



Carbondale
Church of Christ

January 4, 2007
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The Carbondale Church of Christ exists for the purpose of bringing honor to God the Father by imitating his Son, Jesus Christ, and spreading the gospel message. We are HIS.

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Minister: Steve Shaffer Elders: Edd Knight, Gerard Smith, Terry Taylor

In Our Prayers

Health:

- *Joe Clary- health problems
- *Mae and Ken Simpkins-health
- *Elise's father-in-law – cancer has spread
- *Kay's coworker – cancer
- *Marcus' coworker's sister- cancer
- *Mike Matheny-cancer
- *Jan's friend – cancer
- *Mike Kinsall – cancer
- *Debbie's friend – health
- *Mike Hope – cancer
- *Martha's sister-in-law – cancer
- *Martha's niece – treatments
- *Bonnie Bond's aunts – hopeful news
- *C. J. Garris – health, appt Mayo Clinic 1/4/07
- *Joyce Dysart's daughter-cancer
- *Chris & VJ's friend's father- has cancer and has had a heart attack
- *Billy Springer's mother- cancer
- *Karen's friend, Beverly Bradford- cancer recurred

Other:

- *Katrina Victims

Serving Overseas

In Iraq Tina Harryman, Rebecca's Dad,
Dee Brown's niece, Dorothy's nephew,
Brandon Russell

Healing is a Choice – Class Social

Virginia is organizing a fellowship social for all class participants....See Virginia for details.

Sign up sheet for 2007

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer for communion preparation and the nursery

Sunday January 7

Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Darren Henderson
Closing Prayer	Marcus Odom, Jr
Lord's Supper	Vincent Brown, Sr
Greeters	Michael and Socky Shelton
Nursery	Karen Fozard

Sunday AM Adult Classes

Adults #1 Titus and Philemon- Edd Knight

Adults #2 "Marcus Odom in family room

Evening Events

5PM – Life Group

Teen Life Group, 6PM, Family Room (Taylors)

Children's Church, 6PM, Fellowship Room

Worship, 6PM, auditorium

Ladies Bible Study

Tues @ 3PM study the book of John
Will resume on 1/09/07

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30 PM Devotional

6:45 Bible Classes

6:45 FriendSpeak

LTC Training begins 1-14-07

Coaches are needed for puppets, bulletin boards, and song leading. If you are interested in helping, please let Steve know as soon as possible..

Area Events

Collinsville- seminar on God's Blueprint for the Home beginning Friday night 1-19 thru Sunday 1-21. Brochure with more information on bulletin board.

How do you spell success?

In our media rich, fast paced, success oriented culture we tend to think of success in terms of winning vs. losing or right vs. wrong. On the job, success becomes being noticed, being promoted, increasing responsibility, or getting a raise. On the field, success is not just winning the game, but being the key player who made the clutch play. In our families, success is a peaceful household where chores are done without reminding, manners are used without neglect, tempers are always checked, rooms are clean, homework is completed before other activities, etc. If that is success, then I suspect that most of us live in a perpetual state of failure! But perhaps success could be viewed from a different perspective, a perspective that looks at the bigger picture of life and recognizes that life is a process more than a goal. There are plenty of places in Scripture that indicate that Christians will continue to experience difficulties, temptations, hardships, doubt, sin, and even suffering (James 1, Mark 8:34, Rom 8). The goal of a Christian life is to “strive for” perfection (Matt 5), to “press on toward the goal” (Phil 3:14) to “set your mind on things above” (Col 3) to work at “renewing of our mind” (Rom 12). From this perspective, success takes on a new meaning. Success is more about our ability to grow from both the positive and negative moments of life, not our ability to make every moment positive. Success, from God’s perspective, is measured in our ability to cooperate with His desire to remake us in the image of His Son. True success then requires us to be honest about our lives, so that we/God can use our everyday “failures” as areas of growth. True failure is never learning from our lives. True success is taking all the broken pieces that fall from our lives and cooperating with God’s purposes to create a new mosaic. G-R-O-W is how you spell success.

Sunday AM Worship 67 Wed Night Contribution 2797.00