



# Dayspring Baptist Church

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Newsletter



## *Creating Community*

There are three things that we are committed to as a church, three things that give meat to our mission statement: "As followers of Jesus Christ, open in heart and mind, we are seeking God, practicing peace, creating community." All three of those are central to what we do and who we are as a church. But there is something about the last one, the creating community part, that inspires me and surprises me like nothing else.

In a world defined by labels, divisions, and walls, a spiritual community that transcends those divisions is a rare and beautiful thing. It's a foretaste of the Kingdom of God, and it's the place where I often see lives changed at the deepest level.

That's why our Community Groups can be so challenging and transformative. We've just wrapped up Community Groups for the year and I received a note from a new member who participated in one for the first time. "Community group has been hard and amazing and painful and I still feel at times that I don't belong, but it was the most worthwhile thing I have done for myself in years and my life has changed. I don't know where I would be spiritually or personally without this group or without Dayspring."

It's also why nights like our Variety Show are always my favorites. Last Sunday night in Anniversary Hall we started with a children's mini-play about their trip to camp last year that the children wrote and directed. Adults of all ages cheered and applauded, reminding these kids... my kid... that they are a valued part of the community. Their story matters to us all. Church is a place where they are welcomed and embraced!

After that, the night was peppered with people in their 70's offering thoughtful and silly acts, preschoolers and first graders laughing in the front row, musical offerings by siblings, family stories from adults of all ages, an amazing tribute to Prince by a couple that grew up in the 80's, and a bunch of guys ages 20's to 50's showing off their legs in a ridiculous synchronized swimming act.

As entertaining as all the acts and auction were, it was the striking dynamic of Community that kept catching my attention. Gathered together, from all ages and walks of life, I witnessed joy, laughter, and life bursting at the seams.

As Dr. Molly Marshal said to us a few years ago, "There's nothing more winsome, transformative, or healing than a congregation that loves one another, and extends its arms to welcome others." It's true, and it's why Creating Community is not just a throw away line in our mission statement. It's central to who we are and what we are called to be about.

Grateful to be your pastor,  
~Chris



## May Birthdays

3 Holly Lehmann  
 7 Virgil Chirnside  
 7 Jakob Robinson  
 7 Madeline Sullivan  
 9 Shirley Crenshaw  
 12 William Hussung  
 15 Shirleen Brown  
 18 Kim Rokyta Norris  
 19 Will Allgood  
 19 Lisa Ernst  
 19 Dan Coombes  
 24 Lee Presson  
 28 Noelle Fillingham  
 31 Chuck Hussung  
 31 Jacquelyn Brown



If you have never walked the labyrinth communally, that is, with other people at the same time, you will find it a very different, but equally spiritual, experience. Join this international movement in which people around the world will be Walking at One!

## World Labyrinth Day

Saturday, May 7

In order to participate in World Labyrinth Day on May 7, come join us at our beautiful Dayspring Labyrinth. Bring a sack lunch and lawn chair. Our schedule will be:

12:00 p.m. - sack lunch and discussion  
 1:00 p.m. - walk the labyrinth

## Our Averages in April:

Sunday Worship 75  
 Wednesday lunch 16



## Outdoor Worship

Sunday, May 15

Bring your lawn chairs, dress casually, and worship at the Labyrinth on Sunday morning, May 15, at our usual service time of 10:45. Longtime Dayspring friend, Lydia Ruffin, will lead our music. We'll share box lunches afterward!

## New Sunday School Class

Feel free to visit our new class on Christian mysticism, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Delmar House. The class is led by Kate Hanch and will meet through May 15. Come learn about the transformative presence of God.

## May at Dayspring

1	Sun.	Manna and Youth, 5 p.m.
1-3	Sun.-Tues.	Dawnings Conference in Columbia, MO.
3	Tues.	White Cross, 10:00 a.m.
7	Sat.	World Labyrinth Day, noon.
10	Tues.	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), 9:30 a.m. Leadership Team, 7:00 p.m.
15	Sun.	Outdoor worship and picnic lunch, 10:45 a.m. Manna and Youth, 5 p.m.
17	Tues.	White Cross, 10:00 a.m.
21	Sat.	Men's breakfast, Second Baptist, 7:30 a.m.
31	Tues.	White Cross, 10:00 a.m.

## Meeting Every Week

Sundays	9:30 10:15 10:45 Noon	Sunday School Choir warm-up Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Mondays	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer group to Gateway 180
Wednesdays	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Lectionary Lunch, Anniversary Hall Adult choir rehearsal, sanctuary

## 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!

# Mission and Outreach

## Mission Offering

Our May Communion Mission Offering is designated for One Great Hour of Sharing, supporting Christian ministries of disaster response. Please make your check out to Dayspring Baptist, designated for "One Great Hour of Sharing". You may give all month.

## Circle of Concern

**Present needs** (no glass, please; place in the bins in the narthex): jelly (they are REALLY low on jelly!), canned chicken, dinner "helpers", vegetable oil, dry pasta, canned pasta sauce, dish soap, bar soap, toilet paper.

## White Cross

The ladies of White Cross will meet at 10:00 on May 3, 17, and 31 in Anniversary Hall for hands-on mission work. All are welcome to come.

## Building Update

by Steve Lorberg

We have encountered some unexpected delays in the approval process from the City of Town and Country. With these delays, we anticipate ground breaking pushed back until mid to late summer. These delays are, however, allowing the building and interior design teams to make some final tweaks that are sure to make the final product....worth the wait!



## Lost and Found

This month a red Eddie Bauer jacket and Bert's Surf Shop hat seem to have appeared after the yard work day. Any takers?



## Looking for Variety Show Pictures?

Our Variety Show was a great success this year. The Manna kids wrote, produced, directed, and starred in, "Puppets Can Go to Camp, Too!" We heard all manner of musical instruments: mandolin, ukulele, piano, cello, bass. We heard family stories and poetry. We had a tribute to Prince and "Purple Rain." And to top it off we watched a (heavy irony alert!) beautiful and graceful water ballet to Strauss's "Blue Danube Waltz" as realized by the Dayspring Swim Team.

We also spent a lot of money on desserts. The final tally raised to assist our children and youth with camp was \$1565! Well done, Dayspring!

We don't quite have enough room to include our Variety Show pictures in this newsletter. We'll be sending a two-page spread separately, so watch your inbox!

## Dawnings by John Boley

From a vision they entitled *Dawnings*, CBF has developed a process to help congregations, congregational leaders, and individual members incorporate spiritual discernment into the rhythm of our lives. The basic idea behind *Dawnings* is that God is already at work in our churches and communities, and our task is to notice that work and participate in it. God's activity in a time of change may often occur outside the traditional structures and approaches we tend to expect.

The Leadership Team will be exploring *Dawnings* during a retreat at First Baptist Church in Columbia, MO, May 1-3. Attending will be Chris Fillingham, Cathy Hartig, Chuck and Marsha Hussung, and John and Margaret Ann Boley. They will be evaluating its potential as a process for enriching congregational life here at Dayspring and will return with observations and recommendations. For more information about Dawnings, see their website at [cbfdawnings.org](http://cbfdawnings.org).



## Pillowcases to Dresses

Five Dayspring seamstresses gathered in Anniversary Hall to sew dresses for little girls. Dr. Tim and Kathy Rice, missionaries at the Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), who visited us last month, had requested dresses for the little (seriously little!) girls in the nutrition program for the malnourished (and usually impoverished). 25 pillowcases were transformed into 25 cute little dresses and are on their way to the Congo!



## April Quarterly Business Meeting

Peggy Pittenger, Moderator

Our quarterly Business Meeting was held Sunday, April 17, following lunch. Terry Crow took minutes - his final responsibility as he rotates off the Leadership Team this month. Thanks, Terry, for your faithful service both as our secretary and the Liaison for Hospitality.

One item of business was to vote on Terry's successor. We are grateful to Nancy Norath for her willingness to join the Leadership Team. The congregation's vote was unanimous.

Announcements included:

1. The Rules of Order have been reviewed and updated as required. Copies were presented for review with the changes highlighted for clarity. Copies are available in the Narthex. The vote to approve the changes will take place during the next quarterly business meeting in July.
2. John Boley discussed the role of social media in getting the word out about Dayspring. Members are encouraged to "Like" the Dayspring Facebook page, post a review and "Check In" regularly to tell their friends about a meaningful or enjoyable event.
3. Chris Waltz presented the Treasurer's Report.
4. Peggy Pittenger encouraged learning more about our missionaries. Teaser questions included:
  - a. How did Dr. Steve and Nancy James get to Mombin Crochu? In fact, where is Mombin Crochu?
  - b. What does, "driving with a swarm of bees," mean?
  - c. What are two definitions for BUMP?

All the answers can be found in the latest journals from Steve and Nancy **James** (birthday fund recipient), Kihomi Ngwemi and Nzunga **Mabudiga**, and Ann and Bruce **Borquist** (birthday fund recipient) at <http://www.internationalministries.com/>. Search under "People" for the last name of the missionary and their most recent journal.

# West Virginia Mission Trip

August 1-5

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

Consider joining our crew this year. There are opportunities for

- Construction and repair (you don't need to be skilled!)
- Vacation Bible School
- Landscape and yard work
- Cleaning
- Meal preparation
- and more!

Talk to Marsha Hussung for more information!



## Dayspring and Social Media

by John Boley

You may love it, hate it, or ignore it but the impact of **Social Media** on our culture is undeniable. Check out these statistics:

- 90% of Millennials use social media
- 1 in 5 couples meet online
- Every minute, 72 hours of video is uploaded to YouTube (that's over a decade a day!)
- If Wikipedia were made into a book it would be 2.25 million pages long
- The most active group on social media is mothers with children under the age of 5
- The fastest growing user base on social media is 65+

The Outreach Committee has developed a preliminary strategy for using this 21<sup>st</sup> century way to tell our story and is exploring a relationship with a media consultant with a faith background (pastor's wife) to round out a communication plan. The goal is to connect more effectively with the communities around Dayspring in order to tell our story through the experiences of our members and the events and programs that express the spirituality and work of our faith community. It will also be a platform for better communications among members of the congregation.

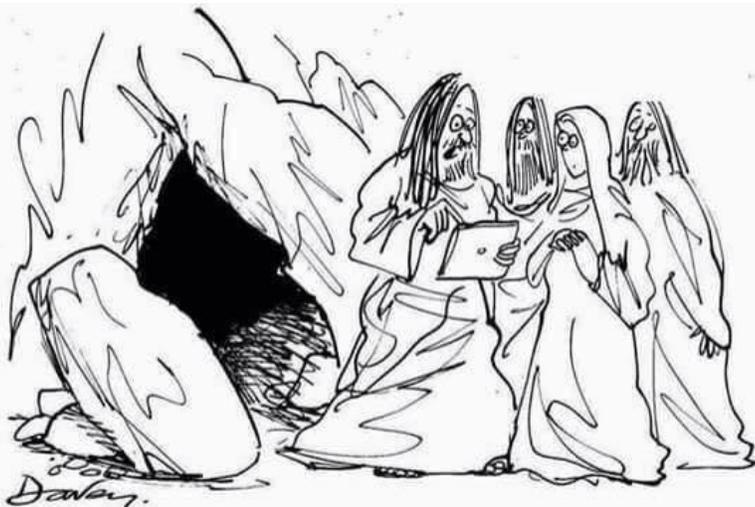
Facebook is a social media giant and hopefully you have Liked Dayspring's page and are getting regular posts. If so you are noticing more information about our activities and faith related posts. Sharing those that are interesting to you will help get our story out into the community. We will be encouraging you to use Facebook's Check In feature as an easy way to tell your Friends about the Dayspring part of your life. As an incentive we are using a program which makes charitable donations based on the number of monthly Check In posts we make. A different children's charity will be featured each month.

You can begin to help tell Dayspring's story by incorporating your congregational life into the experiences you share on social media. Here is what you can do to get started:

- Find the Dayspring Baptist Church Facebook page and on the Cover Photo Like Dayspring. You now have a new friend.
- Post a review – what about Dayspring is meaningful to you
- If a post on Facebook is meaningful Share it
- Check In when you have an experience you want to share with your Friends

If you have any questions or suggestions contact Dan Coombes or any member of the Outreach Committee.

Keep up on current church news.  
Like us on Facebook!



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed  
his status to 'risen' "

### **Your Church Staff:**

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor  
Marsha Hussung, Music Minister  
Stephanie Allee, Accompanist  
Hannah Allee, Manna Director  
Megan Roland, Administrative Assistant  
Kathi Quigley, Nursery Coordinator  
Julia Meckfessel, Nursery Assistant

### **Your Leadership Team:**

Peggy Pittenger (Missions liaison)  
President/Moderator  
Nancy Norath (Hospitality liaison)  
Cathy Hartig (Worship liaison)  
Sarah-Kate Sullivan (Spiritual Formation liaison)  
John Boley (Stewardship liaison)

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