



Carbondale Church of Christ

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.

December 6, 2007
Carbondale, IL 62901
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Minister: Steve Shaffer **Elders:** Gerard Smith, Terry Taylor **Youth Minister:** Ryan Woods

In Our Prayers

- *Mae Simpkins – health
- *Brent Kington- still in hospital
- *Toni’s sister, Marian Wiedeback-health
- * Gwen’s mother health
- *Shannon’s father- shoulder surgery Dec 13
- *Janell’s father has blood clot in leg
- *Mike Willard-Pneumonia, in VA hospital
- *Elise’s father-in-law – cancer
- *The house parents at New Pathways Home
- *Kay’s coworker – cancer
- *Debbie’s friends – health
- *Brad’s friend’s father- blood clots in leg
- *Woods friends- adoption plans
- *C. J. Garris health and family’s struggles
- *Danny Simpson-Julie Suwana’s brother- spinal Condition
- *Dee and family while Vince is gone
- *Brienne, cousin of Matthew & Micah- health
- *Joe and Elaine Clary-health
- *Reema Prabhakar-health problems
- *Ramneesh Prabhakar- immigration issues
- *Ernestine Honeycutt-family issues

Serving Overseas

In Iraq Tina Harryman, Ryan’s Friend
Dee Brown’s niece, Dorothy’s nephew

Sunday

December 9, 2007

Sermon	Steve Shaffer
Song Leader-	Terry Taylor
Opening Prayer	Michael Shelton
Closing Prayer	Brad Taylor
Communion	Marcus Odom
Nursery	
Children’s Church	Angie Woods

Sunday Evening

- 5PM Life Group
- 6PM Teen Life Group
- 6PM Bible Hour (kids ages 2-6th grade)
- 6PM Worship

Wednesday Night Bible Study

- 5:30 Meal
- 6:30 Peak of the Week
- 7:00 Friendspeak



Don’t forget Kings Kids
@ 9:45 AM every Sunday
Ages 2 years-6th grade
Invite your friends!

Ladies Bible Class meets every Thursday @ 3PM here at the building.

Ladies Christmas Event

- Who- Ladies of all ages
- When- December 15, 10:00-12:00 AM
- Where-Julie Suwana’s house in Cobden
- What to bring- one brunch item per family
- Bring one wrapped item to share (under \$5)
- Carpool will leave building @ 9:30 AM
- For directions/information call 727-4527



Only 40 cents will feed a starving child
Please have your bottles turned in by the end of the year so we can send it to them.

TEENS

- ❖ Ryan’s Blog
www.smackstudentministries.blogspot.com
- ❖ Interactive Website
www.youthglue.com/groups/cdalecofc
- ❖ Parent Resource Website
www.teenagetightrope.com

Pace Yourself

Mario Andretti is credited with a quote that I like. It goes like this; “If you feel like you’re in control, you’re not going fast enough.” Life is a funny balancing act, just when we feel like some of the big projects are done and the pace of life will slow down, we get bored. When we are bored we begin to fill life up with new projects and then feel like we are too busy to enjoy what we are doing. That happy medium is like the town you blink and miss on the highway. That’s true of the pace of our life and it is true about our growth and maturing in faith. It seems that for a while we will have a laser focus on a personal growth issue. Maybe we are trying to be more diligent in prayer, more consistent in reading the Bible, stop a pattern of sin, begin a new relationship pattern, or talk to someone about our faith. In our zeal sometimes we try to tackle several new habits at once or we set unrealistic expectations about how much progress we are going to make overnight. Then as we get into the process we realize that we are overcommitted and become burdened with a sense of inevitable failure. On the other end of the scale we can be complacent with things going smoothly. We don’t sense that there is any glaring sin issue that we need to change, we feel good about our reading and praying, things are good. Perhaps that is the time that we should sense that we are going too slow, or maybe growing too slow. Satan is happy for us to feel like we are “good” and “fine” just the way we are.....because when we are complacent we aren’t a serious threat to him. And when we feel defeated in our ability to make progress in our faith we are also not a big threat to Satan’s efforts. It is only when we are growing in our faith that Satan gets concerned. Perhaps that is one reason that growing in faith is always an uphill climb, if it were easy, it wouldn’t be growth. If it were already in our capabilities it wouldn’t seem hard. “If you feel like you’re in control, you’re not growing enough.”