



Carbondale  
Church of Christ

August 23, 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.

[www.carbondalecoc.com](http://www.carbondalecoc.com)



[www.xalukis.org](http://www.xalukis.org)

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

**In Our Prayers**

**Answers**

Ramneesh was baptized into Christ on Tuesday night. He had been studying with Daryl and Steve He lives in Carbondale with his wife Romma. We joyfully welcome him into our lives.

Our travelers and students have returned to us. We are glad to have them back. John Dunham will return on August 27. But many of our number are heading off to college and we will surely miss them. But no matter where you are, our prayers are with you.

**Mission**

\*Friends of the Woods are considering going to Athens for two years. Pray they will make the right decision for the Lord and the family.

**Health**

- \*Mae Simpkins – health
- \*Gwen and her parents- health
- \*Don Elkins had surgery this week.
- \*Kay’s friend- prayers
- \*Barbara May, Shannon’s Aunt, cancer
- \*Mike Matheny has suffered a setback
- \*Joe Clary is in the hospital.
- \*Mike Willard-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
- \*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
- \*Brienne, cousin of Matthew & Micah- health
- \*Debbie’s neighbor health
- \*Debbie’s co-worker health

**Serving Overseas**

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

**Care Packages for our troops**

Please save Folgers red and green plastic coffee containers.

**Sunday August 26**

<b>Sermon</b>	Steve Shaffer
<b>Song Leader-</b>	Terry Taylor
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Vince Brown
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Marcus Odom, Jr
<b>Lord’s Supper</b>	Bob Simpson
<b>Nursery</b>	Jolynn Smith
<b>Communion</b>	Virginia Cathey
<b>Children’s Church.....</b>	

**We are now offering Children’s Church during the Sunday morning worship hour for ages 2 thru 1<sup>st</sup> gr  
The nursery will still be available for the younger group.**

**Sunday Topics**

**AM Study, Adults #1** Praise and Worship Sunday  
**AM Study, Adults #2** Praise and Worship Sunday

**Sunday Evening**

5PM Life Group will meet  
6PM Teen Life Group will host cook-out for college students  
6PM Worship No Sunday Evening worship this week

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

6:30 PM Devotional  
6:45 Bible Classes  
7:00 Friendspeak

**Upcoming Events**

**Peak of the Week begins Sept 5**

Light meal and interactive family devotional

**Healing Path Class begins September 10**

Registration forms on table in foyer.

**Area Events**

Golf Scramble in Mt Vernon September 8  
Ladies Day- Sept 15 Central Church of Christ in Paducah

**Children**



Begins Sunday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 9:45 a.m. Invite your friends  
Ages 2-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

## TEENS

### **Ryan's Blog**

[www.smackstudentministries.com](http://www.smackstudentministries.com)

### **Interactive Website**

[www.youthglue.com/groups/cdalecofc](http://www.youthglue.com/groups/cdalecofc)

### **Parent Resource Website**

[www.teenagetightrope.com](http://www.teenagetightrope.com)

### **Upcoming Events**

**August 26** Cookout for College Students hosted by Teens. Bring your appetite and your friends. We will eat, play volleyball, and have a time for worship.

August 31- LOCK IN

Money is due for LOCK IN on Wednesday Aug 29

## **Mark your Calendar**

September 5 – Peak of the Week begins!!

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

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

Information on all events on Teen Bulletin Board

### **Give Away Day this Saturday 9-11AM**

Friday Night for the International Students 7-9 PM

We need help sorting items so if you have any time Thursday, day or night, and Friday, we could use your help.

I was reminded this past week how God can answer prayers in ways that we never anticipated. About one week ago the elders, Ryan and I were meeting to discuss the work of the church. We had gone over the plans for the fall and were discussing this and that. During the meeting we prayed together and part of the prayer that was given that night was that God would bring us people that he was already working in and that we would be people that God can use for His purposes. Then on Tuesday night, Darryl and I met with Ramneesh. Ramneesh had first encountered Christianity and the love of God several years ago while in California, but had not committed his life to Christ. Then over the last couple of years Darryl has spoken with him and they have formed a relationship. Then this last Tuesday Darryl and I studied with him, telling him about the one and true God and about Jesus his son. Ramneesh's faith and trust in God was growing through the course of the evening and later that night he was baptized into Christ. Today, I realized that beyond the joy of having a new brother in Christ, God confirmed our prayer and affirmed our role in his kingdom. God has been working in the life of Ramneesh for many years and led him to us through Darryl, allowing us to participate in the kingdom work of sharing faith with others. Praise be to God who has saved us and invited us to participate in the glorious work of his kingdom.

Sunday School ( ) AM Worship (63) Wed Nite ( ) Contribution \$2435