



Carbondale
Church of Christ

July 26, 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

Sympathy

*Gwen's friend passed away

Congratulations!!

*Tone Bufford graduates Saturday from LPN school. She has worked SO hard. We are proud of you, Tone.

Answers!

*Miss Genevieve gets stronger every day.
*Gwen is getting better every day.

Mission

*Ryan's brother, Rusty, returned safely from Ghana.

Health

- *Brent Kington-health
- *George Thomas – health
- *Mae Simpkins - health
- *Kay's friend- prayers
- *Angie's brother-in-law – serious infection in knee
- *Barbara May, Shannon's Aunt, cancer
- *Joe Clary is in the hospital.
- *Mike Willard-health
- *Janell's father- heart problems
- *Bonnie's aunt cancer treatments
- *David Schwartz-health
- *Kelly's father- has MS
- *Gwen's parents-health.
- *April's parents- health
- *Elise's father-in-law – cancer
- *Kay's coworker – cancer
- *Mike Kinsall – cancer
- *Debbie's friend – health
- *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 are improving
- *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
- *Terry Funk- back surgery
- *Dr Jim Ottolini, Gregg's friend, cancer

Other needs

- * Safety for everyone's travels
- *Stacey & Frank & Chelsey's move to Colorado
- *John Dunham is in India for the summer.

Serving Overseas

Sunday July 29

Sermon	Steve Shaffer
Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Gerard Smith
Closing Prayer	Vince Brown
Lord's Supper	George Thomas
Nursery	Karen Fozard
Communion	Virginia Cathey
Children's Bible Hr (PM)	Dee Brown

Sunday Topics

AM Study, Adults #1	Ezekiel	Edd Knight
AM Study, Adults #2		Terry Taylor
AM Worship –	Ezekiel	Steve Shaffer
PM Worship –	"Contagious Christian" Steve Shaffer	

Sunday Evening

5PM Life Group
6PM Teen Life Group / Children's Church
6PM Worship Steve Shaffer

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 0-6th 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

August 1 will be our next fellowship meal.
Menu will be sandwiches, salads, desserts

Sunday July 29

**Special Contribution for the work here.
Please prayerfully consider
Thank you, Edd, Gerard, & Terry**

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 29 cookout and Kid Friendly movie

After Evening Service. Invite your friends.

Give Away Day August 25

Mark your calendars and Tell your neighbors

Area Events

Golf Scramble in Mt Vernon September 8

Details on bulletin board.

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.

Youth Events

Sunday Night Life Group @ 6PM

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

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

August

August 5- Meeting with parents of 6th grade and under after service in the AM

VBS August 12-14

Theme is Avalanche Ranch

Pick up invitation cards to invite friends. These are located at the Youth Information Board in the foyer.

August 31- Lock In

Mark Your Calendar

October 12th-14th Fall Retreat

November 2nd-4th- Celebration

How do we know we are doing it right?

This question can reflect our deep desire to please God or it can express our deeply embedded insecurities about our relationship with God. Both are toxic to a vital faith. When our attention is always focused on the idea that pleasing God is somehow connected to what we do, we can miss the real point of what God is doing. God's efforts are aimed at transforming us to BE a certain kind of people not simply to DO certain things. When the question serves as an expression of our insecurity, our anxiety reveals our inner belief that salvation involves proper execution of certain religious practices. Salvation is a gift of grace from God based upon our faith...faith that God can and will save us from eternal judgment. The only way to know if we are "doing it right" is to see if we are becoming the kind of people God wants us to be. James says, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." (James 1:27, NLT) This is not simply an instruction or a command for us to do something about widows and orphans. James says that real religion has the effect on us that we start caring for people that no one cares about. Real religion is the kind of religion that changes who we are on the inside and how we see the world. Jesus says a similar thing in Matthew 25 when he talks about judgment and separating the sheep from the goats. Remember how the sheep are noted for how they took care of the hungry, thirsty, sick, and people in prison while the goats are reminded about how they didn't. The point of Jesus illustration is not on what they did or didn't do, but rather it is revealed in the sheep's response to Jesus words. They ask, "When did we do those good things?" They had become the kind of people who simply cared about other people and acted compassionately toward them. They didn't do it out of fear that if they didn't they would be condemned. They didn't do it because it was on a list of things that Christians should do. They didn't do it to satisfy a command...if they had, they would have remembered doing them. We can be sure we are doing "it" right when we are changing into people who love God and others from the inside out.

Sunday School 7-22(30) AM Worship7-22 (50) Wed Nite 7-25(26) Contribution \$1320