



## ***Renewal***

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

*When the cat's away, the mice will play*—an idiom that implies mischief in the absence of authority. I teased Chris as he prepared for his sabbatical that the “church mice” have big plans in his absence. Fourteen weeks allows for plenty of time to change everything.

Kidding aside, the above idiom is a far cry from the purpose of sabbatical. As the church, our success or growth does not rest on individuals. No pastor wants his or her personality or gifts to dominate a church setting. Instead, a pastor brings servant leadership to the table, always recognizing that he or she is *one member in the body of Christ* (1 Cor. 12). Therefore, it's with confidence that Dayspring recognizes that Chris, our pastor and a member of the body of Christ, needs time for study, reflection, and rest. As we send Chris out to begin his sabbatical, we as a church join in the spirit of sabbatical by seeking renewal.

Join me in actively praying for Chris during his sabbatical. Pray that God would refresh his spirit as he reads and listens. Pray that God would renew his calling to serve in ministry, perhaps allowing him to revisit that first calling he received to serve God through the church. Pray that God would bless his time with Jessi and his children, that extra time at home will strengthen his ability to be a loving husband and father. Pray that God would strengthen him as he trains for triathlons so that as he works his body, he further will renew his mind.

As we pray for Chris, we must remember that the church joins in the efforts for renewal. During these next fourteen weeks, join me in actively praying for our church. Pray that our worship draws us closer to God as we listen to the different voices in the pulpit, resting in God's truth and mercy. Pray that our mission as a church grows as we involve ourselves in activities, believing that we are participants in God's holy work among us. Pray that we will care deeply for each other and for our neighbors so that our love for one another will refresh us all.

In addition to prayer, know that much is happening in the life of our church, and we need you to be involved. Join us for Sunday worship and our monthly meals. Attend the Wednesday Bible study and potluck. Make plans to attend the Variety Show and Dessert Auction. Sign up for our summertime supper club. All this with a desire to be renewed by the gift we have in each other.

In our prayers and participation, may we continue to live out the truth:

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.*

(1 Corinthians 12:12).





## Dayspring Variety Show & Dessert Auction

**Sunday, May 4, 6 PM**

The big day is almost here!! Fine tune your act for our 3rd annual Variety Show & Dessert Auction. If you have no act, warm up the oven and bring an auctionable dessert. But most important, bring your love of fun and your checkbook.

This is an evening full of merriment, and it's all for a good cause, **SENDING OUR KIDS TO CAMP!**

### Garden Bucks Fundraiser

Let your spring and summer gardens make money for the Dayspring Community Garden! We are cooperating again this year with Greenscape Garden nursery, 2832 Barrett Station Road in Manchester. Buy a coupon for \$20, redeemable at Greenscape for \$20 in plants. Dayspring receives \$5 for each coupon sold.

See Joanne Cuddeback for details and to purchase coupons.

## May Birthdays

- 3 Holly Lehmann
- 7 Virgil Chirnside
- 7 Jakob Robinson
- 7 Madeline Sullivan
- 8 Mary L'Hommedieu
- 9 Shirley Crenshaw
- 9 Joy Missey
- 10 Nancy Mebed
- 12 William Hussung
- 13 Taylor Williams
- 15 Shirleen Brown
- 16 Cal L'Hommedieu
- 18 Kim Rokyta Norris
- 19 Will Allgood
- 19 Lisa Ernst
- 19 Dan Coombes
- 19 Kate Coombes
- 24 Lee Presson
- 28 Noelle Fillingham
- 31 Chuck Hussung

### Our Averages in April:

Sunday Worship	100
Sunday School	37
Wednesday Bible Study	11
Youth Group	11
Manna	9

## Outdoor Worship

**Sunday, May 18, 10:45**

Bring your lawn chairs on May 18 for our outdoor worship service. Lydia Ruffin will be providing our service music.

## 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, May 17, 7:30 AM, at Dayspring Baptist.

### **All-Church Lunch & Business Meeting:**

Our All-Church Lunch will be May 18 following our outdoor worship service. Please be sure to make reservations with the church office to help them 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.

<b>May at Dayspring</b>		
4	Sun.	Variety Show, 6 PM, Anniversary Hall
6	Tues.	White Cross, 10 AM.
13	Tues.	Leadership Team, 7 PM.
14	Wed.	NO adult choir rehearsal.
17	Sat.	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Dayspring Baptist.
18	Sun.	Outdoor Worship at the Labyrinth, 10:45 AM. Church lunch, noon.
20	Tues.	White Cross, 10 AM.
21	Wed.	Last day for Lectionary Lunch, noon. Last adult choir rehearsal until Sept., 7 PM.
<b>Meeting Every Week</b>		
Sundays	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 11:50	Prayer Service Sunday School Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays	Noon 7:00 PM	Lunch & Bible Study, Anniversary Hall. Adult Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary.

## Highlights from the April Leadership Team Meeting

Nina Roberts was welcomed as president/chairman of leadership team. Terry Crow was welcomed as a new member of the team, replacing Tiffany Murphy who rotated off. His area of responsibility will be hospitality.

The completion date for the new Dayspring sign at the front of the property is May 18. We will celebrate during our planned outdoor worship at the labyrinth.

The organ, which had been infected with a mysterious digital ailment, has been healed by Temple Organ of Kansas City, who built the organ for us.

Sign-ups for service commitments have been in September/October with terms beginning the first of the year, leading to a flurry of activity in December to finalize the process. The leadership team has been discussing moving sign-ups a few months earlier to avoid complicating the busy Advent Season. We favor starting the sign-up process in June/July to more closely correspond with the school year.

Marsha or Andrea will be joining the leadership team meetings while Chris is on sabbatical.

We are looking forward to having Andrea, Terry Minchow-Proffitt, and Jeff Langford (CBF Heartland) in the pulpit during the month of May.

## Family News

**Bob Harmon**, beloved long-time church member, died on Easter morning at the age of 87. A service celebrating his life was held at Dayspring on Friday, April 25. Bob served the church in virtually every capacity, including many years in the bass section of the choir. We will miss his ever-present smile and fun-living spirit. Our love is with his wife, Carolyn, daughters Celia, Nancy, Mindy, Julie, and Barbara, daughter-in law Trish, as well as sons-in law, grandchildren and friends.

**Ted Smith**, husband of long-time church caterer Gladys Smith, died on April 16. Services were held at Grace and Peace Fellowship, where Gladys and Ted have been active for many years.

## With Thanks

**Steve Potter**: "I would like to thank my church family for all the kind deeds while I've been down with my injury. The cards, food, calls, thoughts and prayers were so very much appreciated. I am thankful to have a church home where Christian love is shared with each other so generously. Thank you so very much."

## Mission and Outreach

### Communion Mission Offering

Our May Communion Mission Offering will help victims of the recent tornados through the disaster relief efforts of the American Baptist Church. Please make your check out to Dayspring Baptist, designated for "Disaster Relief." 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, and fish vegetables	Macaroni & Cheese	Canned fruits and Toilet tissue
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### The Covering House

Thanks for your generosity at the Benefit Concert given by Gene Dobbs Bradford and the Blues Inquisition. We raised almost \$1800 to help The Covering House in their efforts against human trafficking.

## 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, worshiping, and developing and sharing friendships together.

Our Dayspring group varies in size each year, from six to 25 people. We've had three-year-olds go (talk to Davey Murphy!) and folks in their 80's. This is a rare opportunity for families to serve together.

Please talk to Marsha Hussung or Mat Hartig for details. We would love to share with you how meaningful these trips have been for our families over the years.

# 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  
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Terry Crow

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