear!"

A man pulls his pastor aside and says, "I need your advice. I think my wife is trying to poison me." The pastor promises to look into it and calls him back a week later. "I talked to your wife... I talked to your wife for three hours... Take the poison."

A man was circling the block searching for a parking spot. Finally, after the third time around, he prays, "God, if you help me find a parking spot, I will go to church every Sunday and tithe ten percent of my income." Immediately, a spot opens up, and the man prays, "Never mind, I found one."

Honest Hymns

The way we would sing them if we were honest:

- "I Surrender Some"
- "There Shall Be Sprinkles of Blessings"
- "Fill My Spoon, Lord"
- "Take My Life and Let Me Be"
- Just as I Pretend to Be"
- "Sit Up, Sit Up for Jesus"
- "My Hope is Built on Nothing Much"
- "Joyful, Joyful We Kind of Like Thee"
- "Blessed Hunch"
- "Above Average is Thy Faithfulness"
- "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Somewhere Near Me"
- "Blest Be the Tie that Doesn't Cramp My Style"

CHURCH'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Serving and Growing through Christ

SG-C



OLD STATE ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

13982 Old State Road

Charleston, IL. 61920

217-345-3003

pastorsharon@consolidated.net

www.disciplesofchrist.org

Rev. Sharon Patton, Pastor -217-345-2003 (home)

Vicki Trueblood, Facilitator - 217-345-7244

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