



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 Youth Minister Ryan Woods

In Our Prayers

Health:

- *Miss Genevieve is in a lot of pain.
- *Brent Kington-health concerns
- *Rob Young-cancer treatments
- *David Monaco's grandfather- slowly improving
- *Bonnie's aunt starting cancer treatments
- *Kelly's father- has MS
- *Gwen's parents-health.
- *April's parents- health
- *Elaine & Joe Clary-health
- *Mae Simpkins-health about the same
- *Elise's father-in-law – cancer
- *Kay's coworker – cancer
- *Marcus' coworker's sister- cancer, doing well
- *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, now in hospice care

Job Search

- *Ashley Ross
- *Internship-Chris Srikanth

Serving Overseas

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

Area Events

4th Sunday Singing April 22 @ Vienna

Sunday April 15

Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	George Thomas
Closing Prayer	Darren Henderson
Lord's Supper	Mike Shelton
Nursery	Jolynn Smith
Prepare Communion	Nadine Lucas

LTC Sunday

During AM class hour the LTC students will present their events to the congregation.

Sunday Morning Classes

Adults #1

Adults #2

Sunday Evening

5PM Life Group

6PM Teen Life Group / Children's Church / Worship

Wednesday Night Bible Study

6:30 PM Devotional

6:45 Bible Classes (Adults "Listen for God's Sake")

7:00 FriendSpeak

Ladies Bible Class Tuesdays @ 3PM

Baby Shower May 6th

The ladies are invited to a baby shower for Martha Henderson Hurley. May 6 from 2-4 pm at the building. It is a baby girl. Registry @ Target

Sermon CD's Available – Contact Office
office@carbondalecoc.com / Phone 457-5105

3rd Annual Community Fest Sat April 21 7 pm

@ Grace Methodist Church, free admission to concert, voluntary contribution to help The Women's Center and the Good Samaritan House. Flyer on bulletin board

Mission Trip to Mississippi

June 3 thru 9--7th Grade-Adults Let Steve know.

Open Ears

I want to use the bulletin this week to reflect on the final words of Paul in the book of Acts. In Acts 28:26-30 Paul is preaching to some Jewish leaders in Rome while he is in prison. At the close of his message to them he used the message of Isaiah “for this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.” This message from Isaiah is also the same passage that Jesus used to explain why he taught the people in parables. This one passage was preached to ancient Israel at the time of exile, because they had failed to listen to the message of God. The same message is proclaimed by Jesus during his ministry, because the people had grown accustomed to a certain way of thinking and had stopped listening. Now over thirty years after Jesus Paul uses the same passage to confront the people about their unwillingness to reconsider the word of God. For over six hundred years, this one passage in Isaiah has spoken about a repeating truth of God’s own people. The central issue with religious minded people is that after awhile they stop listening and stop hearing the message with open ears. Now over two thousand years after Paul spoke to the Jewish leaders in Rome, we need to pay attention to the same words of Isaiah. It is far too easy to fall into the trap of thinking that we have Christianity all figured out, worked out, written out, and gotten it all right. Every generation of people, especially those familiar with God’s word needs to listen to the message with open ears. We need to follow Jesus words spoken in Mark 4:24 “Consider carefully what you hear...” Everyday as we read the Scriptures let’s consider them carefully and let God speak to our open ears and when we do we may hear something we have never considered before.