



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

Bert and Ernie were two Christians who had lived very good and healthy lives. They died and arrived in heaven. Walking along one of the golden streets and marveling at all the paradise they saw around them, Ernie turned to Bert and said, "Wow, I never knew heaven was going to be as good as this."
"Yeah," said Bert. "And just think, if we hadn't eaten all that oat bran, we could have gotten here ten years earlier."

All of us love a good joke. We feel better. And, there's a better than average chance that we'll live longer when we enjoy laughter and fun. Most physicians tell us that laughter is very good for our physical health.

A sense of humor really does make life better--and far more interesting. A sense of humor is also a sign of good spiritual health. When we are in tune with our Creator and Sustainer, our sense of humor is intact and prominent. When we are out-of-sorts, we have lost connection with the one who loves us unconditionally. No matter the situation we confront, no matter how we are feeling, God loves us, Jesus loves us. So how about another?

Lisa: "I've heard that a milk bath is good for the skin, so I'll need enough to fill the tub."

Grocer: "Pasteurized?"

Lisa: "No, just up to my chin will do."

*In peace,
Pastor Sharon*

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.

Your input is needed!!

Pastor Sharon has been asked to be part of a special focus group regarding Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. She would like to hear your ideas & suggestions to share with the group. What do you like best & least about SBLHC? What can they do to improve? What would you like to see them offer to the community? Please get your ideas & suggestions to Pastor Sharon by September 15.

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING *(OPEN TO ALL)*

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 12, 2012** at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, the 11th**.

Thank you.

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

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 September, the Elder of the Month is Mike Strader - 345-6987 or 232-6986

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to The Charleston Food Pantry, during 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.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** around **Friday, Septembert 28, 2012**. Please have all items into the office *no later than Tuesday, the 25th*. Thank you.

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP

Maggie Huffman & Iris Myers are in charge of the **Coffee/Juice Fellowship** for September.

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!

"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 September 20th at **6:30 pm**.

SERVING THE LORD FOR SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 2 Jackie James
- 9 Patty Maples
- 16 Mike Chron
- 23 Vicki Trueblood
- 30 Kevin James



ELDERS

- Jan Ernst & Tarry James
- Laurie Olson & Stan Huffman
- Kaye Woodward & Jan Ernst
- Mike & Gayle Strader
- Patty Maples & Tricia Briggerman

DIACONATE FOR SEPTEMBER

SERVE

- Jim Upton
- Kevin James
- Amanda McGowan
- Norma Mineo

PREPARE

- Kevin James
- Nancy Oakley

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

- Jim Upton
- Norma Mineo
- Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga,
- Joey Upton



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



SEPTEMBER 2012 BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Paul Briggerman
- 12 Megan Endsley
- 15 Tricia Briggerman
- 15 Sherry patton
- 16 Sophia Goodwin
- 22 Cindy Maples
- 25 Amanda McGowan
- 26 Jim Wells

Birthdays/Anniversaries coming up in early October:

(Anniversaries) 3- Mitch & Melissa Goodwin, 5- Les & Vicki Trueblood

SEPTEMBER 2012 ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mike & Gayle Strader
- 15 Tarry & Jackie James





Holy Humor

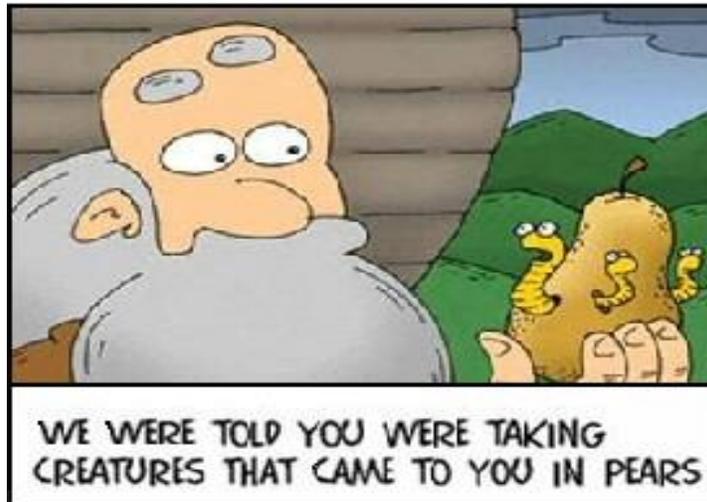
(cause God likes to hear you laugh!!)

(Taken from www.jokes.christiansunite.com unless otherwise noted)

One beautiful Sunday morning, Reverend Barnard announces to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons.....

A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes - a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes - and a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.

Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'



It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Craig stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Craig inquired as to what they were for. 'People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by,' his father responded. 'Wouldn't you just know it?' Craig complained, 'the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up.'

Father John is walking down the street one day when he notices Nathan, a very small boy, trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, Nathan is very small and the doorbell is too high to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, Father John walks up behind the little fellow and, placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to Nathan's level, Father John smiles and asks, 'And now what, my little man?' To which Nathan replies with a beaming grin, 'Now we run!'

Father George was opening his mail one morning. Taking a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it only one word: 'Fool'. The following Sunday, in church, Father George announced to the assembled congregation, 'I have known many people who have written letters to me and forgotten to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and had forgotten to write a letter.'



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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