



Carbondale
Church of Christ

May 11, 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 Youth Minister Ryan Woods

In Our Prayers

Health:

- *Miss Genevieve fractured hip, MHC Room 425
- *April Knight-surgery Thursday AM
- *Rachel Knight-has been sick several days
- *George Thomas health
- *Gwen Geyer waiting for test results
- *Gerard Smith doing well after surgery: home Friday
- *Mike Willard-health
- *Rob Young-cancer , surgery May 18
- *David Monaco's grandfather-
- *Ryan's father- tests possibly cancer
- *Bonnie's aunt cancer treatments
- *Kelly's father- has MS
- *Gwen's parents-health.
- *April's parents- health
- *Elaine & Joe Clary-health
- *Mae Simpkins-home from hospital after surgery
- *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
- *Debbie's friends father- end stage cancer
- *C. J. Garris health
- *Billy Springer's mother- cancer
- *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
- *Tommy and Carla Howard
- *VJ Jackson-incident at work

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 Dongola May 13-16
- *Gospel Meeting-Metropolis May 27-30 7pm

Sunday May 13

Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Mike Shelton
Closing Prayer	Marcus Odom, Jr
Lord's Supper	Marcus Odom
Nursery	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 @ Woods house

May

May 12th- Girls Night Out 5-8pm @ building

May 26th- Boys Night Out

June

June 1st- Parents Night Out 6-9:30 PM (teens provide childcare) RSVP to Ryan by May 30.

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

June 16-21 UPLIFT @ Harding University 7-12 grades
Deadline to sign up is May 16th. A \$90 nonrefundable deposit is due on May 16th. See Ryan or the youth information board for more information.

June 30th- Miners Baseball Game

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.

Clear View

When I worked for Kodak I was involved in technology forecasting; which is the art of reading trends and projecting what the technology world will be like several years down the road. A saying we used in that work was “don’t mistake a clear view for a short distance.” It describes the fact that often times the future seems very clear, but it still takes a long time to reach. A corollary to this thought is that the path between here and the future is not always as straight as we thought it would be. There have been many times in my life where it was clear to me what God wanted me to do. He made his will clear through prayer and open doors. But when I reached what I thought was the destination it turned out to be merely a step toward a more distant goal. God often directs us on the path of his will one step at a time. As we grow and pursue his heart we achieve new perspectives and can see over things that previously blocked our view. This is the idea that is communicated to the Twelve in Mark 4:24f, “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you...and even more. Whoever has will be given more...” As we follow God into the future our task is to pursue the next step with all of our heart. We cannot map the entire journey we can only keep moving closer to God and trust that the path will continue to unfold before us. Don’t mistake a clear view for a short distance.