

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

Have you ever noticed that when people don't have something constructive to do and to take their time up with, they get to meddling? I suppose that is why Paul had to tell the Thessalonians to get a job and learn to mind their own business. These people were so convinced the Lord was returning soon that they quit their jobs and sat around waiting. That produced all sorts of problems. A job allows you to keep your mind engaged and your time committed. Otherwise, you become idle and you KNOW what they say about idleness. The saying is true. Well, this week I am in a position to enjoy not having to prepare a sermon for next Sunday. That is a nice break, I suppose. But recent funerals and Bible classes have kept me busy anyway. And there is one other thing that this situation has allowed for: planning future events. So this week I was blessed with time to finally get the new SALT letters out. If you haven't received yours yet, it will surely get to you early next week. The letter contains all you need to know and I want to take this time to encourage you to really get into this. This is a fun way to do what we already know we should be doing. This should be our lifestyle, and for many of you it is. So you have until April 15 to do three acts of kindness for which you leave behind a SALT card. I also had time to finally mail out the announcement concerning our Impact Youth Rally. There's no turning back now! We will be hosting this youth rally on April 13 and 14. I am excited about this and I am counting on

all of us to work together to make this return event a good one. This rally was started in 1988 and it ran 3-4 years before there was a break. We began it again in 1996 and it ran a whole decade before we were worn out. Now, by popular demand (among us, anyway!) it is coming back. I look forward to seeing how this works out. We didn't include many details, but we wanted area youth groups to mark the date down now. I am a bit worried about the April date, but we have to start before we can work out wrinkles. As for why I am not preparing a lesson this week, I hope you not only remember but eagerly anticipate this weekend's special Bible study in Judges. Kevin Youngblood is excited about sharing this material with us and I am pumped about having an open Bible study together in the fellowship room Friday and Saturday. Please dress comfortably, this is not church! Just come ready to dig into the text. We will have coffee and tea and water and cookies to munch on as we have the word also broken to us. He will also speak both times on Sunday morning, so all adult classes and junior high and high school will meet in the auditorium for class time. Sunday night we will hear about a mission effort we are taking part in as Chad Wagner presents some information about his Tanzania effort to begin later this year. Yes, we are involved in African work now and you will enjoy hearing what he has to say. Wow. I am worn out from this week and I am not even having to preach on Sunday! Keep shaking the salt...

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class	6:30 pm
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Reaching UP

Reaching IN

Reaching OUT

NEWS YOU CAN USE

REMEMBER THE BRICKS: you may be noticing the good work being done around the courthouse. Soon the bricks will be put in all the sidewalks and it will look excellent. That is what I envision for the bricks we are purchasing now. You have until February 15 to get them. What I have in mind is for anyone who has been a member of Slicer Street over the years to be represented in the bricks. This is for those who are gone as well as those who are attending right now. There is no strict rule on how they are to be written, but just know that everyone is invited to have their name permanently etched on the sidewalk in front of our building. This is your opportunity. Be sure to write down exactly how you want the names to appear and turn in the names with a check for \$20 per brick, which is the actual cost of it.



SWEETHEART'S BANQUET: the sweetheart's banquet for 2012 will take place at lunch time on Sunday, February 12, immediately following morning services. We need some help from those who will be attending. This is for folks who are 55 or older or who have spouses 55 or over. We are asking that you submit pictures of your dating days. We are going to take you back in time to the years of your "courting." So get up in the attic and dig in those boxes, handing over those pictures of days gone by. We will revive them for you on this special day. And you will absolutely love the entertainment being planned for you!

AND FOR THE YOUTH...

Being involved in the Slicer Street Church of Christ is good for your intellect! As part of an unofficial study, I have come to this conclusion. I could usher in a lot of evidence right here that would be compelling, but just note two things just in the last couple weeks:

Pearson McClendon took first place in the 7-8th grade Dunklin County Math Bee. Congratulations! This adds up to a strong piece of evidence.

Taylor Branum took second place in the 6th grade Dunklin County Spelling Bee. This is clear e-v-i-d-e-n-c-e for my hypothesis for sure.

RENEW! We have a total of 21 going to Paragould on February 3 and 4 for this youth rally. I am thrilled! Remember:

Bus leaves Fri, Feb 3 at 5:20
We will spend the night in member homes
Be sure to bring Bible and notebooks
We will eat a meal out in Paragould Saturday
Bus will return to the building Sat at 9:15

DEADLINE FOR CYC IN GATLINBURG. Paying your \$25 registration reserves your spot and this must be done by this Sunday, January 29. Bus leaves Fri, Feb 24 at 7:30 am and returns Sun, Feb 26 at 7:00 pm.

NOTES FOR THIS WEEKEND

The Speaker: Kevin Youngblood teaches Bible at Harding University and has taught at Freed Hardeman and Ohio Valley as well. He and his wife, Becky, will have two children with them, Karissa and Khyle. He has also preached for 22 years in three states. His research and teaching expertise center on biblical languages and biblical theology with an emphasis on Old Testament interpretation. He has contributed articles to the New Illustrated Holman Bible Dictionary and has recently been writing a commentary on the book of Jonah for Zondervan Publications. He will be on hand to teach the book of Judges this weekend.

Child Care: those needing someone to watch smaller children should know that we have two older high school students who will offer that service in the studio room. The service is free to you.

Refreshments: there will be coffee, tea, and water available to drink, along with some cookies and chips and peanuts to munch on during the study. These will be available to the kids as well.

Sunday: all classes from junior high through adults classes will meet in the auditorium Sunday for the lessons being taught this weekend. He will speak twice on Sunday but there will be no potluck. We will have our regular 5:00 service in the evening with Chad Wagner describing a work we are starting to support in Tanzania.

Assembly Statistics

Sunday Worship Attendance	262
Worship Average Attendance Year to Date	253
Sunday Evening Attendance	151
Wednesday Evening Attendance	133
Sunday Regular Contribution	\$6180
Average Contribution	\$6706
Budget	\$6475

WORSHIP HELPERS

January 29, 2012

AM/PM Nursery	Angie Burkman & Mary Kathryn Davis
Preside Lord's Table	Gaylon Mullins
Scripture Reading	Spencer Furby
TBA	
Lobby Attendant	Butch Anderson
AM Opening Prayer	Larry McDowell
AM Closing Prayer	Johnny Chapin
PM Announcements	Gaylon Mullins
PM Opening Prayer	Russ Burcham
PM Closing Prayer	Doug Dunn
Nursery Contact	Dana Blankenship (628-3473)
Prayer Leader Contact	Jim Brice (888-3678) or Floyd Coffey (888-3487)

TV PROGRAMS - CABLE CHANNEL 2

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

WEEKLY CLASSES

Tuesday: Dorcas Group (8:30 am) & Ladies Bible Class (1:00 pm)

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FAMILIES IN A
DYSFUNCTIONAL WORLD:
ADVICE FROM THE BOOK
OF JUDGES

*A weekend Bible Study with
Dr. Kevin Youngblood of
Harding University,
January 27-29 at
Slicer St. Church of Christ,
Kennett MO
Childcare Provided
Refreshments Fri and Sat*



Friday, Jan 27 at 6:30: Submitting our Families to the
Lordship of Christ (Judges 1, 19-20)

Saturday, Jan 28 at 6:30: The Law of the Third
Generation and How to Break It (Judges 2, 17-18)

Sunday at 9:00 am: The Leadership Vacuum;
Cultivating Bold Leaders (Judges 3-9)

Sunday at 10:00 am: Rearing Spirit Filled Children in a
Cynical World (Judges 11-16)

Family News

Sick & Prayer Needs

Carol DeGraw: dismissed from hospital, returned to NHC; **Bill Huff:** hospitalized in Piggott; **Alice Huff:** fell and broke her foot a few days ago, expects to have surgery to repair foot on Friday, January 27, in Poplar Bluff (Later this week Bill & Alice expect to go to Gideon Care Center where they will share a room while Alice recuperates); **Allie Kay Rushing:** Cardinal Glennon Hospital, St. Louis; **Larry Neal:** surgery on eardrum last week went well; **Stacy Saltzman:** scheduled for gallbladder surgery on Tuesday, January 31, at St. Bernard's Hospital, Jonesboro; **Sara Diaz:** sick with severe ear infection and problems with tonsils; **Angela Branum:** doctor appointment in Cape G. today (Thursday) to address some health concerns, prayers requested; **Sue Poe:** began chemo & radiation treatments this week, treatments to last about 5 ½ weeks, full recovery expected; **Laura Raspberry:** had more tests this week in Cape G.; **Remember in prayer: Robert Rickman, Sandi Wills, Charles & Mylene Archer, Rance Rainey, Kay Sturgeon, Bill Huff, Joy Dawn Brown, Ruth West, Gearlene King, Hildred Stultz, Florence Coffey, Gerald Counts, Ron Roberts, Marilyn Robertson, Amanda Blue, Laverne Baker, Alfred Holbrook, Marie Bowling, Paige McFadden**

Nursing Homes & Care Facilities

National Health Care: Dorothy Bost, Ruth Ann Crawford, Carol DeGraw, Alma Hollis, Allen O'Neal, Laura Raspberry, Christine Roring, Violet Tice, Jeff Wheeler, Golden Burden
Southaven Residential: Ruby Barnes, Annanette Olds
Heritage Nursing Center: Carol Stuart

Our sympathy goes to Larry & Jane Gibson in the loss of Larry's brother, Leland Gibson, on January 21. Funeral services were January 23 in Piggott.

Memorials to Slicer Street Church: Given in memory of Bud Henderson by Ron & Linda McNew, Velma Hobbs, Finis & Marilyn Caldwell; Given in memory of Pete Boggs by Ron & Linda McNew

Thank you notes from Tishana Rushing & Family and from Leonard & Carletta Boggs are posted in the lobby.

January 25 Restoration Response: We welcome Melvyn Gerdell to our Slicer Street family. He lives at 1917 Treasure in Kennett.

February/March Bible Class Teachers

Nursery: Dana Blankenship; 2 & 3 Year Olds: Rebecca Ross; Pre-K, 1st & 2nd Grade: Sally Koch & Carolyn Long; 4th & 5th Grade: Julie Dunn & June Beck. These teachers are to begin Sunday, February 5.

February 1 Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Serving time is 5:30-6:00 pm in the fellowship room. Menu: tacos/taco salad. Those on the team to prepare desserts, serve drinks and clean up are Matt & Brooke Hodges, Rick & Denise Gore, Butch Anderson, Melissa Collins, Marc & Dana Blankenship, Ethel Moore, Judy Frakes.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 31, 2:00-6:00 pm, in the Slicer Street fellowship room - If you want to donate blood but did not sign up for an appointment, please stop by during the above hours to see if a time slot is still available.

February 1 Wednesday Devotional Speaker: Rick Johnson
Bus Driver for January: Tim Caldwell (888-7766)
Bus Driver for February: Gaylon Mullins (888-2491)

Family Milestones

Birthdays: Brianna Burcham (2/1), Jerry Wills (2/2), Herb Campbell (2/4), Maddy Harrison (2/4), Ben Glover (2/6), Dub Reeves (2/7)

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Floyd Coffey	Shawn Sando
Bradley Dunlap	David Smith
Doug Dunn	Frank Stuart
Matt Hodges	Don Ward
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