

Saybrook Christian Messenger

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
Sunday School– Sunday 9:00 AM
Worship– Sunday 10:15 AM



YOUTH SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2013

OUR YOUTH IN CHARGE OF THE
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**APRIL 24, 2013
AT LCU**

SPEAKERS:

**NICOLE JOHNSON
DR. DINELLE FRANKLAND**

REGISTRATION BY APRIL 17TH IS \$35.00
HAVE REGISTRATION INTO THE OFFICE BY
APRIL 14TH PLEASE
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE OFFICE OR
AT office@saybrookchristianchurch.org

Stacy's Studies

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WHO AM I

Who I used to be:

My identity was in my father;" Oh, you are Joe's boy!" Then later it was, "Oh, you are Doreen's boy!" When I started in school it was always, "Hey you," then it was "Aren't you Terry, Gary, Lonnie, Randy, and Shannon's brother?" Unfortunately as I grew up through school I was identified by my behavior and that was not a good thing! Most of the names given, I am no longer aloud to say, especially in a church article. This identity carried through into the community where my reputation and my family's reputation weren't with those on the right side of the tracks.

Who Am I Now?

Then in 1985 came my new identity, a great friend, Kevin, shared the gospel with me and helped me to see that Jesus loves me and died for my sins so that I could be saved. And that my faith in Jesus would allow me to be adopted into God's family for eternity! For the last 26 years I have lived within this new identity and I praise my Lord each and every day for loving me enough to adopt me. I pray that whoever meets me will say, "Oh, you are a child of God's."

Because of this new identity, I am in the witness protection program; Christ will protect my new identity. He will guard my mind and my heart and He has given me His Holy Spirit to help share my new identity with everyone else. This new identity has allowed me to be on the greatest adventure ever: Eternal Life!

**Because of Jesus Christ in my life I am a child of God and:
I Am Significant**

Matt 5:13-14	I am the salt and light of the earth for God
John 15:1, 5	I am His branch, a channel for Christ
John 15:16	I have been chosen to bear fruit
Acts 1:8	I am a personal witness for Christ
1 Cor 3:16	I am God's temple
2 Cor 5:17-21	I am a minister of reconciliation
2 Cor 6:1	I am God's co-worker
Eph 2:6	I am seated with Christ in heaven
Eph 2:10	I am God's workmanship
Eph 3:12	I may approach God with confidence
Phil 4:13	I can do all things through Him.

**I much prefer this new identity!!!!
Who are you identifying with?**

"Our mission is to love God, to win others to Christ, and to edify and equip the faithful for service."

STATS	3-3-13	3-10-13	3-17-13	3-24-13	3-31-13
Worship Offering	N/A	3,697.81	3,091.61	3,810.00	N/A
Designated Offering	N/A	548.00	1,435.00	392.50	N/A
Noisy Offering			253.40		
Weekly Budget		\$3,541.22			
Sunday School	99	109	88	79	84
Morning Worship	136	150	142	112	177

Hope Counseling



Brenda Sommer

Licensed Professional Counselor

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Hope is an anchor for the soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

The long gloomy days of winter remind me of days that are like sorrow upon sorrow. Days without peace... lasting suffering, longing, and sin, that seems to never end. I believe we are all keenly aware of how suffering and sin separates us from God and peace with him.

Then there are days of Joy, when the sun shines, and the grief lifts, like the sweet smell of Spring that's in the air! And we say, "Ahhh Father, you have not forgotten us, and for that we are grateful!"

In reading Isaiah 53; we learn about a foretold promise from our God...our way out of sin and suffering (out of the winter of our lives). I appreciate the sermon written by, Dennis Davidson. He reminds us that Christ through his suffering, death, and ultimate resurrection, opens the doorway to Heaven...not only for him, but for those who follow him.

"THE SUFFERING SAVIOR BECOMES THE REWARDED REDEEMER."

ISAIAH 53: 10-12

Isaiah 53 is the doctrinal explanation of the crucifixion. As we look at such suffering we ask, why would God forsake the Son of His love? Why would He turn His back on the very One to whom He said, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The answer has appeared in each of the stanzas of verses we have considered. The Lord Jesus suffered and died vicariously; that is, He took our place and bore our sins. He was our substitute.

Christ's crucifixion though brought about more than anguish to His soul. It opened the doorway to Heaven, where the Innocent One who suffered and died for us returned victorious over sin, death, and hell. And now, He who was humiliated is raised on high in glory and majesty and is ready to share His victory and its glorious blessings with all who will follow Him (CIT).

Yes, those of us who follow him will suffer, but we will also share in his victory and blessings...

Living forever grateful, **Brenda**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Now that we are winding down on our remodeling it is getting time to start thinking about the outside of the church property. We will be doing the normal things that come with Spring. Cleaning up and planting whatever needs to be done.

EDUCATION

We are still teaching God's Word at 9:00 am for ALL ages. Come and join us and learn more about God's Word!

WORSHIP

AND THE LORD ADDED:

On March 10, 2013, Bradley Tjarks accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized. Be sure to welcome him to the family when you next see him.

FOOD PANTRY

The S. C. C. food pantry continues to be a great opportunity to show others Christ's love through the gift of food and other basic necessities and we cannot do it without all of your generous gifts. Thank You!

Pantry date & time:

April 20th from 10 to 11 am

September Items:

PAPER TOWEL	Peanut Butter	Tuna
TOILET PAPER	Hamburger &	Tuna Helper
KLEENEX	Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Corn	Green Beans	Peaches
Pears		

Basic paper products and staple items are always needed. Watch the Food Pantry door for a list of the current items needed.

FELLOWSHIP

AREA MEN'S MEETING

April 2, 2013 7 PM

at Lane Christian Church

Stacy Landry, speaking

Family Movie Night at the EDGE- 6 PM

April 13, 2013

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

MAY NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE APRIL 29TH. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH. THANK YOU.

WE NOW HAVE OUR WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING.

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WCS (Women's Christian Service)

The ladies of the WCS will meet, Tuesday, April 9th at 7 PM. The hostesses for April are Jo Ann Coile and Kendra Jones. Kendra Jones is leading our study about the women of the bible. For the April meeting we are asked to read and study:

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9;

Luke 10:38-42; John 11:17-45;

John 12:1-11

about Mary & Martha. Bring a friend and come join us.

Linda Beatty, Sect/treas.

Cookbooks (\$8.00) and ornaments (\$5.00) will be available through the office or by contacting Linda Beatty. They make great gifts.

After the Winter, God Sends Spring

Springtime is a season of Hope and Joy and Cheer,
There's a beauty all around us to see and touch and hear,

So, no matter how downhearted and discouraged we may be,

New Hope is born when we behold leaves budding on a tree—

O when we see a timid flower, push through the frozen sod

And open wide in glad surprise its petaled eyes to God—

For this is just God saying, "Lift up your eyes to Me
And the bleakness of your spirit, like the budding springtime tree

Will lose its wintry darkness and your heavy heart will sing."

For God never sends the Winter without the Joy of Spring.

—Helen Steiner Rice



WHERE YOU ARE?

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To BE... is an attitude

Stacy took us through the Beatitudes a few weeks ago and has been building in us an understanding of what it means to choose to sit at a teachers feet and learn from him. To sit at the teachers feet and learn from Him.

He seems to use pictures that are difficult to understand and often leave us confused. “What did He mean by that?” Maybe we simply smile and say “Oh that’s a nice story”. Or perhaps we find ourselves looking up, digging deeper into what it is that Professor Jesus just said.

One raises their hand with a perplexed look. The teacher acknowledges the student.

“Yes?” Jesus says...

With contemplation the student speaks “ummm... Mr. Jesus... what do You mean it’s a good thing for us to be poor in spirit?”

Another speaks up without waiting to be called on “Yeah, why is it good for us to be sad (mourn) or meek (helpless)?”

Yet another jumps in to take advantage of the opportunity to share their confusion “Yeah and how is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?”

I can hear Jesus softly smile and breathe deep ready to answer the questions of the students who are eager to hear Him teach, yet His eyes glance with a noticeable pain at the ones passing notes and chewing gum uninterested, or sure they already know the answers.

He speaks ever so gently and carefully to make sure that we know there is no shame in having asked. He speaks and invites the whole class to listen in, but His words seem vaporous and to dissipate in a way that some of the students can’t quite grab and hold onto. Yet I notice a few who are locked in and allow His word, truth, grace, teachings to wash over them and it seems to permeate their very beings. It’s as if this teacher, these things He says, are infectious and catching, and even if only a few receive Him and allow Him to infect their hearts and wreck their lives then perhaps this teacher will have disciples who just might go and make more disciples teaching them everything that Jesus taught them.



WHERE YOU ARE?



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
The Rock
(4th, 5th, & 6th Graders)
Belinda Landry &
Amy Hamilton, Leaders

Jr. Hi Group
(7th & 8th Graders)
Greta Sutter, S. S. & HiN
Emily Melvin, &
Scott Embry Leaders

B-Team
Sr. High Group
(9th - 12th Grade)
Jonathan Burian, Leader

HiN

Home Improvement Night

April Menus: April 3: Nacho's, Veggies, Dessert
April 10: Hot Dogs, Chips, Veggies, Dessert
April 17: **LAST NIGHT OF HiN SURPRISE MEAL**



April 7: **YOUTH SUNDAY**

Registration has started for Little Galilee Christian Camp. Be sure to pick up your registration form and get it into the camp to secure the week you would like to attend. Camp weeks fill up fast so be sure to register soon.

A copy of your registration needs to be turned into the office either by paper form or thru e-mail to office@saybrookchristianchurch.org. Thank You, Donna

**Jr. Sr. HIGH SUMMER SCHEDULE
INFORMATION COMING IN MAY NEWSLETTER
AND/OR CHECK WITH JONATHAN**

The E.D.G.E.
Living the Every Day God Experience

The money for these missions comes in through the offering each Sunday. 15% of the offering is placed into the mission account. On a 5th Sunday, the offering is split 50/50 between the mission account and the general fund.

The amounts do not reflect any designated income. The Benevolence Fund receives \$50 each month from the Mission fund to build that account. Total monthly commitment is \$ **2,010.00**.

Little Galilee Christian Assembly
\$600.00/ mo.

Bill Loft Mission in Spain
\$100.00/ mo.

Lincoln Christian University
\$300.00/ mo.

Shiloh Children's Christian Ranch
\$200.00/ mo.

Illini Christian Ministry
\$200.00/ mo.

Mission in India, Bernel Getter
\$160.00/ mo.

Central Illinois Evangelistic Association/Stadia
\$100.00/ mo.

Mission to Tanzania, DeLaughter's
\$100.00/ mo.

Restoration House, New England
\$125.00/mo.

Nagaland Outreach Children's Ministry
\$125.00/mo.



CHRISTMAS CLUB

Christmas Club/Adopt-A-Family

Our Christmas Club account is beginning to grow.

Balance as of today is, \$440.00.

The Christmas Club Committee

The **March** Noisy Offering went to:

Little Galilee Christian Assembly
in the amount of \$ 253.40

The **April NOISY OFFERING** will be going to:

Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch



Mission Meeting Scheduled

For: April 7, 2013

At: 11:30 AM

If you have a heart for Missions and would like to become involved, please come to our next meeting.

Thank you, Missions/Benevolence

PRAYER REQUESTS

These are the newest prayer requests. Please add them to your existing prayer list. World Concerns: Haiti, Chile, Our World Leaders, Japan, Libya

Newest Prayer Requests

All our Missionaries, Our Country & Lawmakers,
 World Happenings, Natural Disaster victims
 S. C. C. 2013 Leadership Team
 Family of Chris Brown, firefighter
 Melissa Zehr, eye surgery
 Jeany Embry, sinus surgery
 Austin Washington, Army Guard
 Mike Gorman, Muscular Dystrophy
 McCellan Family, house fire
 Mickey Bein: Hospital with upper respiratory problems. Feeling better today.
 Family of Lyna Finnis-she was 28 years old and passed away this past week.
 Family of Robbie Cramer, 3 year old who passed away
 Family of Kurtis Kagel, a baby who passed away at birth

Long- Term Illness

Marilyn Tjarks	Marilyn Hadden
Cynthia Minor	Chuck Bridgwater
Bonnie Hill	Sandy Cagle
Rick Marlow	Kyla Zastrow
Lou Prosser	JoAnn Toelstede
Bonnie Tipsord	

Shut Ins:

Violet Roberts

Our Care Center Residents:

Heritage Manor, Colfax: Juanita Duncan
 Gibson City: Lillian Larson
 Evergreen Village, Normal: Ruby Smith
 McLean Co, Nursing Home, Mary Kelly
 CCAMR Group Home, Champaign: Penny Piper



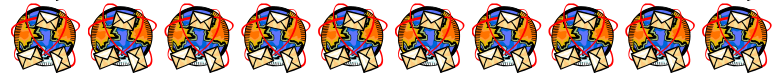
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Protection and Safety of Servicemen:

	Kelly & Tim Gills	
	Bruce Withers	
	Alan Burns	
	Daren Cagle	
	Crystal Proctor, Ft. Cambell	
	Jonathan Rieches	
	Jason Jayne	
	Zach Schertz, Ft. Benning	
	Todd Leatherman, Chaplain, ND	
	Larry Blythe	
	David Schaefer, NC	
	Jace Badia	

Service Personnel Overseas

	Stephen Castleman, Germany	
	Patrick Fry, Afghanistan	



Bible Puzzler

How Many "F's" In This Sentence?

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Ephesians 2:8, 9

Why didn't you see them all the first time you counted? Maybe it's something like not seeing the way of salvation until you are led to see that the "gift of God" is Jesus!

Don't be blinded by your own self knowledge. The Bible has the true way to Jesus. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" Acts 16:31.

The final quiz question that we all have to pass is "What did you do with the Lord Jesus Christ?" Accept Him today as your Savior and Lord.

(Answer: there are 6)

WORK DAYS AT LGCA

LGCA Saturday work days:

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18

If you can go one of these days to help ready the camp for the 2013 season contact Stacy Landry.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Leadership 7 PM	2 Area Men's 7 PM Lane Julia Henebry	3 HiN 6 PM Judy Kelly Gene & Tonia Talley Linda Frieburg Katie Clements	4 Randy & Diana Stauffer	5 Jim Carrell	6
7 YOUTH SUNDAY  Mission Meet- ing 11:30 AM	8 Stacia Landry Bob Shull Tonia Talley	9 WCS 7 PM Kristy & David Siebert	10 HiN 6 PM	11 Paul Dunham Emilee Burian	12 Susan Phillips	13 Movie Night 6 PM
14 Lexi Sutter	15 Michael Cox Jenee' Beatty Ed Bein Mary Keith	16	17 Last HiN 6 PM	18 Josh Sutter Todd & Tish Williamson	19 Bob & Donna Reiners	20 Food Pantry 10 - 11 AM Reece Ramirez
21 Nursing Home Services 1:30 & 2:15 PM	22 Merle Coile Stan VanNote Sharon VanNote Dan & Ella Parma	23 Vicki Carter	24 Ladies Day at LCU	25 Jessica Knell	26 Rick Whittet James Howes Lisa Isenberg	27 Ed & Ginny Boyle
28	29 Carolyn Martin Merle & JoAnn Coile	30				

Our Volunteers' Schedule	April 7 YOUTH SUNDAY	April 14	April 21	April 28	
Meditation	Levi Kern	Stacy Landry	Jonathan Burian	Jim Dunham	
Offering Prayer Serving at the Table	Karlee Sommer * Levi Kern	Frank Sutter * Stacy Landry	Bryan Sommer * Jonathan Burian	Bob Beatty * Jim Dunham	
Servers	Tim Talley Noah Hamilton Ryan Embry Bryan Hunt	Robert Reiners Gene Talley Nikolai Beyer Levi Kern	Robert Reiners Gene Talley Nikolai Beyer Levi Kern	Marvin Voelker Todd Williamson Shaun Windle Dave Zehr	
Visitation	Jim Kern Jonathan Burian	Steven Beatty	Stacy Landry	Bob Beatty	
Infant Nursery Sunday School and Church (if needed)	Natalia Beyer	Noah Hamilton	Becky Phillips	Karlee Sommer	
Toddler Nursery Sunday School and Church	Jeany Embry Donna Beyer	Jeany Embry Amy Hamilton	Jeany Embry Judy Kelly	Jeany Embry Kristina Taylor	
Greeters	Wyatt Hunt Ryan Embry	Steven & Jenee' Beatty	Deena Raymer Celia Kirkpatrick	Kendra Jones	
Communion Prep	Jonathan & Emilee Burian	Shaun & Tanya Windle	Stacia Landry Hannah Hamilton	Jim & Kim Kern	
Sound Technician	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	
Projectionist	Wyatt Hunt	Addie Ramirez	Stacia Landry	Nikolai Beyer	
Worship Team	Jonathan Burian-Guitar Jessica Knell-Guitar Lauren Sutter Kristi Kern Emilee Burian	Belinda Landry Deena Raymer Emily Melvin Pam Dunham Kristy Siebert	Kendra Jones Deena Raymer Emily Melvin Pam Dunham Kristy Siebert	Belinda Landry Deena Raymer Emily Melvin Pam Dunham Kristy Siebert	

**WE DON'T CHANGE GOD'S MESSAGE—
HIS MESSAGE CHANGES US.**