

Coming Activities

- **Saturdays, July 3, 10 & 17**
No Youth Group
- **Sunday, July 4**
Office Open House
1 - 3 pm
- **Sunday, July 4**
Youth Group
Watch Fireworks
Hilliard Municipal Park
- **Wednesday, July 7**
Men's Time of Prayer
6-7 am
Church Office
- **Sat.-Sat. July 10-17**
Life Training
Wilmington, NC
- **Sunday, July 11**
Summer Sunday Picnic
11:45 am-1:30 pm
Hilliard Municipal Park
- **Saturday, July 24**
Youth Group
6-9 pm
Children's Castle EduCare
- **Saturday, July 31**
Youth Group
Miniature Golf
- **Sunday, August 8**
Summer Sunday Picnic
11:45 am-1:30 pm
Hilliard Municipal Park
- **Sunday, August 15**
Leadership Team Meeting
1-2:30 pm
Church Office

July

Rely On God

Verse

For because he himself
has suffered when
tempted, he is able to
help those who are being
tempted.

Hebrews 2:18 (ESV)

Darby Creek at a Crossroad

By Pastor Greg Burlile

Crossroad: a juncture, a crisis situation or point in time when a critical decision must be made. I believe this definition describes where we are as a church right now. It is a time when some critical decisions will be made. If you are wondering what I'm talking about, then you most likely have not checked your email this past week or you are not on our email announcements list. Below is the body of an email message I sent on June 29, 2010:



"I recently sent a letter to all DCCC attenders and members explaining that our budget was considerably in the red. After reviewing our finances since that time, the budget situation is not improving. We cannot continue to operate without making some very substantial changes. Last month alone, our budgeted income fell short by \$9,541 (our budgeted monthly expenses are \$20,050). Our operating fund's current balance is approximately \$25,000.

Our elders are in the process of making significant budget cuts and prayerfully seeking God and godly counsel regarding how our church can become healthier financially and spiritually. I ask that you seek God for our church daily regarding this issue. Pray the elders might clearly hear what the Lord desires for our church right now."

I remember a personal crossroad event I experienced back in 1985 when I was entering my junior year at The Ohio State University. I was floundering as an Electrical Engineering major and was called into the college secretary's office (who I later would find out was my wife's uncle!). I was challenged to rethink my choice of major. At the time, I didn't understand what God was doing, but looking back now, I can see how He has used that in my life. He really drew me closer to Himself and refined my character.

How should we respond to these challenging times we find our church in right now?

Respond With Faith - Believing God is Working Through Our Situation

Psalm 66:10-12 (ESV, emphasis added) For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

Respond With Prayer - Praying Scripture for Our Church

Paul's prayers for the churches he ministered to are prayers that we can confidently pray and know that God will answer (1 John 5:14-15). So each day, look up one of the following Pauline prayers and pray them for our church: Ephesians 1:16-23; Ephesians 3:16-21; Colossians 1:9-12; Philippians 1:9-12; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Respond With Support - Assisting Our Leaders With Changes

As our elders seek the Lord's direction on budget cuts, meeting location changes, and possible ministry changes, we will need everyone's help. We will need everyone's verbal support and everyone's support in carrying out any necessary changes. I feel so blessed to be in a body of believers who does support the leadership of the church and sees that God has sovereignly placed them there to help make these decisions.

May the Lord bless us as we see this season of ministry as one where He is continuing to complete what is lacking in us (James 1:2-4).



From the Pastor's Desk: . . . The Things We Did At First

At the recent Pastors conference, we celebrated the 40 year anniversary of Great Commission Churches and took a look down memory lane. I was reminded that when we started there was a very high commitment to the following:

- The Great Command - loving God with everything (Matthew 22:36-38)
- The Great Commission - sharing the gospel and making disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Being "doers of the word" (James 1:22)
- Tithing (Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23)

These are some of the main factors that have enabled Great Commission Churches to grow and spread throughout the world. Here at Darby Creek, we started strongly with a high commitment to these values as well. Many came to Christ and we grew from around 30 to over 200 in the first few years. In following years, our growth leveled off and now we seem to be in a season of decline. My great concern is that, though some remain faithful to the scriptures listed above, many of us have drifted away. The following passage really hits home.

Revelation 2:3-5 (ESV) ³I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place, unless you repent.

I am personally convicted about my failure to keep my priorities biblical, but I'm also excited about the opportunity refocus on the fundamentals and to live radically for Christ. Will you join us as we get back to the works we did at first?

Pastor Charley Charlton

DCCC Financial Snapshot

For the period starting 9/1/09 and ending 5/31/10:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income From Offerings:	\$ 173,824.83	\$ 188,550.00
Expenses:	<u>\$ 186,270.89</u>	<u>\$ 188,392.32</u>
	\$ - 12,446.06	\$ 157.68
 Operating Fund:	 \$31,997.86	

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 contact the Church Office.

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

Senior Pastor Greg Burlile	gregb@darbycreek.org
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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.*

@ Darby Creek is the monthly newsletter of Darby Creek Community Church.
 Contributing to the July newsletter were Pastor Greg Burlile, Pastor Charley Charlton, Colleen Scott, & Andrea Allardice.
 Deadline for the August issue: July 25 ©2010 Darby Creek Community Church


Update
 as of
 6/30/10

T2B Commitment Total
 \$273,467.41

T2B Contributions

11/07-5/10	\$277,802.29
June 2010	<u>\$ 1,715.00</u>
Contribution Total	\$279,517.29

Building Fund
Account Balance
 \$353,576.82

I've Been A Christian All My Life

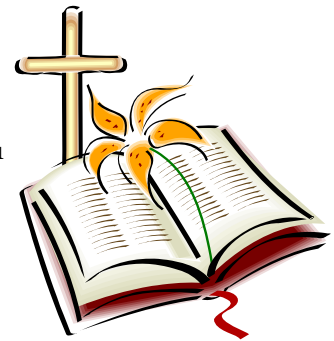
By Pastor Greg Burlile

When asked the question, "How and when did you become a Christian", have you or someone you know answered the following:

"I've always known God"

"I've been a Christian all my life"

"I grew up in a Christian home and always had a relationship with God"



If you or your friend answered along these lines, then you really don't understand what a true Christian is and how someone becomes one. Notice I used the term "true Christian". I'm using that phrase because many have come to use the term "Christian" to mean someone who aligns themselves with the Christian church in some way. Maybe they attend a Christian church or attend a Bible study or they could even have been baptized.

However, a real authentic, true Christian is someone who would know when and how they actually came to accept Christ as Savior. Maybe you can't recite the day or the time, but you would know generally when that occurred, because the fact of the matter is, a person must be born again to be a Christian (in the biblical sense of the word). Jesus told this to Nicodemus (John 3). No one is born into this world already having a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

It's possible, you, like many of our teens at Darby Creek, have been blessed to grow up with parents who were saved. In doing so, you probably always went to church and read the Bible. But because we all are born with a sin nature, we, each on our own, must respond to the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We each must come to the point when we realize our own need to admit to God that we are sinners and we justly deserve to be sent to hell because of our sin. We each need to repent (turn away from our sin) and by faith turn to Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

So, if you don't know "when and how you became a Christian," you may not really be saved and the Lord wants you to admit that to Him now and to truly become a Christian. I strongly urge you today to examine your heart in prayer. If you find yourself with any doubts as to your salvation, talk to God about it and then come and talk to one of our elders about it. There is nothing in the world more important than this.



Men's Softball

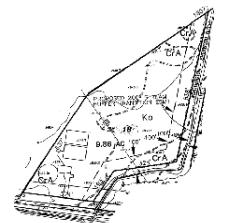
On Monday evenings, come to Field 3 at the Hilliard Municipal Park and cheer on the Men's Softball team.

July 5	No Game
July 12	7:30 pm
July 19	7:30 pm
July 26	8:30 pm
August 2	6:30 pm
August 9	7:30 pm



July Building Update

Stay tuned! And keep praying!!



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



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Church Office 4th of July Open House

Sunday, July 4th
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Old Hilliard

Bring your family and friends and join us as we watch the Hilliard Parade and celebrate our nation's birthday!

Free Parking
Free Water
Free Restrooms!



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



Summer Sunday Picnic

Do you want to have fun, fellowship and get to know other folks at Darby Creek? On every second Sunday this summer, we will again have an after service, bring-your-own-lunch picnic at the Municipal Park next to the Senior Center. Bring your picnic lunch or run to a drive-thru and bring your lunch back.



When? Second Sunday of July, August & September
11:45 am - 1:30 pm, immediately following service.

Who? Everyone is welcome.

What To Bring? Your lunch, chairs / blankets, games to share, balls or toys to play with after lunch.

Where? The Municipal Park, next to the Senior & Community Centers (look for us at shelter #1, #5, or #2; if those aren't available, we'll be hanging out underneath the trees near shelter #2.)

What If It Rains? If the weather's not good - consider the picnic cancelled!

Questions? Contact Vickie Comer
614-771-8390

Next Picnic . . .

July 11th