

# The Christian Messenger

OCTOBER 13, 2009

## Good News...

This past Sunday we talked about Building Block # 4:

Our Relationship with Money. Several in attendance spoke to me afterwards about my "Master/Slave" relationship image and encouraged me to share it with more of you through the newsletter.



"We all have a relationship with money. For some of us it is the "Master/Slave" relationship. In this image, either the money is the master and we are the slave, or we are the Master and the money is our slave."

The evil of the first is obvious – but how often do you hear that we have to go to work cause we have to pay the bills. The problem is that the bills have collected into a pile amounting more than we can pay even if we work hard every day for the rest of our lives.

I also believe the evil also resides deep in the second image to. What are really "masters" of? Are we "masters" of our own lives? Are we in charge or is God in charge? I really believe that the answer of course is not the "master/slave" image but rather in the challenge for each of us to become "stewards" of God's grace.

To begin and continue living in relationship with Jesus, in letting God be in charge of our lives. Our relationship with money should be one that brings us and others to Jesus, enabling ministry to happen and grace be exhibited.

See you Sunday!

Pastor David

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## COMING UP FROM THE PULPIT!

**October 18**  
**Building Block # 5:**  
*Service*  
**Developing Relationships**  
**With the Needy(?)**  
**John 4, Matthew 10:40-42**

**October 25**  
**Building Block # 6:**  
*Evangelism*  
**Developing Relation-**  
**ships With Unbelievers**  
**John 4, Acts 1:8-10**

**Spend time reading**  
**the scriptures**  
**of the week!**

Just a reminder that we are now mailing the Newsletter only twice a month. We are doing this to cut back on paper and postage costs! However, if you have an email address we are putting out a weekly newsletter, if you have an email address and would rather receive the newsletter by email please email me at the office at [fccgurnee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fccgurnee@sbcglobal.net) or call at 847-247-8568

## Prayer Column

### New Joys

- ?? **Anthony's Baptism!**
- ?? **Pastor David** gets to go see Jaleigh!

### New Concerns

- ?? **Robyn's Aunt Judy** and complications with her recent surgery.
- ?? **Donna Henriksen's** brother in law Ray Pierce in Iowa.
- ?? **Traveling Mercies** for Anthony's friend Earl, Roger & Jennifer Meness..
- ?? **Jan McCormick** more surgery on her toe and is homebound.

### Continuing Concerns

- ?? John Carroll and his ongoing battle with Cancer.
- ?? People in Financial Stress.

### Continued prayers for our shut-ins:

- ?? Bernice Esser, Bonnie Holler, Nell Van Doris Isabell, Margaret McLellan, Wilma Swanson, Lorene Sabonjian,



There will be a congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the 2010 proposed budget after worship on Sunday, October 18! This is a very important meeting so please plan on being in attendance that Sunday!

## WEEKLY PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

We are going to list four families from FCC for you to pray for each week! We are asking you to **Pray** for them **each** day of the week asking God to **Bless, Protect** and Use them in **Great** and **Wonderful** ways!

This Week's Families:

- T.M. Carroll                      Donna Henriksen
- Jean & Phillip Terrill        Steve & Kathy Novak

### WEEKLY CHURCH FOCUS

**Our prayer focus this week is the Crossroads and their Pastor Stephen Farrish.** Pray for this church — for this Pastor's leadership and vision and for God to truly bless them as they grow in relationship to God. Pray for them to grow, in spirit, in numbers, and in strength.

## Worship Guests from October 11

### First Time Visitors

**Jennifer Moore  
Carter Moore**

### Returning Visitors



### 2009 CROP Walk!

**Sunday, October 18**

following the church service **join us at St. Anastasia's** in Waukegan to walk for the hungry in Northern Lake County. First Christian's Team consists of : Theresa Hahn, Dick Kendrick, Merry Quinn, Robyn & Caitlen Totsch, Tara Totsch! It's Not too late to sponsor an y one of the above members !

### Missions & Concerns

The mission team is working on getting everyone ready to participate in Share Fest. We will be collecting food and paper products as we did last year on consecutive Sundays.

### Items to Bring on Sunday!

**October 18 Canned Goods**

The last Sunday October 18 we will be taking our canned goods to the **CROP WALK** of Lake County!

## Serving Schedule

### October 18

<u>Elders:</u>	<i>Offering:</i>	Barb Draeger
	<i>Communion:</i>	Valerie Makkai
<u>Deacons:</u>	John Dick, Julie Herbst, Scott Krajniak	
	Merry Quinn-Krajniak, Caitlen Totsch	
<u>Fill &amp; Cleanup:</u>	Merry Quinn-Krajniak	
<u>Lay Readers:</u>	Gail Fisel	
<u>Tabulators:</u>	Madge & Harry Peterson	
<u>Greeters:</u>	Donna Henriksen, Norma Kendrick, Char Vojtko	

### October 25

<u>Elders:</u>	<i>Offering:</i>	Sue Evenson
	<i>Communion:</i>	Keith Totsch
<u>Deacons:</u>	Dave Fisel, Rochelle Tisinai	
	Scott Peterson, Robyn Totsch	
<u>Fill &amp; Cleanup:</u>	Robyn Totsch	
<u>Lay Readers:</u>	Carol Closson	
<u>Tabulators:</u>	Shirley Stefanic & Char Vojtko	
<u>Greeters:</u>	Donna Henriksen, Norma Kendrick, Char Vojtko	

## Stewardship & Finance Update

Donations continue to run behind expenses. Our General fund shortfall increased nearly \$1200 this month to \$6,072.34. Building fund donations were nearly \$1,100 short of our monthly interest only payment, however, during the month we sold \$10,649.96 of our stock reserve in order to get current on the mortgage interest owed. Now that we are current we are eligible for a lower interest rate when our mortgage comes up for review later this fall.

Please pray that God continues to bless our church and enables us to do his work!

Thank you

## NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

General Fund Income:	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Month</b>
	\$2,477.00	\$5,822.00
General Fund Needs:	\$2,432.00	\$4,864.00(2 Sundays)

### 2009 September

	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>General Fund:</b>		<b>Building Fund:</b>
Total Donations Received:	\$9,699.98	Total Donations Received: \$845.00
Total Expenses Paid:	-\$10,920.60	Total Stock Redeemed \$10,649.96
Total Unpaid Past Due Bills:	-\$6,452.52	Total Expenses Paid: -\$11,313.83
<u>Checking Account Balance</u>	<u>\$380.18</u>	Total Unpaid Past Due Balance: \$0
Month-end Shortfall	-\$6,072.34	<u>Checking Account Balance</u> \$3,540.33
<b>Unpaid Past Due Bills:</b>		Month-end Surplus \$3,540.33
Jeffrey Elevator Due 8/1/09	-\$130.00	
ATT 8478166303 Due 8/10/09	-\$60.85	
Quarterly Taxes Due 8/31/09	-\$1,188.00	
Memorial Fund Due Immediately	-\$2800.00	
<u>Spoerls Snowplow Due Immediately</u>	<u>-\$2,273.67</u>	
Total	-\$6,452.52	

*A place of intentional  
grace...*

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## Weekly Happenings

## Upcoming Events:



### **Sunday:**

9:00am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

### **Tuesday:**

7:00pm Community Bible Study

### **THURSDAY**

6:15pm Basic Bible Study 103

7:30pm Choir

October 14

Allendale Worship at 6pm.

October 17

Allendale Angels

October 20

Board Meeting

October 27

Elders Meeting