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The Messenger

"Taking the TRUTH of Jesus into the world!"

COME AND SEE US!

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM
 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
 WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP: 7:00 PM

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruth Burmeister: Is still struggling with cancer. But praise the Lord she and Otto celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Fred Peterson: Judy Cooper's father had surgery to remove appendix. He is recovering well.

Chet Cooper: Marian and Wayne's son was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital with two bulging discs, severe back pain, and swelling. We pray that he will soon be home and the doctor will find help for him.

Kevin Baughman: As he continues with his treatment of cancer though the summer.

Ruth Burch: Is not feeling well. We pray she will soon be better.

Youth Group: Pray for safety as the youth group goes to Kentucky.

Jim Bollom: Marian Cooper's brother has been battling an infection. It is now gone and he is improving. Praise the Lord.

Derrick Johnson: Brandt's brother was promoted. He is in the navy at Ft. Bragg. Congratulations.

Position Available

CareNet has a position available and will be accepting applications now through July 3. Please apply in person at the center Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9-5.

July Special Days

2	Andy Gunderson
4	Annie Hulle-Barrett
5	Karissa Poppenhagen
8	Debbie Voldberg, Shirley Baughman
16	Braden Ehlert
19	Debbie and George Voldberg
21	Ruth Burch
23	Cheryl Gunderson
27	Peggy Tinstman
29	Peggy Brewington
30	Courtney Blomquist

If we missed you, we are sorry and we want to know. Please email us at office@sheldonchurch.com so we can update our records.



One of my greatest weaknesses is my stomach. You can call up my parents and ask them what one of my favorite things to do and I am sure they would include food. Whether it is Jennifer's amazing coconut cream pie, venison steaks on the grill or my mom's apple Danish bars or "blessing cakes." I like to eat. A problem arises when one loves to eat because one just wants to keep eating and eating. A half of a pie is easy, a whole pizza is not unthinkable. But who would have thought that my eating could defile myself before God?

In the first chapter of the book of Daniel we find 4 guys named Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (whose Babylonian names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) who were forced from their home to walk over 500 miles to their captors capital Babylon. These were four exceptional men who were handsome, very intelligent and the best of what Israel had to offer. The qualities qualified them to be put into a special training program for King Nebuchadnezzar where they would receive the best training the world had to offer. They had the teachers, the books and even the FOOD! In 1:5 it says they were assigned food from the king's table. That means it was the best food in the kingdom at their disposal. My mouth is watering just thinking about it. But these four mouths were not watering. They had no interest in that food. In 1:8 we read, "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this

way." Daniel looked at this food in how it affected his relationship with God and he refused to eat it. He remembered the Law given to Moses that explained what food was allowed and not allowed for an Israelite. He saw the food, not as a gift or a perk, but as a temptation to be led away from God. Now the chief official made an agreement with them and it was found that the diet of these four men of God that consisted of vegetables and water was superior to the king's table. (read the whole chapter and find out how).

This story hits me in two places when it comes to my life. I see that so often we refuse to have the attitude of Daniel, Meshach and Abednego making sure *nothing* will get in the way of our relationship with God. Satan loves to distract us with what seems to be little but in reality, sin is a sin. They stood up and even if everyone else is doing it they refused to. Do you live out your faith allowing yourself slack for your language, attitude, words, or time commitments? That isn't the faith that God seeks from you. The other part of the story that catches my attention is that the kings table seemed so good, but it was actually a temptation to sin. So often we have opportunities come up that are nothing but veiled temptations of lust, greed, materialism, gossip, or even putting God second. Satan is so good at his schemes of deception. We must keep our eyes open and aware so that we will be found faithful to God just like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was.

Jeremy



VBS: Crocodile Dock

Its coming July 27-31, Monday through Friday. Make plans now to attend!

Look inside for more information.

ELDERS and STAFF

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 Herb Cooper 452-5818 Phil Crick 447-8144
 Brandt Johnson, Youth Minister 452-5275 Jeremy Allard, Minister 452-5646

PERSONAL PROFILE

To get to know people better, we will be profiling a different person each month.

Name: Cynthia Mae Stanley.

Born: June 4, 1974, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Family: Husband: Wade, Children: Monica, Austin, Robert, Jesse, Mom & Dad: Ken & Carol Severson, Sister: Gwen Warwick

Fondest Childhood Memory: Going on vacation with my parents and sister to South Dakota during bike rally.

Education: Holcombe High School and WITC Rice Lake for computer degree.

Work Experience: Farm girl all my life, cashier at Lake Holcombe Convenience Store, waitress at Holcombe Café, accounting at Sheldon Co-Op, postmaster relief person at Sheldon Post Office.

Favorite Food: Pepper steak stir fry, strawberry shortcake, pasta salad.

Hobbies: Cooking and reading.

Favorite Verse: Romans 5:6-8. It means so much to me.

How I became a Christian: Grew up attending Holcombe Methodist Church and parent's teaching.

Biggest Challenge: Patience with my children and farming.

Most Spiritual Growth From: Reading the Bible.

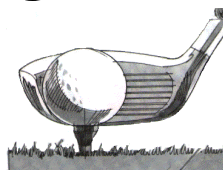
I Will Never Forget: The birth of my children and my wedding day.

A Lesson I Would Like To Pass on: No matter what, there is good in everyone.

Church Leadership: Updating church webpage as time allows.

Golf Outing

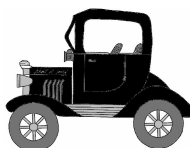
On July 12, we will be having a golf outing. Right after church, there will be a brat lunch then we will be leaving for Entwood golf course. Let Jeremy know so he can set up the tee times.



Family Camp 2009

Christian Harbor Youth Camp is having chapel services July 2-4 at 7 pm and July 5 at 9:30 am. Speakers include Trevor Williams, Kevin Bradley, and Ted East. Come and worship with 513 Free! Activities for children will be provided during the service. On July 3 and 4 at 9:30 am, Dave Birch will teach on the certainty of prayer and the certainty of Christ's return. Also participate in a "Fireside Chat with Chet" each night. There will be activities for young and old. In a world of uncertainty, there is one thing you can be sure of: having a great time at Family Camp 2009!

Car and Machinery Show



Christian Harbor is having its 1st annual car and machinery show Saturday, July 25 from 4:00-9:00 at Christian Harbor Youth Camp. Old cars and machinery are wanted and there's a free dinner to car and machinery owners. Crafters are also welcome. There will be a grilled chicken or roast beef dinner served. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. There will also be music groups providing entertainment.

A Child Taught

For the last 2 years, we have been supporting 3 children in India through the A Child Taught (A.C.T) program to provide clothing, education, and food. We are looking for donations so we can continue supporting these 3 kids at \$20/month. For more information please talk to Connie Cooper.

Loving Well Ladies Retreat

Come join us for a fun-filled weekend for women of all ages at Christian Harbor Youth Camp on learning how to Love Well on August 7-9. The teaching session will be with Beth Moore on DVD. There will also be a special offering for the great improvements to the bathhouse. The cost is \$89 and you can register at www.chyconline.org



Vacation Bible School July 27-31 6 - 8 PM



Kids jump into bayou fun at Crocodile Dock where they participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, and create Bible Point crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Firefly Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved

in living what they've learned. Crocodile Dock is for kids from Preschool to 6th grade and will run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 each day. For more information, call Brandt at 452-5354.

VBS Help Needed

We are still in need of volunteers to help out with Vacation Bible School. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome center. If you have any questions, please talk to Lauren or Brandt.

Teen Conference Update

By the time you are reading this, some of the youth group will already be in Louisville KY enjoying the North American Christian Convention's Teen Conference. Thursday Night after the Casting Crowns concert we will be packing up for the long trip home. We will let you know how it was on Sunday July 5th.

Schedule Change

Remember the schedule change for youth group. It has gone from Sunday to Wednesday at 7 PM at the Johnson's house. There will be no youth group on July 1st.

Christian Harbor Youth Camp Schedule

Keep these dates in mind as you plan your Summer.

Grade:	Date:
Family Week	July 2-5
Fourth and Fifth	July 5th-10th
Sixth and Seventh	July 12th-18th
Eighth and Ninth	June 21st-27th
Senior Week	July 19th-25th
Adventure Week	July 29-Aug. 2nd
Women's Retreat	August 7th-9th

So far the camps have been great! We are still looking forward to some good weeks. Keep these dates in mind while you plan your July and August schedule. Remember kids from our church can receive a half scholarship for their week of camp.

Adventure Camp

July 29-August 2

10th grade-college age

Adventure camp is a new experiment that we are trying at Christian Harbor Youth Camp. Come and check out the usual awesome week of camp with canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, and a high ropes course. It will be a great week so make plans to come. For details and prices go to: www.chyconline.org