



Carbondale
Church of Christ

January 25 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 & Elaine Clary- health problems
- *Mae and Ken Simpkins-health about the same
- *Elise's father-in-law – cancer appears stable
- *Kay's coworker – cancer
- *Marcus' coworker's sister- cancer
- *Mike Matheny-cancer, but got a good report
- *Jan's friend – cancer
- *Mike Kinsall – cancer
- *Debbie's friend – health
- *Mike Hope – cancer
- *Mike Hope's mother – serious health concerns
- *Martha's sister-in-law – cancer
- *Martha's niece – treatments
- *Bonnie Bond's aunts – hopeful news
- *C. J. Garris considering treatment options
- *Chris & VJ's friend's father- has cancer and has had a heart attack
- *Billy Springer's mother- cancer
- *Beverly Bradford-Karen's friend cancer recurred
- *Michele Moore, friend of the Buffords, is confined To bed rest due to her pregnancy
- *Scott Wiedebach, nephew of Toni and George Thomas- cancer treatments
- *Kelly's dad is having tests done

Other:

- *For our search for a youth minister
- *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.

Giftng tests available-if you are interested in this followup of our study concerning God's gifts to each of us, see Steve.

Sunday January 28

- Song Leader-** Terry Taylor
- Opening Prayer** Brent Kington
- Closing Prayer** Marcus Odom, Jr
- Lord's Supper** George Thomas
- Greeters** Gerard and Jolyn Smith
- Nursery** Karen Fozard

Sunday AM Adult Classes

Adults #1 Acts 4:23-8:3

Adults #2 ”Marcus Odom in family room

Sunday Evening

5PM – Life Group

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

Children's Church, 6PM, Fellowship Room

Worship, 6PM, auditorium “I Gotta Be Me”

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30 PM Devotional

6:45 Bible Classes (Adults study on forgiveness)

6:45 FriendSpeak

Ladies Bible Study

Tues @ 3PM study the book of John

UP Coming Events

Mid-America Youth Rally March 2-3 Dexter MO

LTC April 6,7,8 in Indianapolis

Mission Trip to Mississippi June 3-9

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

Sunday Practice Schedule

3:00 PM Chorus

3:45 PM Drama (7-12th) / Puppets (3-6th)

4:30 PM Puppets 7-12th / Ind Evts /Bible Bowl 3-6th

5:15 PM Video Drama / Ind Evts

Sermon CDs are available

Send an email to office@carbondalecoc.com or

See Steve

Area Events

Start at the Beginning

Jesus said, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.” It seems that our natural inclination is to boil everything down to a process or a formula, something easy to remember during the day. We read this verse and with our formula-reducing-hats we reduce it to “keep my commandments.” Armed with our easily remembered three word phrase we venture out into the world ready to “keep my commandments.” We are hard working people, so it is not surprising that we work hard at this task as well. We agonize over getting it right, we feel bad when we can’t do it all, we worry about knowing the right thing to do, and we regret all of the ways we seem to fail. Day after day we enter the world with our handy phrase to do battle and the battle seems to be with ourselves, the battle of wants, wishes and desires. Day after day we return home with a score card that proves our lack of talent, ability, and self-control. Our problem is not that we aren’t trying hard enough, it is that Jesus didn’t say “keep my commandments” he said, “if you love me you will keep my commandments.” If we miss the importance of the “love me” in this verse, we miss the verse. The number one priority of every Christian is to love God. Are you having trouble keeping the commandments, work on loving God. Go into your day armed with the phrase “love God” and just see how many commandments you end up keeping.

Sunday AM Worship 79 Wed Night Contribution \$2643.00