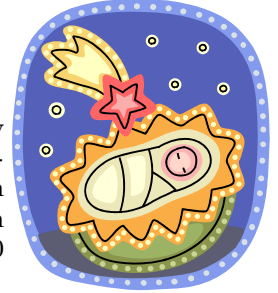


Coming Activities

- **No Leadership Team Meeting in December**
- **Thursday, December 24**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:15-7:00 pm
Hilliard Senior Center
- **Monday, December 14**
DCCC Elders Meeting
6:30-9 pm
Church Office
- **Saturday, December 26**
No Youth Group
- **Saturday, January 2**
Youth Group
6-9 pm
Children's Castle Educare
- **Wednesday, January 6**
Men's Time of Prayer
6-7 am
Church Office
- **Sunday, January 17**
Men's Winter Retreat
Registration Deadline
- **Monday, January 18**
DCCC Elders Meeting
6:30-9 pm
Church Office
- **Sunday, January 24**
C.L.A.S.S. 101
1-5 pm
Church Office

Christmas Prophecies

By Pastor Greg Burlile



The Bible is an incredible work of God. The Bible accurately foretells specific events in detail many years, sometimes centuries, before they occur. Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2000 of which already have been fulfilled to the letter—with no errors! The remaining 500 prophecies are yet to be fulfilled, but one day will be.

Fulfilled prophecy is one on the many compelling reasons to believe in the reliability of Bible. It is a Divine Book in which we can entrust our very lives. As I think about Christmas coming, I think about the Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus' first advent. Here are just a few:

1. The Messiah would be born of a Virgin:

OT Prophecy – “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

NT Fulfillment – “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1:18 (ESV)

2. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem:

OT Prophecy – “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” Micah 5:2 (ESV)

NT Fulfillment – “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,” Matthew 2:1 (ESV)

3. The Messiah would come from the House of David:

OT Prophecy – Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.” Jeremiah 23:5 (ESV)

NT Fulfillment – “Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, ... the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David” Luke 3:23, 31 (ESV)

4. The Messiah would be called Immanuel (“God With Us”):

OT Prophecy – “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

NT Fulfillment – “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us).” Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

Just like God was faithful to fulfill these prophecies and to bring us the Savior Jesus, so we can trust God's Word in everything it says. He keeps His promises! Though men may lie to us, God never does. Merry Christmas! We worship a promise-keeping, Savior-sending God this December 25th!

December
Rely On God
Verse

I can do all things
through him who
strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)



From the Pastor's Desk: Getting A Balanced Diet?

Recently, I spoke with our youth group about the importance of spending daily time with God and then gave them a simple plan to follow. In doing so, I expressed to them why I choose to follow a Bible reading plan that goes methodically through the Bible. When you boil it all down, there are two main reasons: a balanced diet and context.

If I only read the portions of the Bible that I like to read or if I skip the Psalms because I don't like poetry, then I'm not getting a balanced diet. It's like only eating Chipotle every day (that would be awesome, I admit!) and nothing else. If I do that, I'm really not going to get exposed to all the other great foods that my body needs. Similarly, I'm going to miss out on so much more that God wants to show me about Himself and His ways if I limit what I expose myself to in the Bible.

Also, if I only read a single verse here and there (which many devotionals do), I can completely misinterpret what the verse is sayingI miss the context. If you choose a reading plan that goes methodically through the Scriptures, then you will be reading books in their entirety and relate the previous days reading to the current reading and so on.

So what now? I know there are many reading plans out there, but one that I'm promoting is the "Encounter God" reading plan from Scripture Union. This plan takes about 10 to 20 verses a day and takes you methodically through the New Testament twice and Old Testament once over a 5-year period. Many like reading through the Bible in a year and that's fine. I just find it to be too much reading for me and not enough time for reflecting on the passages I do read. If you like, you can find the "Encounter With God" daily devotional at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/devotional.php?devotional=encounter>. If you just want the reading plan with no commentary or devotional thought to go with it, you can go to <http://www.scriptureunion.org/calendar.php?calendar=encounter>. Our family actually subscribes to the printed version of this devotional that can be ordered from Scripture Union.

Pastor Greg Burlile

DCCC Financial Snapshot

For the period starting 9/1/09 and ending 10/31/09:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income From Offerings:	\$ 40,257.04	\$ 41,900.00
Expenses:	\$ 37,479.14	\$ 41,866.96
	\$ 2,777.90	\$ 33.04
Operating Fund:	\$ 49,082.03	

Mark Your Calendars!

Men's
Winter Retreat
January 29 - 30
Camp Otyokwah



Brochures with complete information will be available after the holidays.



Registration deadline:
January 17th

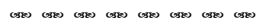


Update
as of
11/30/09

T2B Commitment Total
\$273,467.41

T2B Contributions

11/07-10/09 \$252,974.88
November 2009 \$ 4,264.00
Contribution Total \$257,238.88



**Building Fund
Account Balance**
\$365,878.45

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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.

@ Darby Creek is the monthly newsletter of Darby Creek Community Church. Contributing to the December newsletter were Pastor Greg Burlile, Pastor Charley Charlton, Colleen Scott, Colleen Kelley, Dawn Dowd & Andrea Allardice. Deadline for the January issue: December 20 ©2009 Darby Creek Community Church

C.L.A.S.S.

Christian Life And Service Seminars

(C.L.A.S.S.) is the educational ministry of Darby Creek. The four basic classes are designed to be gone through in order:

- C.L.A.S.S. 101 - Discovering Darby Creek Membership
- C.L.A.S.S. 201 - Discovering Spiritual Maturity
- C.L.A.S.S. 301 - Discovering My Ministry
- C.L.A.S.S. 401 - Discovering My Mission

This basic discovery series will help you discover and develop your relationship with God. We believe that as you complete each class, you will grow in your understanding of God's will and wonderful plan for your life.



C.L.A.S.S. 101 Discovering Darby Creek Membership Sunday, January 24, 1-5 pm

This class is designed to answer questions most newcomers have regarding our church. The 101 class covers salvation, baptism, communion, along with the purposes, strategy, structure, and affiliations of our church. Membership requirements, benefits, and responsibilities are explained.

C.L.A.S.S. 201, 301 and 401 will be scheduled in 2010.



Keeping the Joy

By Dawn Dowd

In times of busyness, uncertainty and turbulence, it can be difficult to maintain the joy of your salvation. When circumstances begin to weigh you down and try to steal your joy, recall the following "J-O-Y", priority ordered, guideline of hope.

- J** - Focus on **J**esus. Pray and meditate on God's character and promises.
- O** - Serve and minister to the needs **o**thers.
- Y** - More of Him, less of **y**ou. He is in control and will comfort you.

Your circumstances are temporary, but God's love and kingdom is eternal and that is where real joy comes and is sustained.

Year-end Giving

Just a reminder - if you want a gift to the church to be on your 2009 Giving Statement, it must be postmarked or be in the church's possession by December 31, 2009.

If you would like a year-to-date statement before the end of the year, just call the Church Office and one will be sent to you.



Shoe Box Dedication Sunday, November 22

Colleen Kelley reports -
52 Shoe Boxes were collected for
Operation Child this year!

Thanks to all who participated!





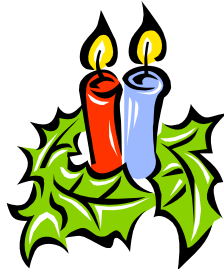
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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24
6:30 - 7:15 pm
Hilliard Senior Center

Bring the whole family,
as we join in song and
prayer, to celebrate the
birth of our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.



December Building Update

We just found out that we were unable to get funding from the first lender referral made through Building God's Way Financial (BGWF). BGWF is already pursuing funding for us from another source. This one is a Christian credit union who has just communicated that they do have new funds available for construction projects. We will continue to seek the Lord on His direction for DCCC. We put our hope in God alone and not this project or it's timing (Psalm 62:5-8). We are also continuing to look for ways to be faithful in spreading the gospel where we live, work, and play.

Thank you for your continued prayers.

*There is a time for
everything, and a season
for every activity
under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)*

