



# 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.

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

February 14, 2008  
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## In Our Prayers

- \*Tornado Victims
- \*Mae Simpkins – health, doing pretty well
- \*Marcus father – cancer treatments
- \*Marian Musoiu- recovering well
- \*The Howard family
- \*Elise’s father-in-law – cancer
- \*The house parents at New Pathways Home
- \*Julie’s brother-, Danny- spinal condition
- \*Dee and family while Vince is gone
- \*Joe & Elaine Clary-health problems
- \*Reema & Ramneesh Prabhakar
- \*Nate’s two coworkers and their families
- \*Miss Genevieve’s brother –in-law
- \*Tammy Bahmanziari and kids

## Serving Overseas

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

## LTC Practice Schedule

- 3:00 Group Singing
- 4:00-4:45 –Drama/3-6<sup>th</sup> Puppets
- 4:45-5:30-7-12<sup>th</sup> puppets  
3-6<sup>th</sup> Bulletin Boards
- 5:30-6:00-7-12<sup>th</sup> Bulletin Boards

## Teen Events

- Saturday Night Live @ Shaffers
- Time:6:30-9PM
- Boys bring chips or dessert
- Girls bring bottle of 2lt soda

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in Nov

## **ADULTS @ LTC**

If you are planning to attend LTC let Ryan know ASAP as you must be registered also.

## February 17

Sermon.....Steve Shaffer  
 Song Leader .....Terry Taylor  
 Opening Prayer .....George Thomas  
 Closing Prayer .....Tyler Shelton  
 Communion .....Darren Henderson

## Teens Serving

Kings Kids Story .....Joanna Shaffer  
 Kings Kids Projects.....Madeline Shaffer  
 Sara Grubb  
 Pass Out Programs .....Marcus Odom,Jr  
 Children’s Church.....Nicole Odom  
 .....Alex Taylor  
 Worship Count.....Marcus Odom, Jr  
 Tech Assistant Nate Bufford



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

## Sunday Evening

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

## Wednesday Night Peak of the Week

We will celebrate Valentine’s Day Feb 20 due to last Week’s cancellation.

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

## Ladies Bible Class

3PM Thursday afternoons @ building

## Men Invited

This Saturday, Feb 16, all men are invited to meet at noon @ Buffalo Wild Wings. Come is you can and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers in Christ.

## LTC Participants

Your registration **MUST** be complete for every event you intend to do. Please check with Karen if have not yet verified your registration.

The cost is \$95 per person. This is due by **February 25**

Scholarships are available if needed. Make your checks to Church of Christ and put them in the blue mailbox in the lobby.

## February Birthdays

- 16 George Thomas
- 18 John Dunham
- 20 Bob Simpson
- 21 Matthew & Micah Ellis
- 28 Shaneice Bufford

## TEENS

❖ Ryan's Blog

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

❖ Interactive Website

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

❖ Parent Resource Website

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

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## Young Adult Gathering 18 and older

- Wednesdays Nights after church
- @ Panera @ 8PM
- Questions? Ryan

**Sunday School(31Sunday AM Worship (56Wed Night( ) Contribution \$2935**

I was reading an article yesterday about the acceptance of Christianity and Christians in different parts of the world. In Egypt there was a recent court case that supported the legal rights of Muslims who have converted to Christianity. Despite their legal status, Christians will have a permanent mark on their official documents which indicates their conversion leaving room for discrimination. In China about 80 million Christians exist as an underground church because the Chinese government does not allow missionaries but does recognize Christianity in some forms. There are three official Christian organizations that are overseen by the government and tightly controlled. Most Christians in China choose not to be associated with these official organizations opting to worship in unofficial, illegal gatherings allowing them to practice their faith without government intervention. In Nigeria there are frequent attacks on Christians from Muslims. It often seems that when there is opposition and persecution, the church grows. Here in the US, Christianity has been on the decline for the past several decades with fewer and fewer people claiming the identity of Christian and fewer yet who choose to participate in organized churches. While in other places around the world Christianity is viewed with suspicion and contempt, here in the US I fear that it is viewed as irrelevant. Which is worse, to be free to practice our faith when no one cares, or to be persecuted for practicing in something that people fear is a threat? Somehow we need to find ways to communicate just how powerful Christianity is in our lives. At the moment our country is more concerned with the power of oil companies, Hollywood, and big government than they are with the power of the Spirit. Perhaps we could recapture a phrase from the 60's which said, "Power to the People!" Revival of a nation begins with each of us being changed by the power of God. Keeping Christianity relevant in a religiously tolerant country means that we must be vocal about Christianity's relevance and not about how Christians are intolerant.