



# THE HARBINGER

South Side Christian Church



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Issue 10

## Kevin's Korner

### Yearning for God

During the course of our life, our taste in food, fun, entertainment will change as we age. Likewise, as we mature in faith our "tastes" mature as well. Time with God progresses from what I need to do, to what I want to do. He becomes our desire. This is the third movement of faith; a greater yearning for God in our lives.

This movement does not necessarily come with chronological age, but rather spiritual maturity. We mature spiritually the more we spend time with Him. His spirit becomes a stronger influence in our lives and a source of greater pleasure and joy. It's like spending time with someone and, as we get to know them more, we grow in our understanding of them as well. In this movement He becomes a greater focus in all that we do. We begin to live out what the psalmist proclaimed; "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Psalm 34:2)

In this third movement of faith, life just seems to take on a new joy and purpose as we find greater satisfaction in God. God becomes more than just a reason to go to Church, a reason to pray and read the Bible. God becomes our joy and purpose in life. It is a movement of faith Moses experienced where His relationship became more than just a God to worship and follow, and Yahweh became to him a dear friend. We learn from scripture the feeling was mutual. "thus, the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend..." (Exodus 34:11). This was a friendship that moved beyond just word or title but a relationship in whom Moses found strength and joy. A strength and joy that led Moses to say to God; "...If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." (Exodus 33:15). Moses yearned to be with God; he yearned to be in His presence. You know that special someone you look forward to seeing? God was that special someone to Moses. Likewise, when our relationship with God becomes more intimate, He becomes to us that special someone. We begin to crave being in His presence.

The third movement of faith is marked by a growing desire for living a life influenced by God. The second movement yearned to live a life pleasing to the lord, by living according to His word. In this third movement there is a feeling of sadness and emptiness when we don't meet with Him, and an excitement when we do. Our time in God's presence becomes like a cold glass of water on a hot summer day: His spirit quenching our souls. We can relate with the Psalmist who says, "As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God." So, time with God will grow our intimacy with Him. Don't just meet with Him pray for a heart that desires to be constantly in His presence.

*Kevin W. Cohen*

## From The Elders:

Dear South Siders,

Did someone flip a switch? Did we not go from Summer with a vengeance to Fall over night? However, no one can say that this was not an eventful summer!! *Derechos* – who know that term before August? – floods, rain, rain, and more rain, and don't forget the multiple days of 90+ degree temperatures!! A little cooler fall weather will be nice for a change. All of these weather events have changed the landscape of the church's property, with the loss of at least five trees. There is a Landscape Committee being formed to look a replacing some of the bushes and trees around the church and updating the outside appearance of the building and landscape. DeDe Bates has agreed to be the chairperson for the committee and is looking for people to assist her. Anyone interested may submit their name to Jeff Hayden, and the elders will put together the committee.

The Elders extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and helped haul all of the broken branches, tree debris, and cut logs to the curb for the Munster cleanup after the tornado/*derecho*/storm. A special thank you goes to Art Haag and his crew that cut up all of the damaged trees, we really appreciate the hard work!! Yes, we still have tree stumps around the property, but we will be hiring a company with a stump grinder to remove those this spring.

If you were not in church services on September 27, you missed the announcement that this year's all-church rummage sale brought in \$8,200.50 in profit!! So again, a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated materials, everyone who bought materials, everyone who worked moving the materials from Room 4, the Kara Ladies for organizing the event, and everyone who showed up on Sunday after services to pack up the leftovers that were donated to charity. Great job everyone!! Just to put this in perspective, one new outside door for the church entrances cost approximately \$8,200.00 installed.

After church services on September 27, John and the Youth Group walked the South Side neighborhood to place door hanger invitations to attend the October 4, outdoor service at South Side. John and the Youth walked the same route Kevin Groben walked for the three weeks after the storms of August, so we may have a number of invited neighbors. We get to put Mark 12:31 into practice; this is where Jesus tells us, “<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Please don't forget to bring your lawn chairs to church on Sunday for a comfortable seat during the Worship services. There will be Sunday school on Sunday as usual, but the Worship service will be held on the parking lot along Broadmoor Avenue with the congregation facing the Worship team and the front of the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM. There will be a table set up with communion packets and offering boxes, as well as song sheets, since there will be no screens for Scripture, words to songs. announcements, or sermon main points. Please join us in praying for this service to be an effective outreach to the South Side neighborhood!!

Jeff, Dan, and Orlando



*Thank You!*



A very special thank you to the **wonderful Kara Ladies** for all the time, love, and hard work they put into making this year's Rummage Sale such a success! We are also so grateful to everyone who donated items, helped with preparations, worked during the sale, stayed to help with cleanup, or kept the event in your prayers. It takes many helping hands to make an event like this possible, and we truly appreciate each and every one of you!

We also want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped clean up the branches and debris around the church after the storm. A very special thank you to Art Haag for the many hours and weeks he spent cutting trees and branches and helping with the cleanup. Art puts so much time and effort into caring for our church grounds throughout the year and keeping everything looking beautiful. **We truly appreciate all that you do, Art!**

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

*South Side Christian Church*

### MONDAY

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

*Grow in faith, build brotherhood,  
and stand strong in God's Word.  
Connect, encourage, and pray  
together every week.*

For more information:  
Contact Jason Newhuis at  
(708) 825-3345



### WEDNESDAY

#### SISTERS IN CHRIST – LADIES BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM

*Prayer Requests: 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Come grow in faith, share in fellowship,  
and lift one another up in prayer.*

Contact Carol Joza at 708-955-1257

#### KEVIN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Afternoon Session: 1:00 PM*

*Evening Session: 6:30 PM*

*Same lesson at both sessions.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*at South Side Christian Church*

9:00 AM

### DISCIPLE-MAKERS CLASS

If you struggle with sharing your faith  
join us during the month of October.  
We will examine how Jesus shared  
the gospel with the people around Him.  
If you are not involved with a Sunday School  
please join us Sunday mornings at 9am  
in room #4.

Contact: Kevin Groben  
(219) 276-0538



### CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Discussion-oriented class,  
welcoming people of all ages.  
We study from the Christian  
Standard lesson.

Contact: Jeff Hayden  
(219) 730-2635





### Senior Saints News for You!

It was so good to meet again and see everyone at our last get together in September. Lunch was delicious, everyone loved the barbeque chicken sandwiches that Diana Gilbert and Debbie Burrell prepared. Thank you girls. Many brought a nice variety of side dishes and desserts, if you contributed something thank you. You help make these luncheons so tasty and special.

Larry Wirtz presented a great program. I've helped with Senior Saints for many years and Larry is the first presenter who opened his program with a beautiful prayer. That was so nice. He entertained us with humor and some amazing magic tricks. I liked the newspaper one and the closing trick with the banana. We had a wonderful fun-filled afternoon.

Fall is one of my favorite seasons so I thought we would have an "October Fest Afternoon." The menu will include pulled pork barbeque sandwiches, smoked sausage and sauerkraut, German potato salad and potato pancakes. If you'd like, bring a favorite fall side or dessert to add to our menu. Thank you.

Adam Gawlikowski will entertain us and sing "folk songs for a Fall afternoon." He is a favorite of ours, he plays the guitar and will sing some of the folk songs we love. I'm sure his program will be just perfect.

Plan to join us on October 13th at noon for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food and folk songs.

See you then.

*Donna Abercrombie*



Last year, our church was blessed to send **402** Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children around the world! As we prepare our shoeboxes again this year, this month we are asking for help with the **\$10 shipping cost** for each box. We are also collecting empty shoeboxes for packing.

Recently, we received a special email from Mr. Nkunga at Ulongwe Baptist Church in Malawi, thanking us for the shoebox gifts. He shared how difficult it can be for families there to provide Christmas gifts for their children and how grateful they are for the love shown through this ministry. What a wonderful reminder of how much these little boxes can mean to the children and families who receive them.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and for helping us continue to share God's love with children around the world!

## *Kidz and Youth*

Join us for our annual Harvest Carnival on Saturday October 24th from 3-5 PM! We will be accepting candy donations thru Sunday October 18th, and are still in need of volunteers to run games. If you're willing and able to help out, please let John know. We are hopeful this can be a great community outreach!

Youth group & Kidz Club meet every Sunday night at the church from 5:30-7 PM. This is a time of sharing a meal together, playing games, and hearing from God's word and applying it to our lives. Bring a friend and join us on Sunday nights!

Our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be Saturday November 14th from 8:30-10:30 AM. Our students will be selling tickets, and we will have advance tickets available online as well. Thank you for making this a great success for our youth group in supporting them!

*John Helton*





# KIDZ CLUB & YOUTH GROUP

**KIDZ CLUB**  
1ST-5TH GRADE

**YOUTH GROUP**  
6TH-12TH GRADE

 **SUNDAY NIGHTS | 5:30-7:00 PM**

**FOOD**

**GAMES**

**BIBLE LESSON**

**FRIENDS**

A FUN PLACE TO HANG OUT, LEARN ABOUT GOD,  
AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER!

## BRING A FRIEND!

 1000 Broadmoor Ave.  
Munster, IN 46321

 219-836-2110



# HARVEST CARNIVAL

**SOUTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**

**3-5 PM**

## CANDY, FOOD, GAMES, & A MAZE

**WWW.SSCCMUNSTER.ORG | (219) 836-2110**  
1000 Broadmoor Ave. Munster, IN 46321



**ACCEPTING CANDY DONATIONS NOW**



## Down Under Ministry

SSCC is continuing our partnership with Love INC to help provide clothing essentials for local families in need throughout the year. Your donations are a simple but meaningful way to care for and support our community.

At this time, we are especially in need of underwear in these sizes: girls 2T–3T, 6, and 10–12; women's S–XL; boys 2–6; and teens S–L. Socks are also greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the collection bin outside the church office. Thank you for your kindness and generosity as we work together to bless families in our community!



## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Food Bank is in need of supplies, and we are collecting nonperishable food items to help restock its shelves. If you would like to help, please place your donations in the collection bin located just outside the office door. Please make sure all food items are **unexpired**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your support helps provide much-needed assistance and encouragement to families in our community.



South Side Christian Church,  
in partnership with the Salvation Army,  
is putting together

# Care Packages FOR HOMELESS

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- TRAVEL SIZE TOOTHPASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- TRAVEL SIZE MOUTHWASH
- DENTAL FLOSS
- DEODORANT
- TRAVEL SIZE HAND SANITIZER
- ADULT SIZE SOCKS
- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS



## Thank You!

Your generosity helps bring dignity,  
hope, and care to those in need.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

# WELCOME RUN 2026

Join us in supporting migrant and refugee families as they build lives of hope, safety, and belonging.

10/10/26  
9:00 AM  
LANSING, IL

Logos at the bottom: The Welcome Network, SMITHS FARMS, Butterfingers, Don't Give Up, thrivent, SHAWN NELSON TRUCKING LLC, smiles FOR MILES, Chick-fil-E, FLEET FEET.

## Kara Ladies Group

The Kara Ladies will meet on Thursday, October 1st, at noon in the Church Fireplace Room. We'll talk about our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry and ways we can help with the upcoming Harvest Carnival. We'd love for you to join us—new members are always welcome!

## FALL & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS!

Be sure to stop by Kara's Boutique in Room 12/13 to see our beautiful, one-of-a-kind fall and Christmas crafts and wreaths. There's something for everyone, whether you're decorating your home for the season or looking for a special handmade gift for someone you love!

While you're here, stop by the Fireplace Room to see our homemade jam and handmade gifts. You'll find teacup and saucer sets with tea and chocolates, garden flowers made from dishes, and decorated rocks. They make thoughtful gifts, or a little something special for yourself!

Thank you for supporting the Kara Ladies and these special ministries. We truly appreciate it!



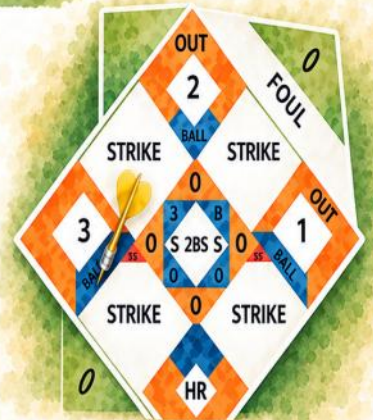
HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

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|--------|-----------------|
| 2-Oct  | Glenida Winston |
| 3-Oct  | Jerrie Kroll    |
| 4-Oct  | Daniel Irvine   |
| 9-Oct  | Donna Solecki   |
| 12-Oct | Bonnie Johnson  |
| 18-Oct | John Helton     |
| 27-Oct | Lois Larimer    |
| 29-Oct | Jennifer Moore  |

**Ladies DartBall**  
**@ South Side!**

**Join us for fun,  
friendly competition  
and great fellowship!**

*No experience needed.*  
**Snacks provided!**



## 2026 GAME DATES

October 5  
October 19  
November 2

November 16  
November 30



**Games start at 6:30 PM**



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1000 Broadmoor Ave. Munster, IN 46321

# October

## ***New Testament***

### ▶ JOHN

1. ☐ 1:1-18
2. ☐ 1:19-28
3. ☐ 1:29-34
4. ☐ 1:35-42
5. ☐ 1:43-51
6. ☐ 2:1-11
7. ☐ 2:12-25
8. ☐ 3:1-15
9. ☐ 3:16-21
10. ☐ 3:22-36
11. ☐ 4:1-14
12. ☐ 4:15-26

### ▶ JAMES

- ☐ 1:1-11
- ☐ 1:12-18
- ☐ 1:19-27
- ☐ 2:1-13
- ☐ 2:14-26
- ☐ 3:1-12
- ☐ 3:13-18
- ☐ 4:1-10
- ☐ 4:11-17
- ☐ 5:1-6
- ☐ 5:7-12
- ☐ 5:13-20

### ▶ 1 PETER

13. ☐ 4:27-42
14. ☐ 4:43-54
15. ☐ 5:1-15
- ☐ 1:1-9
- ☐ 1:10-16
- ☐ 1:17-25

16. ☐ 5:16-30
17. ☐ 5:31-47
18. ☐ 6:1-15
19. ☐ 6:16-24
20. ☐ 6:25-40
21. ☐ 6:41-59
- ☐ 2:1-8
- ☐ 2:9-17
- ☐ 2:18-25
- ☐ 3:1-7
- ☐ 3:8-12
- ☐ 3:13-22

22. ☐ 6:60-71
23. ☐ 7:1-13
24. ☐ 7:14-24
25. ☐ 7:25-36
- ☐ 4:1-11
- ☐ 4:12-19
- ☐ 5:1-7
- ☐ 5:8-14

## ***Old Testament***

### ▶ ECCLES.

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2:1-16
- ☐ 2:17-26
- ☐ 3:1-15
- ☐ 3:16-22
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7:1-14
- ☐ 7:15-29
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9

- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 12

### ▶ SONG OF SONGS

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4:1-7
- ☐ 4:8-16
- ☐ 5

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8:1-7
- ☐ 8:8-14

### ▶ JEREMIAH

- ☐ 1-2
- ☐ 3-4
- ☐ 5-6
- ☐ 7-9
- ☐ 10-11
- ☐ 12-13
- ☐ 14-15
- ☐ 16-18
- ☐ 19-22
- ☐ 23-25
- ☐ 26-29
- ☐ 30-31

- ☐ 32-34
- ☐ 35-38
- ☐ 39-43

### ▶ LAM.

- ☐ 44-46
- ☐ 47-48
- ☐ 49
- ☐ 50
- ☐ 51
- ☐ 52
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4-5

