

# 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

The season of love is upon us. I hope you put some thought into what kind of "gift" you are going to give the love of your life. It is most often the thought that counts, right? But that is just it. If you put no thought into it, what does it mean? To think through how you want to express love (assuming your family does participate in this crazy experiment called Valentines), you have to have knowledge of the one you love. That is what I like about Peter's instruction in 1 Peter 3:7 where he tells husbands to "be considerate as you live with your wives." This is also translated, "live with your wives in knowledge." That means, be a lifetime student of your wife. Each woman is different and has different personality, different interests, different ways of dealing with things. As you live with your wife you are to take into consideration how *your* wife responds and reacts and feels about different things. So while the world tells us to buy flowers, perhaps your wife doesn't want flowers. Maybe she would rather have a special flavor of coffee given to her so that you spend some time together, enjoying a cup of coffee and talking about different things. The world tries to tell us what women should be, but the godly husband comes to know who his woman really is! She will know you love her, then, as you better know what her likes and dislikes are and as you respond accordingly. For instance, I know that if I get Melissa flowers, she feels much better about it if I just get the cheap ones from Walmart rather than pay out a bunch for

some from the florist. But better than either option is chocolate! You can ask her if I am right and I know I am! God is really the same way, right? When we love God as we are supposed to, we study him. We figure out what he wants. We learn what pleases him. We don't just think about what we like and give him that. To do so would be an offense against love. Too many people do this and it may seem creative and interesting, but it is just plain missing the mark! God reveals his mind and heart to us and it would be such a travesty to disregard his revelation and venture out into our imagination. Let's live with our spouses in knowledge, but let's also live with our God in knowledge, too! Well, since I am on such a powerful discussion of Valentines Day, I need to remind those of you who signed up about this Sunday's Sweetheart's Banquet. It will be right after morning worship this Sunday and you are in for a treat. The kids are really pumped about serving and entertaining you. As for our worship services, our lesson this Sunday morning will be "Being a Good Minister" from 1 Timothy 4:1-8. The evening lesson will examine the prayer of Paul in the first chapter of Colossians. It is quite a challenge, so read up on it if you can before then. Remember that our Wednesday night Bible study time next week (February 22) will be a combined devotional followed by a presentation by the CRC chorus. This will be a fun time for us to be encouraged and blessed. Keep shaking the salt and preserving your world! SF

#### 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

## YOUTH NEWS

I was so very pleased with our young people last week at the Paragould youth rally. RENEW was a successful trip. We had 21 kids and several chaperones who helped. They behaved well and heard some good stuff. We were reminded of using our Christian faith to evaluate our music, internet usage, and game playing.

Next on the horizon is Challenge Youth Conference in Gatlinburg. That trip takes place Friday, February 24 through Sunday, February 26. We have 22 kids slated to go and a good crop of chaperones. Fortunately, we will have two drivers with CDLs, assuming Freddy Gentry passes his driving test Friday. Theme this year is "Hooked" and we will have a full meeting next Sunday night, February 19. Future Youth Events:

March 10 at Samford, Austin Johnson from Calvert City, KY will be at a youth rally on "Be Different." I would love to see us support this event. We would leave at 9:15 and return at 2:30. It is a shorter event, but one that would put us in contact with area youth.

April 1 at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Paragould, Logan Light will speak on "Unmasked." Since it is "April Fool's Day" they will discuss Galatians 6:7-8 that *No one makes a fool of God.* "ACT UP" will perform as will "Good News Singers" whom we heard at Center Hill. This drew about 425 last year and we were unable to go because of a conflict. So we can go and see if maybe the 500 mark can be reached!

April 13-14 will be our own youth rally, Impact, on the theme of "Election." LaMar Hester will speak and Chase Akins will lead singing. *Justified* will be here and Chase is going to whip some people into an excellent chorus. Be sure to be talking to friends about this. The rally will be what you guys make it!

April 15 is youth night at the CRC Lectures. More info later!

## CHURCH NEWS FOR ALL

Remember the February 15 deadline to purchase engraved bricks. We have a bunch but want everyone to have a chance!

For anyone interested in taking the CDL test, we are tentatively having a two-class preparation group beginning on Wednesday night, February 15. Freddy Gentry, the most recent one to take the test, will utilize a fresh memory of what it takes in instructing others on the requirements.

## Spell Checker

Anyone who writes letters, reports, term papers or countless other kinds of documents on a computer has learned to depend heavily on their word processor's spell check program. What a blessing it is to me. I can write my articles and sermons today with more speed than I ever imagined long ago when I was in my high school's typing class. There's no telling how fast I could have typed then if those old manual typewriters had had spell check! I felt fortunate to get a B in my typing class.

Spell check for word processing has been around a long time now. Research goes back to 1957. The first spell checker (in 1961) included a list of 10,000 words. In the 1980s spell check applications began to be included as standard programs on personal computers. Spell checking has now been upgraded to even consider the context in which the word is used, and often automatically corrects a misspelled or a misused word. But it's not perfect. My spell checker only underlined in red one word in this:

*Eye have a spelling chequer ... it came with my Pea Sea.*

*It plane lee marks four my revue ... Miss Steaks I can knot sea.*

Some critics of technology and computers have attempted to link spell checkers to a trend of skill losses in reading, writing and speaking. They claim that computers have made people lazy and careless. I'm sure there is some truth in that.

How awesome would it be if we had a spiritual spell checker?! Wouldn't it be wonderful if every time we sinned some internal automatic spiritual program given to us when we were baptized into Christ would kick in and instantly correct our sin? Think about it. What if every time you said an unkind word it would quickly be corrected? What if every time you had a lustful thought it would be diverted to something pure and holy? What if every time you acted selfishly little red swirly lines would appear all around you telling you a change is needed? What if you could then click on the "save" icon and all your mistakes would be forever forgotten? How awesome would that be?

Well, actually Christians have something far greater than a spell checker, and it's been around for over 2000 years – the blood of Christ. When a Christian who is walking in the light with Jesus sins (*and who doesn't sin?*), the blood of Jesus automatically cleanses (*forgives*) that sin and he is as pure as if he had never sinned (**1 John 1:7**). That doesn't mean we can be careless and lazy in our walk with God, depending on the grace of God to abound (**Romans 6:1**)! No, like correcting misspelled words, we need to correct every mistake we make. If we repent, and confess our sins (**Acts 8:22, 1 John 1:9**), the blood of Jesus will forgive our sins and God will remember them no more (**Hebrews 8:12**). Even the sins we fail to notice are automatically and forever forgiven. Being purified from "*all sin*" in **1 John 1:7** includes those sins we know nothing about.

So, the next time you use spell check, thank God for the cleansing blood of Jesus. (Joe Chesser, Fruitland Church)

## Assembly Statistics

Sunday Worship Attendance	237
Worship Average Attendance Year to Date	247
Sunday Evening Attendance	147
Sunday Regular Contribution	\$6620
Average Contribution	\$6773
Budget	\$6475

## WORSHIP HELPERS

February 12, 2012

AM/PM Nursery	Donna Smith & Beth Jamison
Preside Lord's Table	Rick Gore
Scripture Reading	Gaylon Mullins
1 Timothy 4:6-10	
Lobby Attendant	Jim Brice
AM Opening Prayer	Tim Caldwell
AM Closing Prayer	Jerry Hall
PM Announcements	Rick Gore
PM Opening Prayer	Finis Caldwell
PM Closing Prayer	James Vance
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

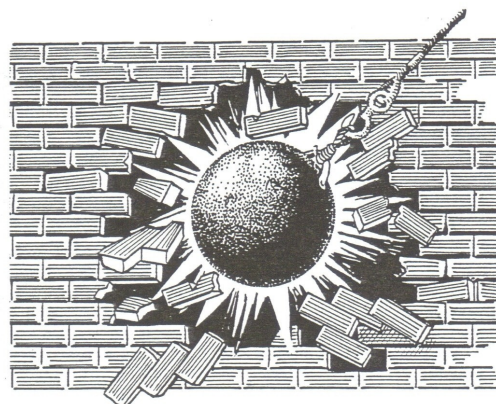
Tuesday: Dorcas Group (8:30 am) & Ladies Bible Class (1:00 pm)



**ANNOUNCING THE  
RETURN...**

After a five year break,  
Slicer Street Church of Christ  
in Kennett, Missouri  
Is again hosting the  
Impact Youth Rally

**IMPACT**



**SLICER STREET  
YOUTH RALLY!**

*Mark Your Calendars  
For*

***IMPACT 2012: ELECTION***

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
APRIL 13-14**

# Family News

## Sick & Prayer Needs

**Allie Kay Rushing:** Cardinal Glennon Hospital, St. Louis;  
**Alice Huff:** unable to have foot surgery last week, hopes to have surgery this week; **Remember in prayer:** **Charles & Mylene Archer, Rance Rainey, Kay Sturgeon, Joy Dawn Brown, Ruth West, Gearlene King, Stacy Saltzman, Judy Frakes, Hildred Stultz, Florence Coffey, Gerald Counts, Ron Roberts, Sue Poe, Marilyn Robertson, Amanda Blue, Laverne Baker, Alfred Holbrook, Paige McFadden, Wiley Tucker**

## Nursing Homes & Care Facilities

**National Health Care:** Dorothy Bost, Ruth Ann Crawford, Carol DeGraw, Alma Hollis, Allen O'Neal, Laura Rasberry, Christine Roring, Violet Tice, Jeff Wheeler, Golden Burden

**Southaven Residential:** Ruby Barnes, Marie Bowling, Annanette Olds

**Heritage Nursing Center:** Carol Stuart

**Gideon Care Center:** Bill & Alice Huff  
(PO Box 197, Gideon, MO 63848)

**Our sympathy** goes to the family of Robert Rickman. Robert died Saturday, February 4, at his home. Funeral services will be tomorrow, February 7.

**Memorials:** Given in memory of Bud Henderson and Robert Rickman by Peggy Eades

**Add to Your Directory:** Jeremy & Brook Hughes, 403 Butler Dr., Kennett, MO 63857 - Phone number for Jeremy is 344-9252 and number for Brook is 344-2277.

**Elders & Missions Committee:** Two skype calls are scheduled in February - (1) Sunday, Feb. 12, 2:00 pm, to Tom Bonner in Lushnje, Albania (2) Sunday, Feb. 19, 2:00 pm, to Edi and Altin in Fier, Albania.

**February 15 Wednesday Fellowship Meal:** Serving time is 5:30-6:00 pm in the fellowship room. Menu: taco soup. Those on the team to prepare desserts, serve drinks and clean up are Johnny & Susie McCarroll, Marty & Amy Cato, Traci Franklin, Greg Fowler, Kent & June Beck, Tana Stewart, Scott & Angela Branum, Sandy Yale.

**Sweethearts Banquet:** If you signed up to attend, remember to meet in the fellowship room after morning worship this Sunday, September 12.

## Ministry to Bereaved Families:

Ladies, it's time to replenish our meat fund which provides a deli tray for a sandwich meal and meat for a full meal for our members who have deaths in their families. Please help with a yearly contribution of \$12 (\$1 per month) if you can. Make checks payable to the church and hand to Carletta.

**Note:** Our salad, vegetable and dessert committees are always in need of more help to prepare food for the meals. If you are not already on one of those committees and want to be added, please see Carletta.

**Change of Address:** June Maxwell, 515 First St., Apt. 401, in Kennett (only the apt. number has changed)

**February 15 Wednesday Devotional Speaker:**  
**Larry Metheny**

**Bus Driver for February: Gaylon Mullins (888-2491)**

## Family Milestones

**Birthdays:** Rick Gore (2/15), Michael Harlan (2/15), Leo Whitfield (2/15), Amy Cato (2/16), Jackie Loggins (2/16), Shelby Pelts (2/17), Jill Rickman (2/17), Regina Smith (2/19)

**Anniversary:** Larry & Pat Neal (2/15)\_\_\_\_\_

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Matt Hodges Don Ward  
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