



March 2015
Newsletter



Generational Generosity

by Pastor Chris Fillingham

I like math. I always have. You may be surprised to learn this, but if I weren't a pastor, there's a good chance I would be an engineer of some kind because I liked—make that loved—calculus. (You didn't know your pastor was such a numbers nerd, did you?) Part of what I loved about it was the problem solving. A calculus problem always felt like a puzzle that could be worked out when you had the right tools. You can keep your crossword puzzles with all that nonsensical spelling. I'll take the logic of math any day.

The other thing that I love about math is what it can help you to see and understand. Some have said that math must be God's language because it is the language of the universe. I don't know about that, but I do know that there are all kinds of surprising things you can learn when you do the math. For example, a \$10,000 gift now can be a \$100,000 gift to a future generation. It's the way compound interest works. Don't worry, I'm not going to explain it. But I am going to tell you to keep it in mind. It can be transformative.

A generation ago, members of our church recognized that possibility and started up the Endowment Fund. It's only because of their mathematical creativity and their generosity that we are here today. In fact, here are just a couple of numbers to keep in mind. Since 1967, the Endowment Fund has created and given \$4.3 million to the ministry of this church. Or how about this one—just since we moved to our current location in 1998, the Endowment Fund has given \$2.3 million to the ministry of this church.

I read a recent article saying that for churches to survive, we have to develop multiple streams of revenue. Our financial foundation will always be the annual giving of our members. Nothing can replace that crucial piece. But more is needed to sustain a thriving ministry into the future. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of a former generation, our endowment has become one of those important tools for creative and life-giving ministry in the 21st century.

Here's the real beauty of it: many people have given to the endowment for **your** sake, even though they never met you and you never met them.

For example, in 1950 there was an engineering student at Washington University named Paul Wright. He started attending our church and met his wife here. They got married in the old Delmar sanctuary. Paul's career took him to California where he and his wife settled and raised their family. But Paul stayed in loose contact with us over the years. This church was always important to him. Paul passed away a little over a year ago and left our church 10% of his estate. We recently received a check for \$220,000 that is being added to the Endowment Fund, enabling even more possible ministries in the coming years.

Paul never met most of us. He didn't know how your children would be taught and encouraged by this church. He never saw the tear in your eye on that Sunday morning when God met you here. Paul didn't know that we were going to try to help victims of Human Trafficking last year. And yet, it is because of people like Paul that we are able to gather each week seeking God, practicing peace, and creating community.

Paul and others like him remind us of what generational generosity can do. And so I wonder, what ministries, what blessings, what financial gifts will we leave to future generations of our church? Do the math and imagine: just 10% of your estate could help transform lives for many generations to come.

With deep gratitude,
-Chris

March Birthdays

- 1 Orpha Johnson
- 3 Terry Crow
- 5 Tiffany Murphy
- 6 Kaylin Dofing
- 12 Ashley Homsher
- 15 Ben Crow
- 16 Tommie Cole
- 16 Cole Allee
- 17 Eliza Jane Sullivan
- 23 Liam Sullivan
- 29 Emily Dofing
- 30 Eric Williams



Uncover your hidden talents and step into the limelight at our 4th annual VARIETY SHOW and DESSERT AUCTION. Dayspring boasts some of the most talented people in the Midwest, and we need a “variety” of acts to make this a VARIETY SHOW!

Gather some friends or work up your own solo act. You can sing, dance, tell jokes, or do a skit. Make plans now to participate in a fun evening to help raise funds to send our kids to camp!

Dayspring Variety Show & Dessert Auction

Sunday, April 19, 6 PM

New Caterer

The Leadership team is pleased to announce that we are trying out a new caterer. Chef Arris “Muscle” Harris, who also caters for Third Baptist, has agreed to provide our monthly lunches, beginning in March.

Because prices are rising in the industry, our meal costs are rising as well. Please note that adult meals are now \$10, children 10 and under are \$5, and the family maximum is \$25. Bon Appetit!

Our Averages in February:

Sunday Worship	88
Sunday School	13
Wednesday lunch, Bible study	14
Small Groups	38
Youth	11
Manna	7



March at Dayspring

3	Tues.	White Cross, 10 AM.
8	Sun.	Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clock forward. Manna and Youth, 5-7 PM.
10	Tues.	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), 9:30-11:30 AM Leadership Team, 7 PM.
14	Sat.	Area V Gathering, DBC, see p. 3 for details.
15	Sun.	All-church lunch, noon
17	Tues.	White Cross, 10 AM.
21	Sat.	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 at Second Baptist.
24	Tues.	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), 9:30-11:30 AM
28	Sat.	Area V Women's Spring Rally, see p. 5.
29	Sun.	Manna and Youth, 5-7 PM.

Meeting Every Week

Sundays	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 11:50	Prayer Service Sunday School Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays	Noon 7:00 PM	Lectionary Lunch, Anniversary Hall Adult Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Make a Blanket Day—New Date

The **Make a Blanket Day** has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 7
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Dayspring Baptist Church
Talk to Joanne Cuddeback for details.

With Thanks!



Thank you for your generosity at our recent Pancake Lunch fundraiser. We raised almost \$600 to help offset the costs for our children and youth to attend summer camp. We are grateful for a congregation who recognizes and supports the opportunities for young people to have formative experiences at summer camp.

Lectionary Lunches

Wednesdays, Noon-1:30

Join us at noon each Wednesday for a tasty shared potluck lunch, followed by a lectionary-based bible study looking ahead to the following Sunday text. We are finished by 1:30. All are welcome!

Men's Breakfast

Because February's Prayer breakfast was cancelled due to predicted bad weather, March's breakfast will be on Saturday, March 21, 7:30 AM at **Second Baptist Church. Note the change of location!**

Area V Annual Gathering Saturday, March 14 Dayspring Baptist Church

Dayspring is honored to be serving as the host church for the American Baptist Church Area V 47th Annual Gathering. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and share with other Baptists in our area and to share our warm hospitality with them. We hope to see you here on the morning of March 14.

Theme: *For such a time as this...* (Esther 4:14)

Times: 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
9:00 a.m. Gathering
Noon Catered luncheon and conclusion

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Desmond Hoffmeister, pastor of Granada Hills Baptist Church and former General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of South Africa. Rev. Hoffmeister will also be our guest preacher the following morning.

Volunteers Needed for Area V Gathering

As you can see from the notice to the left, Dayspring is hosting the Area V annual meeting on March 14.

We will need volunteers to help with registration and to assist in making our guests comfortable and at ease.

Please contact Peggy Pittenger or the church office if you will be able to help. And you can help and attend at the same time!

Family News

John Truex, former member of Dayspring, passed away on Wednesday, February 25. Please check the newspaper for details concerning service arrangements.

Mission and Outreach

Communion Mission Offering

Our March Communion Mission Offering is designated for the **America for Christ Offering 2015**, sponsored by the American Baptist Home Missions Society. Your donation blesses Christian centers providing after-school tutoring, newly released prisoners struggling for better lives, pastors seeking continuing education, community food pantries feeding the hungry, and much more. Make your check out to Dayspring Baptist Church, designated for *America for Christ*. You may give all month.

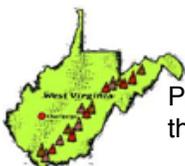
Circle of Concern Food Drive

Please include Circle of Concern on your shopping list and bring those items to our bin in the Narthex for their food pantry. Remember: no glass containers, and lots of one thing is easier for Circle to sort as it comes in.

Non-expired food items such as canned goods, box cereal, bottled juice or boxed dinners.

Personal care items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo & conditioner.

General items such as pet food, laundry detergent and diapers.



West Virginia Mission Trip: August 3-7

Please take a moment to consider joining our annual family mission trip to the mountains of West Virginia this year. Contact Marsha Hussung or Mat Hartig for details.

White Cross

The ladies of White Cross will meet for hands-on mission work on Tuesday, March 3 and 17, from 1-3 PM.

Observing Together

Lenten Class on Terry Minchow-Proffitt's Poems, *Seven Last Words*

Taught by Chuck Hussung

"Two years ago, as Terry led us in a Lenten study of the Last Words of Christ, he found his work leading him toward the creation of a cycle of poems. I find them to be like a crucifix made of stained glass in which the image of our own reflection overlays the image of Christ. At each moment in these poems—in a curtained space in a cancer treatment center, in fatherly motion beneath a great tree, or on the cross itself—Terry gives us a complete and poetically complex union between our individual longings and all longing, our sufferings and all suffering, between ours and Christ's."
(Chuck Hussung)

The class will meet in the Delmar House Sunday mornings at 9:30 during the month of March. Dayspring has copies of the book that you may purchase for \$15. You may also order the poem cycle on Amazon.com. Search for *Seven Last Words* by Terry Minchow-Proffitt.

Lenten Devotional Guides

We will also be suggesting Terry's book for our individual Lenten devotional guides this year. See above for information about how to obtain a copy.

Maundy Thursday Service

On Thursday, April 2, we will recognize Maundy Thursday with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Anniversary Hall, followed by a short worship experience around the table.

Good Friday Service

On Thursday, April 3, we will hold our Good Friday traditional Service of Darkness in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Budget Surplus!



The good news is that we have a budget surplus from 2014. The better news is that we have decided to tithe 10% of our surplus and split it between two mission causes that we support.

- \$900 will go to the **International Food Pantry** (formerly Bosnian Food Pantry), run by Sasha and Mira Zivanov, CBF missionaries, to help refugees to the St. Louis area.
- \$900 will go to assist **Sarah Chetti**, ABC missionary in Beirut, Lebanon, buy a dependable vehicle for her prison ministry to foreign women forced into slavery.

From the Leadership Team

Mission Statement

In the January newsletter, Pastor Chris wrote an article about our mission statement. Our present mission statement was adopted almost 5 years ago and reads:

Current:

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

Since that time, we have continued to explore the best words to describe our unique church. Two years ago, the leadership team adopted a tag line for our publications: *Seeking God, Practicing Peace, Creating Community*. It has been on the front of our worship guide, on our stationary, and in other formats. During these two years, many members of our congregation have said that this tag line resonates well with how they think about our church.

After some reflection and discussion, the Leadership Team has decided to recommend that our mission statement be amended to include the tag line. Taking a part of the old and rewording with the new, we recommend to the congregation that the new mission statement shall read:

Proposed:

As followers of Jesus Christ, open in heart and mind, we are seeking God, practicing peace, creating community.

We will bring this proposal to the congregation for a vote at the April business meeting.

Delmar House Conversations

For several months the Leadership Team has been discussing concerns about the longevity of the Delmar House. In the coming month we will be sending out a letter to the congregation inviting you to participate in a small group conversation to discuss these concerns and possible solutions. We will host a number of meetings in various locations and ask that you sign up to attend one of them. Our goal simply is to begin a congregational dialogue and to brainstorm together.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries
Great River Region Area V**

Spring Rally



When: March 28, 2015
Where: First Baptist Church
1112 East Broadway, Columbia MO 65201

Topic: Partners in Ministry: The Great River Region & the Baptist Federation of Costa Rica
Speakers: Rev. Maria L. Stinnett and Peggy Pittenger, sharing their experiences in Costa Rica
Offerings: Area V General Fund and Special Project

Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Program
12:00 p.m. Lunch provided

Check with Peggy Pittenger for directions or an opportunity to car pool.

Dayspring Baptist Church

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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
Megan Roland, Administrative Assistant
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