



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.

January 24, 2008
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
- *Marcus father – cancer treatments
- *Shannon’s father-recovering from surgeries
- *Janell’s father- still in hospital
- *Marian Musoiu-home after heart surgery
- *Mike Willard-home from VA hospital
- *The Howard family
- *Elise’s father-in-law – cancer
- *The house parents at New Pathways Home
- *Kay’s coworker – cancer, hospice
- *Debbie’s friends – health
- *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
- * The Prabhakar family-

Serving Overseas

In Iraq, Ryan’s Friend
Dee Brown’s niece, Dorothy’s nephew
Ben Reeder-Dunham’s friend

LTC Practice Schedule

- 3:00 Drama, Junior Puppets
- 4:00 Senior Puppets
- 5:00 Chorus

Sign up Sheet on Bulletin Board

Volunteers are needed to provide food for 15-20 teenagers on Sunday Nights. Keep it simple, but plentiful!

Congregational Meeting Sunday

Immediately following morning services there will be a short meeting to discuss budget updates.

Men’s Lunch

Saturday, Feb 2. the men are invited to meet for lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings @ 12 noon.

January 27

Sermon
Song Leader-
Opening Prayer
Closing Prayer
Communion

Steve Shaffer
Terry Taylor
George Thomas
Tyler Shelton
Michael Shelton

Teens Serving

Kings Kids Story
Kings Kids Projects

Joanna Schaffer
Madeline Shaffer
Sara Grubb
Nicole Odom
Shaneice Bufford
Jasmine Brown
Marcus Odom, Jr

Pass Out Programs
Children’s Church

Worship Count



@ 9:45 AM every Sunday
Ages 2 years-6th grade
Invite your friends!

Sunday Evening

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

Wednesday Night Peak of the Week

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

Ladies Bible Class

3PM Thursday afternoons @ building

TEENS

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

Parents- Sign your teen up now and Pay monthly on total for upcoming activities

- Mission Trip May 23-29
- UPLIFT- June 28-July 3
- Little Egypt Youth Camp-TBA
- Celebration 1st weekend in Nov

Young Adult Gathering

- Wednesdays Nights after church
- Ages 18 and up
- @ Panera @ 8PM
- Questions? Ryan

Sunday School(31) Sunday AM Worship (49) Wed Night(30) Contribution \$2677

The Understanding Distance

When Alexander Campbell spoke about how to read and understand the Bible he advocated seven rules of interpretation. Rule 1 was to pay attention to the historical circumstances of the book. Rule 2 was to pay close attention to who is speaking and who is being spoken to. Rule 3 was to apply the same literary criticism techniques to determine the meaning as would be applied to any ancient writing. Rule 4 concerned the meaning of words and the importance of factoring in common usage, scope, context and parallel passages. Rule 5 concerned the understanding the poetry or figurative writing and emphasized the need to limit the interpretation to the point of “resemblance.” Rule 6 dealt with limiting the interpretation of symbols, allegories and parables to the point of illustration. All of these are sound rules to apply to reading the Bible. Campbell had one more rule and in my opinion it is rule 7 that is the most important rule of them all. Rule 7 says that the interpreter must come within the understanding distance. To explain what he means by “understanding distance” Campbell used the illustration of the “hearing distance” being how close a person needed to stand to someone in order to be able to hear the conversation. By analogy, the understanding distance is how close a person needs to be to God to understand the Bible. What Campbell is expressing is that who we are as readers of the Bible matters. Our hearts need to be open to listen to God as we read the Bible. Our minds must be guided by the Spirit as we search for understanding. If we are “too far from God” we will have difficulty understanding the things of God, but as we draw near to God, we will recognize the voice of our Shepherd. To me, this should have been Rule 1 of understanding the Bible.