



Carbondale
Church of Christ

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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

Give thanks

*The Shaffer/Dunham group returned from India safely.
We are grateful for their good work and safety.

Congratulations

*Debbie Ellis on her new job We wish her much success.
*Socky Shelton –graduation from medical school

Health:

- *Rob Young-cancer, will begin radiation soon
- *David Monaco's grandfather- slowly improving
- *Bonnie's aunt starting cancer treatments
- *Kelly's father- has MS
- *Gwen's parents-health
- *April's mother-Sharon-headaches, some improvement
- *Joe Clary-is to move to nursing home
- *Elaine Clary-health
- *Mae Simpkins-health about the same
- *Elise's father-in-law – cancer
- *Kay's coworker – cancer
- *Marcus' coworker's sister- 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
- *C. J. Garris improvement, will have surgery soon
- *Billy Springer's mother- cancer, is in hospice
- *Scott Wiedebach, nephew of the Thomas', improved
- *Janell Simpson's father- broke his leg, doing well
- *Jake Deaton- Kington's nephew-
- *Nate's brother-is going to lose his eye
- *Danny Simpson-Julie Suwana's brother- spinal condition
- *Shannon's father and uncle- health problems
- *Karen's friend Beverly-cancer
- *Nate's co-workers son- in remission

Job Search

- *Ashley Ross
- *Internship-Chris Srikanth

Serving Overseas

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

**Healing Path Class has been cancelled for now.
The class will be offered again in the fall.**

Sunday March 25

Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Marcus Odom
Closing Prayer	Steve Shaffer
Lord's Supper	Edd Knight
Nursery	Kay Taylor
Prepare Communion	The Browns

Youth Minister Candidate to Visit

Ryan Woods, his wife Angie, and three sons will be visiting
Saturday 1:30-activity with Younger Youth (thru 6th grade)
Saturday 6:30 Pizza and devotional with Youth 7th-12th gr
Sunday Ryan will teach the teen class and preach during the worship service.

There will be a Potluck Sunday AM after services.

Sunday Morning Classes

Adults #1 Acts 21:17-26:32 fellowship rm
Adults #2 (in family room)Terry Taylor

Sunday Evening

5PM Life Group
6PM Teen Life Group Family Room
6PM Children's Church, Fellowship Room
6PM Worship, Auditorium "Joy of the Lord"

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30 PM Devotional
6:45 Bible Classes (Adults study from John)
7:00 FriendSpeak

Fellowship Dinner next Wednesday April 4. Steve and Joanna will share their pictures from India.

**Ladies Bible Class will not meet this week.March 27
Will meet April 3 @ 3PM**

Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)

Sunday Practice Schedule
3:00 PM 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 Bulletin Boards, Signing / Ind Evts

Mission Trip to Mississippi

Save the Date June 3-9th
7th Grade-Adults Let Steve know if you plan to go

Sermon CD's AvailableTo order simply:

Email office@carbondaecoc.com

Put a card in offering plate

Let Karen or Steve know

Area Events

4th Sunday Singing Anna March 25 2:30

Ladies Day Salem March 31-need to pre-register if interested

Gospel Meeting Marion April 8-11

Sunday AM 55 Sunday PM Wednesday Night Contribution \$1968 Lift chair 390 India 100
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Ahead or Behind?

After returning from India I have reflected on the experience in many different ways. The country as a whole is clearly years behind twenty first century America. The cities are under developed, in constant need of maintenance, and rough around the edges. Many homes have electricity, but it is limited to one light bulb and a two burner electric hot plate. Many homes do not have indoor plumbing and there may not be a reliable source of water even in the village and certainly not in the house. The families who are better off have concrete floors and perhaps a raised cot versus a mat on the floor. It is a luxury to have air conditioning, television, private phone, running water and three meals per day. In many ways India is behind the US. But I also witnessed how Christians in India are perhaps ahead of many of us. They exhibited a purity of faith and heart that is rarely seen in America. Perhaps you could call it a simple faith, where simplicity conveys the most genuine character. Their first inclination was to accept an explanation at face value, not presume evil motives. I encountered many Christians who were servant hearted, humble and committed to God. One example is a man who chose to ride in a non air conditioned bus for eleven hours, riding all night to deliver my delayed baggage. He arrived at my hotel at 5 AM, delivered the suitcase, charged his phone and left to take another eleven hour bus ride back. He was happy to do it and expected nothing in return. He had a pure and noble heart of a servant. In addition many of the Christians I spoke with in India had a clear sense of mission. They were focused on the task of serving God in their lives and took personal responsibility for pursuing or even creating mission efforts. Some worked in slum schools, others continued to preach under the threat of death from their enemies. Many looked for ways that they could devote themselves to ministry and were willing to live at the subsistence level for the opportunity. All of them saw their work as part of God's plan for the entire nation; they all asked that we pray for India, not just their village or church. All in all India may be behind in development as a country, but their faith in many ways exceeds our own.