



The Disciple Harbinger

Pastor Sharon's Note

In his book, "A Book of Meditations: Taking Flight," Anthony de Mello tells a story about Brother Bruno. [I've taken several liberties in retelling the story.] You see Brother Bruno was on his knees trying to pray one night. He was not having very much success but he was trying. Prayer time can be difficult even on a good night. But, when there are distractions, as there were tonight, it can be very difficult to pray. On this night Brother Bruno was not able to shut out the distractions. His mind would not stay centered on his prayer. So, he shouted, "Quiet! I'm trying to pray."

Since all creation respected Brother Bruno and wanted to please him, there was immediate silence. Not a single one of the creatures within hearing distance of Brother Bruno lifted its voice. Can you imagine? Even Brother Bruno was stunned by the silence. But then it was the silence that kept him from praying.

After a time Brother Bruno had another thought. Perhaps he was thinking about the noise with an incorrect attitude. Perhaps, he thought, God likes the voices of the creatures that had been created. Perhaps God intended it to be this way. What if the cacophony is God's music? Is it possible the croak of a frog is actually its own prayers to its Creator? Brother Bruno did not know how this could be. But, with God anything was possible.

When we hear the sounds of nature, do we hear noise? Or do we hear the sounds of the creatures of God's Creation in prayer to their Creator?

*In Christ,
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.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE LINCOLNS

"An Afternoon with The Lincolns" will be presented Sunday, February 10th, at 2:30 pm at Old State Road Christian Church.

B.F. & Barbara McClerren, well-known Lincoln presenters, will be featured in the characterization of the former President and his wife, Mary Todd. There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be taken.

Refreshments will be available following the presentation.

For more information, visit the "Lincolns" website: www.thelincolns.com

If you need directions, call the church office at 217-345-3003.



SOUP STOP MOVE

The Soup Stop Program has been relocated to the Otterbein United Methodist Church, located at 2175 Harrison Ave. The program began serving at this location on January 2, 2013.

POCKET CHANGE MISSION

Our Pocket Change will be going to The Coalition For People In Need during the months of January & February.

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

CWF meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at **7:00 pm**. (*Note time change*). All women are welcome!

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

COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP

Patty Maples & Tricia
Briggerman are in charge of the
coffee/juice fellowship for
February.

NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be
emailed/mailed around **February 27th**.
Please have all items into the office *no later*
than **the 25th**. Thank you.

RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL GARDENS

OSRCC owns four burial sites in
the Resthaven Memorial Gardens
in Mattoon, courtesy of Wayne and
Agnes Hunt. These are available for
purchase by anyone, including
church members.

If interested, contact
Dr. Stan Huffman at 345-6889.

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

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 **February**, the Elder
of the Month is Cindy Maples,
348-1345.

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!

BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING (OPEN TO ALL)

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held
on **Wednesday, February 13, 2013** at **6:30 p.m.**
Please have **all reports** into the office **no later**
than Tuesday, the 12th. Thank you.



SERVING THE LORD FOR FEBRUARY

WORSHIP LEADERS

3 Patty Maples
 10 Jackie James
 17 Kevin James
 24 Kathy Zuniga



ELDERS

Kaye Woodward & Mike Chron
 Tarry James & Laurie Olson
 Vicki Trueblood & Cindy Maples
 Mike & Gayle Strader

DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY

SERVE

Molly Evans
 Kathy Zuniga
 Emily Zuniga
 Amanda McGowan

PREPARE

Amanda McGowan
 Molly Evans

GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Emily Zuniga
 Kathy Zuniga
 Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga
 Joey Upton

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



JANUARY 2013 ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries this month.



happy anniversary



- 3---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 4---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 7---5:30 pm Choir
- 10---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 10---2:30 pm An Afternoon With the Lincolns
- 11---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 12---1:30 pm Evangelism Meeting
- 13---6:00 pm Board Meeting
- 13---7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 14---5:30 pm Choir
- 15---3:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- 17---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 17---4:00 pm Cougill Manor
- 18---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 20---6:30 pm Elders Meeting
- 21---11:00 am CIA
- 21---5:30 pm Choir
- 21---7:00 pm CWF
- 24---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 25---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 28---5:30 pm Choir

Holy Humor



FOOTBALL TERMINOLOGY

BLOCKING: Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.

DRAFT CHOICE: The decision to sit close to an air conditioning vent.

END ZONE: The pews.

EXTRA POINT: What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.

ILLEGAL MOTION: Leaving before the benediction.

INTERFERENCE: Talking during the organ prelude.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING: The pastor's wife looking at her watch in full view of the pastor.

QUARTERBACK SNEAK: Sunday School teachers entering the building five minutes after classes began.

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to stimulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shields, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineers backrest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo - "Defrost the chicken."

(submitted by Stan Huffman)



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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

