

Saybrook Christian Messenger

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School– Sunday 9:00 AM

Worship– Sunday 10:15 AM

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 14, 2012

FOLLOWING THE AM SERVICE

TO CONFIRM THE 2013 LEADERSHIP

FOLLOWED BY

AN ALL CHURCH POT-LUCK

AT NOON

Stacy's Studies

NEWNESS

These past few weeks I have enjoyed seeing and hearing all the commotion going on as the renovations within the building take place. New drywall on the ceiling and on the walls, new paint going up everywhere, soon there will be new carpet throughout the building. There is a lot of newness around here.

Within all this newness there is one thing that will never change, the Gospel message that is being preached here at Saybrook. When David said he sang a new song, it was only the tune that changed it was never the message. He always sang about the glory of God. (Psalm 96) Paul talked about standing firm in the truth and never going away from it. Peter talked remaining firm in God's Word to avoid false teachers (2 Peter).

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter." (2 Thess 2:13-15)

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. ²⁰ For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:18-20)

This is what I give praise to the Lord for, the faithfulness of this congregation regarding the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though there are new walls and new decor, we will always tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love for us.

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

STATS	9-2-12	9-9-12	9-16-12	9-23-12	9-30-12
Worship Offering	2,159.95	3,624.01	3,026.50	3,267.05	N/A
Designated Offering	197.00	505.00	68.83	235.00	N/A
Noisy Offering				141.15	
Weekly Budget		\$2,966.15			
Sunday School	79	93	80	80	N/A
Morning Worship	103	127	117	110	N/A

Hope Counseling



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Hope is an anchor for the soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

Walk Toward the Light, the Real Light (Taken from LighthouseNetwork.org)

Transformational Thought

Our Mission at [Lighthouse Network](#) is to equip you to achieve your God-given potential by helping you to renew your mind spiritually, psychologically and even biologically. You then become Lighthouses who shine God's glory and gospel story, standing on solid Rock foundations in the storms of your own lives, and providing guidance and sanctuary to others during their stormy times. Stepping Stones Daily Devotional is one of several resources we developed to guide people through life's storms, daily and eternally to become Lighthouses, hopefully reflecting the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

So, when is a lighthouse most needed? In a storm, of course! When we are caught in one of life's many storms, whether it's a "rain shower" or a "tsunami" like 9/11/01, it's easy for us to feel alone or even abandoned. We can feel as if we are at the mercy of the winds of fate, not knowing which step to take next. The stones before us appear slippery or like stumbling blocks instead of what we need ... solid, helpful, safe Stepping Stones.

As believers, we must remember that God is all-powerful and sovereign over everything. He controls the history of the world including our personal destinies. He can easily calm the storms in your life, just as Jesus did for His disciples. But if God allows a storm to rage in your life, He also makes peace and comfort available to you if you choose to see and use His Light(house) correctly and continuously. Satan sets up many imitation lighthouses to trick you and attract you toward dangerous rocks. So it is important to be in the Word and growing your communication time with God so you can distinguish the real Lighthouse (God's) from the imitation (Satan's).

Today, stop and think about how God has served as a Lighthouse throughout your life. Think about the events in your life that have led you to where you are today. Reflect on some of the false lights you followed, thinking they were God's Lighthouses. What made them look so attractive? How can you recognize that imitation in the future?

If you are in a stable place, think of someone nearby who is in a storm. In what ways can you be a Lighthouse to them today? How can you let God's light shine through you? Help them turn away from imitation lighthouses that appear safe or healing, and turn towards the real Light of the world. If you are in a storm, God is lighting your next Stepping Stones, but you have to look in His direction and then trust Him as you step forward. Let God be your lighthouse and harbor, your place of safety. The Light you pursue, God's or Satan's, is your choice, so choose well!

Prayer

Dear Father, I am once again in another storm, a downpour. I'm tired of going from storm to storm. I know I have created some of these storms through my sinful nature and bad choices. But I also experience storms that have nothing to do with my actions, like the death of a loved one, losing my job because of the economy, and other events that are out of my control. In the midst of each storm I feel scared and alone ... and I don't know which step to take next. I need Your light, Lord, to shine on the next Stepping Stones of my path so I develop the mind of Christ. Help me and all those reading this devotional to walk in Your light so that we may become the daughters and sons of light. There is so much I don't know. But I do know You will continue to reveal more to me. I pray this in the name of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ; and all God's children say – AMEN!

The Truth

As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him." Luke 8:23-25

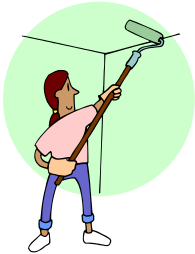
At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him. John 12:16

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. John 12

In Christ, Brenda

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Work in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall has been completed. The Foyer and hallway will be next. Then both ground floor bathrooms will be updated. We will be in this process for a couple of months. Please bear with us during this time.



FELLOWSHIP

AREA MEN'S MEETING

October 2, 2012

at Heyworth, IL

Family Movie Night

October 20 at 6:00 PM

“Believe in Me” Rated PG

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.

WCS (Women's Christian Service)

The ladies of WCS will meet Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm at the church. We'll have a short business meeting, followed by Pam Dunham leading the lesson for October. Our hostesses for the month are JoAnn Coile and Cathy Blythe. 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.

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!

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 29TH. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE HAVE IT INTO THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH. THANK YOU.

WE NOW HAVE OUR WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING.

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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:

Oct. 20th, 10 am to 11 am

September Items:

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| 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.

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 **\$1,598.00**.
The Christmas Club Committee

The Noisy Offering in September was on the 23rd. It went to **Church of Christ Mission in India, Bernel Getter**.
The amount collected was \$ 141.15.

The Noisy Offering in October will be going to our **Christmas Club Account** for our adopt a family & missions projects.

Our Christmas Club Account was started a few years ago to replace the Bethlehem Gift Shop. The Gift Shop had been started for the youth in our area to shop for Christmas Gifts for their families and to support the Adopt-A-Family and Mitten Tree at the Ridgeview School. After many years our help with the Shop dwindled down to two people which was too much to keep up with. That is when we started the Christmas Club Account and it has worked out really well.

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

Thank you, Missions/Benevolence

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 began again for the Fall semester on September 12th. The Kick Off went well. We had a great turn out.

October Menus: Oct. 3: Nacho's, Veggies, Dessert
Oct. 17: Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Relish Tray, Dessert
Oct. 24: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Relish Tray, Dessert
Oct. 31: HARVEST PARTY-Hot Dog or Bar-B-Q or Coney Dog,
Baked Beans, Chips, Relish Tray, Orange Crush Floats

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.

October camps are:

Singles Retreat - October 5, 6

Scrapbook Retreat 2 (Ladies - October 12-14

Senior Saints Day - October 16 Men's Retreat - October 19, 20

Ladies Retreat - October 26, 27

www.littlegalilee.com

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.

- Family of Shirley Carter
- Family of Betty Jones
- Family of James Gifford
- Family of Mike Burleson
- Family of Don Raber
- Family of Harold Young

- Linda Hunt, recovery from knee surgery
- Bonnie Hill, recovery from surgery
- Kendra Jones, recovery from neck surgery
- Ryan Embry, recovery from knee surgery
- S. C. C. 2013 Leadership Team

Long- Term Illness

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| Marilyn Tjarks | Bill Winn |
| Marilyn Hadden | Cynthia Minor |
| Chuck Bridgwater | Bonnie Hill |

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:

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| | 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

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| | 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.

STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2012-2013 PROGRAM

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Grade in School _____

Date of Birth _____

Phone number (s) where Parent/Guardian can be reached during HiN _____

Student's e-mail address _____ Parent's e-mail _____

Mailing address _____

Physical address if different _____

Dismissal Instructions: Walk with _____ Ride with _____

Anything else we should know (Allergies, Medical conditions, etc) _____

Parent (s)/Guardian (s) Names _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM Area Men's 7PM Heyworth David Raymer	3 HiN 6 PM	4	5 Steven Tjarks Rick & Evie Whittet	6
7 FPU 5:30 PM Ed Knittel	8 Leadership 7 PM Ed & Mickey Bein	9 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM WCS 7 PM	10 NO HiN Homecoming Parade Hannah Hudson Faith Windle	11 Bob & Deb Shull	12 Jim & Sharon Carrell	13
14 FPU 5:30 PM Frank Sutter	15	16 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM Tish Williamson	17 HiN 6 PM	18	19 Wilma Gifford	20 Food Pantry 10-11AM Movie Night 6:00 pm Adam Zehr
21 Nursing Home Services 1:30 FPU 5:30 PM	22 Chuck Bridgwater	23 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM	24 HiN 6 PM	25	26	27 N 2 N Workshop 9:30 AM Cora & Nora Bulta
28 FPU 5:30 PM Jeany Embry	29	30 Prayer Hour 6:30 PM Bob Hill Dan Parma	31 HiN 6 PM Harvest Party			

Our Volunteers' Schedule	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28	
Meditation	Stacy Landry	Jim Dunham	Terry Embry	Steven Beatty	
Offering Prayer Serving at the Table	Bryan Sommer * Stacy Landry	Bob Beatty * Jim Dunham	Frank Sutter * Terry Embry	Bryan Sommer * Steven Beatty	
Servers	Michael Cox Buddy Hudson Ed Knittel Ilya Beyer	Michael Cox Buddy Hudson Ed Knittel Ilya Beyer	Stan VanNote Brent Beyer Scott Embry Lane Sommer	Frank Sutter Stan VanNote Brent Beyer Scott Embry	
Visitation	Bryan Sommer	Terry Embry	Jim Kern	Steven Beatty	
Infant Nursery Sunday School and Church (if needed)	Karlee Sommer	Addie Ramirez	Laura Phillips	Ryan Embry	
Toddler Nursery Sunday School and Church	Jeany Embry Deena Raymer	Jeany Embry Scott Embry	Jeany Embry Susan Phillips	Jeany Embry Terry Embry	
Greeters	Cathy Blythe Judy Kelly	Bob & Donna Reiners	Brent & Donna Beyer	Shannon & Dawn Ramirez	
Communion Prep	Bob & Marilyn Moore	Stan & Sharon VanNote	Bryan & Brenda Sommer	Jim & Pam Dunham	
Sound Technician	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	Jim Kern	
Projectionist	Addie Ramirez	Nikolai Beyer	Ilya Beyer	Stacia Landry	
Worship Team	Belinda Landry Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Pam Dunham Tanya Windle	Belinda Landry Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Pam Dunham Tanya Windle	Kendra Jones Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Pam Dunham Tanya Windle	Belinda Landry Greta Sutter Kristy Siebert Pam Dunham Tanya Windle	

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