

Dayspring Baptist News

February 2014

Human Trafficking, by Andrea Missey

Lurking in the shadows of our community is an injustice abolished by the 13th amendment to the Constitution in 1865—slavery. Slavery does not occupy our daily thoughts; however, human trafficking (modern day slavery) victimizes millions of people, many of them children. In fact, the Polaris Project estimates that 27 million people are caught in human trafficking. Lest we begin to conclude this injustice only happens in faraway places, the Department of Justice identifies St. Louis in the top twenty jurisdictions for human trafficking (labor and sex trade). That means, as we worship or gather at Dayspring, someone may be transported against their will up and down I-270, forced to engage in unfair labor or sexual practices.

Exploitation of humans is nothing new. The biblical prophets consistently condemned the inhumane treatment of the innocent throughout the pages of scripture. Amos spoke these words to the people of Judah: *“But let justice roll down like water, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”* Amos, along with other prophets, confronted the injustices of the day head-on within the message of God’s *hesed*, God’s lovingkindness. The promise of God’s presence empowered the prophets to speak boldly and with hope that all attempts at righteousness make a difference.



Dayspring will draw from that same wellspring of hope as we launch a five-week campaign on human trafficking. Andy Thomas will lead us through a study of Amos, and one of our community groups will lead an interactive study on the facts of human trafficking in international, national and local circles. As we learn, we plan to combat human trafficking by connecting with The Covering House, a local organization that works with young women caught in the St. Louis sex trade, and join the work of our missionaries in American Baptist and Cooperative Baptist life. On March 2, we will welcome *Gene Dobbs Bradford and the Blues Inquisition* for a benefit concert with all proceeds going to The Covering House.

Join us as we shed light into the dark corners of human trafficking with the hope and promise found in God and so proclaim that everyone deserves to be free.

~Andrea

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A CALL TO JUSTICE FROM DAYSPRING BAPTIST CHURCH

An estimated 27 million adults and 13 million children are currently victims of human trafficking. What's more, St. Louis is listed in the top twenty of the most intense human trafficking jurisdictions in the country.

Dayspring plans to shine light on this disturbing injustice and offer a ray of hope to the victims of the world as well as those in our own backyard.

LEARN

Join us for a five-week Bible study on Sunday mornings beginning on February 2 that will focus on the biblical witness of justice and explanation of human trafficking in international, national, and local arenas.

GIVE

The February communion offering will go to our ABC missionary efforts to combat human trafficking in Lebanon.

The Covering House, a local organization that cares for trafficked girls, has ways you can support their efforts by joining their *Cover 13* campaign.

SHARE

Bring in designated items for care packages for girls in crisis.

Invite a friend to a benefit concert by *Gene Dobbs Bradford and the Blues Inquisition* on Sunday evening, March 2. All proceeds will go to benefit The Covering House.

February at Dayspring		
4	Tues.	White Cross, 10 AM.
9	Sun.	Manna and Youth Group, 5-7 PM.
11	Tues.	Leadership Team, 7 PM.
15	Sat.	Parents' Night Out, 6-9 PM.
16	Sun.	All-Church lunch, noon.
18	Tues.	White Cross, 10 AM.
22	Sat.	Men's Breakfast, Second Baptist, 7:30 AM. Bosnian Food Pantry Work Day, 9 AM-noon.
23	Sun.	Manna and Youth Group, 5-7 PM.
Meeting Every Week		
Sundays	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 11:50	Prayer Service Growth Groups Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays	Noon 7:00 PM	Lunch & Bible Study, Anniversary Hall. Adult Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary.

February Birthdays

- 8 Mat Hartig
- 9 Margo Maxey
- 9 Stephanie Allee
- 10 Mary Schnitzius
- 12 Mary Montani
- 17 Rachel Dofing
- 20 Brian Binch
- 21 Paul Emily
- 26 Andy Thomas

Food for Thought

Men's Breakfast:

The men of Dayspring and Second Baptist Churches meet monthly for a tasty breakfast and warm fellowship. Join them Saturday, Feb. 22, 7:30 AM, at Second Baptist.

All-Church Lunch:

Our All-Church Lunch is on Feb. 16 this month. Don't forget to make a reservation with the church office to help Kim, our caterer, plan accordingly.

Wednesday Lectionary Lunch:

We meet in Anniversary Hall; potluck lunch is at noon, with Bible study on the week's lectionary from 12:45-1:30.

Family News

Brandon Norris was baptized on January 12 by Pastor Chris. Congratulations, Brandon, on coming down to the river to pray.



Leslie Munger is moving to New York to be with her daughter. Leslie, who just celebrated her 96th birthday, has been an active member for many years and we will miss her. The Lusks and Ackersons visited Leslie this week and share her new contact information:
122 Pine Valley Drive,
Rochester NY 14626,
(585) 232-1125.



With Gratitude

From your church staff:

What a gracious and giving church we have! All of the church staff joins together in thanking all of you for our very generous Christmas gifts this year. You are a blessing to us.

From Rosalyn, Peggy, and David McKnight (children of Joe and Nancy McKnight) and families:

We would like to thank each and every one of you for all your kindness and support. Both of our parents were such a part of this church for so many years. We know you feel their loss as we do. Everyone has been so wonderful and we appreciate it very much. It's hard to believe they are both gone, but we have so many memories of our childhood and going to church each Sunday. Dad was devoted to going to church until the end. The last Sunday before he passed away, he was so weak he couldn't walk, but said to me Saturday night before going to bed that he wanted to go to church in the morning. It brought tears to my eyes knowing that he wouldn't be able to go, so I just replied, "we'll see how you feel in the morning." So please know how much he loved Delmar and all the wonderful friends and "family" he had for so many years. We will miss them terribly, but we all have peace in our hearts knowing that Mom and Dad are now together once again. Thank you again for all the wonderful years you've given our parents.

From Marsha Hussung:

Who knew in October of 1983 when I first walked through the doors of Delmar Baptist Church at Skinker and Washington to sing in the choir that it would come to this? Certainly not me! I thought I was in St. Louis for another couple of years at most. But this church had other plans for me, including a husband, children, and added responsibility—30 years worth. Thank you all for your very warm recognition of my many years in your midst. We will certainly enjoy the Symphony gift certificate and will think of you each time we head down to Powell Hall.



Where Are We On-Line?

A new name means that our on-line addresses will change. While our old web address and email accounts will still work for awhile, begin now to use our new ones:



email: dayspringstl@gmail.com

website: dayspringstl.com

Facebook: [Dayspring Baptist Church](https://www.facebook.com/DayspringBaptistChurch)

Our Averages in January:

Sunday Worship	94
Sunday School	28
Wednesday Bible Study	10
Youth Group	12
Manna	11

New Members



Sarah-Kate and Kevin Sullivan: We are the Sullivan's! Kevin, Sarah-Kate, Liam 9, Eliza Jane 7, and Madeline 4. We live in Webster Groves and after attending our previous church for nine years we decided to make some big changes! We thank you for making us feel at home. Kevin works for Microsoft and when not helping with the kids he enjoys running and training for marathons. Liam is the Cardinals' #1 fan and loves all sports. He is a great brother. Eliza Jane is our middle child and loves people and socializing. She takes dance class, but wishes it was always soccer season. Madeline is our baby! She is in preschool and loves to sing and dance. She spends a lot of our day waiting for the big kids to get home to play. I (Sarah-Kate) love being a stay-at-home mom. I occasionally get to play the flute, get out for a run or read a book. I substitute teach at Madeline's preschool occasionally (I was once an early childhood special education teacher), but for now I treasure the opportunity to keep my family my focus. We look forward to getting to know you all!

Carol and Eric Williams: I (Carol) am an Associate Professor of Education at Webster University. I enjoy singing, cooking, and reading English Country House murder mysteries. Eric is a teacher, ordained minister, a writer, and a musician. He is currently a part-time instructor at Kaskaskia college and a wedding chaplain. His hobbies include home improvement, martial arts and watching action movies. We married in September of 2013 and now share Eric's family: children Rebecca, Kevin, Erica, Dylan, DeMariva, Zaydn, Taylor, and Earl, and grandchildren Lizzy, Trini, and Gavin.



Brandon Norris and Kim Rokyta: Brandon is a native of Missouri, and I (Kim) am originally from North Carolina. We moved to Saint Louis from Florida and have lived here for about seven years. I am a financial analyst in the Treasury Department of Washington University, and Brandon recently earned his MBA there as well. Our daughter Cecelia is in the third grade. We enjoy movies and spending time with family. We are so happy to have found a church home here with you at Dayspring. Thank you for the warm welcome.

Opportunities for Mission and Outreach

Communion Mission Offering

Our February Communion Mission Offering will go towards the ministry efforts of our ABC missionary, Sarah Chetti, with trafficked women in Lebanon. Please make your check out to **Dayspring** Baptist Church, designated for *Human Trafficking*. You may give all month.

Used Clothing Ministry

We are collecting used clothing and small appliances to support the ministries of our sister ABC church, Antioch Baptist, and Isaiah 58 in the City. Please leave gently-used items in the designated bin in the narthex.

Circle of Concern

Food Drive: Bring any of the suggested items below in a paper grocery bag and leave in the Narthex. **NO GLASS!** Remember that it is easier for Circle if you bring many of the same item rather than a bag full of different things.

Food Items: Peanut butter, jelly
Chili, beef stew, tomato products
Canned Fruit, vegetables
Dry boxed dinners
Pudding and gelatin mixes
Dry cereal, muffin mixes

Non-food items: Shampoo, conditioner
Deodorant, lotion
Dish soap, laundry detergent
Diapers, baby wipes
Razors, bar soap

White Cross

The ladies of White Cross will meet for hands-on mission work on Tuesday, January 4 and 18, at 10 AM, Anniversary Hall.

Dayspring Baptist Church

Who Are We?

Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, open in heart and mind, we are committed to worship and witness, fellowship and service, education and faith exploration.

Vision Statement

We strive to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength--to know God through Christ's life, teaching and enduring presence and through the grace of the Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Core Values

As a congregation, we are nurturing, prayerful, diverse, and hopeful.

Adopted April 15, 2010

Your Church Staff:

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor
Andrea Missey, Associate Pastor
Marsha Hussung, Music Minister
Stephanie Allee, Accompanist
Joan Barth, Administrative Assistant
Hannah Allee, Manna Director
Andy Thomas, Pastoral Associate

Your Leadership Team:

Tiffany Murphy, President/Moderator
Ellie Vargo, Vice-President
Chuck Ackerson
Steve Lorberg
Nina Roberts

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