

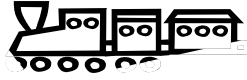


The February HARBINGER

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February 2012

Trains of Thought;

“I’M ALWAYS UP FOR SOMETHING NEW!”



I have to admit, the first time I heard that statement, I thought it sounded kinda odd, especially given the fact that it was uttered by a lady well into her seventies. We were in a group discussing the possibility of whitewater rafting on a river in East Tennessee—she had never had the opportunity to do something like that and she was all for it! Fortunately or unfortunately, “cooler heads prevailed” and the group decided on a more sedate activity instead—probably best for all concerned, though I still think the rafting trip would have been “way cool”.

There have been times over the course of my 44 plus years in ministry that I’ve witnessed people and churches being “up for something new”, and receiving great blessings as a result. The opposite has also been true on numerous occasions—the old “we’ve never done it that way before” syndrome. Fortunately or unfortunately, blessings have been received or avoided, depending on the perspective...

All of which brings us to my point if YOU are “up for something new”, I’d like to make you aware of several current possibilities this Winter at South Side Christian Church. And I encourage you to participate in any and all of them!

- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is a program designed and presented by nationally known financial guru/radio personality Dave Ramsey. Obviously we live in challenging financial times, and South Side’s Elders wish to offer this course of study as a service to our members and the public at large. Details on the side of this article. ⇒⇒
- **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY, LED BY** Richard Schulp, is launching during January. The group will meet at Richard’s and Pam home, 2003 Porte De Leau Court No 207, here in Munster. Meetings are Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm (see Activities Calendar)
- **MEN’S MINISTRY LAUNCH**, Saturday morning February 11th at 8:00 am in the atrium. The elders and ministers wish to invite all men and young men of South Side to breakfast for a time of fellowship and a brief devotion. The intent is to build a fun, active and profitable fellowship for and among our men.
- **THE WONDER YEARS** Midweek Bible Study, based on the popular TV series of that name. This Study meets at the Church at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. AS this is written, we’ve had one session already and in the words of one attendee “we’ve had more discussion that we had in all of the previous Bible Study series”.

So I invite you to tap into your “I’m Always Up For Something Different” gene and join in any and all of these opportunities for fellowship, study and learning!

Yours in His Love and Service, Mike

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

We will begin the classes on Wednesday, March 14, from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm. *Financial Peace University* classes meet for two hours each week for 13 weeks, during which time the average family pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700.

Registration

The first lesson is totally free! All you have to do is register to attend by marking the back of your connection card. Your class coordinator will be available immediately after the free lesson if you wish to purchase your family membership and attend the full course. Family memberships cost \$100 and include all class materials

Anyone interested in the course and needing assistance to pay the \$100.00 fee will need to see an Elder.

Elders:

Dan Chapman
Don Childers
Lynne Cowan
Jeff Hayden
Jack Thomas



Sign Language Class

6:00 to 7:30 pm In Room 3

Taught by Martin Dych, Deaf Minister



ADULT SMALL GROUP

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

at Pam & Rich Schulp's home

2003 45th Street Condo 207

Highland, IN 219-484-3615



Kara Ladies Group

First Monday of the Month - February 6th

Rhonda Gephart s 222 Beacon Pl., Munster IN

7:15 pm



Tuesdays Morning Traveling

Ladies Bible Studies 10:00 am



Join us ladies as we meet in our homes to study His Word. For questions and to find where we are meeting for the week call Laura 844-6020.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 pm in Room 3

For details call Vanessa Nolen at 219-440-7068

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(see front page for details)



TUESDAY'S LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Afternoon at 12:00 pm .

For details call Vanessa Nolen at 219-440-7068

Ladies, come join us and learn more about OUR AWESOME SAVIOR!



Loyal Friends

4th WEDNESDAY of each month

Bring a sack lunch - Dessert and drinks provided 12:00 Noon

For details call Ruth Mann 932-9085



SENIOR SAINTS

February 14th

12:00 Noon

"Music from the Heart"

Jimboo's Catering \$5.00 & \$2.00 Member Donation



"THE WONDER YEARS"

Wednesday Evening

Bible Study based on the TV series
6:30 pm Classroom #17



Ruth Group

1st Thursday of each month 12:00 Noon

Call Leona Parsley 219- 844-8611 for details



South Side's Fitness Night

Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Tuesday night fitness features

- Self - defense Kenpo style 1st hour
- Shape up fitness with a personal trainer 2nd hour



South Side's Fitness Night

Thursdays from 6:00 - 9 :00 pm

Self - defense Kenpo style 1st hour

Fitness with a trainer 2nd hour

Volleyball 3rd hour





What's up with the TVs in the youth room?

I see the looks we get when some adults have come into our youth room. They see the multiple flat screens and the gaming systems and they grimace. I can read their faces, "What a giant waste of money!" - And going by some conservative old standards I understand the feelings. I too have thought, "Like we need more kids watching TV and playing more video games. Isn't that part of the problem with today's youth culture?" I think it's important to understand who we are and what we do. The flat screens weren't a happy accident or a decision to surrender to the baser mediums of this world. It was an intentional direction we took to be relevant and interesting to the teens in our community. When we returned to 1000 Broadmoor as a church it meant that this building was going to once again be our base of ministry operations for the foreseeable future. That means that our church, for better or worse, is the tool we have to use to reach teens. The better: Our gym is a very useable space which can be utilized for many sports leagues and activities. The worse: Our "teen rooms" are too small for effective youth outreach. And anything that is put in the gym needs to be portable and moved almost daily.

Here are some simple and true facts:

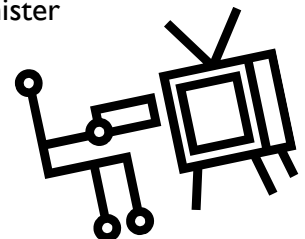
- ◆ Kids need more room than adults. For proper education young people require almost twice the space that adults need. Adults fit very well in a tight classroom setting, while teens check out mentally and avoid classrooms at all costs. I know students sit in classrooms every week day, but notice that effective teachers always creatively arrange their useable space. And of course kids have no choice in going to school. Teens do have a choice where they will spend their Sunday and Wednesday evenings.
- ◆ SSCC has no real space needed for relational teen ministry. If you were to visit the other growing teen ministries in Munster and in the surrounding areas you will see: pool tables, Ping-Pong tables, café style seating, internet hot spots for socialization and study, and of course video game centers. It's really cool to see churches who have converted their old sanctuaries into big open spaces for the teen ministries. I remember agonizing over whether to put a pool table in

the newly restored youth room. Yes the teens use it weekly, but it literally took up half of my usable space in the youth room. These are the challenges facing us in the future. We inherited a room that we were already too big for. I'm so very thankful for our building and to have the space we have, but we have to work with what we have.

- ◆ Video games and movie nights are the best use of our space and allow teens to invite their friends. Our Gamers Lounge "video game nights" draw between 20-30 new teens every month. We don't have the facilities to reach this percentage of new teens any other way. Video games are a passion of so many teens, yet the maintenance and storage of the equipment is very small. Themed movie nights accomplish the same goals with little space needed. This year we will be able to host the Super Bowl in our youth room. That will allow kids to invite friends to watch the big game and still use other rooms for board games and even utilize the kitchen and gym. This opens up the possibilities for making Super Bowl Sunday one of our biggest youth outreach nights of the year.
- ◆ Our student leaders have been able to take responsibility overseeing these ministries. God gives you the people to do ministry. Our teens love video games and they are excited about using their interest to reach their friends and bring them into the church.

I am so thankful for the other adult groups who also saw the potential of the video game ministry and donated funds to make it happen. If we use what we have in creative ways to reach people and bring them into our church, then we can grow and be a dynamic youth ministry.

Steve Clark, Youth Minister



February Birthdays

Marie Beard 2
 Mary Beard 2
 Christine Barnes 5
 Patti Barnes 6
 Paul Anderson 8
 Hannah Brokaw 9
 Letha Hoogewerf 9
 Courtney Misdorn 10
 Madison Specyal 10
 Mary Quinn 10
 Richard Moore 10
 Brandon Burgess 11
 Sarah Runyan 11
 Lyla Hanak 12
 Aaron Beshears 14
 Howard Funston 14

Betty Haag 15
 Jean Miniuk 16
 Lynn Terzich 16
 Danielle Moore 17
 Larry Gephart 20
 Molly Tan 20
 Harold Juregensen 21
 Myron Larimer 23
 Mark Breschock 24
 Vickie Brown 26
 Ruth Austin 27
 Glenn Tarvin 28



BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH READING PROGRAM

Make a new years resolution to
 begin reading with us now.

Reading Selections for 2012

February I & II Timothy
 March Book of Job
 April Book of James

Remember, we track your readings and will
 acknowledge your participation at the end of the
 year. Mark your connection card each month or call
 the church office 219-836-2110



Finance Facts

Attendance and weekly tithes and offerings

Date	Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
December 4	264	\$11,560.38
December 11	210	\$ 6,432.50
December 18	240	\$ 9,147.33
December 25	228	\$8,363.65
January 1	219	\$ 7,342.00
January 8	211	\$ 7,980.66
January 15	260	\$ 6,799.22

Spaghetti DINNER



Dear Friends,
 I would like to invite you
 to take part in South Side
 Christian Church's Teen
 Spaghetti Dinner on
 Sunday, February 12.

Sitting times are 12:00 pm (noon), 4:00 pm,
 5:15 pm, and 6:30 pm. This dinner is FREE!
 All we ask is that you bring some extra
 cash for a possible tip if your meal service
 is acceptable. Our teens will be serving as
 your waiters/waitresses for the evening.
 This event will coincide with our Bible
 study unit "Serving Others." All monies
 earned will be used for upcoming youth
 trips.

Please call S.S.C.C. at 836-2110 if you have
 any questions. Thank you for taking time to
 support our kids and helping them learn
 the importance of service.

Steve Clark, Youth Minister

Menu:

All you can eat Spaghetti
 Salad
 Brownie Dessert



South Side Christian Preschool

We are beginning registration for the 2012-2013
 preschool. Please call 219-836-2455 or email
 sscpreschool@yahoo.com. We have two classes.
 The 2-day class is for children 3 years of age and
 meets Tuesday and Thursday 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
 Our pre-kindergarten class meets Monday,
 Wednesday, Friday 8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
 Sharon Zenos, Preschool Director/Teacher

TEEN HANDBELL PRACTICE
Sunday, February 26
FROM 2:15 pm - 3:45 pm



Kara Rummage Sale

Did you make a new year's resolution to clean your closets? House? Basement? Attic? This is where we can help. Kara Ladies Group have scheduled an ALL CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 27 and Saturday,
April 28.

We will begin collecting the
week of April 22nd

at the church gym.



90th Birthday Party

For Laura Carpenter

Mark your calendars

Sunday, March 11 after church

her children invite you to lunch.



UPCOMING

2012 South Side Saturday Scrap

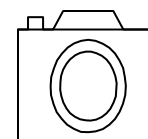
April 21, July 21, & October 20

8:00 am - 8:00 pm in the Atrium

\$20 for the day

Price includes:

- 1/2 table work area
(full tables available for \$10 more)
- continental breakfast
- light lunch
- dinner



\$5 donation to support SSCC children's ministry

Get your pictures out of the shoeboxes and into albums where they belong! All are welcome from beginners to addicts. Bring your photos and your friends. Please sign-up with Vickie Thomas at the Welcome Center

For the three Sundays prior to each date

Or call 219.365.1602 to save your spot.

A \$10 deposit is required.

Chicagoland Christian Village Auxiliary

February Membership Month

\$5.00 per family

May give monies to Bernie Thomas,

Bonnie Johnson, or Gwen Campbell

Thank you for purchasing flowers
South Side Youth Group

In Memory of	From
Dave & Earlene Cornelison	Sharon Atkinson
Sue Chapman	Dan & Glenna Chapman
Lucille M Summers	Karen L Kus
Neal Jay	Rich & Mary Jay
Jane Moberly	Rich & Mary Jay
Dale Moberly	Rich & Mary Jay
Michael & Opal Croyle	Ruth Mann
Thelma Hepker/Tyler Mann	Ruth Mann
Deceased Loved Ones	Paul & Deborah Burrell
Edith Turner	Donna Solecki
Darrell T. Dorris	Francis Dorris
Lionel Lear	Nancy Lear
June Bliss / Marceline Morse	Steve Morse Family
A flower purchased by Alissa Kowalski	
In Honor of Muriel Wiersbe	Karen Coleman

HOW TO CONTACT OUR MISSIONARIES

1. Intersivity Christian Fellowship
Amy Devries email address is
agdv26@gmail.com.
2. Christian Service Center -
Elroy Leach, Director
e-mail address is: elroymleach@aol.com ;
3. Campus Crusade
Tony & Marina Burrell Kiro Krstevski Plantnick
No 23 1000 Skopje Macedonia
tonyandmarinaburrell@gmail.com
4. Mark Pike, Ball State Campus Minister
mark@ballstatecampushouse.org
5. Calumet Deaf Ministries
Check their page on South Sides' website
southsidedtoday.org

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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.

Dear South Side Family,
Thank you so much for your kind remembrance of our mom with the floral tribute sent for her funeral. We were gratified and touched also to see so many old friends at the visitation. We were pleased to receive memorial gifts for the church and would like the enclosed funds, used to help with the building restoration project. You continue to bless us with our ministry. I pray for your witness to every remain a blessing in the NW Indiana Community, IN Christ, Joni Sullivan Baker for the family of Agnes Sullivan

It is with a thankful heart, we send this to all of our SSCC family. From Mike's many daily hospital visits to his prayers with us before service and the great message for Mom, we are thankful. For all the calls, visits, and cards received, the beautiful cross, to Gwen Campbell and her wonder volunteers who set up

a beautiful fellowship hall and the delicious food they served, we are thankful. The blessings were plentiful for all the Winkler Clan. It was great to be back at SS for services December 11 enjoyed seeing you all. With much love, we remain, Jack & Rose Mary Winkler. May 2012 find blessings abound for SSCC. (Winkler Christmas letter is posted on the bulletin board outside the office).

Dear South Side Christian Church,
Thank you for your expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. We really appreciated your help in coordinating the dinner. Everything went to smoothly. Also, the flowers you sent were beautiful. We would also like to thank the church family for their support through kinds words and numerous cards. Thank you again, Ruth Jones and Family.

Thank you for visiting my mother, Catherine Rodda. I appreciate everything the church family does for her. I know how much she appreciates the visits. Since I live in Goshen, it means so much to me that others visit her. Sincerely, Carole Evans

Dear South Siders:
The Staff wishes to thank the church and all who contributed to the generous Christmas gift presented to us on December 18th! Your generosity is most definitely appreciated.

Your Staff,
Mike Gillespie, Steve Clark,
Cheryl Martin, Audrey Tucker