

# The Messenger

SLICER STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

"How beautiful...are the feet of those who bring good news..." Isaiah 52:7

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## S H A K I N G                      T H E                      S A L T

B Y                      S P E E N                      C E R                      F U R B Y

School is in and routines have returned! It is hard to believe that the time has passed so quickly, but this isn't novel for our times. And it won't stop now, either. Once school starts we need to start planning Thanksgiving! It will be here in a matter of a few days (it sure will feel like it!). This weekend is a big one for us. We have a lot going on that will be a blessing to many. For our leaders and those men who are soon to be leaders within the church, we have a leadership retreat starting Friday. We will leave at 5:15ish and head to Dixie Café to enjoy a meal together. Then we will have a session with Jerrie Barber at CRYC. He is also a ventriloquist and he will provide some unique entertainment that night. But don't forget to bring some cards or games or whatever for some interactive time that night. We will have a great breakfast on Saturday morning and have several sessions with Mr. Barber throughout the day. Consult page 2 for more details. Then on Sunday we have our Family Day with Dr. Mike Cravens. He teaches at Freed Hardeman and does a great job with counseling and speaking on counseling issues. He will speak to a combined class on Sunday morning, taking in junior high classes and above in the auditorium. He will speak also at our worship time. *Remember to bring food for the potluck as we share a meal together.* Following that, at 12:30, we will have our "evening" service. I will speak at that on the subject of "What is Jesus Worth To You" from Matthew 26. Immediately after that service, our youngsters will

be supervised in the fellowship building and gym while the parents of junior high and high school students stay in the auditorium. Dr. Cravens will address us on the topic of the church's role in sexual instruction of our kids. This is a session only for parents. We were intending to use the fellowship room, but it would be better to have the kids stay there and let us have the session in the auditorium. This is a critical matter, so I hope you will plan to stay for this session. We will begin our human sexuality sessions with 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up later in September. I know that makes for a full day, but keep this in mind: at 2:30 or so, you will go home for good, resting up for the beginning of a full week of school. Remember that there will be no evening service here Sunday night. Be sure to check out page 3 for more details of our Family Day on Sunday.

So the bulletin is jam packed with important stuff this week. Page 3 is the family day info and page 2 has the leadership retreat info. But also on page 2 is information on our CHAT project and how you can help. I have had several who have offered to help and you can read more details about our plans on page 2. We have plenty of things that can use the help of member involvement. If you want to be of service and want to play a role in the work of the church, you have no excuse of there not being something to do! We have a lot going on and you can be a part. Remember to keep reaching in, out, and up in our efforts to individually and corporately reach the fullness of God.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Bible Class	9:00 am
Worship	9:50 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Reaching UP

Reaching IN

Reaching OUT

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## LEADERSHIP RETREAT

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Those going on this leadership retreat will leave the church building at 5:15ish. The general schedule is as follows:

Eat at Dixie Café at 6:00  
Session 1 at CRYC at 7:45

Breakfast Saturday at 8:00  
Sessions and Discussions til noon  
Lunch  
Sessions and Discussion til 4:30  
Last Supper at 5:00

Speaker: Jerrie Barber

### **C.H.A.T.**

Last fall I became compelled to come up with a plan. I had wished for two or three years to have something that would help the educational pursuits of young people who were struggling at South School in Kennett. Bud Henderson then prodded me on. I attended a retired teachers meeting and got some more ideas. Then I could restrain myself no longer. I have seen several ideas tried and many fail because of various reasons. So I wrote down some possible success points:

- 1) It must be selective and limited, not just generic and universal.
- 2) It must involve quality accountability.
- 3) It must be relational.

Here is what I came up with: CHAT—Community Helpers As Teachers. The guiding hypothesis is this: a student struggling academically needs a quality relationship with an older person who is stable enough to provide assistance. The guiding process is this: consult with the guardian of the child and get them on board with our goal. The specific steps include:

1. I will get names of students who are capable of succeeding but do not have the support at home to succeed.

2. I will visit the homes of these students to meet the parents, gauge the surroundings, and get approval to pursue a mentoring relationship. There will be 15 such students. The evaluation will be made as to whether a mentoring relationship can be maintained, where it can best be nurtured (in the home or elsewhere), and who would best serve this role.

3. Pair up the student with the best kind of mentor possible for him or her. This may be a retired teacher, a high school student, or someone from within the community who has the desire.

4. Work out the logistics. If the child could actually be mentored in their home so that the parent can see this kind of help modeled, that is ideal. But short of that, the child will be picked up by the mentor and taken to the Slicer Street fellowship hall for study. We will select available dates and they will be maintained throughout the school year.

5. Responsible adults (plural) will be assigned to be on hand each of these nights. This provides accountability for both the student and the mentor. There will always be sandwiches and chips available in case hunger is an issue.

6. The relationship will be evaluated at the time grades are given out. If this relationship makes a difference, it will be continued. If not, we will see if a different mentor would be helpful or if changes need to be made.

We will have to have volunteers to be mentors as well as to be accountability partners on hand. This requires time and energy. We hope to arrange it where each accountability volunteer needs to serve one night every two weeks. Let me know what you think!

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### **Assembly Statistics**

Sunday Worship Attendance	265
Worship Average Attendance Year to Date	253
Sunday Evening Attendance	114
Wednesday Evening Attendance	154
Sunday Regular Contribution	\$6524
Average Contribution	\$6367
Budget	\$6200

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### **WORSHIP HELPERS**

August 22, 2010

AM/PM Nursery	Jan Robertson & Jill Rickman
Preside Lord's Table	Jeff Bridges
Scripture Reading	Spencer Furby
AM Opening Prayer	Shawn Sando
AM Closing Prayer	Charles Smith
PM Announcements	Gaylon Mullins
PM Opening Prayer	Marc Blankenship
PM Closing Prayer	George Archer
Nursery Contact	Dana Blankenship (628-3473)
Prayer Leader Contact	Leonard Boggs (888-4705)

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### **TV PROGRAMS - CABLE CHANNEL 5**

Monday-Friday: 7:00-8:00 pm      Sunday: 10:30 am (live worship)  
Sunday: 1:00 p.m.

### **WEEKLY CLASSES**

Tuesday: Dorcas Class(8:30 a.m.) & Ladies Bible Class (1:00 p.m.)

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**Slicer St. Church  
of Christ**

**Family Day**  
with  
**Mike Cravens**

**Sunday, August 22**

*Bible Class at 9:00*

**“Building Strong Families”**

*Worship at 10:00*

**“Please Let Me Know You Love Me”**

*Potluck Lunch*

*Afternoon service at 12:30*

**“What is Jesus Worth To You?” (Spencer)**

**FOR PARENTS ONLY (1:30)**

**“Sex Education for Our Kids”**



# Family News

## Sick & Prayer Needs

**Mylene Archer:** Baptist East Hospital, Memphis; **Sharon Raspberry:** ICU, Twin Rivers Hospital, blood pressure problems; **Morgan Baldwin** (daughter of Ann Hughes Baldwin): Arkansas Children's Hospital, undergoing tests; **Remember in prayer:** Barbara Brice, Jeris Warrington, Carol DeGraw, Gerald Robertson, Kassidi Lands, Bill Huff, Hildred Stultz, Florence Coffey, Violet Tice, Betty Smith, Karen Pemberton, Chris Butler, Jim Gregory, Kelly Wilson, Sheila Denton, Sharon Friend, Ken Garrison, Bill Gardner, William Walker, Rita Luye, Jean Riedy, Nita McCoy, Elywon Hughes

## Nursing Homes & Care Facilities

**National Health Care:** Nina Boone, Estella Claude, Verla Coffel, Alma Hollis, Allen O'Neal, Rocina Parker, Jack Raney, Estalee Raspberry, Laura Raspberry, Sharon Raspberry, Christine Roring, Jeff Wheeler, Golden Burden

**Southaven Residential:** Annanette Olds

**Ladies Night:** Monday, August 23, 6:30 pm, potluck in the fellowship room - Committee members are Sharon Wilson & Anne Metheny (co-chair), June Beck, Sandi Wills, Virginia Williams, Eddylene Holt, Carol DeGraw, Vickie Smithson, Kim Johnson.

**August 15 Responses:** Letraonna Gentry, Tyler Gentry, Joy Dawn Brown, Marilyn Elders, Diane Medlock, Barbara Raspberry

**The church library** has added these new books authored by Jimmy Allen: *Instrumental Music in Worship*; *Romans, the Clearest Gospel of All* (commentary); *Fire in My Bones* (autobiography)

## August 22 Potluck Meal Committee:

Jeff & Susan Bridges, Gerald & Macy Caraway, Mike & Mary Vance, Tim & Cindy Crawford, Andy & Kathy Johnson, Tana Stewart, Misty McDowell, Heather Butler, Leonard & Carletta Boggs, Don & Martha Ward, Joe & Diann Slicer, Matt & Brooke Hodges, Kent & June Beck, Tony & Angie Burkman, Lance & Holly Neal, Mark & Amy McClendon - This committee is to set up tables & chairs, make tea & coffee, serve the meal and clean up the kitchen and eating area after the meal.

## This Sunday Morning:

All adult classes and middle school & high school classes will meet in the auditorium for the class taught by Mike Cravens.

**Change of Address:** Berley Kent, June & Aaron Beck, 311 N. Bypass, Kennett, MO

## Mark Your Calendar

- September 8: Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals begin new season
- September 12: Friends Day with guest speaker Art Smith
- October 24-27: Ethics Seminar with guest speaker Phil Thompson

**Bus Driver for August:** Jeff Bridges (559-6169)

## Family Milestones

**Birthdays:** Larry Neal (8/25), Charles Smith (8/25), Sue Hayden (8/25), Tonya Sando (8/26), Barbara Brice (8/29), Skylar Johnson (8/31), Betty Masters (8/31)

**Anniversaries:** Floyd & Florence Coffey (8/25), Dennis & Darlene Robertson (8/29), Jack & Jean Eubanks (8/31)

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