

Saybrook Christian Messenger

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

ἀγαπάω – agapao – Strong's # 25

- Used 142 times in the New Testament
- To welcome, entertain, be fond of, to love dearly; to be well pleased with, to be contented at or with (Thayer)
- Denotes an act, not a feeling
- Rarely used outside of the New Testament and thought to be created to describe godly love.



VBS

Calling all youth
4 year olds thru 6th grade.
Come to S.C.C.

August 5th thru 9th
6 to 8:30 PM

Enjoy a week of fun, and learning about Jesus
More info inside

Stacy's Studies

OTHERS MAY - YOU CANNOT

If God has called you to be really like Jesus Christ, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians who seem very religious and useful may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy spirit will not allow you to do any such thing; and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than money, namely, a helpless dependence on Him that he may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of His unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you in hidden obscurity, because He wants to produce some fragrant fruit for His coming glory which only can be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for the work you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy spirit will put a strict watch over you with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting time which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely will yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who walk close to Him.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.

G. D. Watson in *Living Words*

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

STATS	7-7-13	7-14-13	7-21-13	7-28-13	
Worship Offering	5,058.65	4,016.30	2,379.30	N/A	
Designated Offering	999.00	50.00	719.00	N/A	
Noisy Offering			149.81		
Weekly Budget		\$3,541.22			
Sunday School	70	96	56	93	
Morning Worship	110	120	86	131	

Hope Counseling



Brenda Sommer

Licensed Professional Counselor

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Hope is an anchor for the soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

*I have the privilege to work with many people who are learning to think and live life differently. We naturally have a bent to live life to please ourselves. So, if you are like me you understand that living life differently is not any easy task - Change is hard work! Through our relationship with God in Christ; he teaches how to live life so that it is pleasing to him, pleasing to others and actually works better for us. With that in mind, I'd like to share the following article, **Together in Christ, Brenda***

A godly lifestyle

There is an important principle that we see illustrated in various parts of the New Testament: great blessings place us under great obligations. Take, for instance, [Romans 12:1](#): 'Therefore, I urge, you brother, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.' For eleven chapters Paul has been writing about God's mercy to us in salvation. And now, at the beginning of chapter [12](#), he turns to the obligation this mercy has placed us under and urges us to offer ourselves to God.

We have another example at the beginning of [Philippians 2](#): 'If you have any encouragement from being united to Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose' (vv. [1, 2](#)). Paul is reminding us of our blessings - our union with Christ, our comfort from his love, our fellowship with the Spirit, our experience of God's tenderness and compassion - and is indicating what our response to these blessings should be. We should be like-minded; we should have the same love; we should be one in spirit and purpose.

Then there is our present passage. Why dwell at such length on the great things God has done in his love and kindness? The answer, as we noted at the beginning, is found in verse [8](#): 'I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works'. God's mercy calls us to a lifestyle characterized by good works. It obliges us to devotedly do what is good. And it is in order to motivate us to fulfill this obligation that Paul has spoken of the things that he has.

Doing good is a very broad-ranging thing. It ultimately takes in the whole will of God for us. It means being all that God wants us to be whether as husbands or wives, parents or children, brothers and sisters in the Lord, neighbors, colleagues, employers, workers, citizens, or friends. The apostle himself has given us some of the details in the course of chapter [2](#). And our abiding concern should be to take these details and out of thankfulness to God for what he has done for us to seek in a devoted way to fulfill them.

Campbell, D. (2007). Opening up Titus. Opening Up Commentary. Leominster: Day One Publications. Page 1. Exported from [Logos Bible Software 4](#), 9:33 AM July 31, 2013

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The house that was just purchased is going to need a new roof. The B & G committee and leadership are looking into re-roofing it. They are collecting information.

WORSHIP

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Worship Team Leaders, Musicians, Sound Tech, Projectionist. See Stacy Landry if you can help.

Several of our youth are beginning to play the piano during offering and communion services. It is good to see young people using their talents.

EDUCATION

We are still teaching God's Word at 9:00 am for ALL ages.

July and August the adult Sunday school classes will meet in the fellowship hall. Stacy Landry will be presenting "Back to the Basics ". Come join us and learn more about God's Word!

FELLOWSHIP

AREA MEN'S MEETING

August 6, 2013 7 PM

at College Park Christian Church

John Plunkett, speaker

Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Green Beans, Rolls, Apple Crisp

(Let Merle Coile know if you plan to attend)

Van leaves at 6 PM

Family Movie Night at the EDGE- 6 PM

August 10, 2013

"The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry"

Remember to keep reading the scheduled Summer Reading scriptures of the Bible thru August. This will take you thru the book of Acts.

WCS (Women's Christian Service)

The ladies of WCS will **NOT** meet during the summer months. The first meeting in the fall will be on September 10th. The hostesses for the summer months are:

August - Linda Hunt & Judy Kelly

September - Linda Beatty & JoAnn Coile

Bring a friend and come join us in September.

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:

August 17th from 9 to 10 AM

Items Needed:

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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON AUGUST 30ST. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH. THANK YOU.

WE NOW HAVE OUR WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING.

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WHERE YOU ARE?

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And then... and then...

We just got back from a very long and very tiring trip. A week in the mountains where it was 90 degrees every day and 40 degrees every night. It was wet, and then hot and then cold and then colder and then hot again. The drive each way more than 24 hours with a break in the middle for a rough nights sleep and then back on the road and then a pit stop and then lunch.

The day after our return is Sunday school, and then service, and then a VBS meeting and then I still need to make sure to connect with all the parents of the kids who made serious decisions while in Colorado. I arrive in the office Monday morning and then I'm flooded with a list of action points for the week in preparation for VBS, and then I need to write my article and then...

When I'm overwhelmed with the busyness of doing church I treasure the moments when the Spirit is able to subtly nudge me and remind me of how Jesus responded to the non-stop go, go, go of His ministry. He would have an early morning speaking engagement and then He would have to decide on 12 Apostles He would specifically call, and then He would be healing and then forgiving, and then He would be ridiculed and then He would be rushed to be made king, and then they would try to kill Him, and then He'd be back teaching in the Synagogue.

I'm drawn to two small indication of how Jesus would find rest and restoration and revival of His spirit and body during these times of frantic rushing around. At first I'm drawn to the encounter at the well in Samaria. In John chapter 4 Jesus and His disciples are traveling and stop in Samaria. He sits near a well to rest after being baptized, and then teaching and then doing miracles, and then clearing out the temple and then walking a long distance on His way to Galilee, and He is tired (John 4:6). He sits down and breathes deep to simply let the Sun wash over Him and enjoy a moment of silence as His followers have gone to get some food and left him alone.

"Finally a moment to myself" He thinks, and then up comes a Samaritan woman. You know that moment when you just want to keep your eyes closed and act like you don't notice the other person who has just entered the room, or you want to keep reading the nutrition facts instead of greeting that perfect stranger? This is that moment for Jesus. When it would have been easier and less demanding of Him to simply ignore her (which would have been completely culturally acceptable, even encouraged) or even give the obligatory smile you offer when walking into the elevator and someone else is already inside. But no instead in His tired weary state He engages her for the sake of the Kingdom of God, for reconciliation. And He speaks of grace and joy and hope and then He encourages her to participate and then she goes and shares this encounter with others. When Jesus' disciples return they are confused because Jesus is revitalized and refreshed although had not eaten or rested. You see Jesus was revived by participating in the Kingdom and allowing the Spirit to restore Him. He rested by being used by the Spirit.

The second way I see Jesus seeking rest and relaxation is not by sleeping the day away or vegging out. No, it's by spending intentional time with God and making that time even if it means getting up early (Mark 1:35). So when we finally get a chance to breathe, be drawn to our Lord and invite Him and allow Him to teach you and me how to rest in Him, and His Spirit, and then we will be revived...

Grace and Love,



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



The Fall semester Kick-Off will be on **September 11th at 6 PM**

The Jr. and Sr. Hi. will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 6 PM.

Youth, watch your e-mails and texts from Jonathan for upcoming meetings and activities throughout the summer months.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

**VBS is Coming : August 5th thru 9th
6 to 8:30 PM**

“Kingdom Chronicles” Standing Strong in the Battle for Truth

Mission: Nagaland Outreach Children’s Ministry

August 5th thru 9th from 6 to 8:30 pm we will be holding our summer VBS program. This years theme is “Kingdom Chronicles” Standing Strong in the Battle for Truth. Our Mission for the week will be Nagaland Outreach Children’s Ministry in Nagaland, India. Boy’s against the Girl’s as to who can bring in the most mission money.

All students four years old thru the 6th grade may attend. Pre-registration has been on the web site and you may sign up on August 5th, the first night, between 5:45 and 6 PM.

AINESIS August 4th, 6:30 PM at the EDGE for 7th thru 12th grade students.

NO WED. NIGHT AT THE EDGE ON AUGUST 7TH

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 growing.
Balance as of today is, \$1,237.00.

The Christmas Club Committee

The August **NOISY OFFERING** as well as the **VBS Offering**, will be going to:

Nagaland Outreach Children's Ministry
In Nagaland, India
Elilo Patton, Missionary

The **July** Noisy Offering went to Inner City Mission at Springfield, IL, in the amount of \$ 149.81.

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

Thank you, Missions/Benevolence

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please be in prayer for our missionary, Elilo Patton, in Nagaland, India. Elilo recently lost her brother, Chopathung, do to a brain hemorrhage. He was the one who took care of things in the day to day running of the orphanage. He leaves behind a wife and four boys, the youngest of whom is 3 months old.

We have supported Nagaland Outreach Children's Ministry for the last three years with a monthly donation of \$125.00.

Right now a lot of prayer is needed for the family as well as the mission to help them find their footing and to continue on without his help.

If you would like to help the family monetarily you may make your check out to SCC with **Elilo's family** on the memo line and the mission committee will see that Elilo' family receives your help.

The **NOISY OFFERING** for the month of August is scheduled to go to Nagaland so the mission will be receiving that additional help.

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 Barb Gosnell, Stacie Coile's mother
 Family of Sandy Cagle
 Family of Martha McKean, Belinda's grandmother
 Jackie Parma, gall bladder surgery
 Ed Buell, ACM missionary, liver transplant
 Upcoming VBS program
 Elilo Patton, missionary, Nagaland, India, lose of brother
 Shannon Parada, recovery from surgery
 David Martin, recovery from surgery



UPDATED

Protection and Safety of Servicemen:

Kelly & Tim Gills
 Bruce Withers
 Alan Burns
 Daren Cagle
 Jonathan Rieches
 Jason Jayne
 Zach Schertz, Ft. Benning
 Todd Leatherman, Chaplain, ND
 Larry Blythe
 David Schaefer, NC
 Jace Badia
 Bryan Bein, USAF, Lackland, TX
 Patrick Fry, Alaska

Service Personnel Overseas

Stephen Castleman, Germany

Long Term Illness

Marilyn Tjarks	Cynthia Minor
Marilyn Hadden	Bonnie Hill
Chuck Bridgewater	Kyla Zastrow
Rick Marlow	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

Thank You!

Thank you to Noah Hamilton, Ryan Embry, Jim & Levi Kern, Ashley Kaiser, Bob & Donna Reiners and Bob & Linda Beatty and Stacy Landry. They cleaned up my yard of limbs, pulled grass from my landscaping and trimmed trees. Noah Hamilton power washed my concrete, Ryan Embry, Jim Kern, Bob Beatty and Levi Kern rebuilt my flower bed.

I really appreciate the work that was done. It is so nice to look out my window and see my new knock out rose bush. It really brightens my day.

Thank you again,

Wilma Gifford

WHAT ARE VOLUNTEERS?

Volunteers are like Ford: They have better ideas.
 Volunteers are like Coke: They are the real thing.
 Volunteers are like Pan Am: They make the going great.
 Volunteers are like Dial Soap:
 They care more-don't you wish everybody did?
 Volunteers are like hair spray: Their goodness holds in all kinds of weather.
 Volunteers are like Hallmark cards: They care enough to give the very best.
 Volunteers are like Standard Oil: You expect more and you get it.
 But most of ALL...Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes: They're GRRRRREEEEAAAATT!!!!



AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jim & Kim Kern	2	3
4 AINESIS 6:30 PM at the EDGE for 7th - 12th grade Students Jacob Phillips Delmar Martin	5 Leadership 7 PM	6 Prayer Hr. 6:30 pm 	7 NO WED. NITE AT EDGE Laura Phillips	8 Kim Kern	9	10 Family Movie 6 PM
VBS—Kingdom Chronicles, Standing Strong in the Battle for Truth 6 to 8:30 PM						
11	12 Shannon & Dawn Ramirez	13 Prayer Hr. 6:30 pm 	14 Ridgeview School Starts 6 PM at the JR, SR High at EDGE	15 Deena Raymer Todd William- son	16	17 Food Pantry 9-10 AM Wyatt Hunt Ainsley Beatty
18 NOISY OFFERING Nagaland Noah Hamilton	19	20 Prayer Hr. 6:30 pm 	21 6 PM JR, SR. High at Reiners Weiner Roast Janeen Prosser	22 Lorraine Braasch	23 Caitlin Schaefer Ruby Smith	24 Hannah Fredericks
25	26	27 Prayer Hr. 6:30 pm 	28 6 PM JR, SR. High at EDGE Eric Kern Delmar & Carolyn Martin	29	30	31 Amy Windle

Our Volunteers' Schedule	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	
Meditation	Terry Embry	Steven Beatty	Jim Kern	Stacy Landry	
Offering Prayer Serving at the Table	Bob Beatty * Terry Embry	Terry Embry * Steven Beatty	Bryan Sommer * Jim Kern	Frank Sutter * Stacy Landry	
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	
Visitation	Terry Embry	Steven Beatty	Bryan Sommer	Jim Kern	
Infant Nursery Sunday School and Church (if needed)	Ryan Embry	Lauren Sutter	Addie Ramirez	Karlee Sommer	
Toddler Nursery Sunday School and Church	Jeany Embry Kristina Taylor	Jeany Embry Sharon VanNote	Jeany Embry Kim Kern	Jeany Embry Jenee' Beatty	
Greeters	Shaun & Tanya Windle	Ernie & Amy Hamilton	Stan & Sharon VanNote	Steven & Jenee' Beatty	
Communion Prep	Shaun & Tanya Windle	Jim & Kim Kern	Stacia Landry Hannah Hamilton	Cathy Blythe Judy Kelly	
Sound Technician	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	
Projectionist	Nikolai Beyer	Stacia Landry	Kristina Taylor	Lauren Sutter	
Worship Team	Belinda Landry Amy Hamilton Emily Melvin Kristy Siebert Greta Sutter	Belinda Landry Janeen Prosser Emily Melvin Kristy Siebert Greta Sutter	Kendra Jones Amy Hamilton Emily Melvin Kristy Siebert Greta Sutter	Belinda Landry Janeen Prosser Emily Melvin Kristy Siebert Greta Sutter	

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