

Coming Activities

- **Saturday, May 1**
Youth Group
6-9 pm
Children's Castle Educare
- **Wednesday, May 5**
Men's Time of Prayer
6-7 am
Church Office
- **Thursday, May 6**
National Day of Prayer
7-8 pm
Church Office
- **Saturday, May 8**
Youth Group
6-9 pm
Children's Castle Educare
- **Saturday, May 15**
Youth Group Volleyball
6-9 pm
Hilliard Municipal Park
- **Sunday, May 16**
Graduation Sunday
10 am
Hilliard Senior Center
- **Sunday, May 16**
Leadership Team Meeting
1-2:30 pm
Church Office
- **Saturday, May 22**
Youth Group Outreach
6-9 pm
Plain City
- **Saturday, May 29**
No Youth Group
- **Sunday, May 30**
Family Communion Service
10 am
Hilliard Senior Center



Real Truth

By *Andrea Allardice*



I went to the store to buy a 'pound' of coffee and it was only 11.3 ounces! Gee, a pound used to be 16 ounces. Then, my 'half gallon' of ice cream was only 1.5 quarts. Where did the other half a quart go?

The 64 count box of trash bags looks very similar to the one I bought last time and it contained 72 bags. What is happening here? Our society is allowing us to spend our shrinking dollars on shrinking products. But the main issue is that manufacturers are quietly redefining the 'norm' to their advantage.

Maybe that is why so many people are redefining Biblical truths to fit comfortably into their lives. As Christians, we need to know what the Bible actually says and apply it.

Sin

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3:23 (ESV)

Didn't rob a bank today? Great! Well, neither did I! But, did I sin in thought or word? Probably. Or maybe I didn't actually do anything bad - maybe it is what I didn't do that was the sin. It is a daily struggle to live a life directed to honor the Lord in everything but that should be our goal.

Giving

A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy. Leviticus 27:30 (NLT)

'Produce of the land' means what you 'reap' - most of us reap dollars not grain or fruit, but the point is clear. There is no qualifier. It doesn't say - give in times of plenty or if there is something left at the end of the week or when you get a bonus.

This has been a challenge for me over the last few years. A little voice told me that the church wouldn't miss my 10% - especially since it was only coming from unemployment money and a part-time job. That temptation was resisted and my family has seen continuous blessings. We have not wanted for anything needed.

Service

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

One Sunday, a little girl ran up to me and told me she could serve in the Refreshment Ministry because she had a birthday and was now eight. She couldn't wait until ministry sign-ups in August - she didn't even want to wait to be put on a schedule, she wanted to serve that day!

What an example! What a gift to be able to serve out of pure desire - not duty. I pray that the Lord grants all of us that gift.

Fellowship

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do. Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

Sometimes (OK - most times) it is a struggle to get out of bed. But Sunday Service is a time when we join together and praise God. Don't miss it!

Unity

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Psalm 133:1(NIV)

'One spirit' - that needs to be our rallying cry! Our elders are facing many difficult decisions is the near future, specifically on finances and the building project. We need to stand and support their decisions.

The shifting definition of 'truth' has no place in the life of a Christian. Don't compare yourself to your neighbor or the person sitting next to you in church. It is easy to feel superior to them. We were created in God's image, for His glory. Live every day with your focus on God's perfection and strive to become nearer to Him. So, pray, read the Bible, join a Small Group, serve in a ministry but most of all remember that when the Bible says 'all' - it really does mean **all**.

May Rely On God Verse

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
Romans 8:32 (ESV)



From the Pastor's Desk: . . . Lasting Joy and Ministry

Luke 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven (ESV).

Recently, my wife shared with me something she read from Oswald Chambers' devotional classic My Utmost for His Highest. The thought Oswald shared was from Luke chapter 10 verse 20 which is written above. The setting for this verse takes place right after the disciples returned from doing a lot of incredible ministry. We don't know all the details, but we do know some of that ministry involved casting out demons. Through God's Spirit, God used these men to help others get free from the demonic forces that were holding them in bondage.

What Oswald explained and what struck me was the fact that Jesus seemed to not elevate their ministry experiences or what we might call incredible ministry successes. This passage shows us that Jesus was rejoicing with them regarding all they had seen happen in His name. But Jesus tells them they should be primarily rejoicing in the fact that their names are written in heaven. They should be excited they are saved.

Why would He say this? A couple of things come to my mind when trying to answer this question. First, fruitfulness in ministry comes and goes. We should want to be fruitful in ministry, but we are not in control of ministry outcomes. Jesus is in control of the ministry results. That joy can fade, however, the joy of our own relationship with Jesus Christ that comes by faith is what brings us lasting joy. Secondly, it's possible for someone to perform powerful ministry acts and not be saved at all. Scripture tells us this. At the end of the sermon on the Mount, Jesus says many will come to Him proclaiming they cast out demons in His name, and yet some of those are people who are not true believers (see Matthew 7:21-23). I pray the Lord would lead us in many seasons of fruitful kingdom ministry. But even more, I pray we would all experience the lasting joy of what it means to know Jesus Christ and walk in close communion with Him.

Pastor Greg Burlile

DCCC Financial Snapshot

For the period starting 9/1/09 and ending 3/31/10:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income From Offerings:	\$ 132,571.57	\$146,650.00
Expenses:	\$ 146,324.95	\$146,527.36
	\$ - 13,753.38	\$ 122.64
Operating Fund:	\$35,6685.27	

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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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 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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International High School Students

Want to add to your family and give an international student the opportunity of a lifetime? Want to help reach the world for Christ? To learn more about hosting a student, contact Marlene Holtz at foreignexchangestudents@hotmail.com.



Update
 as of
 4/30/10

T2B Commitment Total
 \$273,467.41



T2B Contributions
 11/07-3/10 \$270,810.09
April 2010 \$ 3,652.20
 Contribution Total \$274,462.29



Building Fund Account Balance
 \$350,713.01



National Day of Prayer Special Gathering

Thursday, May 6th
7 pm - 8 pm

Church Office
4087 Main St.
Hilliard

All are invited!

Join us for this Special Gathering of prayer time as we seek God's face and unite in His house of prayer.

Contact Dawn Dowd at 614-876-1477 with any questions.

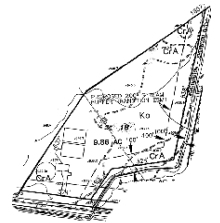
Come Pray With Us!!

*The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in Him" Nahum 1:7 (NIV)*



May Building Update

We have called the bank and informed them that we have changed the size of the proposed church building construction project to better fit our budget. We also spoke with them about where things are with our church finances and building fund. We hope to hear back from them this coming week. We appreciate your continued prayers regarding this project.



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

Men's Softball

On Monday evenings, come to Field 3 at the Hilliard Municipal Park and cheer on the Men's Softball team.



May 3	7:30 pm
May 10	8:30 pm
May 17	6:30 pm
May 24	8:30 pm
May 31	No Game



Community Rewards Re-up or Sign-up

\$2,776.28 contributed to the Building Fund!

If you participate in the Kroger Rewards program you must re-register in April. It takes only a second! Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com, log on and re-up. Our organization # is 82031.

If you have never signed up, - just go to the Kroger website and enroll. Then every time you use your Plus Card, we get a contribution to the Building Fund!

Lists of Darby Creek

- Phone List** - Given only to those on the list
 - Email Prayer List** - Send and receive Prayer Requests
 - Email Announce List** - Get church related updates from the Pastors
 - Published Email List** - Share your email address with others at DCCC
- If you would like to be included on any of the lists, just fill out an INFO Card and place it in the basket today. Questions? Contact the Church Office.



Visit the Web

www.darbycreek.org

What's happening at DCCC? Visit our website for Sunday audio messages, message notes, activity calendar, letters, bulletins, downloadable forms and much more!

Men's Time of Prayer

Wednesday, May 5th
6 am - 7 am
Church Office

All men are invited!

Come and fight like a man! Get on your knees and lift up your hands and seek God for your life, for your family for your church, for your community!



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LIFE TRAINING

2010: my turn ●●●●

wilmington, nc | July 10-17

What Is LT:

Life Training is a powerful catalyst in the lives of high school and underclass college students. You will learn firsthand that worship is a decision - saying "It's my turn" even when no one else will. You will worship by listening to anointed teachers - being attentive to the cloud of witnesses who have gone before you. You yourself will initiate worship through music, prayer, and devotion. You will even learn to worship through service, evangelism, and true Biblical fellowship. This year, any high school graduates may also enjoy additional opportunities through our special "Unleashed" track. Make no mistake, LT is not a vacation. You will be working hard for the sake of the gospel and will be challenged in your walk with Christ and in the process you will have fun.

Who Can Attend LT:

Any Christian teen who will be going into the 9th thru 12th grade this coming 2010-11 school year. In addition, college students, under 22 years of age, will be in the Life Training: Unleashed track of LT.

Where Is LT:

This year, we will hold Life Training on campus at the beautiful University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Students and adult volunteers will be staying in the dorms in UNC Wilmington.

How Much Does LT Cost?

Adults: \$284 (Due June 13th)

Students: Early Bird \$299 (\$55 Deposit due by May 9th / Balance due June 13th)

Student: Regular \$329 (Due June 13th)

Get a Life Training Packet from Julie Roys or pick one up from the INFO Table at Sunday Service.
For registration questions, contact Julie Roys at jroys86@gmail.com.