

Coming Activities

- **Thursday, September 10**
DCCC Elder's Meeting
6:30-9 pm
Church Office
- **Friday, September 11**
Middle School Conference
Early Bird registration deadline
- **Sunday, September 13**
Summer Picnic
11:45 am
Hilliard Municipal Park
- **Sunday, September 13**
Sermon Series begins
"What Is A Healthy Church Member?"
10 am
Hilliard Senior Center
- **Saturday, September 19**
6-9pm
Youth Group Kick-off
- **Sunday, September 20**
1-2:30 pm
Leadership Team Meeting
Church Office
- **Fri-Sun, October 2-4**
Middle School Conference
"Real Heroes"
Heartland Retreat Center
Marengo, Ohio

The Importance of Love and Unity

by Pastor Greg Burlile



One characteristic of Great Commission Churches (GCC) that has always attracted me is the love and unity that exist within those individual churches and between the GCC church leaders. This was true in the 80's when I was just getting involved in this group of churches and it continues today. Love and unity is a core value of GCC and also here at Darby Creek Community Church. Just about any pastor within our movement will tell you maintaining unity isn't always easy. However, where there is loyalty and a commitment to unity, most things can be worked through and usually the relationships are stronger for it. Here are a few thoughts on love and unity that are important to remember in church life.

* Unity in the Church is on God's Heart

This can be seen in Philippians 2:2 where Paul says, "make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." (NASB)

* Love and Unity Among the Leadership is Critical

Look at John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (ESV)

When Jesus gave this command in John 13, he gave it to the twelve disciples. These men would be instrumental in leading the first century church. Jesus knew that leaders must be committed to loving and being united with their fellow-leaders.

* Spiritual Fruit and Growth Result from Love and Unity

Look at what happened when the Jerusalem council worked to preserve church unity:

Acts 16:4-5 "As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. **So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.**" (ESV, emphasis added)

In John 13:35 Jesus says, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, **if you have love for one another**" (ESV, emphasis added). God's word definitely makes the connection between fruitfulness and loving one another.

* Do Your Part to Maintain Love and Unity in the Church

The Apostle Paul makes it very clear that if we know there is a rift in a relationship, it's up to us to pursue reconciliation regardless of who is at fault. He states this in Romans 12:18, "If possible, **so far as it depends on you**, live peaceably with all." (ESV, emphasis added). We are not responsible for the other person's response, but we are responsible to pursue love, unity, and reconciliation.

I encourage every believer at Darby Creek to be committed to this important biblical value of love and unity and to also realize who the real accuser of the brethren is ... Satan (Revelation 12:10). The result of doing so will be a fruitful church and a blessing from God (Psalm 133:1).

September

Rely On God

Verse

Do you not know
that you are
God's temple and
that God's Spirit
dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)



From the Pastor's Desk: It's Not Easy Being a Leader

If you've ever had to organize anything that involves other people who bring to the table all kinds of experiences, skills, gifts, and preferences, then you know that leading anything can be a real challenge. Take our Small Group and ministry leaders at Darby Creek, for example. These church leaders spend countless hours emailing, phone calling, and working hard to make it so God's people are served and He is glorified. Why am I bringing all this up? Well, because we often take those in leadership for granted. I want to strongly urge you to encourage and support our ministry leaders verbally and otherwise. There is a lot they do that you don't see, but it really does help when you tell a leader specifically that you appreciate what they are doing.

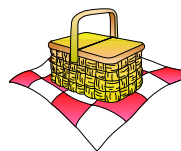
In light of this, I would like to thank our Leadership Team from this past Ministry Year. You all are great and I can't say enough good things about you! I would also like to mention a few people specifically who are transitioning out of leadership in various areas. Andrea Allardice is still our Sunday Refreshments Coordinator, but she will no longer be coordinating volunteers to bring cookies each Sunday because we are only offering drinks this Ministry Year. Andrea has made many a child (and adult!) feel more at home at Darby Creek by helping provide a cookie and a drink. Doug Cornelius and Jaime Dick will still have some involvement in our KICK children's ministry, but they will not be leading it any more. Doug and Jaime have been extremely instrumental (along with their huge volunteer staff) in getting more and more youth involved in ministry back in KICK. Rob Whitacre will be taking a break from coordinating the 5th / 6th Grade Sunday School Class. Rob coordinated teachers and helpers for this fun group of kids and he did so with a desire to get them digging deeper into God's Word. Lastly, Chris & Jill Heminger will be moving on from youth ministry to focus on other things at DCCC. Take time and join me in thanking our Ministry and Small Group Leaders!

Pastor Greg Burlile

DCCC Financial Snapshot

For the period starting 9/1/08 and ending 7/31/09:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income From Offerings:	\$ 219,888.36	\$ 224,400.00
Expenses:	\$ 221,053.13	\$ 223,004.21
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 Operating Fund:	 \$48,561.50	



Summer Sunday Picnics

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 ★ Next Picnic ★
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A bring-your-own picnic, immediately following the Sunday Service in the Hilliard Municipal Park.

Everyone is welcome!



Update
 as of
 8/31/09

T2B Commitment Total
 \$273,467.41

T2B Contributions
 11/07-6/09 \$240,931.88
August 2009 \$4,600.00
 Contribution Total \$245,531.88

Building Fund Account Balance
 \$370,499.94

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Sunday Services 10:00 am in the Hilliard Senior Center
 3810 Veterans Memorial Drive in the Hilliard Municipal Park

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Board of Elders
 Greg Burlile, Charley Charlton, Skip Nitz, Doug Cornelius & Chris Heminger

Our Mission

To bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, develop them to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, in order to magnify God.

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The Power Of A Good God Focused Conference

I can't count the number of times that God-focused conferences have changed my life. Whether it was a student conference, a men's conference, a marriage conference, a worship conference, or a pastor's conference, they have all served to revive my heart for God and rekindle my passion to live for Him. I try to take advantage of every conference or retreat that I can because the opportunity to pull away from the madness of every day life, and dedicate some intense time to worship and the Word is always good.

All that to say that we have an opportunity coming; it's not only for our Middle School students, but also for those of us who are parents and leaders.

The Great Commission Churches Middle School Conference is October 2-4 at Heartland Conference Retreat Center, just north of Columbus. The theme will be REAL HEROES and the conference will focus around 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV) "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." We can all benefit from that! All parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to come grow in God and support our students.

Pick up a brochure and mail in your registration or register online at www.GCCWEB.org The early bird deadline is 9/11/09.

May God Bless You As You Seek Hard After Him,
Pastor Charley

Darby Creek Middle School & High School Students!!

Mark Your Calendars!!

Hey, 6th thru 12th graderswe're having our fall Youth Group kick-off on **Saturday, September 19th, from 6pm to 9pm!** We'll announce the location within the next week or so, but we wanted you to get it on your calendar.



Also, the Youth Group meeting day, frequency, and format are changing this Ministry Year. We're going to meet **EVERY SATURDAY** from **6pm to 9pm.**

Here's the format of our time for each Saturday of the month...

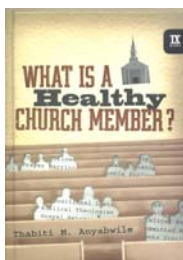
- **1st Saturdays** – Worship / Word / Working It Out (break down into Middle School / High School for application discussion & prayer)
- **2nd Saturdays** – Worship / Open Mic / Prayer / "Ask-A-Pastor" (Q&A)
- **3rd Saturdays** – Same as 1st Saturday
- **4th Saturdays** – GO Saturday! (Outreach - service projects, evangelism, etc.)
- **5th Saturdays** – Fun Times / Party!!!

Pastor Greg and Pastor Charley will be involved in leading these youth meetings and they are pumped about it!!!! Stay tuned for the announcement of our meeting location and spread the word about the kick-off on **Saturday, September 19th, from 6pm to 9pm.**

Small Groups Fall 2009

Pastor Greg will be beginning a message series "What Is A Healthy Church Member?" on September 13th. All Small Groups will be discussing and digging deeper in the text and Bible.

Contact a Group Leader and join a Small Group today.



To be included in the Church book order - reserve a copy by September 6th. (Cost - \$11)

Darby Creek Co-Ed Groups

B.A.S.I.C. Training Group (Brothers And Sisters In Christ)	Every other Friday beginning October 2 from 7-9pm at the Heminger home.	Skip Nitz 614-777-4090
Cornelius Group	Every Saturday, beginning September 12 from, 6:30 - 8:30pm location will vary.	Doug Cornelius 614-873-7803

Darby Creek Men's Groups

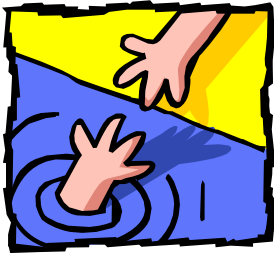
M.I.T. (Men In Training)	Every other Sunday beginning September 20 from 6-8pm at the Church Office.	Kyle Koppenhoefer 614-274-4331
H.O.G.S. Men's Group (Helping Others Grow Spiritually)	1st & 3rd Saturdays beginning September 19 from 8-9:30am at the Church Office.	Doug Dowd 614-876-1477

Darby Creek Women's Groups

Connections	Every other Sunday beginning September 27 from 6-8pm at the Church Office.	Linda Burlile 614-529-8754
W3 in the Word	2nd & 4th Thursdays beginning September 24 from 7-9pm at the Morrison home.	Vickie Comer 614-771-8390
Tuesday Women's Group	Every other Tuesday beginning September 22 from 7-9pm at the Church Office.	Andrea Allardice 614-746-9090



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Help Needed!

Would you consider serving the Lord, once a month, by helping in Children's Ministry?

Contact the Ministry Leader, get complete information and lend a hand!

Infant/Toddler/Pre-School
Debbie Crook 614-873-7803
1 adult

K.I.C.K. (Kids In Christ's Kingdom)
Mark & Julie Roys 614-771-8023
1 adult helper
2 helpers - adult or teen
Driver to pull the K.I.C.K. Van
Adults interested working with K.I.C.K. Bands



September Building Update

This month we've been busy working on the building plans with our architect. Things are coming together on the design and we feel we're very close to having those drawings sealed (no more changes!). We will meet with the architect one or two more times and then we're off to the lender with the engineering approved drawings.

Once the plans are in the lender's hands, it will be approximately thirty days before we know whether we have a construction loan.

Keep on praying!

