



# South Summit Christian Church

## The Messenger

February 2012

### SHARING BRINGS JOY

To Us.

To Others.

To God.



The Week of Compassion Mission Statement reads as follows:

*Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.*

In 2011, Week of Compassion responded to at least 56 different countries and 27 states to offer much needed assistance and relief. An example close to many at South Summit is the help offered to those in Joplin, Missouri after horrific tornadoes devastated that community. By sharing your resources, you have changed lives. And that brings joy to those in need, to you, and to God!

Week of Compassion Special Offering will be collected at South Summit CC on Sundays, February 19 and 26. Please consider an "over and above" gift to Week of Compassion!



Dear Week of Compassion,  
How can I thank you all for what you have done for myself and my family?! After the flood, I didn't know how I was going to handle this. We were thankful to be allowed to live with family, at their place, but we were so stressed! when you have a wife and child, it's hard to live in another family's space with them. I know it was so stressful for them too. Anyway, you are like angels, picking us up out of our bad situation. You saw another human being's trouble and made it your own problem. I have rarely seen this in life before. I am so thankful for you and all you have done for us.  
God bless you and yours!

Sincerely  
Sabahat, Erdal, Semih SEN



Keith, Kevin, Brenda, Cassidy, Krista & Matt



PLUNGE

Good Job South Summit Plungers! Six courageous people: Cassidy Dill, Krista Hageman, Brenda Garvin, Kevin Dill, Keith Hageman and Matt Magee "plunged" into 39 degree water on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Cassidy explains: "The first time plunging, Krista and I were so excited and nervous, but 5 seconds into it we couldn't feel the cold water on our legs ... After we got out, we couldn't feel anything. We can't wait till next year to do it again."

This team managed to raise \$1890-all for Special Olympics-and are already looking forward to next year!



# News & Notes



## A Musical Note



The Messengers Youth Choir (grades 6-12) meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 pm at the church. The **Praise Team** practices on Sunday mornings at 9am. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to join this group, please contact Bret Fischer at 554-8245.

## From the Outreach Ministry Team

Right Now:

“Souper” Bowl Soup collection to benefit the Lee’s Summit Hillcrest Transitional Housing Pantry

Coming Soon:

“Bits O’ Blarney” St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm. Mark your calendars to come participate in or watch and support the South Summit float entered in the Lee’s Summit Parade. Details to follow.

New Church Directory! You know what this means! Pictures, pictures, pictures! We have decided to make our own directory to keep it current. Watch for details!

Mark Your Calendar:

April 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Peace University Classes. Contact Tony Rivera-Cruz for more information 816-215-8542.

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**  
**7:00 pm**



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. It gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the palm fronds from the previous year’s Palm Sunday are burned and is a Biblical symbol of repentance, sorrow and humility. As Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, fasting and in prayer, we as Christians observe the 40 days of lent with soul searching and reflection.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Service...a great way to worship and begin your time of reflection during Lent.

## Ironmen Gathering

Calling all men of South Summit! We will have an overnight gathering of the men of SSCC on Friday, February 17 to Saturday, February 18 at Kevin Dill’s land in Amsterdam, MO. There will be poker, food, fun and fellowship for all to enjoy! For more information or to let them know you will attend, please contact Keith Hageman at 885-2061 or by email at khageman@kc.rr.com. Carpooling will be available!

**Sunday School Volunteers Are Still Needed!**



## Ministry Spotlight



# February is Mission Month!

### “Isle of Hope”

*“To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the Earth” Acts 1:8*

Once again South Summit is focusing on the incredible mission work we do in the month of February. Each Sunday, we will be doing Mission Moments during Stewardship to highlight our mission involvement.

On February 26, we will be highlighting our work with the children of Belarus. Many of you in the past have opened your homes to the Belarus children for six weeks to help restore their health, but that appears to be put on hold due to the unrest in Belarus and the political situation. Again this year, the government of Belarus is not allowing the children to come, but the children still need our help. Gary Wood from North Carolina, works closely with the “Isle of Hope” a non-profit, summer camp program for children in Belarus. Gary will be at SSCC on February 26 during Adult Sunday School and Worship to share current information with us about this important ministry. We were able to sponsor four kids last year to attend the camp and learn the teachings of the Bible. Our hope is to continue to find funds in order for these children to attend the camp. Gary is active in the Belarus ministry and is excited to share the ways that we can stay involved in the children’s lives. We hope everyone will take advantage of this unique opportunity to talk with Gary.

### Mission Playhouse: Learn and Build

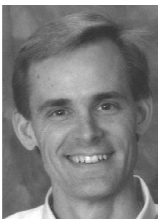
January marked the beginning of our first ever Learn and Build project at SSCC! We had a fabulous turnout, learned a lot about tools and building (at least a floor:) and had some fun while we were working! Here’s what we are doing: adults and youth are invited to come to the church to brush up (or learn:) about handling tools, safety and construction, all in an effort to make us a little more prepared for future mission trip endeavors. Our project is a playhouse! Once the playhouse is completed, we will put it on the market and the proceeds will go toward future mission work at SSCC. Sponsors, instructors and building materials have all been lined up ahead of time. All you have to do is show up and volunteer for one or all of the dates and times listed below!

The work times will be 8:00 am - Noon and work will be done at the church.

- ~~1-14-2012~~ ~~Frame sub floor and start walls (completed)~~
- 2-4-2012 Frame walls and roof
- 2-25-2012 Roofing
- 3-10-2012 Electrical & Insulation
- 3-31-2012 Drywall
- 4-21-2012 Trim-doors and windows
- 5-5-2012 Paint and stain



Come join us for fellowship, work, and support!  
Mission Ministry Team



## Turning the Corner

Last Sunday we talked about Jesus teaching with authority in the synagogue at Capernaum. Mark's gospel tells us that the people who witnessed this first lesson from Jesus, "were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority." In "The People's New Testament Commentary," Dr. Fred B. Craddock and Dr. M. Eugene Boring tell us that archaeologists unearthed a foundation of a synagogue in Israel that was likely the very site of this story. Apparently, it is one of the few places you can still visit in Israel and stand in a place where Jesus probably once stood. I have never had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land, although I have spoken with several who have made the pilgrimage. They simply cannot describe with words the awe of being able to dwell, if only for a few moments, in the same places that Jesus inhabited. Talk about God coming near!

Lee's Summit is a long way from Capernaum, and sometimes we don't feel that God is very near to us at all. Although we weren't in the synagogue that day to witness this new teaching from Jesus, we are still blessed with the opportunity to call him, "Rabbi... teacher!" When we listen to Jesus' message, and more importantly when we watch how Jesus lived, we are able to dwell in the light of God's revelation through Jesus Christ. Even in our darkest moments, God walks next to us. We just have to open our eyes to see.

Blessings, Chad

O God, open our eyes and our ears, so that our hearts are filled with your Spirit and our minds are filled with the knowledge that you are forever near to us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### Pastor's Class with Pastor Chad!

Pastor's Class 2012 will begin on Sunday, February 26 and will continue thru Sunday, April 1, during the Sunday School time from 9:00-9:45am. This class is for children/youth who wish to be baptized or confirmed. Adults who wish to be baptized or confirmed may schedule times for a separate Pastor's Class. A special service of baptism/confirmation during worship is planned for Palm Sunday, April 1.

Please give Rev. Chad Turner a call at 246-4400 to let him know you and/or your child(ren) are interested in participating in this year's class or if you have any questions!

## Youth News

Thanks again to the parents and youth who attended the CYF Mission Trip informational meeting a couple of weeks ago! For those of you who might have missed, the youth and a few adults will be traveling to Detroit, MI on July 21-28, accompanying the youth from Hillside Christian Church (DOC). The major planning for the "mission" part of the trip is being done through Rippling Hope, an organization that provides the structure, tools and know-how for trips such as these. We will have a little fun along the way, traveling into Canada for one afternoon, as well as some fun evening activities. Youth currently in 8th grade through high school are welcome, but I also need some adult volunteers! I need to know of your commitment to the trip by February 15! I am open to answering any questions you might have as well—youth@southsummitcc.org or 816-674-9830.

The CYF Mission Trip Team is also planning a Valentine's Dinner and Dance on Sunday, February 12! Again this year, DJ Ed Bishop will entertain us with his witty banter and fast array of music! We will eat great food and dance the night away...well, at least until 8:00 pm or so! You don't need to have an "official" Valentine to enjoy the festivities and fun! Your SSCC family can give you the lovin' you need for a fun evening!!

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with questions, additional information or ideas for our youth programming!

Blessings, Sara :)

### *Valentine's Dinner & Dance*

February 12, 2012

5:30pm

\$10/person, \$30 max/family

Enjoy Spaghetti with Meatballs,  
Salad, Bread and Dessert

Silent Auction

Dancing with DJ Ed Bishop

Make Reservations with Sara Wilcox

All proceeds go to the CYF Mission Trip Fund!



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## February 2012

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| Feb. 1, 8,<br>15 & 29  | Y-Life<br>@ the Church                            | 7:30-8:30 pm                     | Feb. 12    | Valentine's Dinner and Dance<br>@ the Church | 5:30 pm      |
| Feb. 2                 | Outreach Ministry Team<br>@ the Church            | 6:30 pm                          | Feb. 13    | Leadership Circle<br>@ the Church            | 7:00 pm      |
| Feb. 3                 | "Winter Summit"                                   | 6:30 pm                          | Feb. 15    | Mission Ministry Team<br>@ the Church        | 6:30 pm      |
| Feb. 4 & 25            | Mission Playhouse Learn and Build<br>@ the Church | 8:00 am -<br>12:00 pm            | Feb. 16    | Property Ministry Team<br>@ the Church       | 7:00 pm      |
| Feb. 5, 12,<br>19 & 26 | Praise Team practice<br>@ the Church              | 9:00 am                          | Feb. 17    | Faith In Families<br>Location TBA            | 6:30 pm      |
| Feb. 5, 12,<br>19 & 26 | CYF<br>@ the Church                               | Immediately<br>following worship | Feb. 17-18 | Ironmen<br>@ Kevin Dill's land               | 6:00 pm      |
| Feb. 6                 | Worship Ministry Team<br>@ the Church             |                                  | Feb. 19    | JYF<br>@ the Church                          | 2:00-4:00 pm |
| Feb. 6, 13<br>& 27     | Monday Morning Café<br>@ the Church               | 8:00-9:00 am                     | Feb. 20    | Pastoral Partners<br>@ the Church            | 6:30 pm      |
| Feb. 8, 15<br>& 29     | The Messengers Youth Choir<br>@ the Church        | 6:45-7:30 pm                     | Feb. 22    | Ash Wednesday Service<br>@ the Church        | 7:00 pm      |

**Tall Oaks Summer Camp 2012 information is available at [www.talloaks.org](http://www.talloaks.org)!**

**Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. ~ Sunday School for all ages 9:00 A.M.**

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