



Carbondale
Church of Christ

April 26, 2007
Carbondale, IL 62901
(618) 457-5105

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.

www.carbondalecoc.com



www.xalukis.org

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

In Our Prayers

Health:

- *Miss Genevieve still having a lot of pain
- *George Thomas had tests this week, no results yet
- *Gwen Geyer having tests today
- *Gerard Smith-upcoming surgery (May 7)
- *Mike Willard-has been in hospital, is home now
- *Rob Young-cancer , surgery May 18
- *David Monaco's grandfather- has pneumonia
- *Ryan's father- tests next week, possibly cancer
- *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
- *Jake Deaton- Kington's nephew-
- *Nate's brother- upcoming eye surgery, will lose 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
- *Tommy and Carla Howard
- *VJ Jackson-incident at work
- *Gloria Scott sympathy death of her aunt

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

- * Gospel Meeting Vienna April 29-May 2
- * Gospel Meeting Dongola May 13-16
- *Gospel Meeting-Mt Vernon April 29-May 2

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

Sunday April 29

Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Geroge Thomas
Closing Prayer	Brad Taylor
Lord's Supper	Darren Henderson
Nursery	Becky Shaffer
Prepare Communion	Shaffers

Sunday Worship "Follow Me"

A six week study of discipleship

Sunday Morning Classes

Adults #1 I Kings (Steve)
Adults #2 Parenting (Terry)

Sunday Evening

5PM Life Group
6PM Teen Life Group / Children's Church
Worship- The Teachings of Jesus

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

Studying I John

Youth Events

Every Thursday 6:30-7:30 Discovery Bible Study

April

Game Night 7th-12th grades April 27 @ The Woods house 6-10pm

Graduate Luncheon- April 29th after morning services We are proud of our graduates: Kia Copeland, Carrie Dunham, Samantha Simpson, and Todd Suwana. Socky Shelton is also graduating from medical school, but is unable to be with us on Sunday.

May

May 18th- Girls Night Out

May 25th- Boys Night Out

June

June 1st- Parents Night Out (teens provide childcare)

June 3-8 Mission trip to Mississippi (adults welcome too)

June 18th- Miners Baseball Game

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

Please check the list for mission trip. We need a firm number so we can make final plans. Please let Steve or Ryan know if you plan to attend. This is open to 7-12 grades and adults.

Sunday AM-70 PM- Wednesday 44Contribution \$2327

A Thorn by any other name....

A while back my daughter made me a set of 100 daily scripture cards. As I sit at my desk the card on the top of the stack comes from 2 Cor. 12:9 which says, "And He said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon thee." Paul had some kind of "thorn" perhaps a health issue or a troubling situation that he wanted to be out of his life, but God left it there. From Paul's perspective, God had answered his prayers with a resounding "no" because there was a bigger purpose to be served by the "thorn" than simply Paul's ease or comfort in life. The "thorn" allowed God's strength to be demonstrated through how Paul dealt with the "thorn." Perhaps Paul thought his ministry would be more effective without the "thorn" or perhaps the "thorn" made his life less enjoyable. Paul saw no good purpose for the thorn, but God's answer was "no" because He could use the thorn for a good purpose. Sometimes in life the things we perceive to be a hindrance to life, turns out to be the very thing that keeps life on the right track. Leave it to God to make both the thorn and the rose and call them both beautiful.