

Saybrook Christian Messenger

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

Return to standard time

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m.
Sunday. Clocks
should be
turned back
one hour.
Daylight
saving time
returns
March 10



Sr. Hi. Youth! Mark your
calendars for ICTC
Nov. 16th, 17th at Spring-
field. Contact Kristi Kern
for details. 309-475-9142

From Nashville, Tennessee
THE FARM HANDS
BLUEGRASS QUARTET

MULTI AWARD WINNERS
GRAND OLE OPRY PERFORMERS
- in concert -

SAYBROOK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 10, 2012
7 PM

Stacy's Studies

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November is "Count You're Many Blessings" Month!

Yes, November is the month of Thanksgiving. But with all that has been going on this past year how can we count our many blessing when trials, struggles, grief and temptations seem to outnumber them? I believe we have to remember our relationship with God and the mountaintop experience we had the moment we were delivered from the wages of our sins.

Paul's prayer for the church at Colossae is a prayer we should pray for ourselves and for others who are struggling:

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:10-14)

When we struggle, we must remember what God has done for us; our mountaintop experience of salvation should be first and foremost in our minds. We must go back to the greatest moment in our lives! This will help us overcome all these struggles that come upon us continuously.

After this main blessing, it is easier to remember other blessings that God has given us. For me, I can remember God blessing me with a desire to preach His word, and then He knew I would need help so He blessed me with Belinda. Then He blessed Belinda and me with Stacia twelve years ago. Then God blessed us in three great ministries around the country, most recently here in Saybrook, IL. While here, He knew we would need a strong congregation who would support us through the cancer that Belinda had back in 2004. And these blessing continue to this day through friendships within our congregation who strengthen us each and every day through hospitality and prayers!

You see, once you remember your starting point with God, you can count a lot of blessings through your walk with Him. We must have that first mountaintop experience however, or it will be impossible to count blessings, because blessings come from God (James 1). Strength, patience and joy come from us being saved by God (Col 1:3-14).

So, as Paul said in Philippians, **"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me---put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." (Phil 4:8-9)**

Count your many blessings, name them one by one, starting with the day you were redeemed!

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

STATS	9-30-12	10-7-12	10-14-12	10-21-12	10-28-12
Worship Offering	2,028.00	3,307.73	2,299.22	3,103.97	2,377.10
Designated Offering	146.00	212.36	186.00	636.76	197.88
Noisy Offering				196.76	
Weekly Budget		\$2,966.15			
Sunday School	79	77	88	95	92
Morning Worship	102			113	118

Hope Counseling



Hope is an anchor for the soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

Brenda Sommer

Licensed Professional Counselor

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Survival Tips for Handling the Holidays

When I was a child, the holidays were an elaborate event. My nana prepared an exceptional menu of meats, fish, pastas and pastries that would make angels salivate. Cousins, aunts and uncles, godparents and various other people filled the house with boisterous talking, bellowing laughter and an occasional argument. Nana's girlfriends spoke only Italian, and they smelled a little odd. But their pinch to your cheek or bone-crunching hug only added to the fun ... The holidays were never quite the same without my nana.

For those experiencing a loss, October through December can be excruciatingly painful months. Death, separation, divorce, illness, family trauma, job loss or moving to a new location result in great losses that make the holidays difficult.

Therefore, here are a few practical tips.

- PREPARE – The ambush of emotions can attack at any time; prepare beforehand.
 - ACCEPT the difficulty of this time of year and your loss. Remind yourself that it's a season and it will pass.
 - SOCIALIZE – Don't hibernate. Insecure feelings may tempt you to isolate, but force yourself to go out even if it's only for a short time.
 - LOWER your expectations – Movies and songs paint an unrealistic picture of the holidays.
 - DON'T ANESTHETIZE the pain with drugs or alcohol – Numbing emotional distress with chemicals creates more depression.
 - TRIMMING – If old ornaments or trimmings cause too much pain, don't hang them this year. Put them aside for another time.
 - GET UP AND MOVE – Take care of your physical well-being. Healthy foods will give you strength; fattening and sugar-filled foods can worsen your depression. Exercise produces natural stress reducers.
 - SHOP online if going to the mall is too stressful.
 - COPING STRATEGY – Have the phone number of your counselor, pastor, church, close friend or hotline already taped to your phone. Make the commitment to call someone if negative thoughts get fierce.
 - LIGHT – Get some sunshine. Winter can take its toll on your emotions by the loss of sun you experience.
 - INVITE a new (same-sex) friend to see a movie, have dinner or help decorate the house.
 - SET BOUNDARIES – Precisely explain to your family and friends what you are capable of doing this year, and what you aren't. Don't let others guilt you into taking on more than you can handle.
 - REACH OTHERS by discovering people who might be alone during the holidays.
- by Laura Petherbridge

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Work continues on schedule. Next to come will be installing all the lights and then the carpet. We will be in this process for at least another month. Please bear with us during this time.

WORSHIP

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Counting our blessings is good practice.

1. It makes us get along with people better.
2. It makes us look around us instead of within us.
3. It makes us more considerate, sympathetic.
4. It causes us to live for others, not ourselves.
5. It makes us a blessing instead of a burden.
6. It corrects our perspective of life.
7. It strengthens our inner resources of faith and hope.
8. It increased our confidence for living.
9. It increased our awareness of God

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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!

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:

November 17th, 10 am to 11 am

September Items:

- | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| PAPER TOWEL | Peanut Butter | Mac - N - Cheese |
| TOILET PAPER | Hamburger Helper | Cereals |
| KLEENEX | 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

November 6, 2012

at Deland, IL

Family Movie Night Cancelled

NOVEMBER 10TH AT 7 PM

"The Farm Hand Quartet Band" will perform a concert here at Saybrook Christian Church. Mark your calendars so you don't miss is great group. Go to www.farmhandsquartet.com/band.html to listen to a preview of this group.

WCS (Women's Christian Service)

The ladies of WCS will meet Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm at the church. We'll have a short business meeting, followed by Kendra Jones leading a study in Judges chapters four and five. Our hostesses for the month are Linda Beatty and Pam Dunham. Bring a friend and come. Our meetings are only once a month on the second Tuesday.

There are additional cookbooks for sale at anytime, just contact Linda Beatty.

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.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 30TH. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH. THANK YOU.

WE NOW HAVE OUR WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING.

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The money for these missions comes in through the offering each Sunday. Each Sunday, 15% of 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. 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

The Christmas Club account is growing. Thank you for your support with this project. Balance as of today is
\$ 2,416.85 The Christmas Club Committee

The Noisy Offering in October was on the 21st. It went to **our Christmas Club account for the Adopt-A-Family project.** The amount collected was **\$196.76**

The Noisy Offering in November will be going to our **missionaries, The DeLaughters** in Tanzania. They will be at Saybrook Christian Church on November 18th.

We started supporting the DeLaughters four years ago. They are currently home on furlough and living in married student housing at LCU. Bill is the missionary on campus for this year.

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

Thank you, Missions/Benevolence

***Any monies that come in after November 30th will be used to start our 2013 Christmas Club Fund.**

Weekly Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

B-Team
Sr. High Group
(9th - 12th Grade)
Stacy Landry, Leader

HiN

Home Improvement Night

HiN is running smoothly. Come join us for food, fun, Bible Study and fellowship.

November Menus:

Nov. 7: Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Relish Tray, Dessert

Nov. 14th: Yearly Thanksgiving Family Meal

(Please RSVP to the church: office@saybrookchristianchurch.org)

Nov. 28: Nacho's, Veggies, Dessert

YOUTH EVENTS

ICTC at Springfield is November 16, 17th. This is for the Sr. High students.

Believe is March 1, 2 of 2013. This is for the 7th and 8th grade students.

Super Start is March 22, 23 of 2013. This is for the 4th, 5th & 6th grade students.

I know this sounds a little early but it will be here before you know it and plans have to be made early to receive any discounts.

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, hurricane victims, upcoming elections.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Family of Charlene Durham
Sandy Cagle, cancer, Kendra Jones' sister
Kendra Jones, continued healing
Wisdom for hiring a youth Minister
Wilma Gifford, stroke, HOME doing better
Beulah Vinson, pneumonia

Long- Term Illness

Marilyn Tjarks	Bill Winn
Marilyn Hadden	Cynthia Minor
Chuck Bridgwater	Bonnie Hill
Rick Marlow, Parkinson's disease	

Shut Ins:

Violet Roberts

Our Care Center Residents:

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



UPDATED

Protection and Safety of Servicemen:

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

Service Personnel Overseas

	Stephen Castleman, Germany	
	Jace Badia, Iraq	
	Stephanie Badia, Iraq	



**Avoid the Christmas rush
Attend church now!**

We are in the process of looking for A YOUTH MINISTER.
Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom.

Soles4Souls Shoe Drive
How to help change the world, one pair at a time.

December 12th at 7 PM our Wed. Night Youth will present the musical, *The Christmas Shoe Tree*.

Along with the musical the youth are participating in this Soles4Souls Shoe Drive. They are asking you to help by bringing in new and gently used shoes to place in the bin. All kinds of shoes are accepted including dress shoes, high heels and sandals.

Thank you for partnering with us to change the world one pair at a time.

Operation CHRISTMAS CHILD

Touch the heart of a needy child this Christmas with a gift-filled shoebox and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Every shoe box gift is an opportunity to touch a child's heart with the Love Of Jesus Christ.

Suggested gifts are:
School Supplies, Toys, Hygiene Items, a Personal Note. Other items would be: t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

Pick up a shoebox and information sheet from the hallway. Take it home and fill it with any of the above items. Label it for a Girl or Boy and return it to SCC by Nov. 18th. Postage for the boxes has been covered.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK FPU 5:30 pm	5 Leadership 7 PM Jason Zehr	6 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM Area Men's Mtg 7 PM Deland	7 HiN 6 PM Vegetable Soup	8	9	10 NO MOVIE TONIGHT Blue Grass Concert 7 PM "The Farm Hands Quartet"
11 Last FPU 5:30 pm	12	13 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM WCS - 7 PM	14 HiN 6 PM Thanksgiving Meal	15 Chuck & Pat Brownlee	16 Theresa Schaefer Coby Windle	17 Food Pantry 10 to 11 AM ICTC - Springfield - Sr. Hi Students
18 Missionaries, DeLaughters All Church Pot-Luck Timothy Talley	19 Marilyn Tjarks	20 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM Jim & Pam Dunham	21 NO HiN Thanksgiving Break	22	23	24 Cecil & Jean Hudson
25	26	27 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM	28 HiN 6 PM Nacho's Brent & Donna Beyer	29	30	

Our Volunteers' Schedule	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25	
Meditation	Jim Kern	Stacy Landry	Jim Dunham	Terry Embry	
Offering Prayer Serving at the Table	Bob Beatty * Jim Kern	Terry Embry * Stacy Landry	Frank Sutter * Jim Dunham	Bryan Sommer * Terry Embry	
Servers	Bryan Sommer Lane Sommer Ernie Hamilton Noah Hamilton	Bryan Sommer Lane Sommer Ernie Hamilton Noah Hamilton	Robert Reiners Nikolai Beyer Levi Kern Lane Sommer	Robert Reiners Nikolai Beyer Levi Kern Lane Sommer	
Visitation	Stacy Landry	Bob Beatty	Jim Dunham	Frank Sutter	
Infant Nursery Sunday School and Church (if needed)	Lauren Sutter	Natalia Beyer	Noah Hamilton	Becky Phillips	
Toddler Nursery Sunday School and Church	Jeany Embry Tricia Douglas	Jeany Embry Donna Beyer	Jeany Embry Amy Hamilton	Jeany Embry Judy Kelly	
Greeters	Shaun & Tanya Windle	Betty Zehr Louise Feese	Ernie & Amy Hamilton	Stan & Sharon VanNote	
Communion Prep	Frank & Greta Sutter	Ernie & Amy Hamilton	Steven & Jenee' Beatty	Betsy Palmer	
Sound Technician	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	
Projectionist	Lauren Sutter	Jessica Knell	Ilya Beyer	Addie Ramirez	
Worship Team	Belinda Landry Pam Dunham Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Tanya Windle	Belinda Landry Pam Dunham Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Tanya Windle	Kendra Jones Pam Dunham Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Tanya Windle	Belinda Landry Pam Dunham Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Tanya Windle	

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