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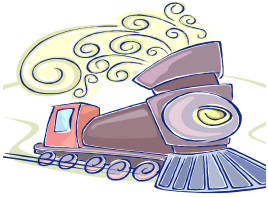


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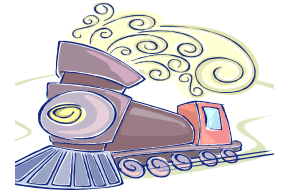
THE HARBINGER
South Side
Christian Church
September 2011

"Trains of Thought"

September 2010



SCENES OF DESPAIR – SIGNS OF HOPE



As we pause to acknowledge the ten-year anniversary of the infamous terrorist attacks that brought down the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon, we cannot avoid replaying those horrific scenes.

Surely, you remember them: thousands of frightened workers streaming toward safety; trapped workers sensing their own doom leaping to their deaths; brave firemen rushing into the chaos, many never to return; debris clouds swirling through the manmade canyons as the Twin Towers collapsed.

How could this happen in America? And why?

The answers to those questions are terribly complex, and also profoundly simple. Evil exists in this world and there are evil people who live to advance it upon others, even by self-destructive means. Further, as harsh and unpopular as it may appear, there are times when the Lord may use such events to command our attention. In the few weeks following September 11, 2001, it seemed that our nation was ready to listen. Ten years later, it's apparent that any listening was temporary ...

Nevertheless, there are some puzzling positives – puzzling in that you would think we would be hearing more about them. In recent days, we've been shown a few images of progress being made on new structures rising from Ground Zero. The fleeting photos that I saw indicate strikingly beautiful buildings that will revitalize the New York skyline once more. To my "used-to-wanna-be" architectural mind, they'll be visually much more pleasing and memorable than the Twin Towers ever were – but what a price was paid for them to become reality!!!

Maybe you can see where I'm headed with this ...

God created a beautiful world and capped off His efforts by making US. What a tremendous place and privilege Adam and Eve had: they had a perfect home to live in; they didn't have to worry about the latest fashions (or taxes or rent); and they got to take a walk with God every afternoon!! We know the story too well: through choices they made, Satan crashed the party, sin entered the created realm and their close personal fellowship with God was lost.

At just the right time, according to the Bible, God personally entered this chaotic world in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. He "took the hit" for us; paid the ransom for us and built for us the Best and Only Way to God by His own broken body and shed blood. That avenue is still available to all, and it leads to the "New Heaven and New earth, the home of righteousness" II Peter 3:13

As we recall the infamous 9/11 this September 11th, let's also remember THAT!

Yours in His Service and Love,
Mike

P.S. – REMEMBER SOUTH SIDE'S "HERO DAY" Morning Worship, September 11th!
Also remember our September "Saturday Night J.A.M.," September 10th, 7:00 PM.

Y'al come and bring friends!!"

SSCC Happenings

SENIOR SAINTS

September 13, 2011
12:00 noon

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Hot Dogs and drinks
provided - please bring
your favorite dish to share.



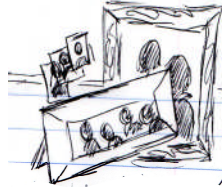
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Bring a small gift (ie. lotion,
pen, white elephant) in a
paper bag marked man,
woman, or either

Kara Ladies Group
Monday, September 12th
At Tammi Redlarczyk
634 Wellington
Dyer IN 46311
7:30 pm

Ruth Group
1st Thursday of each month
12:00 Noon
Call Leona Parsley
219- 844-8611 for details

Loyal Friends
WEDNESDAY, September 28th
Bring a sack lunch
Dessert and drinks provided
12:00 Noon
For details call Ruth Mann 932-9085



OLAN MILLS' DIRECTORY FOR SOUTH SIDE A 'PICTURE OF SUCCESS'

After nearly five weeks of preparations, three weeks of actual photography scheduling, and seven full days of priming and posing, we are ready to 'pack up' the new South Side Directory and send it off for processing and printing. Chairman of the committee, Bob Stookey, reports that nearly 140 different singles, staff members, couples, family units, children's poses, and multi-generational gatherings will be processed and included in our new directory, due around Thanksgiving.

What a great boon it will be to our personal ministries as well as corporate church outreach as we view the church family in our new, three-ring binder format. Beside providing all of our family bios and lots of room to add extra material about each other, we will also be able to add new members' photos every three months as they join the family (instead of waiting for the whole process to be redone every five years as in the past)

The actual process didn't seem to be that much of a task due largely in part to the extreme professionalism exhibited by the Olan Mills company. Naturally, thanks are included for the 'subjects' as they reported on time and in such photogenic array. And, of course, the added assistance from these delightful volunteers who helped us out with the day-to-day operations made everything flow as smooth as silk. Thanks again to Vanessa Nolen, Heather Paprstein for helping with the organizing, and to Ellen Haag, Ruth Mann and Gwen Campbell for manning the tables of registration each day. Special thanks to my wife, Suellen, for her patience in dealing with me as I 'lived' this whole project from beginning to end.

Robert Stookey

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Studies

10:00 am
Laura Carpenter
(844-6020)
for location and details

9:00 am
Vanessa Nolen for info
219-440-7068

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GREETERS LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
IMMEDIATELY AFTER
WORSHIP SERVICE



YOUTH MATTERS

By Steve Clark, Youth Minister

Last year as our teen Bible study was going through Genesis I really enjoyed studying about the names God used in the ancient texts. As God reveals himself to his people and he begins his covenant with Israel, the stories really made a big impression on me. I thought to myself, "these texts would make a great sermon series one day." So when I discovered that I would be preaching the month of September I knew exactly what I would be talking about. Although our Bible reading plan will stay in Psalms throughout September, I'll be doing a short series in Genesis and Exodus. Our Timothy in training, Jeff DeVries, will be preaching in the book of Psalms on September 25. Jeff is finishing up his final year at Lincoln Christian University, and I've asked him to fill in for me while I'm away on our Teen Fall Breakaway.

Semper Fi, God is always faithful

As our students go away for the Fall Breakaway on September 24-25, our theme for the weekend will be "faithfulness". We will be using the military theme Semper Fi, which of course means "Always Faithful", and it is the motto of the Marine Corps. I was working on a military theme retreat centered around spiritual warfare, but the concept of "Faithfulness" really speaks to our current youth culture. We will have three main sessions centering around these themes: God is faithful to us, We need to be faithful to God, and we need to be faithful to each other. I have also taken it upon myself to invite some other smaller youth groups in our area to come with us on the Fall Breakaway. I feel compelled to do more for the area youth groups that may not be able to go on their own retreats due to size and budgets. So far I've invited four other youth groups to join us. I'm very excited about the upcoming Fall Breakaway!

Here are five things you can do to help our students as we prepare for this trip:

1. Prayer for the weekend. Please pray for safety, good weather, and for the teens to raise the needed money for the weekend.
2. You could send some pop and snack donations with us for the weekend.
3. Encourage the teens you know to go on this meaningful and fun weekend.
4. Contact me if you have any projects you would be willing to pay a teen to do at your home or business. We do have fundraisers but some families need extra help, especially if they are sending multiple kids on the trip. Our kids are very good at yard work, painting, babysitting, and cleaning.
5. If you are able, you could donate money for a student to attend the retreat. The weekend costs \$95 per person. Although we are committed to the kids raising their own cash, specific needs arise every year. Please contact me if you can help with a child's retreat costs. Or you can donate anonymously by putting a marked envelope in the Sunday offering plate.



High School Burger Bash & Car Smash

Teen Fall Kickoff - September 11
6-12 grade

4:30 pm at South Side Christian Church

Smash the Car!

Outdoor fun, games, and volleyball!

Root beer kegs!!! Invite friends!

Donations needed: chips, pop, snacks, desserts,
lawn games!

FALL BREAKAWAY

September 24 and 25 we will return to Lake James Christian Assembly for our annual Fall Breakaway. Here's five reasons you should send your child this year!

1. Dan Lemmonier, the youth director at Westminster Presbyterian Church, will be our featured speaker.
2. Fun on the lake.
3. It's the perfect overnight trip.
4. In case of rain it's still a fun weekend
5. It's only 95 dollars. That covers: transportation, 4 meals, lodging, a trip shirt, all camp activities. Fundraising is available.

I hope you start making plans now to send your student on our Fall Breakaway!

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Beta Sigma Chi Teen Small Groups
begins Sunday, September 11
6:00 - 7:00 pm
*9-12 graders can eat out after!

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Beta Sigma Chi Teen Bible Study
begins Wednesday nights
5:00 - 6:00 pm
September 14th

Volunteers needed..

In the nursery and preschool children's area at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. Please sign up on your connection card or call Glenna Chapman, Nursery Coordinator, at 219-836-5031 and/or Patti Archie Barnes, Preschool Coordinator, at 219-742-7960.

Junior High Youth Group
6th through 8th graders
Wednesday nights
6:00 - 7:00 pm
begins September 14

KIDS CLUB

1st - 5th GRADERS
SUNDAY EVENINGS

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Will begin September 11th



TEEN HANDBELL PRACTICE
BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
FROM 2:15 pm —3:45 pm



Using your Talents and Time to Serve the Lord and Each Other

Sharing your talent and your passion with others is one of the best ways to de-stress and feel good about yourself. Have you ever noticed how great you feel when you have done a good deed for someone else - especially if you volunteered without the person asking? It is gratifying to be able to share a talent or a skill that you may perform well, with others. Working with others helps keep life in perspective. If others are struggling with a task that you find easy to accomplish, then lending a hand is benefitting both of you. When you share your talent, you find that it can be incredibly fulfilling.

Carpentry
 General Labor
 Electrician
 Plumber
 Office Help
 Computer

Child Care -- (Adult, Child)
 Tutor: Elementary, Middle School,
 High School

 i.e. math, science, reading
 Shopping
 Housekeeping

Lawn Care
 Time (date/time)

Name Email Telephone Talents Time

Complete the above information and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or place it in Diana Gilbert, Chairperson of the Deacons' mailbox in the atrium.



HANDMADE Gift Baskets by Marie October 14, 2011 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Come and support Marie Barrows and her new endeavor selling handmade Gift Baskets and handmade note cards. A portion of the sales will be donated to the Kara Ladies Group Mission Fund.

Come Scrapbook with the Munster Junior Woman's Club . Saturday, October 1st 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

This event is to raise money for charity. At South Side Christian Church A half-day, \$20.00 reservation includes lunch. A full – day, \$35.00 reservation, includes lunch and dinner. For registration form see Diana Kowalski or pick up one on the top of the mailboxes in the atrium.

Help the Planet & Help Raise Funds

South Side Christian Church's Kara Ladies Group is conducting a recycling fundraiser. We are currently collecting the following items: Please drop off any items you would like to recycle in the blue box in the atrium. We greatly appreciate your support!

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| 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 | |

Would you like to receive prayer requests?

You may do so by adding your name to the prayer chain email on the back of our connection card at Sunday morning service or contact the church office
 219-836-2110

Birthday greetings... **September Birthdays**

1 Richard Schulp
 7 Paul Fordyce
 Roselinda Cortez
 9 Cecile McFee
 Glenna Beshears
 10 Jacob Kowalski
 Nedra Bach
 Vickie Thomas
 12 Fred Martin
 13 Phillip Runyan

14 Clarence Tapper
 Creighton Kooy
 Emily Lozono
 Kenneth Parsley
 16 Adam Larimer
 18 Bessie Cloud
 19 Leona Thill
 21 Debbie Smith
 Grace Teeter

Lori Paulauski
 22 Alex Kessler
 George Paulauski
 Michael Bach
 23 Dan Greenya
 Maggie Kessler
 24 Mike Litwiller
 25 Al Morningstar
 Liz Green
 Mary Jane Green

27 David Barrows
 28 Dennis Stoneburner
 Haleigh Kay Brokaw
 29 Louise Anderson



BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH READING PROGRAM

SO... LET THE Reading continue ...

Reading Selections for remainder of 2011

September	Psalms 51-100
October	Proverbs
November	Psalms 101-150
December	Revelation

Remember we will track your readings and acknowledge your participation in January. Mark your connection card each month.

South Side's Fitness Nights

The times are :

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.
 Thursdays from 6:00 - 9 :00 pm
 Friday's from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday night fitness with a personal trainer

Thursday night fitness features

- Volleyball 1st hour,
- Shape up fitness all shapes and sizes with a personal trainer 2nd hour
- Self - defense Kenpo style 3rd hour.

Friday night features volleyball for adults and high school ages.

For more information see phone numbers in the bulletin.

We look forward to seeing you there!"

I Corinthians 3:16-17 from The Message

"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."

South Side Christian Preschool will begin on September 8.



We would like to welcome Brenda Gillespie as our teacher aide. This year we will have 15 students in the 3 day pre-kindergarten class and 9 students in the 2 day class. We still have openings in both classes. We are looking forward to a great preschool year!
 Mrs. Sharon

HOW TO CONTACT OUR MISSIONARIES

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

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please provide the office with your current college, address and email address.

You ask why do we request this information?

1. You are placed on the Harbinger mailing list (everyone likes to receive mail from home)
2. The Ladies group each month send encouraging cards and sometimes small gifts to you.
3. This will give the missions committee the opportunity to research if your college has a Christian Campus Ministry and to provide you with information and them with support from our church.

College Students whose information I have received to date:

Jeff DeVries - Lincoln Christian College
Kim Wiers - Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine
Liz Green - Purdue University Calumet
Dean Kessler - Graduate School
Christy Paulauski - Green River Community College, Washington
David Barrows - South Suburban College
Heather Tucker - Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
Alex Kessler - Columbia College, Chicago

If you are not on this list you are not listed as a college student please contact the church office with your information sschurch@sbcglobal.net

MISSION UPDATE

It's been a whirlwind weekend/week here on campus, here's some updates and further ways you can pray!

Friday night info meeting - we had **18 people** show up to learn more about InterVarsity...we had to go get more chairs! Praise God for the good follow up and connections that were made for those people. **Sunday night prayer meeting** - **12 students** joined us in prayer for campus and for God's mission this school year! Praise God for students who desire to meet Him in prayer. **Monday night international food night** - about **30 students** showed up through the night as we gathered around food from different cultures and built more relationships with interested students! We think over 25% of them were non-Christian friends whom our students invited! Praise God for their witness in friendships. Our returning students did an amazing job hosting the new students and making them feel at home and welcome.

Prayer Requests: Pray that we would continue to build stronger relationships and connections with interested students who have attended our events. Pray for God to show us who to invest in. Pray for our 1st Bible Study tomorrow night at 7pm. We'll be talking about mission and we're hoping for another opportunity to share the vision of InterVarsity with more people. Pray for many students to come and for them to be ready to hear from God in Scripture. Pray for community to start to develop between some of the returners and the new students who are coming. Thank you so much for your continued partnership in prayer during these first few weeks of school! God is definitely up to something here on campus - thanks for joining us in prayer!

Blessings, Amy DeVries

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Illinois State University

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

Don't forget.

The "Matching Gift" program!

Make a one-time special gift and it will be matched by the challenge group 50 cents on the dollar. \$20 becomes \$30; \$50/\$75; \$100 equals \$150, etc.!!! The program runs from through September 30th. Use a separate giving envelope and mark it "Matching Gift"

We welcome Lauren Phelps the Kingdom of God by immersion on August 5th.

We welcome Kevin and Teresa Groben who transferred their membership to South



Finance Facts	Date	Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
Attendance and weekly tithes and offerings	July 31	219	\$ 7,007.53
	August 7	212	\$ 9,663.34
	August 14	201	\$12,173.40
	August 21	200	\$ 8,324.00