




July 7, 2011

# The Christian Messenger



## IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP...

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## Tell It!

Repete yo! • ¡Dilo! • 들려 주어라!

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
Nashville TN  
July 9-13

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### Student Loan Update

The Trustees of First Christian Church met on June 27, 2011 to discuss student loans for the 2011-12 school year. The decision was made that Education Fund loans cannot be offered because repayment on outstanding loans from past years has been slow. We regret that we are forced to take this action.

We are excited to announce that we are creating a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces, will be an ideal outreach tool, and will capture the history of our church congregation.



**Sign up by July 31st**  
for a chance to win  
**one of eight**  
**\$25 coupons**  
to apply toward your  
portrait purchase.

### We want you to be included!

Dates for picture-taking:

Fri. Aug 12	2 to 9:20 pm
Sat. Aug 13	9:30 am to 5:10 pm
Thurs. Oct 13	2 to 9:20 pm
Fri. Oct 14	2 to 9:20 pm
Sat. Oct 15	9:30 am to 5:10 pm

## Sign up

to have your picture captured by one of Olan Mills professional photographers here at the church. You may schedule appointments (1) after worship services on Sunday, (2) by calling the church office 728-7351, or (3) by registering online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). (Directions for signing up online may be found on our church website at [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org).)

- ◆ Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a **FREE Directory** and a **COMPLIMENTARY 8 x 10** Custom Natural Portrait.
- ◆ You will come to the church only once for the photography and for portrait viewing.
- ◆ This program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- ◆ You will have opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- ◆ If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- ◆ You decide whether to dress formally or casually.
- ◆ **NO PURCHASE is necessary.**

Questions may be directed to Michelle Liddiard, Church Secretary 728-7351 or to Madeline VanKeuren 797-6313, email [mvankeuren@frontiernet.net](mailto:mvankeuren@frontiernet.net).

# Thank You

Dear Members:

Your generosity to the C.E.F.S. Food Pantry is remarkable. I commend you for the effort and energy put forth to help those less fortunate.

Our food pantry provided food to 25 families within a 3 day period last week. That amount of food going out the door could have been a hardship for our office had it not been for the generosity of folks like you.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your donations. It does make a huge difference in our ability to meet the needs of the low income, elderly and disabled in our county.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Waymire  
Moultrie County Outreach Coordinator

Dear Pastor Becky Ingram,

Thank you for your efforts in shining forth God's light into our community. We wanted you to know that we have chosen you and First Christian Church to pray for during the month of July. It is our pleasure and honor to lift you up as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to the God who is capable of doing more than all we ask or imagine! If you have any particular needs please let us know. May you be filled with the blessing of His love and grace!

The Crisis Pregnancy Center Staff and  
Volunteers (Mattoon, IL)



## FOURTH OF JULY THANKS

We had a great show of people to watch fireworks as well as to serve as hosts for our first parking lot party. Our thank you goes to Charlie Bragg for sharing his popcorn machine with us and to Ron & Sharon White for popping and bagging corn for our 4th of July festivities.

Many thanks also go to Tate Fultz and his cousins, Drake and Drew, plus Waylon and Konnor for giving out the free water and popcorn, and thanks to Amy and Sophie Fultz for their help as well!



## U-Night

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug 3

Fellowship Hall  
Supper served at 6:00

Activities for adults and children of  
all ages.

Sign up on the Worship attendance  
slip, through the Church Secretary or  
on Facebook.

## John Wayne is coming to FCC !

Sunday, July 17  
10:15 a.m.  
"Let's Talk About It  
Class"

Join us in discussing the  
spiritual significance of  
"The Angel & the Badman"

## News from the Pews

Attendance Report  
"We count people-because people count!"

Jun 26	Worship Service	.....	101
July 3	Worship Service	.....	99

Stewardship Report

Jun 26	Offering	.....	\$ 2,860.00
July 3	Offering	.....	\$ 5,285.00
	Weekly Budget for 2011	.....	\$ 5,000.00

## You've been waiting...

Plans are underway for the  
**11:15 Worship Service**

**July 31 & August 21** —  
Preview Services

(You are invited to come;  
however, these services will not  
be advertised so we can work  
out any glitches!)

**September 11** —  
Debut Worship Service

(This is the big one...invite your  
friends and neighbors!)

**Here it is!**



## Vacation Bible School

July 18 ~ 22, 2011  
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Supper served nightly

### Register Now!

Call Michelle at 728-7351

-or-

Register online through our  
website: [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org).

Click on VBS picture scroll  
and follow links to the  
registration site.



Charlotte Anderson, Tracy Hudson, Jennie White, Marilyn Wood, Ron Sutton, Jr., Luella Hughes, Joe Thompson, Faye Walker, Debbie Branhall, Gail Craycroft, Betty & Al Cherry, Harold Hamilton, Gene Myers, June Hutchcraft, Dale Piper, Michelle Lewis, George Harchous, Stu Good, Dick Elder, Tim Daily, Tim Anderson, Ina Buxton, Brenda Franklin, Tristan Warner, Susie Parks, Daisy Keown, Marilyn Wood, Connie Lance, Mike Wilson, Vera Myers, Bob Harris, Andrea Klingel, Tara Sparrow, Nancy Davis, Carol Bolsen, John Daily, Rodney Maxwell, Bev Alwerdt, Marge Gaule, Father John Sohm, Fran Dudley, Randy Righter, Mary Bragg, Ellen Ann Little, VandenBrink, Sean Little, Russell Wiley, Bob Dudley, Robert Yaw, Thomas Culp, Nancie Taylor, Toby Shafer, Pat Burcham, Don Bragg, Marvene Walton, Mardelle Bolin, Celia Buesking, LaVerne Braden, Dorothy Cook, Warren Hall, Archie Lowe, Dick Mills, Alice Ray, Paul Hutchcraft

Our military serving our country

## Upcoming Messages & Scriptures

July 10— Pastor Gene Godfrey, Guest Speaker; John Stephens, Guest Vocalist

July 17 — “How to Choose Joy”— Philippians 4:4-9

### July 24—VBS Sunday

*New Sermon Series: How to Change Your Spiritual Life in Under a Minute*

July 31— “Admire Creator God”—Psalm 104

Visit our website at [www.fccsullivan.org](http://www.fccsullivan.org) for highlights from our Sunday Worship Services and pictures from church events.

## Community Calendar

### Bible Readings



### July 2011

- 1 Psalm 32
- 2 Psalm 103
- 3 Genesis 32:1-32
- 4 Genesis 33:1-20
- 5 Genesis 41:1-36
- 6 Genesis 41:37-57
- 7 Genesis 42:1-38
- 8 Genesis 43:1-34
- 9 Genesis 44:1-34
- 10 Genesis 45:1-28
- 11 Genesis 46:1-27
- 12 Genesis 46:28-47:26
- 13 Genesis 47:27- 48:22
- 14 Genesis 49:29-50:26
- 15 Exodus 33:1-23
- 16 Exodus 34:1-35
- 17 Leviticus 16:1-34
- 18 Numbers 14:1-25
- 19 Joshua 1:1-18
- 20 Joshua 2:1-24
- 21 Joshua 3:1-17
- 22 Joshua 6:1-27
- 23 Judges 13:1-25
- 24 1 Samuel 1:1-28
- 25 1 Samuel 24:1-22
- 26 1 Samuel 26:1-25
- 27 2 Samuel 9:1-13
- 28 Matthew 18:21-35
- 29 Matthew 20:1-16
- 30 Philemon 1-25
- 31 Hebrews 10:1-39



Visit our website for recent sermon audio, past newsletters, and all kinds of helpful information!

“Christmas in July”  
Sunday, July 17, 2011  
2:00 ~ 4:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, Mattoon

Monday Night Church Golf League  
Starting June 20  
Shotgun Start at 5:30 p.m.  
Angus Links Golf Course  
Windsor, IL.

Habitat Restore  
Open Tuesday thru Friday  
10 am—5 pm  
Saturday  
8 am to Noon  
Volunteers for various duties needed—  
come & go according to your schedule

Volunteers needed for Golden Friends  
Sullivan Health Care  
For more information contact  
Jeri Davis at 217-273-9457

*See office bulletin board for more information.*



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# Family Matters

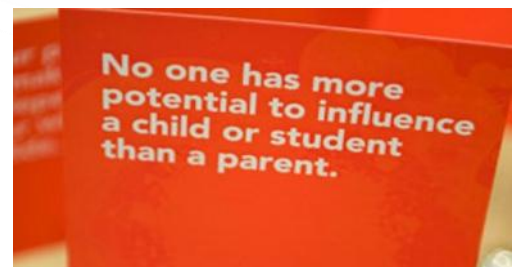


**Two words: Family Ministry.** The idea of having children's ministry and youth ministry is going by the wayside. Now, hear me correctly. What I'm saying is that there is a not-so-new idea that is becoming increasingly popular among churches around the country. Family Ministry.

The old idea is that it is the church's job to minister to children and youth. Now, on the surface, I think we would all agree with that statement. However, we must consider two factors.

*Factor #1: Church attendance by families is more irregular than ever. On average a church only has 40 hours per year to influence the life of a child/youth.*

*Factor #2: The average parent has approximately 3000 hours per year to influence their child's life spiritually.*



When you consider those two very simple factors you have to begin to wonder, maybe there could be a better way of ministering to children, youth, and families. I believe that there indeed is a better way.

Beginning this fall we're going to be starting a new worship service. This is old news to you by now. Also beginning this fall we're going to be launching a new curriculum for our children's ministry. Along with the 11:15 service, this will be the first step in beginning to minister to families in a new way.

The whole idea behind this new curriculum is that we as a church must be partnering with parents so that they can be the primary person influencing their children's lives spiritually. Certainly, we as a church still have some of that responsibility, but the numbers don't lie. Therefore, this new curriculum is going to provide strategies for helping parents be the spiritual leaders their children need. It will include tools that will make it easier for parents to talk to their children about their faith.

I encourage you to learn more about this - come talk to me about it! You can learn more here: <http://www.whatisorange.com>.

*Pastor Grant*

# Becky's By-line

Have you heard? The General Assembly (GA) is just a few short days away. In case you are unfamiliar with the event, it is a gathering of Disciples around the globe who are part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Assembly rotates every other year with our Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin. This year's GA takes place in Nashville—that's Tennessee, not Illinois!



Just like Regional Assembly, every church can send voting delegates in addition to pastors. Ron & Sharon White and Jack & Marilyn Rogers were approved by the congregation to represent us in the business matters at the General Church level. So they—along with Grant, Erin & Gavin and myself—are all Nashville-bound.

What we will encounter at General Assembly? Amazing worship: worship which is invigorating, creative and as diverse as the countries we represent. Fantastic preaching from well-known preachers such as Fred Craddock is a highlight. Informative classes on all kinds of topics including leading change, ministering to youth, making our churches safe, retirement planning, how to be a “green” church, and yes, tweeting for Jesus—at last count there were over 50 classes from which to choose. We will also encounter fellowship like none other, not only at the Assembly but on the streets and in the restaurants where people offer to let you share tables in a crowded room.

Then there are the business sessions. If you go to [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga) you can find a list of all the resolutions to come before the Assembly for discussion and vote. Those topics are as diverse as reaffirming our commitment for planting new churches to discussing human trafficking, spiritual care in time of war, and anti-Muslim actions. Then there are the usual reports from all the Ministries at the General Church level. And I wouldn't want to forget the re-election of the General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins.

How can you participate? Go to [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga) for more information on the live streaming of the Assembly worship services and the State of the Church address by Dr. Watkins. Also, we ask for your prayers...for all those who are traveling, for those who are leading GA, and for those who are attending on your behalf. Pray that our eyes will be open to God's work through the church and that our souls will be open to the Spirit's leading in how we here in Sullivan can be faithful and effective disciples of Christ Jesus.

*Pastor Becky*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM Morning Worship  
10:15 AM Church School

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