

September 1, 2011

# The Christian Messenger

## Note New Email Addresses

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11:15a  
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New Sermon Series  
beginning Sept. 11

**“I ♥ God”**

9:00 & 11:15 Services

11:15 Service begins Sept 11

Help us honor new members...

Menu: Fish, Hotdogs, Hushpuppies,  
Corn Bread and Drinks  
Bring a covered dish to share and  
table service.

**All Church Fish Fry**  
**Sunday, Sept 25 6:00 pm**

**new** MEMBERS  
WELCOME TO YOUR NEW FAMILY



## **"The Journey" Adult Study**

**1st & 3rd  
Wednesdays**

**6:30 to 7:00 pm  
6:00 Supper**

**Beginning  
October 19**



Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road.



Week of Compassion is currently working with Regional Ministries to assess needs in affected areas across the Eastern Seaboard of the United States after Hurricane Irene. They have already responded to nearly 20 families in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as provided support to help with cleanup and recovery for North Carolina's Camp Caroline. Partner, Church World Service, has provided affected areas with blankets, hygiene and cleanup kits. More help will be sent as needs are assessed. Your special offerings for Week of Compassion help in such efforts.

## **HOLIDAY MARKET CRAFT DEPT**

We invite all of you to participate this year by providing item(s) to sell in our craft department. We hope you will consider sharing your talents whether they are woodworking, creating ornaments, yarn and needle crafts, seasonal crafts, painting, floral designs, wreaths or any other craft. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Thanks for all your help.

Brenda Pierce & Madeline VanKeuren

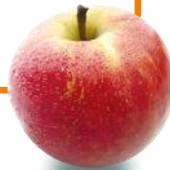


# Board Highlights

August 24, 2011



Stote and Dawn (Steckel) Reeder of Jerseyville, welcome a new son, Ty William Reeder, born August 8, 2011. Ty joins a sister, Avery, and a brother, Max. Grandparents are Doug & Peggy (Bland) Reeder of Sullivan and Denny & Marsha Steckel of Jerseyville.



- ◆ The "Leap of Faith" initiative will be implemented in September when the 11:15 service begins.
- ◆ The need for additional giving to support this initiative begins now.
- ◆ Three volunteers have offered their services to do an inventory of church property for the Trustees.
- ◆ Trustees are working on the Student Loans.

***Do you like to discuss  
current events?  
Let's Talk About It!***

Sundays ▪ 10:15 to 11:00 am  
Fellowship Hall Classroom

***Beginning  
September 11***



Tony Sager, Joann Hughes, Brion Baker, Jesse Reyes, Ralph Dolan, Dalton Bly, Darlene Standerfer, Maxine Barrett, John Gentry Sr., Gracie Fringer, Brent Manning, Jerry Brumley, Fran Dudley, Marilyn Rogers, Annabell Mallory, Bill Harris, Dale Piper, Tara Sparrow, Terry Schultz, Charlotte Anderson, Tracy Hudson, Jennie White, Ron Sutton Sr., Mary Ann Webb, John Krone, Ted Westermann, Joe Thompson, Faye Walker, Debbie Bramhall, Gail Craycroft, Betty & Al Cherry, Harold Hamilton, Gene Myers, Michelle Lewis, Stu Good, Dick Elder, Tim Daily, Tim Anderson, Tristan Warner, Susie Parks, Daisy Keown, Connie Lance, Mike Wilson, Vera Myers, Bob Harris, Andrea Klingel, Nancy Davis, Carol Bolsen, John Daily, Rodney Maxwell, Ellen Ann Little VandenBrink, Sean Little, Russell Wiley, Thomas Culp, Nancie Taylor, Toby Shafer, Pat Burcham, Don Bragg, Marvene Walton, Mardelle Bolin, Celia Buesking, LaVerne Braden, Ina Buxton, Warren Hall, Dick Mills, Ruth Sandrisser, Paul Hutchcraft

Our military serving our country



We completed our first round of pictures for the directory. The raffle drawing winners for the \$25 certificates are **Virginia Brandenburger, Dale & Margaret Dudley, Katrina Farris, Marty & Lori Harbaugh, Rachel Davis, Roger Glazebrook, Jill Inman and Calvin & Megan Schultz.** The certificates may be picked up in the office.

Our final round of pictures will be October 13, 14 and 15. Please call the office to sign up and secure a time slot that works for you! All church friends are invited to be included in the directory.

## Upcoming Messages & Scriptures

*“Change Your Spiritual Life in Under a Minute”*

Sept 4 — “Rely on God”— Psalm 62:5-8

*Beginning 9.11 ... “I ♥ God” Series pursuing the heart of God in all things*

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

## News from the Pews

### Attendance Report

“We count people-because people count!”

Aug 21		
9:00 Worship Service	.....	132
11:15 Preview Service	.....	29
Aug 28 Worship Service	.....	105

### Stewardship Report

Aug 21 Offering	.....	\$ 3,768.00
Aug 28 Offering	.....	\$ 3,039.00
Weekly Budget for 2011	.....	\$ 5,000.00

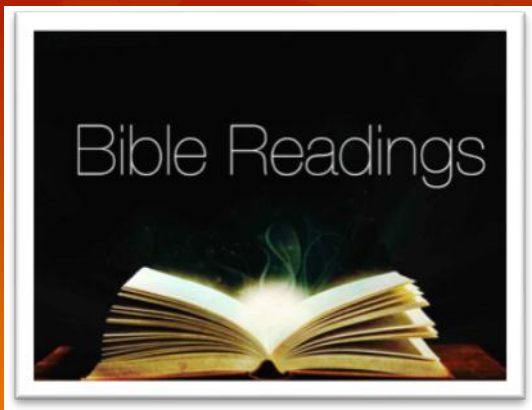


## U-Night

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 7

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.



## Community Calendar

Griefshare  
Seminar/Support Group  
Tuesday  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Aug 30 – Nov 22  
First United Methodist Church  
Mattoon

### September 2011

- 1 Matthew 5:1-20
- 2 Matthew 5:21-48
- 3 Matthew 6:19-34
- 4 Matthew 7:1-29
- 5 Matthew 12:1-21
- 6 Matthew 12:22-50
- 7 Matthew 13:1-23
- 8 Matthew 13:24-58
- 9 Matthew 22:1-22
- 10 Matthew 22:23-46
- 11 Matthew 25:1-30
- 12 Matthew 25:31-46
- 13 1 Corinthians 1:1-17
- 14 1 Corinthians 1:19-31
- 15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
- 16 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
- 17 1 Corinthians 4:1-21
- 18 James 1:1-27
- 19 James 2:1-26
- 20 James 3:1-18
- 21 James 4:1-17
- 22 James 5:1-20
- 23 Psalm 34
- 24 Psalm 37
- 25 Proverbs 8:1-36
- 26 Proverbs 9:1-18
- 27 Proverbs 10:1-32
- 28 Proverbs 12:1-28
- 29 Proverbs 16:1-33
- 30 Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14

Homemade Ice Cream Social  
Saturday, Sept 3  
11:00 am - 4:00 p.m.  
Vine Street Christian Church  
Arthur

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

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information.*



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# Family Matters



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you would have a clear memory of that morning. The events that took place on that day changed our country forever. In a lot of ways it changed the church, too. Churches all across the country saw an increase in attendance as people were shaken, confused, and desperate for answers.

9.11.11 is certainly going to be a significant day in the life of our church, too. My hope is that it is a day that you won't soon forget. My hope is that ten years from that date, you will have clear memories of that day. I believe that this date is going to mark a change in our church. As we follow God's lead and we start this new worship service we're saying that we care about our community. We're saying that we want to give people of all ages and walks of life a chance to worship God in a way that is meaningful to them. This is a huge step for us a church. Let us continue to follow God each step of the way, knowing that he is faithful and will guide us as we do.

Hebrews 10:23: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

*Pastor Grant*

# Becky's By-line



What is your definition of vacation? Mine is not having a schedule. Because my life is filled with meetings and appointments and deadlines, I want a time to sit back, enjoy, and—most often—to bask in the sun.

The Sabbath is designed for a similar objective. Sabbath—or “Shabbat” in Hebrew—is meant to be a time set aside from the mundane life of everyday living. As Christians we celebrate the Sabbath on Sundays. Similar to vacation time, Sundays are to be reserved for a break from the stressors and schedules of the rest of the week. Unlike vacation, however, Sabbath is to be observed for spiritual enrichment.

A break from life is such an important aspect of living that God commands it. [Remember that one? “Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.”] If you’re not taking a day off every week, you’re breaking one of the Ten Commandments.

Uh, oh...I’m in trouble! I didn’t take a day’s break from my weekly routine this week and a lot of other weeks. One of my friends always reminds me that I’m one of those people who work on Sundays. That is true. Although I am in church, it really isn’t my Sabbath.

What about you? Do you have a once-a-week habit of breaking away from the daily grind? Is there at least one day you set aside from the pressures of your usual daily activities? Is there a day in your week when you don’t go to work, don’t run to kid’s ballgames, don’t work in the yard? If not, then you, too, have a problem with the Fifth Commandment.

Let’s work on that this week. Let’s work toward remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy. Let’s sit back, enjoy, and bask in the **Son**.

*Pastor Becky*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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