

Saybrook Christian Messenger

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

**DON'T FORGET TIME
CHANGES ON
MARCH 10TH**



**MARCH 29TH
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
7 PM**

**MARCH 31ST
EASTER SUNRISE
7 AM**

(Breakfast potluck to follow)

**EASTER SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9 AM
CANTATA 10:15 AM
“I Know My Redeemer Lives”**

Stacy's Studies

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I AM SECURE

Growing up without a dad in my life left me with a lot of insecurities, I never had the male role model to look up to nor did I have the security of protection when I came home after school or at any other time.

But, when I gave my life to Christ that all changed, I now have the most incredible Father ever, the greatest male role model, Jesus in my life. I also have the greatest secure feelings that I have ever had. I know that my Father will always be here for me, I know that I can always look up to Jesus and see how He lived as a man in this world. The security I have surpasses anything this world has to offer, because this world is temporary but my Father in heaven is eternal.

These scriptures below, I pray, will encourage you greatly if you are feeling down and lonely. I pray you can see that you are greatly loved by our Father in heaven. God has said, **“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)** And Jesus said, **“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” (John 14:18)** These words are truth because our Father cannot lie, Jesus cannot lie, with this in mind I am secure.

Romans 8:1-2	I am free from condemnation
Rom 8:28	I have assurance that God will help
Rom 8: 31-34	I am free from all condemning charges
Rom 8:35-39	I cannot be separated from God's love
2 Cor 1: 21-22	I am established, anointed, and sealed
Col 3:3	I am hidden with Christ in God
Phil 1:6	I am confident that God will complete me
Phil 3:20	I am a citizen of heaven
2 Tim 1:7	I have not been given a spirit of fear
Heb 4:16	I can find help in my time of need
1 John 5:18	I am born of God

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

STATS	2-3-13	2-10-13	2-17-13	2-24-13
Worship Offering	3,615.91	3,457.10	4,198.00	2,999.95
Designated Offering	435.88	347.00	328.28	327.34
Noisy Offering			97.76	
Weekly Budget		\$3,541.22		
Sunday School	82	82	91	100
Morning Worship	126	135	133	131

Hope Counseling



Brenda Sommer

Licensed Professional Counselor

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Hope is an anchor for the soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

A friend recently asked me about Ash Wednesday, the season of Lent and their significance to the Easter celebration. *Harper's Bible Dictionary* defines them as follows:

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent and the seventh Wednesday before Easter. It derives its name from the early ecclesiastical custom of putting ashes on the heads of believers on that day, as a sign of penitence.

Lent, among Christians originally the period of prebaptismal preparation, later of public penance. Finally it became a forty-day devotional preparation for Easter traditionally based on Jesus' wilderness fast (Mark 1:13).

I don't think I have ever worn ashes on my head to show a sign of penitence. I know that still today, several denominations do this as part of their preparation for the celebration of Easter. (An outward sign of an inward identification with Christ) What about you?

I know that my heart remembers when I first met Jesus. There are times when I share in his suffering. Does he see the ashes on my heart? Does he really know that I remember what he's done for me? I certainly hope so...from ashes to beauty, just like our Lord. (Is 61)

Recently, in one of our *GriefShare* video's, a speaker said, "We live... we die... we live again." We will all trade in our ashes for beauty, and those united with Christ will live with him again.

Together in Christ, Brenda

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The two main bathrooms have been updated and are very nice. A big thank you goes out to Streenz Home Improvement for doing such a nice job. A few small finishing touches and we should be finished with the remodeling of our building.

The property that was purchased for a youth ministers residence has also been upgraded and spruced up. An open house will be scheduled in the future.

WORSHIP EASTER CANTATA
“I Know My Redeemer Lives”

Brings us together to praise the name of Jesus, our great Redeemer. It's a time to share His story... especially the story of His cross and His resurrection. He could have stopped the painful parade up to Calvary with a word, but He never uttered it. Instead, He opened His arms to the beam, He opened His hands to the nails, and He allowed Himself to be crucified.

What is the best part of this story: It's the part we, as believers, tell about the truth of who Jesus is, what He did, and how He penetrated our hearts and changed our lives forever. Through His death and resurrection, the sacrifice has been made. The debt has been satisfied. Our redemption has been secured. Christ has been raised. Our hope is real. Our future with Him is certain. We know our Redeemer lives!

FELLOWSHIP

AREA MEN'S MEETING March 5, 2013 7 PM
at LeRoy Christian Church

Family Movie Night at the EDGE- 6 PM
March 9, 2013

“Brother White” "An associate pastor of a famous megachurch, James White jumps at the chance to lead an impoverished African American congregation in Atlanta. His wife and two children aren't crazy about the move and neither is his new flock. But can they---along with a musical miracle from BeBe Winans---save their church from a corrupt banker eager to foreclose? Starring David A.R. White (*Jerusalem Countdown*), Victoria Jackson (*Saturday Night Live*), Jackée (*Sister, Sister*), Ray Wise (*Twin Peaks*) with Academy Award Nominee Bruce Davison and Reginald VelJohnson (*Family Matters*). Dove approved. Approx. 88 minutes."

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!

WCS (Women's Christian Service)

The ladies of the WCS will meet, Tuesday, March 12th at 7 PM. The hostesses for March are Judy Kelly and Cathy Blythe. Kendra Jones is leading our study about the women of the bible.

For the March meeting we are asked to read and study the book of Ruth. 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.

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:

MARCH 16TH 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.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

APRIL NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE MARCH 29TH. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH. THANK YOU.

WE NOW HAVE OUR WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING.

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WHERE YOU ARE?

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Traps and Fruit

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. He separated the land from the waters. He caused living things to grow and flourish. He made cats to make kitties, sheep to make lambs, and people and goats to make kids. He beautifully and perfectly designed a garden for man kind to live in.

The garden was not a place that mankind was restricted to. God didn't make a garden and then say "Don't go past the driveway on that side, don't cross the street on that side, and don't go into the neighbors yards." He actually invites these people, made in His image, to eat of all of the seed bearing plants in the whole earth. God made man kind to be free to partake of all of the fruits and pleasures that can be found in the world, and may come and go from the garden as they please. In fact it was the garden that poured life into the rest of creation as the headwater of the whole earth's life-spring.

At the very center of this life-giving garden were two trees. One tree had fruit on it that gave life without restriction, and the other offered the knowledge of good and evil. The second tree did not simply open the eyes of those who ate of it to the fact there are good things as well as bad things, but it offered an intimate experience with evil. The serpent, oh so crafty was he, was able to draw mans attention away from the limitless beauty and freedom that God had created, and managed to focus their minds and hearts and attitudes on the one tiny, truly insignificant thing that they were instructed not to eat.

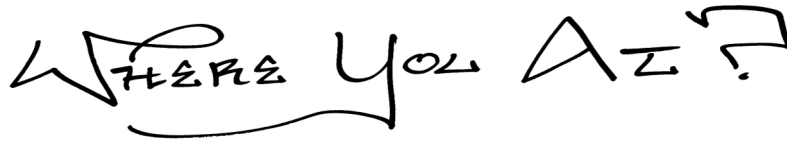
They ate. They sinned.

Some time later Jesus would be teaching the Jewish nation about God, and faith, and love. He would use pictures that His hearers would be able to relate to and understand. One instance He happened to be teaching about sin, and what it actually is, and what it actually does. He said sin is actually like slavery. Now the Jews have a history full of slavery, and oppression and pain and suffering, they were all too familiar with what slavery was like. Jesus said when you choose to intimately know evil, when you choose to deeply experience the very things that are in direct opposition to what I designed and purposed you for, your actually becoming slaves to those choices.

One might say that Jesus even brings us back to the center of the garden to remind us of the two trees. He's telling His listeners that each time we eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, instead of experiencing the abundance of life and joy and pleasure and freedom that God has created us in, we are focusing on this forbidden thing and in turn ensnares us. Jesus says this traps us in a cycle where we can't help but continually choose to eat of the forbidden tree and we fall deeper and deeper into our own traps, and the slavery of sin and instead of participating in the life we were created for we choose to look the other way and it looks like death and fear and sadness. And eventually we've forgotten about the tree of life and are so trapped that we can't even eat of the life giving tree any longer.

Jesus then draws their attentions and intention and hearts and minds and very souls to the fact that He is actually offering us the fruit of the tree of life once again. He's reminding us that there is life to be had, and that He came to free His image bearers from the slavery of sin, from the traps that we lay for ourselves. He's come to give life abundantly, to heal the sick and help those lost find their way back to the life, the freedom and the beauty in which they were first created. He is... the tree of life.

The same offer still stands... Where you at?



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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

March Menus: March 6: Pizza, Salad, Dessert
 March 13: Italian Beef Sandwiches, Chips, Baked Beans, Veggies, Dessert
 March 20: Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Veggies, Dessert
 March 27: NO HiN SPRING BREAK



Jr. and Sr. High students will meet on M, TH, and F from 3:30 to 5 PM at the EDGE to work on homework and to hang out with Jonathan.

March 1-2: **Super Start** at Eastview in Bloomington, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students

March 17: **AINESIS** at Lane Christian Church, leaving at 5 PM Sr. High Students

March 22-23: **Believe** at Peoria 7th & 8th grade students

March 23: **Winter Jam**, Champaign

March 27: Jr. and Sr. High will meet at the EDGE for a **Spring Break Party** 6PM
 (Please bring \$2.00 to help with cost of snacks)

April 7: **YOUTH SUNDAY**

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, \$294.00.

The Christmas Club Committee

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

Little Galilee Christian Camp

The **February** Noisy Offering went to: Central Illinois Evangelical Association/Stadia in the amount of \$97.76.

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

Thank you, Missions/Benevolence

Praises:

Matt and Angela Fry are the proud parents of triplets. Two girls and a boy. Mother and babies are doing well.

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 Ross Whitson
Family of Roy Minor
Family of Betty Short
JoAnn Toelstede, cancer
Bonnie Tipsord, colon cancer

Long- Term Illness

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

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



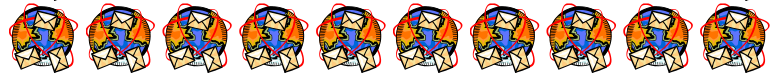
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Protection and Safety of Servicemen:

	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	



IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR MEN TO HAVE IMAGINED SO MANY FALSE RELIGIONS IF THERE WERE NOT A TRUE ONE.

GRIEFSHARE

YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

Program offered beginning January 15, 2013

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Saybrook Christian Church Fellowship Hall

Register with Brenda Sommer, 309-531-8945

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Cost \$20.00 for materials

MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Super Start - Eastview	
						Dick Hudson David Zehr
3	4 Leadership 7 PM 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE Alesha Kern	5 GriefShare 6:30 - 8:30 PM Area Men's Meeting LeRoy 7 PM Jeff Phillips	6 HiN 6:30 PM	7 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE Kaidence VanNote Steven & Jenee' Beatty	8 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE	9 Family Movie Night-6PM Karlee Sommer
10 Time Change Spring Ahead Brent Beyer	11  3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE	12 GriefShare 6:30 - 8:30 PM WCS - 7 PM Jim Kern	13 HiN 6:30 PM	14 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE	15 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE Pat Brownlee Emily Melvin Russell Robbins	16 Food Pantry 10-11 AM Kristina Taylor
17  ANESIS at Lane - 5 PM Linda Hunt	18 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr.High at EDGE	19 GriefShare 6:30 - 8:30 PM	20 HiN 6:30 PM Ginny Boyle	21 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr.High at EDGE	22	23
					Believe - Peoria	
						Winter Jam
						Frank & Greta Sutter
24 Palm Sunday 	25 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE	26	27	28 3:30-5PM Jr., Sr. High at EDGE Russell & Patty Robbins	29 Good Friday Service 7 pm  Elijah VanNote	30 Louise Feese
31 Easter Sunday Sunrise 7 AM 						

Our Volunteers' Schedule	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 31 EASTER
Meditation	Jonathan Burian	Jim Dunham	Terry Embry	Steven Beatty	Jim Kern
Offering Prayer Serving at the Table	Terry Embry * Jonathan Burian	Frank Sutter * Jim Dunham	Bryan Sommer * Terry Embry	Bob Beatty * Steven Beatty	Terry Embry * Jim Kern
Servers	Michael Cox Buddy Hudson Ed Knittel Ilya Beyer	Frank Sutter Stan VanNote Brent Beyer Scott Embry	Frank Sutter Stan VanNote Brent Beyer Scott Embry	Bryan Sommer Lane Sommer Ernie Hamilton Noah Hamilton	Bryan Sommer Lane Sommer Ernie Hamilton Noah Hamilton
Visitation	Bob Beatty	Jim Dunham	Frank Sutter	Bryan Sommer	Terry Embry
Infant Nursery Sunday School and Church (if needed)	Karlee Sommer	Addie Ramirez	Laura Phillips	Ryan Embry	Lauren Sutter
Toddler Nursery Sunday School and Church	Jeany Embry Kristina Taylor	Jeany Embry Sharon VanNote	Jeany Embry Kim Kern	Jeany Embry Jenee' Beatty	Jeany Embry Tish Williamson
Greeters	Brent & Donna Beyer	Shannon & Dawn Ramirez	Shaun & Tanya Windle	Ernie & Amy Hamilton	Stan & Sharon VanNote
Communion Prep	Bryan & Brenda Sommer	Jim & Pam Dunham	Frank & Greta Sutter	Ernie & Amy Hamilton	Steven & Jenee' Beatty
Sound Technician	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern
Projectionist	Stacia Landry	Kristina Taylor	Lauren Sutter	Jessica Knell	Ilya Beyer
Worship Team	Belinda Landry Janeen Prosser Amy Hamilton Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert	Belinda Landry Janeen Prosser Amy Hamilton Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert	Kendra Jones Janeen Prosser Amy Hamilton Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert	Belinda Landry Janeen Prosser Amy Hamilton Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert	Belinda Landry Choir

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