



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**

**Answers!**

\*April Knight is slowly, but steadily improving.

**Mission**

\*Ryan's brother, Rusty, will be leaving this week for Ghana, Africa, the Village of Hope. He will be there for three weeks. Pray for his success and his safety

**Health:**

- \*Miss Genevieve is better
- \*Brent Kington-health
- \*George Thomas – health
- \*Ken and Mae Simpkins
- \*Kay's friend- prayers
- \*Barbara May, Shannon's Aunt, cancer
- \*Gwen Geyer health
- \*Kay's father-recovery from surgery
- \*Mike Willard-health
- \*Janell's father- heart problems
- \*Bonnie's aunt cancer treatments
- \*Kelly's father- has MS
- \*Gwen's parents-health.
- \*April's parents- health
- \*Elaine & Joe Clary-health
- \*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
- \*C. J. Garris health and family's struggles
- \*Scott Wiedebach, nephew of the Thomas', improved
- \*Jeff, Joanna's friend, migraines,
- \*Jake Deaton- Kington's nephew-
- \*John Titus has an injured back
- \*Danny Simpson-Julie Suwana's brother- spinal condition
- \*Debbie's neighbor health
- \*Debbie's co-worker health
- \*Stacey- upcoming marriage and move to Colorado
- \*John Dunham is in India for the summer.
- \*Terry Funk- back surgery

**Serving Overseas**

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

**Sunday July 8**

<b>Song Leader-</b>	Terry Taylor
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Vince Brown
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tyler Shelton
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Darren Henderson
<b>Nursery</b>	Karen Fozard
<b>Communion</b>	Virginia Cathey
<b>Children's Bible Hr (PM)</b>	Dee Brown

**Sunday Topics**

**AM Study, Adults #1** Galatians 6.1-18 Steve Shaffer

**AM Study, Adults #2** Growth Marcus Odom

**AM Worship –**

**PM Worship –** Blazing Center Steve Shaffer

**Sunday Evening**

5PM Life Group "Think on these things"

6PM Teen Life Group / Children's Church

**Our Budget is running slightly behind and the elders are requesting that we have a special contribution on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month. So please prayerfully consider and plan for this on July 29.**

**Thank you, Edd, Gerard, & Terry**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

6:30 PM Devotional

6:45 Bible Classes

7:00 FriendSpeak

**Wednesday Night Children's Class**

The teens have created a Garden of Eden Learning Center for children 0-6<sup>th</sup> grade for the rest of the summer. We have puppets, videos, and Bible Trivia in the learning center. Then we will rotate to a classroom to work on a project. For the next four weeks, we will be building a model of the Garden of Eden. Invite some neighborhood kids. They will want to come back!

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** Menu will be sandwiches, salads, desserts

**Fence Project**

JULY 14 will be a fence work day starting @ 9AM  
We still need some \$ to finance the project so if you want to contribute give \$ one of the elders

## **Area Events**

Golf Scramble in Mt Vernon September 8

## **Care Packages for our troops**

Please save Folgers red and green plastic coffee containers.

## **FriendSpeak Volunteers needed**

We have two students waiting to get involved in this. Please contact Terry if you can help. Containers.

**Please correct Miss Genevieve's phone number and mailing address. It should be 618-351-3957 and the mailing address is 955 Villa Court.**

## **Fence Project**

We are putting up a wooden fence at the back of the building to separate us from our neighbors' commercial equipment for the safety of our children playing and to beautify our surroundings. If you can help, please give your donation to one of the elders. Brad Taylor is doing this as an Eagle Scout project.

## **Youth Events**

Sunday Night Life Group @ 6PM

Every Thursday 6:30-7:30 Discovery Bible Study @ Woods house

Monday Madness- 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades @ building. Lunch and ministry activity. 12Noon till 3PM. Bring \$2 for lunch

## **July**

### **Little Egypt Youth Camp**

Jr High July 15-20 Sr High- July 22-27

## **August**

VBS August 12-14

Theme is **Avalanche Ranch**

### **Mark Your Calendar**

October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Fall Retreat

November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> - Celebration

**Sunday School (34) AM Worship (58) Wednesday (38) Contribution \$ 3049**

## **Who is my neighbor?**

There is a familiar story in the gospels about a man who asked Jesus a question about the requirements of the covenant. The answer was basically, love God and love your neighbor. The man should have stopped there, but he was apparently very concerned with living the Mosaic covenant with precision, so he asks, "Who is my neighbor." That is when Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan and asks the man at the end of the story, "which of these ... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" Thus Jesus defined a "neighbor" as anyone who helps, serves and is "neighborly" to the people around him. The idea of neighbors has changed considerably since Jesus day. We live in neighborhoods; sub-divisions surrounded by houses and families that we drive past everyday. But if we were to apply Jesus definition of a "neighbor", how many true "neighbors" would we have? How many of the people who live close enough to hear their lawn mower could you call a "neighbor"? What if we took it upon ourselves to restore the idea of "neighbors" by intentionally being nice and doing things that will build those relationships. I found some ideas that others have done and I'm confident you can think of 100 more. Mow their yard, bring the garbage cans in from the curb, host a cookout, bake some cookies, roving car wash, giveaway popsicles, have a bike fix-up day, baby sit, give away soda or water when people are working in the yard. If they ask why, just tell them....I'm learning how to be a good neighbor. As those relationships grow they will create the opportunities to share our lives in more depth with them. As Mr Rodgers used to say, "Won't you be my neighbor."

