



November 2017

Newsletter



## ***Learning to Lead***

We're doing things differently these days. For years the Leadership Team has started our meetings with a short reflection and prayer. We have known that there is more to making decisions in and for the church than simply doing business. We have invited God into our presence and decision-making, and then dived in. But now, we're doing things a bit differently, and there is a very particular reason.

My doctoral work is an in-depth study in both spiritual formation and leadership. I began this program with a hunger for spiritual formation. I had no idea how valuable I would find the study of leadership.

For over a year now, I've been learning from many different experts, both inside and outside the church. It has opened my eyes to how important leadership is as a discipline. I am learning about the fundamental differences between superficial change and deep cultural change in any organization. Most pastors lead from gut intuition, or from a few core values. But very few have the gift of understanding the complexities of leadership. I'm certainly no expert, but I am learning. I'm learning how to lead in more productive and healthy ways. I'm learning how to help the church do more than simply exist, but to thrive.

Out of this learning, I began to recognize that we needed to approach leadership at Dayspring differently, both in our Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Our pattern wasn't bad. It just wasn't as effective or transformational as it could be. So, our Leadership Team has been operating differently for about six months now. We've shifted from spending a lot of our time in "management" to the bigger picture questions. We're shortening the length of our meetings, but increasing our time spent in prayer and learning. At the same time, our meetings have become more productive and energizing.

Similar things are happening in our staff meetings. We spend the first half of each meeting learning, reflecting, and praying together before we talk about programs or other things that need to be addressed. This school year, the staff is reading a book together, *You Are What You Love* by James Smith. It is one way we're working toward being better thinkers and practitioners.

So, like I said, we're doing things differently these days. It's mostly hidden. You don't see it on Sunday morning, but it's happening in the background. We're planting seeds that will produce fruit in the health and vitality of our church. These changes don't come out of a vacuum. All of this is a direct result of my doctoral work. It is one way that Dayspring's investment in my education is already an investment in our church. And it is just the tip of the iceberg....

Grateful to be in the journey with you,  
~Pastor Chris

### **Pledge Day, Nov. 5**

The Leadership Team has been working with staff to craft a church budget for 2018. We look at not just what will get us by for another year, but what will improve our worship, our buildings and grounds, our teaching, and our outreach. How can we best serve God and each other?

This week we ask you to join us in praying for our church in the coming year, and how you will support the ministries of the church. Then, on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, please submit your pledge card.

## Grief Seminar

Friday, November 3 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 4 – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There is still time to sign up for our Grief Seminar. Gale Dollar and Jordan Dollar will be leading an interactive seminar that will explore what, how, and why we grieve. Participants will learn about the task of saying goodbye and practices to help deal with the process of grieving. Gale and Jordan are both trained chaplains with experience working in hospitals and hospice care. You are encouraged to invite friends who might benefit from this experience.

Cost is \$25 per person  
Friday evening snacks will be provided  
Saturday breakfast and lunch will be served.

Please call the church office to enroll at 314-432-1960.

## November Birthdays

- 3 Don Johnson
- 3 Fred Wear
- 4 Peggy Pittenger
- 5 Carol Williams
- 7 Lisa Dollar
- 14 Joyce Chirnside
- 18 John Barth
- 19 Matthew Lorberg
- 23 Darrell Ward
- 24 Laura Buchheit
- 26 Paul Homsher
- 26 Brandt Fillingham
- 26 Theo Fillingham
- 27 Jr Stover

## Lectionary Potluck Lunch Wednesdays, Nov. 1 & 15

Join us for Lectionary Lunch, the first and third Wednesdays of each month, for a potluck lunch and Bible study, led by John Boley. Come at noon with a dish to share. We are done by 1:30.

## Men's Breakfast, Nov. 18

Join the men of Dayspring and Second Baptist Churches for their monthly Saturday morning breakfast Nov. 18, 7:30 a.m., at Dayspring Baptist.

## Save these Dates!!

### Evening of Merriment Sunday, Dec. 10, 5-7 p.m.

Be sure to mark your calendar now for a fun evening as we welcome Advent. We will have a soup cook-off and construct Christmas ornaments to decorate the tree in Anniversary Hall by the new children's wing. Brush up on your favorite soup recipe and be ready!

### A Month of Grace & Prayer: a Retreat in Everyday Life Jan. 14-Feb. 10

Take the next step on your spiritual journey by participating in this unique prayer opportunity. More details to come!

## November at Dayspring

1	Wed.	Lectionary lunch, Anniversary Hall, noon.
3-4	Fri.-Sat.	Grief Seminar, see more information on p. 2.
4	Sat.	International Food Pantry, 9:15., Jubilee Church, 4228 S Kingshighway.
5	Sun.	Pledge Day. Daylight Savings Time "Fall Back!" Manna and Youth, 5-7 p.m.
7	Tues.	White Cross, 10 a.m., Anniversary Hall.
10-12	Fri.-Sun.	Youth/Family Fall Retreat. See Lyndsay Williams for more information.
14	Tues.	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) 9:30-11:30.
15	Wed.	Lectionary lunch, Anniversary Hall, noon.
18	Sat.	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Dayspring Baptist.
19	Sun.	Church Lunch, noon. Manna and Youth, 5-7 p.m.
21	Tues.	Leadership Team, 10 a.m.
23-24	Thurs.-Fri.	Thanksgiving Holiday, church office closed.

## Meeting Every Week

Sundays	9:30 10:45 Noon	Sunday School Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays	10:30 7:00	Intercessory Prayer Ministry Adult Choir rehearsal, sanctuary



## Something New

Look on the wall in the narthex next to the elevator. We have a new commissioned art piece made from the stones that you all presented with the Generation to Generation Campaign. It's full of symbolic meaning. What do you see?

Pastor Chris will be doing Children's sermons on the art piece in November to help us explore it together.

## Congratulations!

Our very own **Michael Lorberg** is a member of the Washington University Water Polo Team that just won the Division 3 national championship for the 4th straight year. Michael was the tournament Most Valuable Player and named to the all-tournament first team. Well done, Michael!

## Christmas Tea

The annual Women's Mission Council Christmas Tea is right around the corner again. Final arrangements are in the works, so watch the bulletin and the December newsletter for details. All women and daughters of Dayspring are invited and guests are welcome. A love gift will be taken for our missionaries.

### Our Averages in October:

Worship	88
Sunday school	31

## Prayer Requests

The Dayspring Intercessory Prayer Group would like to encourage you to share your prayer concerns with us.



The group meets every Wednesday morning to place prayer petitions before God on your behalf. To request confidential prayers or prayers to be placed in the worship guide, please fill out a prayer request form that can be found in the pew pockets in the sanctuary and place it in the prayer box located

in the narthex between the doors leading to the sanctuary.

## Trick or Treat—It's Not Too Late!!

Manna and Youth collected 183 food items for Circle of Concern during their annual Reverse Trick-or-Treat. The congregation was challenged to bring items on October 29 to match. Alas, as you can see from the picture below, Manna/Youth currently rule the collection!

But it's not too late to add more! Bring your donations this Sunday, Nov. 5. You may combine this challenge with the Circle of Concern request for Thanksgiving basket items that you'll see on p. 4.

Circle of Concern is an organization that serves families in need not far from our church. Thanks to all who have contributed!



# Mission and Outreach

## Mission Offering

Our November Mission Offering is designated to support the **Retired Ministers and Missionaries** of the American Baptist Church (ABC). This is a tangible way for ABC congregations to say "Thank you for ..." the commitment, service and spiritual guidance of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The offering supports those who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and a thank you check at the end of each year.

Please make your check out to Dayspring Baptist, designated for "Retired Ministers." You may give all month.

## Circle of Concern

Thanksgiving is coming and it's time for the annual Circle of Concern distribution of over 500 Thanksgiving Baskets to clients. Boxes will include turkeys and all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Please give generously.

**Thanksgiving Items:** (no glass, please; place in the bins in the narthex):

- Cornbread Mix/Biscuit Mix
- Stuffing mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Dessert Mix (cake/cobbler mix, canned pumpkin or pie filling)
- Turkey Gravy (Canned)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice Mixes
- Canned Vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed veggies—please, NO green beans!)
- Yams/Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Broth or Cream Soup
- Canned Milk (evaporated or sweetened condensed)
- Large Foil Roasting Pans
- Your Cash Donation helps purchase turkeys!

## Good Commissioning

Jon and Amanda Good, along with their four children, celebrated God's call to ministry on October 28 as they were commissioned for service in Hungary. Dayspring has been supporting the Goods as they have prepared for this big day. We expect they will be off to Hungary soon.



## Landscapers at Work!

Our grounds continue to look better and better, thanks to the hard work of our landscaping team:

Chris Waltz, John & Margarette Ann Boley, and George and Pat Burris. Take time on Sunday to look around!



## Holiday Family Adoption Program

Will you help make the holidays special for Circle of Concern families? Through the **Holiday Family Adoption** program, you can adopt (sponsor) client families from Circle. Sponsors receive the wish lists of each member of a family to make holiday dreams come true.

To become a sponsor, complete a Holiday Adoption sponsor form, found on the Circle website ([www.CircleOfConcern.org](http://www.CircleOfConcern.org)). In November, you'll receive the wish lists of each member of the family you've adopted. On December 12, you'll drop gifts off at Community Christian Church (623 Meramec Station Road in Ballwin) between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Families will then pick up their gifts.



**" All denominations are welcome in this church . .  
fives, tens, twenties . . "**

### **Your Church Staff:**

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor  
Marsha Hussung, Music Minister  
Lyndsay Williams, Youth Minister  
Stephanie Allee, Accompanist  
Hannah Allee, Manna Director  
Valerie Strate, Administrative Assistant  
Brenda Hamm, Nursery Director  
Katie Schultz, Nursery Assistant

### **Your Leadership Team:**

Trisha Crow (Worship liaison)  
President/Moderator  
Joan Barth (Hospitality liaison)  
Jr Stover (Missions liaison)  
Kate Hanch (Spiritual Formation liaison)  
Joanne Cuddeback (Stewardship liaison-elect)

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