



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.

February 14, 2008
Carbondale, IL 62901
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Minister: Steve Shaffer Elders: Gerard Smith, Terry Taylor Youth Minister: Ryan Woods

In Our Prayers

- *Tornado Victims
- *Mae Simpkins – health, doing pretty well
- *Marcus father – cancer treatments/infection
- *Shannon’s father-recovering from surgeries
- *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 has been sick and to the doctor several times this past week.
- *Ramneesh has had his hands full with frozen water pipes, delayed deliveries, and other calamities of life.
- *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

Saturday Night Live

- When? Saturday, Feb 23
- Where? Here at the building
- Who? Teens
- What to bring?
Boys bring 2 lt sodas
Girls bring chips or dessert

LTC Practice Schedule

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

Today’s Servers

Sunday February 24 is Prayer and Praise Sunday.
We will meet in the Family Room instead of the auditorium.

Teens Serving

Kings Kids StoryJoanna Shaffer
Kings Kids Projects.....Madeline Shaffer
Sara Grubb
Pass Out ProgramsMarcus 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-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

All Men Invited

Saturday, March 1, all men are invited to meet at noon
@ Buffalo Wild Wings. Come is you can and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers in Christ. We plan to do this every other Saturday so put it on your calendar.

Ladies Bible Class

No Ladies Class this week. We will begin a new study on Feb 28 entitled “Believing God”..
Books should be available by Sunday. See Becky or Karen to purchase your copy.

ADULTS @ LTC

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

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

Steve and Becky have taken Joanna to Texas to interview for a scholarship at Abilene Christian University. Please keep them in your prayers as they are traveling; *You might keep the rest of the children in your prayers also, as Karen Fozard is staying with them.*

Sunday School(36)Sunday AM Worship (48)Wed Night(31) Contribution \$1666

TEENS

❖ **Ryan's Blog**

www.smackstudentministries.blogspot.com

❖ **Interactive Website**

www.youthglue.com/groups/cdalecofc

❖ **Parent Resource Website**

www.teenagetightrope.com

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Young Adult Gathering 18 and older

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

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**

Several years ago I was in Budapest on a business trip and went shopping in one of those open air markets in the town square. People were selling all kinds of things and I was in search of souvenirs to bring home for the family. One of the little stands was selling painted wood figures that opened to reveal a smaller version of the same figure inside, and inside that one was another one, each one getting smaller and smaller until you found a tiny hand carved figure. It was kind of like the parade of Who's serving the roast beast to Cindy Lou Who in the Grinch that stole Christmas. As I was reading Colossians recently and ran across this verse: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." As I thought about this verse I thought about those nested figures, one inside the other. From the outside you cannot tell that there are more figures inside. Most of the time we think of God being in us, but this verse in Colossians says that our life is hidden in God. It's as if God were the outside figure and inside that is Christ and inside that is us. Our lives are swallowed up in the life of Christ and God. Our lives are bigger because we are hidden inside Christ. Most of the time I want my life to be the one that is visible to the outside world and like the idea of God being in me. But perhaps I need to think of God's life as the one that needs to be visible and remember that my ugly, sinful, pride painted, self interests have been covered over and lost beneath the perfect life of Christ. It's better to be hidden.