

# 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 N C E R F U R B Y

There are so many ways to measure and gauge things. Summer is measured by temperatures, vacant school yards, vacation trips, and the days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The heat is still here, but school is back in and we are about to enter Labor Day weekend. It is the one redemptive thought in our minds as school returns. "At least we will have a long weekend on Labor Day." Well, it is here. And when you go back on Tuesday, reality really sets in. The most memorable Labor Day in my life was the one in 1990. I had gone off to college and I decided to go home for the long weekend. Everything was different. It was the same place, but everything was different. Life had gone on without me. It is like digging a hole in a creek. You can dig and dig and dig, but water rushes in and covers it up and you can't tell the hole is there. I learned then that when you leave, it doesn't take long for adjustments to be made and life to go on without you. Yes, the high school in town will go on without you as a student in it. Someone replaces you. That was a wonderful, valuable lesson for me. I went back to college and didn't come back until I had to! There is a bit of sadness about that, but it is reality. The other day I went to National Health Care. It had been a while since I had visited, so I just took a trip through the whole place. I was struck by how sad that trip was. I saw Ed Mead's room and Luella Mays's room and the room of Mrs. Wilbanks. Ed was the man who kept that place running and Mrs. Wilbanks was the

life of the party out there. But someone else occupies their rooms now and the turnover in staff means that most workers have no idea they were there. That is how life is, isn't it? Maybe that is the essence of the message of Ecclesiastes after all. It isn't that life doesn't matter. It does, indeed, for you will determine your eternal destiny by how you live it. But life is going to go on after you just as it had before you. You will make a dent, but don't expect it to be a big one!

I have to say a comment or two about our website. Everywhere I go, I hear great compliments about the progress being made. The ease of maneuvering it may be the biggest compliment, or perhaps the many pictures that make their tour across the home page. Either way, Doug is really making it the talk of the area. He really could be in demand all over for creating these things. So be sure to compliment him so that Ella stays here with us! Be sure to note page 3, a flyer of invitation to our Friends Day next weekend. Art Smith is ready for us and we will be ready for him. We will have these flyers available and I urge you to pick one up and invite someone. And be sure to prepare a lunch for them that day, or at least invite them out with you. That night Chris Buxton will be with us to talk about the Arkansas State University Student Center. You need to hear about what is going on there. Sunday morning our lesson will come from Isaiah 40-48 and our Sunday evening lesson will be from Matthew 26. Read up and be here to reach up on Sunday. Keep shaking! SF

### 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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## CHURCH NEWS

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I had the incredible privilege of watching two volleyball games this week. We were all treated to something special in these games. On Monday, Amy Johnson helped the JV team beat Delta C-7 and Jade Caldwell did the same for the varsity team. But the real talk came on Tuesday when they played their arch nemesis, Dexter. Everyone anticipated a good game, but I am not sure anyone would have predicted the kind of victory that was experienced. Again, Amy and Jade did well in leading their teams, no doubt. But I surmised that just as significant was the combined contributions of Brian Bridges, Travis Gentry, Julianna Branum, and Amber Camp. I have never seen such excitement and school spirit for a volleyball game. The first game had Kennett getting off to a big lead, as they did in all three matches. But Dexter came back with force and won 25-21. The second game had Kennett wearing down the Dexter team, though it took "extra innings," ending up 26-24. The third game was for all the marbles and it took the entire point spread to do it. Kennett ended up with a 25-23 victory and the house was in uproar. I don't remember a better game of volleyball anywhere, nor a more wonderful result. Be sure to catch the volleyball team in action sometime this year. Did this sound like the sports section of the newspaper?

I have texted with Aaron a little this week. Notice I did not say "spoken" with Aaron. He is too busy to talk, so we just text. That way he can communicate with me at the same time as his professor is lecturing! He can multi-task! He is now having to slow down for classes, but I think he is glad to be back in Betsy's territory. He had a great mission trip and we are hoping to get him over here sometime for a report. He passes along his hellos and he has missed his Slicer Street family (something he has said more than once).

A final note for the young people, this concerning some college information. First, we have been invited to the most intense rivalry in CRC basketball, their game with Williams Baptist. Michael Nix will be here in October to invite us personally and we will try to take a bus to that event.



The Arkansas State University Church of Christ Student Center is now simply called "Red Wolves for Christ." I am excited about Chris Buxton being at the head of that effort.

Chris and Melissa Furby were contemporaries at ASU when they worked with the student center. He is back as the campus minister and has great things planned. First, he will be with us on Sunday night, September 12. Be sure to come out and hear his lesson as well as a

description of what is going on with the student center these days. But second, we are going to join them for a football game. On Saturday, October 23, the youth group is invited to tailgate with the student center and enjoy a good game of college football. Details will come later, but suffice it to say that this is something worth putting down on your calendar. And if you know of people going to ASU who could use the encouragement of college-aged Christians, be sure to jot down a name and let Chris know. If you wonder about the significance of the student center, here are some people you can ask: Melissa Furby, Jeff Bridges, Susan Bridges, Rusty McMillon.

Finally, I have a request. I am making some progress on the story of Slicer Street. I am emphasizing pictures right now. I owe a special thanks to Carrel Folkes for some great pictures on the "M & M Campaign" (no, it was not a mission to a candy factory!). But I am trying also to give some attention to our senior banquets honoring graduates. I am in the Martel Pace years (1974-1982). If you have any pictures of the banquets honoring graduates in those years, *please see me!*

### Serving Lord's Table in September

Scott Branum	Freddy Gentry
Gerald Caraway	Marty Cato
Chester Folkes	Dusty Hamlett
Michael Harlan	Rick Gore

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### Assembly Statistics

Sunday Worship Attendance	262
Worship Average Attendance Year to Date	253
Sunday Evening Attendance	133
Wednesday Evening Attendance	126
Sunday Regular Contribution	\$7300
Average Contribution	\$6379
Budget	\$6200

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### WORSHIP HELPERS

September 5, 2010

AM/PM Nursery	Rebecca Ross & Mary Vance
Preside Lord's Table	Larry McDowell
Scripture Reading	Matt Hodges
TBA	
AM Opening Prayer	Rick Gore
AM Closing Prayer	Michael Horton
PM Announcements	Larry McDowell
PM Opening Prayer	Doug Dunn
PM Closing Prayer	Rick Johnson
Nursery Contact	Dana Blankenship (628-3473)
Prayer Leader Contact	Jim Brice (888-3678) or Floyd Cofer (888-3487)

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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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You  
Are  
My  
Friend!

This  
Is  
Your  
Day!

# *Friends Day*

**with Art Smith**

**Slicer St.  
Church of Christ**

**Sunday, September 12**

**9 am**

**10 am**

*Please Be My Guest!*

# Family News

## Sick & Prayer Needs

**Mylene Archer:** dismissed from hospital on Wednesday, now at home of her daughter in Memphis, undergoing rehab; **Patsy Bailey:** recuperating at home following surgery on her shoulder on Wednesday in Poplar Bluff; **Annanette Olds:** Room 2022, St. Bernard's Hospital, Jonesboro; **Sharon Raspberry:** Room 3218, St. Bernard's Hospital, Jonesboro; **Joy Smith:** now home and recovering from gallbladder surgery on Monday; **Marilyn Elders:** Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau; **Yvonne McDonald** (sister-in-law of the Boggs): hip surgery last week, other health issues, transferred from Twin Rivers to Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau, on Monday; **Junior Rushing:** hospitalized in St. Louis with heart problems; **Remember in prayer:** **Barbara Brice, Jeris Warrington, Carol Stuart, Barbara Raspberry, Gerald Robertson, Kassidi Lands, Bill Huff, Hildred Stultz, Florence Coffey, Violet Tice, Betty Smith, Karen Pemberton, Chris Butler, Kelly Wilson, Sheila Denton, Sharon Friend, Ken Garrison, Bill Gardner, William Walker, Rita Luye, Jean Riedy, 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, Christine Roring, Jeff Wheeler, Golden Burden**

**Our sympathy** goes to Jason & Stacy Saltzman and their family in the loss of Jason's step-father, Jim Gregory. Mr. Gregory died August 28 and memorial services were August 30.

**August 29 Responses:** Jim Raspberry, Dennis Smithson

## **New Season of Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Begins September 8**

Serving time is 6:00-6:30 in the fellowship room and chicken & dressing is on the menu. Cost of the meal is \$3 for all adults and children third grade and up. Children under third grade eat free. Those on the team to prepare desserts, serve drinks and clean up are Rick & Kim Johnson, Doug & Julie Dunn, Jenifer Ragins, Spencer & Melissa Furby, Mitch & Jane Lollar, Charla Branum. Team members should be at the building by 5:30 if possible.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, September 4, 8:00 am, in the fellowship room

**Note:** New home phone number for Britt & Beverly Burcham is 344-8558. The 888-5800 number has been disconnected.

## **Events for Ladies**

- Ladies Day: "Home Grown Lives", Monette, AR church of Christ, September 18, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, breakfast & lunch provided - details are posted in the lobby.
- Bootheel Ladies Retreat: "Fruit of the Spirit: Treasuring Family Values", September 24-25, at Bootheel Youth Camp hosted by ladies of the Fruitland and Cape G. congregations - details are posted in the lobby.
- Ladies Day: "Caring For Aging Parents", Jackson, MO church fo Christ, October 23, with guest speaker, Donna Faughn

**Bus Driver for September: Matt Hodges (344-0071)**

## Family Milestones

**Birthdays:** Kaitlyn Jamison (9/8), Alison Ross (9/9), Bill Wilson (9/9), Gunner Jamison (9/9), Brenda Chapin (9/12), Tony Burkman (9/14)  
**Anniversaries:** Alvin & Mary Haywood (9/9), Gaylon & Carolyn Mullins (9/9), Tim & Cindy Crawford (9/12)

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Jeff Bridges	888-9544
Britt Burcham	344-8558
Rick Gore	888-6317
Larry McDowell	888-3283
Gaylon Mullins	888-2491

### **DEACONS**

James Brice	Shawn Sando
Floyd Coffey	David Smith
Bob Hesselrode	Frank Stuart
Matt Hodges	Don Ward

### **MISSIONARIES**

Altin Koci  
Eduart Hoxha  
Fier, Albania

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