



## ***How Does Your Garden Grow?***

***by Andrea Missey, Associate Pastor***

This spring we decided to expand the garden at our house. Gathering materials for our raised bed gardens, we endured the unseasonably cold March weather as we constructed our new space. At my side, offering not only helpful information but also her opinion, was my daughter Ella. To get a little elbow room to spread the soil, I sent Ella to the computer to research complementary vegetable planting. She returned with a list of plants that worked well with each other.

After many cool days, one warm Saturday afternoon Ella and I gathered our vegetables and herbs for planting. With the planting complete, we rested and waited. Thankfully, the combination of composted garden soil and warm sun ignited growth in our little plants, growth noted by Ella's daily observation of even the most remote signs of change. One day, following her morning observation of the garden, Ella bolted through the door, loudly (and proudly) proclaiming, "Mom, our garden is erupting with growth!"

I wonder what spiritual and emotional growth we might see if we were as attentive as Ella is with her garden. How might we observe growth in ourselves, in our families, and in our church by tending our spiritual garden? What new buds and evidence of fruit might we see by bending down and looking closely? Conversely, what sort of leaf rot may we find or weeds or insects that require us to pull and cut and exterminate?

Growth, in our home gardens as well as in our spiritual life, requires care. To experience spiritual growth, we need to look around us, even look closely. We sometimes have to bend down or get on our knees to see little signs of growth; other times, we need only glance before picking a fully ripened fruit or vegetable. Since we journey together in faith, our spiritual garden blossoms when we celebrate our bounty or work to eliminate our weeds. Truth being, our spiritual gardens are fully nurtured when we join fellow gardeners to gather and weed.

In Paul's letter to the church at Corinth, he wrote, "I [Paul] planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose . . . for we are God's servants, working together." With these words, Paul addressed a conflict over leadership in the church; however, in so doing, Paul laid out a truth about spiritual growth. God's presence causes growth. God knows us and loves us and wants us to flourish. Our responsibility is not to cause growth but to water, to tend, to pay attention. As fellow gardeners (and believers), we help each other out, knowing that we all work together to nurture God's work in us and among us.

Allow me to extend the spiritual garden metaphor to apply to our church. Indeed, we all want our church to blossom, to reach its potential. Just as we tend to our own spiritual needs, so we tend to the needs of our church. Whether you have a green thumb or not, as a member of Dayspring and God's universal church you are called to tend the garden. That means you admire the ripened vegetables, watch the growing ones, and pull the weeds when they pop up.

Very soon, our Leadership Team will be asking you to consider your place of service at Dayspring. You will have the opportunity to sign up to do everything from serving communion, to helping with children's church, to working the grounds. The jobs and responsibilities listed on the Ministry Chart are numerous and allow everyone to participate. Sign-ups will occur in August this year in order to align the beginnings of our efforts with the school year.

Consider now how you will tend the spiritual garden we call Dayspring.

## No Experience Necessary!

Hopefully you have noticed all the hard work that has gone into the beautification of our property lately. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to keep eleven acres looking nice throughout the long St. Louis summer...and you can help!

If you have a free hour or two, please consider stopping by and helping our crew with miscellaneous jobs (weeding, trimming bushes, raking leaves, watering, etc). There is a new bulletin board on the wall outside the kitchen that lists various projects we could use your help with. If you have any questions please feel free to contact John Boley or Steve Lorberg.

## Garden Bucks Fundraiser

It's not too late for your summer garden to earn money for the Dayspring Community Garden! Buy a coupon for \$20, redeemable at Greenscape Garden nursery, 2832 Barrett Station Road in Manchester, for \$20 in plants. Dayspring receives \$5 for each coupon sold.

See Joanne Cuddeback or the church office for details and to purchase coupons.

## Smile!

If you haven't had your picture taken for the church directory yet, we need you!

Please contact the church office to arrange a time to have your picture taken or to provide your own.

## June Birthdays

5 Rachel Missey  
8 Elliott Wakefield  
10 Elim Allee  
15 Ella Missey  
19 Chuck Ackerson  
22 Susan McKnight  
24 Julia Meckfessel



For the times  
they are a-changin'!



## June at Dayspring

1	Sun.	Terry Minchow-Proffitt preaching.
8	Sun.	Andrea Missey preaching. Church lunch, noon. Youth car wash, noon.
10	Tues.	Leadership Team, 7 PM.
11-13	W-F	Children to Camp Connect at Windermere.
15	Sun.	Family Choir practice, 10:15 in the sanctuary. Molly Marshall preaching.
22	Sun.	Kate Hanch preaching.
28	Sat.	Bosnian Ministry, 9-noon.
29	Sun.	Chuck Hussung preaching.

## Meeting Every Week

Sundays	9:00 AM 9:30 10:10 10:45 11:50	Prayer Service Sunday School Summer choir rehearsal Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
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## A Big Thank You

to the congregation for your tremendous generosity at our desert auction fundraiser. Thanks to your sweet tooth and open wallets, we raised over \$1200 to help our children and youth go to summer camp.

## Wednesday Lunches

are taking a short summer hiatus. We will resume in mid-August.

## Our Averages in April:

Sunday Worship	87
Sunday School	27
Wednesday Bible Study	11

## Congratulations!

Cole Allee has graduated from Parkway South High School and plans to attend William Jewell in the fall. The Allee family: Hannah, Stephanie, Cole, Jeff, and Elim.



## Sing in the Family

### Choir

Sunday, June 15  
10:15



Do you have a child at Dayspring?  
Do you have a parent at Dayspring?

If so, we invite you to participate in our family choir on June 15th. We welcome parents and children of any age.

We'll rehearse in the sanctuary at 10:15 to learn a simple song that we will then sing for church. We promise you'll be able to learn it in 15 minutes.

Talk to Marsha if you have any questions. And seriously, you'll be able to learn it in 15 minutes!!

**Does your car look like this??**



Bring it to church on Sunday, June 8, and help the children and youth raise money toward camp costs. Your neighbors will thank you!

## Our Children Head to Camp

Please pray for our children and adults as they travel and attend camp this month.

**June 11-13, Camp Connect  
Windermere at Lake of the Ozarks**

Cecelia Norris  
Autumn Varner  
Joy Missey  
Eliza Jane Sullivan  
Ben Crow

Sara-Kate Sullivan  
Brandon Norris  
Andrea Missey

## With Thanks

**The Harmon Family:** The members of Dayspring Baptist Church never cease to amaze us. Through Bob's decline and death we felt such true kindness and caring from all of you, of all ages, from those those who knew Bob over all of his years there, as well as those who only knew him a short time. Dayspring is truly a blessing in our lives, and we thank everyone for all the preparation and the details surrounding the service and meal afterwards. What kind, good, and loving people to be surrounded by! We know Bob appreciated such kindness and goodness, too. Thank you all.

## Highlights from the May Leadership Team Meeting

**Ministry Team Sign-Ups** - This year we plan to have members sign up for the various ministry teams during the months of July and August so that the new ministry term can begin in September. This will better align with the school year and will also avoid the busyness during the month of December. Announcements will be made throughout the summer months to remind members of the change and to sign up for teams.

Shirley Crenshaw and Laura Buchheit are working on plans for a time line mural in the foyer of the sanctuary.

Chuck Ackerson bid goodbye to the Team as May was his last meeting, and Cathy Hartig will be taking his place beginning in June.

## West Virginia Mission Trip August 4-8

Each year members of Dayspring travel to the mountains of West Virginia to participate in a family mission trip. For almost ten years we have joined together with several other churches from the East, working, worshipping, and developing friendships together.

**The deadline to commit to the trip is June 8. Please contact Marsha Hussung if you're interested.**

## International Ministries Receives \$26,000 from Christian Community Credit Union

Two years ago our church moved its banking to the Christian Community Credit Union and acquired its Visa credit card. The commitment by CCCU to support the American Baptist International Ministries by donating a portion of its interchange income annually to IM played a large part in Dayspring's decision to change financial institutions.

It was recently announced that "A total of \$26,000 was received by American Baptist International Ministries (IM) from Christian Community Credit Union's (CCCU) Credit Card affinity program. The funds will be used for AIDS prevention in Africa, medical outreach in the Caribbean, church planting in Central America, and evangelistic efforts in Asia."



In partnership with CCCU, card issuer of the IM Visa, IM receives \$50 for every new IM Visa card approved. In addition, CCCU makes additional donations on everyday purchases using the IM card—at no cost to the cardholder.

If you are interested in using "The Card that Gives to Global Mission," visit [www.internationalministries.org/card](http://www.internationalministries.org/card) or call 800.347.CCCU (2228), ext. 47777.

## Mission and Outreach

### Communion Mission Offering

Our June Communion Mission Offering will support our **West Virginia Mission Trip**. Members of our church will be working in Barbour County, WV, from August 4-8 and our gifts will help purchase building supplies. Please make your check out to Dayspring Baptist, designated for "West Virginia." You may give all month.

### 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. Pick one category a month, fill a bag, and bring it in! Current needs:

—Canned meat, chili, fish      —Canned fruits, vegetables      —Macaroni & Cheese      —Toilet tissue

### Special Requests

Save those medicine bottles in which you receive pharmacy prescriptions and bring to Dayspring. Missionaries in Haiti use them to dispense medications.

ABC of the Great Rivers Region along with Habitat for Humanity has been soliciting workers to work in the rural community of Gifford, IL which was hit by an F-3 tornado in Nov 2013. Of the 313 homes in Gifford, 90 were completely destroyed and more than 40 required repair. Work is scheduled for June 1-14, 2014.

Our local missionaries, Sasha and Mira Zivanov, who minister to the Bosnian community in STL and the Bosnian Food Pantry on South Kingshighway, are asking for prayers for their home communities in Serbia and Bosnia. There is great flooding in both countries. Sasha's home town in Bosnia is without electricity or phone service. He is unable to reach his family and very concerned about their welfare. Mira's family in Serbia is okay for now, but nearby towns are flooded. Please pray for them and pray that their families are out of harm's way.

### World Mission Conference

American Baptist International missionaries will gather in Green Lake, WI, in July to celebrate their 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. American Baptist International Ministries (IM) was organized in 1814 as the first Baptist International mission agency in the USA. It began its work in Burma and today works in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas. There are approximately 1800 missionaries serving. Many of those missionaries will be in Green Lake in late July. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Nina Roberts .

# SUMMERMMANNA

July 20, 2014

A day  
full of  
**FUN,**  
**FOOD,**  
and  
**FAITH!**



## **Manna Summer Fun Day** 11:45am - 8:30pm

**Come join all of your Manna friends for a day full of fun, food and faith. We'll play water games, learn about our faith, have a campfire and spend time hanging out with each other.**

All kids **going into 2nd through 6th** grade are welcome and invited to bring a **friend** to join us. Please dress comfortably and bring a change of clothes.

RSVP to Hannah by **June 22nd** - [alleehm@gmail.com](mailto:alleehm@gmail.com) or 314-640-2045

**Dayspring Adults - be on the look out for ways you can help us have a great day by chaperoning or helping with food. Details to come in the July newsletter!**



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# 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:

Nina Roberts, President/Moderator  
Ellie Vargo  
Steve Lorberg  
Terry Crow  
Cathy Hartig

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