

The Harbinger

South Side Christian
Church

March/April 2011



South Side Christian Church Grand Reopening and Rededication

April 3, 2011
10:30 AM

Refreshments and dessert reception to follow

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"Trains Of Thought" "WHY WE'RE HERE"



I have to admit to you ... for the past two-and-a-half years, as we endured the wilderness journey forced upon South Side Christian Church by the disastrous Munster Flood of '08, our main concerns were SURVIVAL and REBUILDING. Looking back on those two years, five months and nine days, I believe we all can agree that the Lord took care of us and blessed us in so many ways. And South Side has survived and has returned to a beautifully refurbished facility.

But our main purpose is NOT so much about survival and reconstruction, as it is about the events we witnessed on Sunday morning, March 6th, or on Thursday evening, March 10th. On Sunday morning, our new baptistry was used for the first time as we witnessed the immersions of MIKE LITWILLER and KEN DRAKE at the conclusion of our Worship service. On Thursday evening RON GRANT of Lansing was immersed, the event being witnessed by our Thursday evening "Fitness and Exercise Bunch". Mike and Ken have worshipped with us for quite a while, and we are thrilled about and celebrate their "coming to the Lord" through the ministry of South Side, and the blessing that they are to us.

Ron's story is equally thrilling. Most of his life has been spent in "the Military", and he has settled in Lansing, where he has attended a denominational church.

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Points of Interest

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
- Christian Education Classes
- Rummage Sale
- Family Fitness

In his travels in the service, he came in contact at times with Christian churches and churches of Christ and with the New Testament teaching regarding baptism by immersion. He had approached the minister of the church he has been attending, stating that he wished to be immersed, and was told that "the church does not baptize by immersion". That's when he began an internet search for Christian churches and he found us. We exchanged e-mail messages through the day on Tuesday, we met at the church office on Wednesday afternoon, and Ron was immersed on Thursday evening!

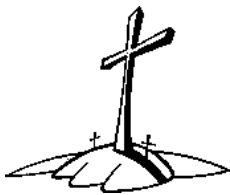
And THAT, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, IS WHY WE'RE HERE! Yes, we want to worship the Lord faithfully; to grow in the Lord individually and as a body of believers, and to be a Family of God serving Him in this place. But we're here first and foremost to "seek and save the lost" – to be available to help any and all to KNOW and OBEY JESUS CHRIST and point them to our HOPE FOR ETERNITY!!

Another interesting thought: Mike and Ken do have deep roots in the South Side family already. For Ron, his spiritual journey may continue elsewhere. As he was being baptized, I thought about evangelist Philip and the Ethiopian official whom he baptized in the desert (Acts 8:26-39). After baptizing the man, Philip was "caught away" by the Holy Spirit, and the men never saw each other again. The eunuch "went on his way rejoicing", while Philip was found elsewhere, pursuing others for the Lord.

And ... THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

Yours in His Love and Service, Mike

P.S.: If you'll help us have 500 IN CHURCH FOR EASTER, I'll happily spend that night on the Church roof!! Are you up to that challenge?! Invite friends/neighbors now!!



**GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE
April 22nd
7:00 - 7:45 pm**



**EASTER SERVICE
Sunday, April 24
10:30 am**

Sympathies of the church extended:

To the family of Boyd MIsner upon his passing on Thursday, January 20, 2011

To the family of Doris Maurer upon her passing on February 14, 2011.

To Debbie Burrell and family upon the passing of her sister, Mary Jane Szany on Tuesday, March 1, 2011



Teen Volleyball

The 2011 season of Christian Youth Volleyball has concluded and it was another exciting season. South Side fielded three teams who all did extremely well and improved over the course of the season. We would like to especially recognize South Side Elite who took first place in the regular season. At the year-end banquet three south side teens were honored with Christian Leadership Awards. The award is given to one player on each team who demonstrates Christ like leadership both on and off the volleyball court. This years winners are: Alexis Jordan, Alex "Pinky" Stookey, and Cheyanne Powell. Congratulations to all the players and coaches for a safe and exciting season. I'd like to especially recognize our coaches: Heather Paprstein, Chuck and Diane Kowalski, and Jim Beshears for their service. I'd also like to thank the others who helped and sacrificed for the volleyball program: Tom Fornicari, Kelly Albright, Pam and Paul Fordyce, and everybody else who contributed.

Easter Flower Fundraiser

The Teens of SSCC will be selling flowers to decorate our auditorium for Easter week. Flowers can be purchased in the church atrium before and after church services. The selection is: Lilies 5-8 Blooms- \$15

Double stem lilies- \$25

4 Mums- \$15

Tulips- \$15

Hyacinths- \$15

Azaleas- \$25



Flowers will be delivered Easter week to SSCC and can be taken home following services Easter Sunday. Flowers not taken claimed after Easter will be discarded. Flower purchases can be made in honor of, or in memory of a special loved one. A list of honorees will be published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin and in the next Harbinger.

DONATIONS NEEDED For Easter Egg Hunt

We are collecting candy to fill the plastic eggs. Please bring the candy to the atrium and place it in the display giraffe. Monetary donations can be made by using a pew envelope and marking it Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23

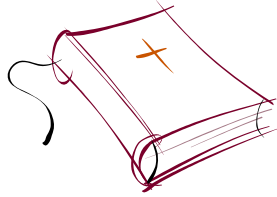
9:00 am - 12:00

- **Photo with the Easter Bunny**
Bring your camera and take a photo of your child with the Easter Bunny.
- **Doughnuts/Juice/Milk**
- **Craft**
- **Easter Egg Hunt**

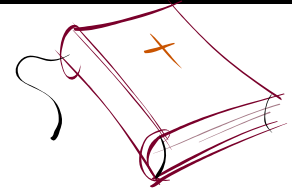


DONATIONS NEEDED

We want to fill our NEW Pop machine located in the gym. Please give Pepsi Products Cans: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mt Dew, Sprite, Dr. Peppers, Root Beer, etc. Proceeds to benefit the youth department.



**SUNDAY MORNING
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
9:00 AM**



The **Christian Friendship Class** is continuing to study the International Sunday School Curriculum, which is a broad survey of the entire Bible. We are made up of all ages, and our goal is to have open discussions which relate the Scripture to our lives today. All opinions are welcome, but you do not need to feel pressured to talk. We also participate in many activities beyond our Sunday morning meetings, and enjoy working in the church kitchen, attending concerts, and supporting one another in many other ways. Jeff and Kathy Hayden lead the weekly discussions.

This group is meeting in Room 18

ROOTS..

Sometimes our lives seem powerless. Not so for the people of the early church. Jesus transformed them and they transformed the world. The book of Acts is the extraordinary record of what they did. For the next 24 weeks, we will be studying the book to learn how the early church was established, how it operated and what it accomplished. The class is open to all ages and meets in the office at 9:00 am on Sunday. For more information, contact Jack or Vickie Thomas at 219-365-1602.

Deaf Sunday School will be lead by Phil Choate and several of the deaf church members. American Sign language is used to communications in this class.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact Phil Choate 845-1806

Or Fred DeVries 322-2828

This group is meeting in Room 19

Seekers Class moderator, Don Childers, for adults and seniors. A lecture/discussion method -very relaxed atmosphere where everyone can participate. It is your class. We are traveling through the Bible - presently in the book of Ephesians. The Bible is the standard but we also use many reference books including but not limited to commentaries from V McGee and W. Wiersbe the Bible Almanac and the internet Bible Explorer I.

This group is meeting in Room 4

The **WWJD Class** is led by Tim Tucker. Come and check it out. It will be a discussion class related to various books.

This group is meeting in Room 21 (choir room)

"SURVEY OF THE ENTIRE BIBLE"

Pastor's Class — Where did it come from? Who wrote it? What does it mean to us today?

These and countless other questions will be explored in this study group.

Led by our Senior Minister, Mike Gillespie, this study will cover the entire Bible. Sometimes a discussion group, occasionally a lecture and maybe even a video presentation. You'll visit Genesis through Revelation, and a little about what came before and what might come after.

This group is meeting in Room 17



HAPPENINGS...

Loyal Friends
 Fourth Wednesday
 of each month
 12:00 Noon
 Call Ruth Mann (219) 932-9085
 for details

Ruth Group
 First Thursday of the month
 12:00 Noon
 Call Leona Parsley
 219- 844-8611 for details

**Ladies Tuesday
 Morning
 Bible Studies**

10:00 am
 Laura Carpenter
 (844-6020)
 for location and details
 9:00 am
 Room 14
 Vanessa Nolen for info
 219- 219-440-7068



Kara Ladies Group
 Next meeting - Brenda Gillespie
 April 4 (first Monday of every month)
 7:30 pm
 Any questions call Diana Gilbert, 219-836-923-0211



South Side's Fitness Night

Every Thursday from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

We have: Volleyball! Walking! Jogging! A Personal Trainer's work-out routine! Stretching! Self-Defense! Join us for a night of sweat and socializing fun!

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 from The Message translation, "You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred—and you, remember, are the temple."

For more information, contact Dave or Vanessa Nolen at (219) 440-7068.

We look forward to seeing you there!"

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Beginning April 6 thru May 25th
"Return to Mayberry"

Andy Griffith Series

Mike Gillespie, Senior Minister will be leading the discussion.
Light Refreshments served at the conclusion of each study.

Child care will be provided.



Wednesday Evening College Bible Study

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Rooms 12 & 13

An intense discussion of the book of James.

Chicagoland Christian Village (CCV) Auxiliary -

**CHICAGOLAND CHRISTIAN
VILLAGE AUXILIARY
STYLE SHOW AND LUNCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 3
AT AVALON MANOR**



1:00 — 4:00 PM

For tickets see Gwen Campbell, Bernie Thomas or Bonnie Johnson

Cost is \$25.00

We are looking for someone like you to

- Coordinate the Church's Directory Project
- Coordinate In Between Service Fellowship Program
- Coordinate Wednesday Evening Refreshments/Dinner Fellowship

Let us know your interest by marking your connection card so we can get these new programs underway!

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



The date has been set for Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April 30
Call Brenda Gillespie 923-5336 to arrange a drop off or save your things and bring them to church between Sunday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 27 between 9:00 am - 5:15 pm

FACTS AND FIGURES

Total Attendance and weekly tithes and offerings statement for January, February, March (to date)

Jan	Attend	Tithes/offerings
16	199	\$7,983.66
23	301	\$6,675.86
30	291	\$8,739.75

Feb	Attend	Tithes/offerings
6	223	\$8,609.90
13	232	\$7,504.45
20	195	\$5,454.95
27	201	\$5,770.97

Mar	Attend	Tithes/offerings
6	180	\$7,016.25
13	198	\$7,822.30

YEAR END FINANCE REPORTS

Finance reports will be available April 15th.

The reports will show the account balances as of March 31 and income and expense reports for the year 2010. The reports will be available on top of the mailbox located in the atrium. If you have any questions regarding the reports please do not hesitate to speak to a finance team members.

Finance Team Members are: Ruth Mann, Paul Burrell, and Jeff Hayden

ex officio members are Mike Gillespie, Cheryl Martin

Birthday greetings..



Alissa Kowalski 03/16
 Matthew Paulauski 03/17
 Diana Gilbert 03/18
 Frederick DeVries 03/19
 Courtney Albright 03/21
 Carol Lear 03/22
 Max Specyal 03/23
 Faye Reasor 03/24
 Michael Terzich 03/26
 Catherine Rodda 03/27
 Dianne Kowalski 03/30
 Andrea Swindle 03/31
 Mary Ann Durta 03/31

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David Nolen 04/01
 Nichole Anderson 04/03
 Gary Swindle 04/04
 Georgia Tapper 04/04
 Pamela Schulp 04/04
 Cooper Weber 04/06
 Daniel Paulauski 04/06
 James Beshears 04/06
 Robert Gephart 04/06
 Nicole Campbell 04/07
 Julie Paulauski 04/09
 Martha Poirier 04/10
 Miles Moore 04/11
 Leona Parsley 04/12
 Paul Dean Kessler 04/13
 Brett Kessler 04/14
 Joyce Melton 04/14

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Mike Paprstein 04/14
 Paul Burrell 04/15
 Kim Alyea 04/17
 Vanessa Nolen 04/18
 Jared Stookey 04/21
 Bill Summers 04/22
 John Hamlin 04/22
 Becky Seligman 04/23
 Sandra Burger 04/23
 Carol Byrd 04/24
 Jordan Cooper 04/24
 Ann Tirpak 04/25
 Nina Drake 04/25
 Helen Matthews 04/28
 Marina Burrell 04/30

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH READING PROGRAM 2011 - 2014

Each month, a book of the Bible is designated as selected reading. Mike's Sunday messages will be drawn from these Book of the Month selections (with possible exceptions on special occasions).

Reading participants will also be tracked, designating their reading of the Book of the Month by indicating it on their weekly connection card or by calling the church office.

SO... LET THE Reading continue ...

Reading Selections for 2011

March	I & II Kings
April	Hebrews
May	Ezra/Nehemiah/Esther
June	I & II Thessalonians/Titus/Philemon
July	Psalms 1-50
August	Gospel of Mark
September	Psalms 51-100
October	Proverbs
November	Psalms 101-150
December	Revelation



Help the Planet & Help Raise Funds

South Side Christian Church's Kara Ladies Group is conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used consumer electronics and unwanted, broken or mismatched jewelry. Your used item(s) may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. The proceeds will help fund Kara's Missions and Benevolence projects. We are currently collecting the following items:

Cell Phones	Laptop Computers
Digital Cameras	Digital Video Cameras
Radar Detectors	Electronic Book Readers
Inkjet Cartridges	Gold, Silver & Platinum Jewelry
MP3 Players	Handheld Game Systems
GPS Devices	

Please drop off any items you would like to recycle in the box in the atrium.

This will be an ongoing collection.

We greatly appreciate your support!

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South Side Christian Church

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OUR MISSION

To glorify the living God by multiplying ourselves through the demonstration of Christ's love; bringing each person into a meaningful relationship with the SSCC family; establishing each member as a life long student of God's Word; and preparing and commissioning each family member for service

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JAM

(Jesus and Me)

April 16, 2011

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

All musicians and singers we will enjoy some music, a short devotion, prayer time and some light refreshments.

The first Saturday of May, June, July, and August we will open this session to everyone.

**South Side Christian
Preschool**

is now taking registrations for the 2011-2012 school year! Please call 836-2455 for more information and be sure to tell your friends!

