



Carbondale
Church of Christ

February 22, 2007
Carbondale, IL 62901
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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:

- *Becky's Aunt Corky-in ICU-pneumonia, critical cond
- *Shannon's friend- sudden death from stroke
He leaves a wife and two young children
- *Karen Henderson -having tests
- *Jana Conner mother, Debbie, having tests
- *Rob Young-biopsy, possible cancer
- *David Monaco's grandfather- slowly improving
- *Elaine Clary-heart problems, may need pacemaker
- *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
- *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
- *Billy Springer's mother- cancer, is in hospice
- *Michele Moore, friend of the Buffords, is confined
to bed rest due to her pregnancy, needs 1 more wk!
- *Scott Wiedeback, nephew of the Thomas', improved
- *Janell Simpson's father- broke his leg
- *Nate's coworker's son - Children's hospital
- *Beverly Bradford-, Karen's friend, cancer has spread

Youth Minister Visits

- *Paul Wood will be here March 6,7,8
- *More information and schedule be announced
There will be a Fellowship supper Wed 7th

Serving Overseas

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

Sermon CD's Available

- To order simply:
Email office@carbondalecoc.com
Put a card in offering plate
Let Karen or Steve know

New Address

Genevieve Farner, Prairie Living at Chautauqua
955 Villa Court, Room 262 Carbondale, IL
New phone # 618-351-3957

Sunday February 25

- Song Leader-** Terry Taylor
- Opening Prayer** George Thomas
- Closing Prayer** Marcus Odom, Jr
- Lord's Supper** Vince Brown
- Greeters** Glen and April Knight
- Nursery** Dee Brown
- Prepare Communion** Buffords

Sunday AM Adult Classes

Praise and Prayer Sunday- meet in family room

Sunday Evening

- 5PM - Life Group
- Teen Life Group, 6PM, Family Room
- Children's Church, 6PM, Fellowship Room
- Worship, 6PM, auditorium Prayer

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

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

- Sunday Practice Schedule
- 3:00PM Group Singing.
- 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

Mission Trip to Mississippi

- Save the Date June 3-9th
- 7th Grade-Adults Welcome
- Working @ God's Katrina's Kitchen
- Let Steve know if you plan to go

Area Events

- 4th Sunday Singing Marion- Feb 25@ 2:30
- Good News Seminar@ Herrin March 11-14 7PM
- Gospel Meeting- Arnold MO April 29-May 2 7PM

College & Young Adult Fellowship

- Saturday February 24 from 6:00-9:00 PM
- @ Herrin Church of Christ
- Area wide fellowship for those in their 20's and 30's
- The cost is \$3 each

Women's Teen Conference

- Feb 24 @ John A Logan
- 8:30-3:00 Brochures in foyer or ask Dee Brown for info
- Fee is \$20, scholarship available

Special Contribution

Steve, Joanna, Carrie, Betsy, and Darrell will be in India Mar 8-18 teaching God's word, visiting orphanages, working with youth and women's groups. Support is needed to cover the cost of the trip. If you would like to help, give your donation to one of the elders or put in collection plate, designated for India mission.

Healing Path Class

This 10 week course will begin March 26. Encourage anyone you know who might benefit from this class to attend. Cards are available with more information, dates, and times.

Does Order Matter?

When I am teaching algebra to Madeline, one of the topics we cover is the order of operations. The commutative property of multiplication and addition says that the order in which you add or multiply numbers together does not matter. $A+B$ is the same as $B+A$, or $B * A$ is the same as $A * B$. When the equation involves a combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, there is a simple set of rules to use to make sure that everyone gets the same answer. First you perform any indicated multiplications and divisions working from left to right, and then you perform the indicated additions and subtractions, also working from left to right. If you do things out of order, you may get the wrong answer. For some reason I was thinking about this as I was reading a passage in John this week. John 14:15 says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." I think in this verse the order matters. If I love God first, then following the commands is a natural result. If I attempt to just follow the commands, they will not necessarily lead me to love God. In fact, I am likely to think of the commands as a burden, as restrictions and seek to rebel against them. So the order matters. Disciples first must come to love God, then worry about the commands. When we share Christ with others and teach them about God the order matters. First help them to fall in love with God, to know Him and understand what God is up to in this world. Then, once they love God, the rest will be a natural result. If you find God's commands a burden....go back and rework the equation beginning at the "love God" part and work forward from there.

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