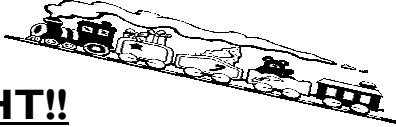


The January/February Harbinger

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South Side
Christian Church

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January 28, 2010

“TRAINS OF THOUGHT”



WHAT A LOVELY THOUGHT!!

As I write this, the words of an old Elvis song come to mind - “On a cold and gray Chicago morn ...”. We seem to have experienced more than our fair share of “cold and gray” days recently, and despite numerous reminders that “this is the Midwest in winter”, we do miss the sunshine and hope for warmer weather. Then I grabbed the calendar and counted the days until Spring: it’s January 25th as I write this, and Spring is only 51 days away!! **WHAT A LOVELY THOUGHT!!**

While I had the calendar in hand, I paged back to September of 2008 and did a little simple Math: it’s been SIXTEEN MONTHS since Hurricane Ike’s visitation and deluge of water on Munster. South Side Christian Church is still “sojourning in the wilderness”, but as I drove by the church property this morning on the way to our temporary office, I noticed worker’s vehicles at the building and the pace of work is picking up after our last work interruption. While I can’t tell you exactly the number of days until we get to “go home”, I can tell you that we will return sooner than later. **WHAT A LOVELY THOUGHT!**

We live in a truly remarkable age! Our technology is advancing at a rate that is beyond normal human comprehension. We now have cell phones that take pictures and movies; that wake us in the morning if we remember to set the alarm; that provide maps so we can find our way when we travel; that can calculate whatever mathematical challenges that we encounter; that can lead rescuers to us if we’re lost in the wilderness. We have cameras that require no film, but capture images in memory that can be pulled up on the home computer and printed on an adjacent printer. And these are just a couple of examples of what man has accomplished and is capable of ...

But, for all our “smarts” and all our achievements, we CANNOT, in and of ourselves, do anything about the attraction, consequences and condemnation of sin. Thankfully, our Creator God is “on the case”, and He sent the Best and Only Remedy for our condition – His Son, Jesus! He was and is exactly what human kind needed, the one way to Redemption and Salvation. Two thousand years ago, He took care of the “dirty business” of washing away our sins. Today He guides His people through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, to prepare us for Our Future with Him – which could come at any time. Our best tomorrow will be the Everlasting Day in His Presence!

WHAT A LOVELY THOUGHT!

Yours in His Service, Mike

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THANK YOU

FOR THE
CHRISTMAS
GIFTS
YOUR STAFF:

Steve's Corner

Teen Retreat Winter Breakaway

Feb. 12-15

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Cost is \$200



6th -12th grade students .

A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 is due 2/7!

For flyer see Pastor Steve!



*January 29, 7-10:30PM
at Kelsey's Steak House, Schererville*

Once a year, our South Side Student Ministry "classes up the joint" with our very own winter formal.

Although you don't have to dress up for this event, students are encouraged to participate by dressing for the theme of the evening. Our dance focuses on having good clean fun and emphasizes friendship relationships not on dating relationships. *This event is open to all 6-12 grade students. If you are driving your child to the restaurant please do not drop them off any earlier than 7:00PM. Please use the banquet entrance.*

All parents should pick up their kids at Kelsey's Steak House - 7311 Mallard Drive in Schererville at 10:30PM



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7

5-9PM

At Jake and Alissa Kowalski's House,

7915 Jackson Munster 836-5710

ADMISSION FEE: BRING A 2LITER POP AND A BAG OF

TORTILLA CHIPS

Or \$5.00

See Pastor Steve for flyer!



DONATIONS NEEDED

SSCC is hosting a Youth retreat (see above). To try and keep the cost low for our students we are asking for donations for food, gas, and scholarships. If you would be willing to donate above your regular Sunday offering please talk to Pastor Steve or turn in a donation in a marked envelope in the offering plate.

**Vacation Bible School Meeting at the SSCC Office 9362 Calumet Avenue, Munster,
Thursday, February 11 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Agenda:

- We will pick a date for the event
- We will look over the theme and brainstorm
- We will decide who is willing to help in what areas
- Xmas vbs?

Ball State University Campus Ministry - supported by South Side Christian Church

Ball State University

- 17,000 students; 11,000 on campus
- Colleges: Applied Sciences and Technology; Architecture and Planning; Business; Communication, Information and Media; Fine Arts; Science and Humanities; Teachers College; Honors College

Weekly Meetings

- Sunday morning worship service
- Wednesday evening worship and Bible studies
- Friday, international student Bible studies
- small groups that meet throughout the week
- The Christian Campus House is open for student use Monday - Friday from 8 am to 10 pm.

Annual Events

- Fall & Winter Retreats
- Spring Break mission trips

Leadership Development

Student leaders are developed in the following areas:

- praise band/leading worship
- planning events, fellowship oversight
- leading prayer & Bible study groups
- leading ministry teams: prayer, men's ministry, women's ministry, worship planning, drama

Performing Arts Fellowship

A ministry focused on students preparing for careers in music, art, theater and dance. Bible studies and special events are being developed to reach out to performing art students with the gospel.

International Student Ministry

An outreach among the 500 international students at Ball State. Our goal is to welcome these students to Indiana in the name of Christ and the church. This ministry includes:

- International dinners which introduce students and staff to the Christian Campus House
- Bike loan program: students have use of a bicycle while on campus for a modest deposit.
- Bible studies offered weekly
- Events and trips: Indiana Dunes, St. Louis (MO)

Mission

- introducing Ball State students to Jesus, the Bible and the church
- developing Christian leaders among Ball State students
- mobilizing Christian students for ministry and mission

Facilities

- Christian Campus House: contains a 155 seat auditorium, two apartments, offices, prayer room.
- Riverside House: residence for 4-5 students
- Beechwood House: residence for 3 students.

Staff

- Mark Pike, senior campus minister
markpike2@comcast.net
- Joe Lieway, campus minister
joelieway2@comcast.net
- Alex Robinson, associate campus minister
alexrobinson2@comcast.net
- Leslie Baim, administrative assistant
lesliebaim2@comcast.net

Sympathies Extended

Betty Haag and family upon the passing of her husband, Art Haag Sr.

Patti Archie Barnes Family upon the passing of her father, Larry Archie.

Rosemary Winkler upon the passing of her brother.

Carol Byrd upon the passing of her step-father, Perry Swank.

Family of Dorothy Johnson (Senior Saint Card Lady) upon her passing.

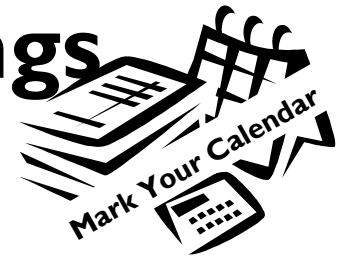
Note received:

To our South Side family,
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and gifts during Art's recent illness and following his going to meet the Lord. Knowing you were there with us has been a real comfort.

The Haag Family



SSCC Happenings



Sundays Adult Bible Study

8:30 am Christian Friendship-
check the bulletin for location

8:15 am Seekers at St. Paul's
Lutheran - Door F

Loyal Friends

Meet at various times for
information watch your
bulletin or call Ruth Mann
932-9085

Ladies Tuesday

Morning

Bible Studies

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

9:00 am Vanessa Nolen for
info 219-554-5233
Childcare Provided

Kara Ladies Group

Next meeting scheduled for
February 8
At 7:30 pm
Rhonda Gephart's
222 Beacon Place
Munster 836-0614

Ruth Group

1st Thursday of each month at Michael's Restaurant - Call Daree Tarvin 836-5916 for details

Children & Teen Happenings

Kids Club

(1st - 5th Grade)

Sundays

4:00 pm at Trinity Reformed

4:45 - 5:00 pm Bell Choir

8411 Columbia Avenue, Munster

Jr High/High School

(6th - 12th)

Sundays

6:00 - 7:00 pm

at Trinity Reformed

8411 Columbia Avenue,
Munster

Teen Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Westminster

8955 Columbia

TEEN Volleyball Practice & Games

Sundays: 4:00 - 5:30 pm Team Elite at Suburban Bible Church in Highland

Mondays: 6:00 - 7:30 pm Beginners Volleyball Practice - FCC Dyer

Tuesdays: 6:00 pm Intermediate Volleyball Practice - FCC Dyer

Volleyball Games are played at Westminster and First Christian Church of Dyer.

Check the bulletin or ask a teen player for the times and places. Come out and support the teams.



South Side's
 Temporary Office
 9362 Calumet Ave.
 Munster, IN 46321
 Phone: 219-836-2110
 Office Hours: 9:00 am
 to 4:30 pm

*Mail will be received from
 either address: 1000
 Broadmoor or 9362 Calumet*

Birthday greetings...

February Birthdays

- 2 Mary Beard
- 2 Virginia Steorts
- 5 Christine Barnes
- 6 Patricia Barnes Jr
- 8 Paul Anderson
- 9 Letha Hoogewerf
- 10 Madison Specyal
- 10 Mary Quinn
- 10 Richard Moore
- 11 Brandon Burgess
- 13 Frieda Johnson
- 14 Aaron Beshears
- 14 Howard Funston
- 15 Betty Haag
- 15 Walden Gruver

- 16 Lynn Terzich
- 17 Danielle Moore
- 20 Larry Gephart
- 20 Molly Tan
- 21 Harold Juregensen
- 23 Myron Larimer
- 26 Vickie Brown
- 27 Ruth Austin
- 28 Glenn Tarvin
- 28 Sarah Runyan



Coming in January 2010...

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH READING PROGRAM 2010 - 2014

Each month, a book of the Bible will be designated as selected reading. Some monthly selections will be sections of longer books: other selections may include several shorter books. Our Sunday messages will be drawn from the Book of the Month selection (with possible exceptions on special occasions).

Reading participants will also be tracked, designating their reading of the Book of the Month by 1) indicating it on the weekly connection card; 2) signing the "B.O.M. Reader's Roll" at the Welcome Center; or, 3) by calling the church office. On a Sunday in January each year, faithful participants will be acknowledged during Worship. **SO... LET THE Reading Begin!!!**

Reading Selections for 2010

- January Genesis
- February Gospel of John
- March Exodus
- April Gospel of Luke
- May Acts
- June Ruth
- July Romans
- August Joshua
- September I Corinthians
- October Judges
- November II Corinthians
- December Gospel of Matthew

Reading Selections for 2011

- January I & II Samuel
- February Galatians/Ephesians/Philippians/Colossians
- 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

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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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YEAR END FINANCE REPORTS

Finance reports will be available February 14th.

The reports will show the account balances as of January 31 and income and expense reports for the year 2009. If you wish to receive a report mark the back of your connection card and one will be mailed to you. If you have any questions regarding the reports please do not hesitate to speak to a finance team member.

Finance Team Members are: .Ruth Mann, Paul Burrell, and Jeff Hayden
ex officio members are Mike Gillespie, Cheryl Martin, and Debbie Burrell.