



# *The Disciple Harbinger*

## *Pastor Sharon's Note*

Some years ago my daughter gave me a small book entitled, *God's Little Devotional Book*. I've found it to be a blessing in many ways. One meditation in the book is from Fred Craddock. He uses a Bible verse from Matthew (25:21) as his point of beginning. "...you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things..."

Craddock was an instructor and ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from rural Tennessee. Craddock was a minister in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He has written numerous books and is well known for the stories he tells. The following is an example of Craddock's work.

"We think giving our all to the Lord is like taking a \$1,000 bill and laying it on the table. 'Here's my life, Lord. I'm giving it all.' But the reality for most of us is that He sends us to the bank and has us cash in the \$1,000 for quarters. We go through life putting out 25 cents here and 50 cents there. Listen to the neighbor kid's troubles instead of saying, 'Get lost.' Go to a committee meeting. Give a cup of water to a shaky old man in a nursing home. Usually giving our life to Christ isn't glorious. It's done in all those little acts of love, 25 cents at a time. It would be easy to go out in a flash of glory; it's harder to live the Christian life little by little over the long haul."

Craddock's point is well taken. Most of our lives are spent providing ministry a little here and a little there. We may not think it adds up to much, but it does. At 25 or 50 cents worth at a time, we eventually give a lot. Christian life is lived over the long haul, not in big bursts of glory.

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Sharon*

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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

*Worship - Sunday - 9:30 a.m.*

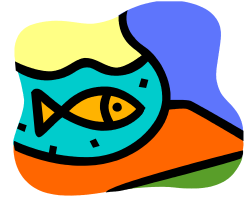
*Adult Sunday School - Sunday - following Worship*

*Bible Study – Monday – 6:30 p.m.*

*Choir – Thursday – 5:30 p.m.*



1-6:30 pm, Bible Study  
3-9:30 am, CCAR cleans,  
4-10:30 am, Soup Stop  
7-9:30 am, Worship/Children's Church  
    Adult Sunday School after worship  
8-6:30 pm, Bible Study  
10-6:30 pm, Board Meeting  
11-10:30 am, Soup Stop  
    5:30 pm, Choir  
14-9:30 am, Worship/Children's Church  
    Adult Sunday School after worship  
15-6:30 pm, Bible Study  
16-1:30 pm PPR,  
    1:30 pm, Evangelism  
    2:00 pm, Stewardship  
17- 9:30 am, CCAR cleans  
    DOC Cluster, noon in Paris  
    6:30 pm, Vision Planning  
18-10:30 am, Soup Stop  
    5:30 pm, Choir  
    7:00 pm, CWF  
21-9:30 am, Worship/Children's Church  
    Brunch after Worship  
    4:00 pm, Cougill Manor  
22- 6:30 pm, Bible Study  
25- 10:30 am, Soup Stop  
    5:30 pm, Choir  
28-9:30 am, Worship/Children's Church  
    **Birthday Sunday**  
    Holy Hands Puppets  
    Adult Sunday School follows Worship  
29-6:30 pm, Bible Study

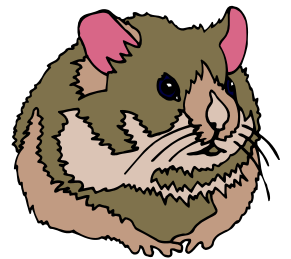


***Important Dates to Remember:***

September 14, 2013: Pet Blessing, 10 am

October 11-12, 2013: Church Yearbook pictures. We will be calling to schedule appointments.

September 28, 2014: Homecoming and Mortgage Burning!



**COFFEE/JUICE FELLOWSHIP**

*Jackie James and Carolyn Etnire* are in charge of the coffee/juice fellowship for April..

**ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR April:**

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 April, the Elder of the Month is Stan Huffman, 345-6889 or 254-6887.

## Pocket Change Ministry for April

**Soup Stop!**

## **BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING** *(OPEN TO ALL)*

The next Board of Elders Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Please have **all reports** into the office **no later than Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



Coles County National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 from 7 am to 8:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Unique Suites Hotel on Lincoln Ave. in Charleston. The cost is \$15 per person. Pre-registration is required. Guest speaker for the event is Roy Lanman. Please see Pastor Sharon for tickets to the event.



## WOMENS FELLOWSHIP

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

## COUGILL MANOR

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

## NEXT HARBINGER

The next **Harbinger** will be **emailed/mailed** around April 29. Please have all items into the office *no later than the 24<sup>th</sup>*. Thank you.

## SERVING THE LORD FOR April

### WORSHIP LEADERS

7- Tarry James  
14-Jackie James  
21-Kevin James  
28-Mike Chron



### ELDERS

7-Tarry James/Tricia Briggerman  
14-Kaye Woodward/Jan Ernst  
21-Stan Huffman/Vicki Trueblood  
28-Gayle Strader/Mike Strader

## DIACONATE FOR April

### SERVE

Beverly Peters  
Kevin James  
Maggie Huffman  
Susie May

### PREPARE

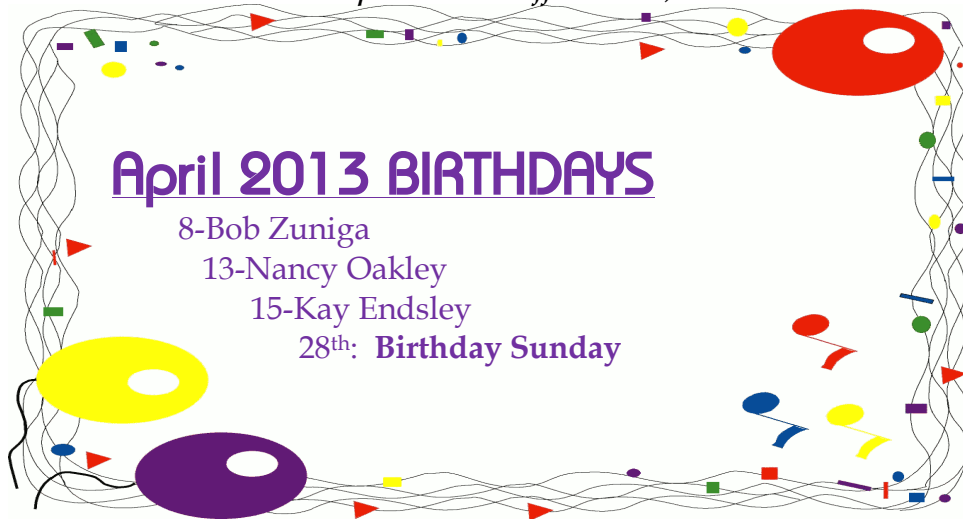
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### GREETERS & ACOLYTES

Kevin James  
Susie May  
Kristyn Haworth, Emily Zuniga  
Joey Upton

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



**April 14-Jan and Garry Ernst**



happy anniversary



- 1---CCAR cleans
- 2---National Day of Prayer Breakfast
  - 10:30 am Soup Stop,
  - 5:30 pm Choir,
- 5---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 6---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 8---6:30 pm Board meeting
- 9---10:30 am Soup Stop
  - 5:30 pm Choir
- 12---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 13---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 15---9:30 am CCAR cleans
  - 12 pm DOC cluster, Casey
  - 6:30 pm Elders Meeting
- 16---10:30 am Soup Stop
  - 5:30 pm Choir
  - 7:00 pm CWF
- 19---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church/Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 19---4:00 pm Cougill Manor
- 20---6:30 pm Bible Study
- 23---10:30 am Soup Stop
  - 5:30 pm Choir
- 26---9:30 am Worship/Children's Church w/Holy Hands Puppets  
Adult Sunday School following Worship
- 27---6:30 pm Memorial Day
- 30---10:30 am Soup Stop
  - 5:30 pm Choir

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*Join us every Sunday for Worship at 9:30 am*  
*Children's Church during Worship*  
*Office hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9- 3*

