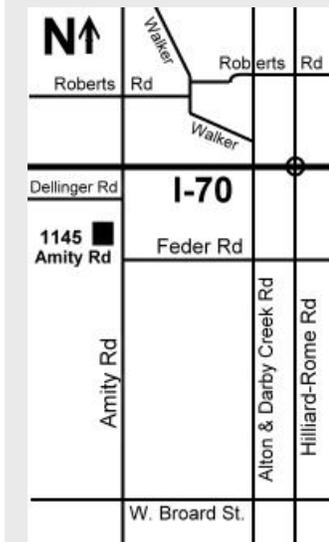




Darby Creek News

February 2016

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Our Mission

Darby Creek Community Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who know Christ, grow in Christ, and proclaim Christ.

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Sunday Service

10 am

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Our Focus for 2016 *By Pastor Greg Burlile*

Each year our Elders pray about a theme that will help us bring some focus to how we can work out our church's mission: To glorify God by making disciples who KNOW Christ, GROW in Christ and who PROCLAIM Christ. This year is no different and it actually builds on the previous year's theme "One Thing."



This year our theme is "Love God. Love Neighbor." This theme comes from a passage in the book of Matthew:

Matthew 22:34-40 ESV (emphasis added)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

This year we want to encourage and equip you personally and our church corporately to grow in the area of loving God through a vital prayer life. In addition, as the above verse expresses, a love for your neighbor flows out of your love for God. We will equip the church in prayer through Sunday sermon series, providing our small group leaders with prayer study ideas, and hosting events that encourage growth in the Christian's prayer life.

We already have a couple of opportunities to connect with others in corporate prayer. Each third Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8pm we have our Prayer and Praise meeting. We've been doing that for several years now and have seen God answer prayer as we come together to God's throne of grace. Also, every Sunday morning from 9:15-9:45am people gather together in Pastor Charley's office for prayer before the Sunday worship service. Julie Roys is the coordinator for that pre-service prayer time. Show up early to church sometime and join with others in praying together for the service and other various needs as the Spirit leads.

When it comes to growing in loving your neighbor, we will have Sunday sermon series and also have bridging events that provide opportunities to reach out to our neighbors in housing subdivisions near the church building. This year we will have Operation 5:16 again. This will be a week-long outreach event that is multifaceted.

Loving your neighbor is much more than providing outreach events, but it's about looking right in your own neighborhood. So, throughout the year we will be working on equipping you in identifying specific ways to practically express the love of Jesus to those people who God has placed in your sphere of influence. We want all our members to grow in "the art of neighborly" this year. Be on the lookout too for a short-term group or class that will be offered to equip you on how to love and share with your Muslim friend or neighbor.

If you were not able to attend the State of the Church of Vision Meeting on January 30th, then I ask that you go to our church website and listen to the audio files from that meeting. This meeting went into detail on this focus for 2016 and also looked at 2015. There are five audio files, each of which correspond to a different part of the meeting. The PowerPoint slides (and PDF file of those slides) are also available on the church website.

From The Pastor's Desk . . . By Pastor Greg Burlile

Company 4:6



Getting Practical with Prayer

In this space, I'm passing along to you some practical ways to pray as well as a couple of book titles I really like on the topic of prayer (though there are so many!)

Below is a helpful list of different types of prayers and places in the Bible that illustrate that type of prayer. Think of these prayer categories or types as a way to help you focus your prayer times. This list comes from Desiring God ministries.

You can ask for something. This is the most basic meaning of prayer, and God delights for His children to ask Him for help. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

You can praise Him or marvel at Him or give expression to your adoration of Him. "Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable" (Psalm 145:2-3).

You can thank Him for His gifts and His acts (which is not the same as praising Him for His nature). "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign" (Revelation 11:17).

You can confess your sins and tell the Lord that you are sorry. "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:5).

And finally, you can complain to the Lord. "With my voice I cry out to the Lord. . . . I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him" (Psalm 142:1-2). Now here, again, language frustrates. So is this saying that it is good to have a complaining heart toward God? No. Philippians 2:14: "Do all things without grumbling or questioning." It's not good to have a complaining heart. The heart should trust God in all his sweet and bitter providences. So why then do we say 'we should complain to the Lord'? Because sometimes our hearts do complain about the circumstances God has given us, even though our hearts shouldn't do this, and it is better to consciously direct it toward the Lord than to think he doesn't see it. Acting like you are not complaining is hypocrisy and will make you a very phony, shallow, plastic person in the end. (excerpted from <http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/pray-like-this-hallowed-be-your-name>)

There are two books I'd like to mention that can also help you grow in your prayer life (though there is NO substitute for actually praying!). Praying the Bible is a wonderful book about how to pray Scripture back to God. The second book, A Praying Life offers a practical real-life approach to prayer for busy families! Paul Miller's honest down-to-earth advice shows you how to practice praying in the midst of daily routine. (Pictures of the book are on Page 4)



Company 4:6

Men's Workshop

Saturday, February 13th

8 - 9:30 am

DCCC Fellowship Hall

Breakfast & Fellowship

All men are welcome.

Prayer & Praise Time



Wednesday

February 17th

6:30 - 8 pm

Sanctuary

All are welcome!

'Love God. Love Neighbor.' Verse of the Month



If you then, who are evil,
know how to give good
gifts to your children,
how much more will

your Father who is in heaven
give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:11 (ESV)

Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, February 21th

12n - 1:30p

In the Fellowship Hall

Bring you lunch!!!



Child Dedication



We will have a child dedication on Sunday, February 14th at 10am. Please make an effort to attend and help commit with the parents to raising their children in a godly manner. If you would like to dedicate your child and have not already told us, please give the Church Office a call.

Men's Retreat



Friday & Saturday
February 5 - 6, 2016

The Men's Retreat is happening this weekend. Please pray for a great time of study and fellowship for the men attending. Pray that they get refreshed by their time with God and each other.



Prayer Opportunities

Every Second, Minute, Day
Your choice of time & place.

Every Sunday
9:15-9:45am Charley's Office

Every Month
3rd Wednesday 6:30-8pm Sanctuary
February 17
March 16
April 20 - 'War Room' Movie
May 18
June 8
July 20
August 17

Every Year
12 Hour Prayer Vigil
April 22-23 7pm-7am



Get out your calendar or your 'device' and block out time for prayer in 2016. Don't leave it to chance. Be deliberate in your prayer time scheduling.

Plan ahead!



Marriage Seminar



Friday, March 4th
6-10pm

If you are married, make sure you save your entire evening on Friday, March 4th from 6 to 10pm! We will be joining Linworth Road Church (Worthington, OH) for an evening that is designed to bless you and encourage you in your marriage. No child care is provided, so please start looking for a baby sitter now! It also couldn't hurt to try and get off work a little early that evening. Registration information, cost, and more details will be coming. This event does include a sit down dinner and will take place in the Worthington area.



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Financial Snapshot

For the period starting 9/1/15 and ending 12/31/15:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income :	\$ 77,048.77	\$ 70,160.00
Expenses:	\$ 71,955.08	\$ 70,160.00
Difference:	\$ 5,093.65	\$ 0.00
Operating Fund Balance: \$25,018.27		



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Good Friday Experience



Good Friday
March 25, 2016

Mark your calendars and plan on attending a very special night at Darby Creek. We will take time out to focus on the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Complete details and invitations for your family and friends will be available soon.

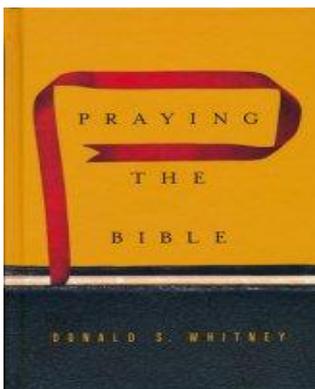
Easter Egg Hunt



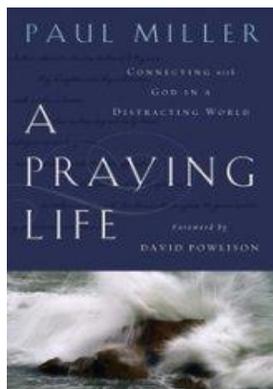
Saturday, March 19th
Rain, Snow or Shine!

We will be sponsoring a community outreach by searching for eggs and eating cupcakes. How can you go wrong with that??? There will be an opportunity and a need for all to participate. If you can't wait to get started, contact Andrea Allardice at 614-746-9090 or be on the lookout for the event details!

Books On Prayer



Book: 1 - Praying the Bible by Donald Whitney



Book: 2 - A Praying Life by Paul Miller

Lists Of Darby Creek

Phone List - Given only to those on the list. If you need an additional copy of the list, ask an usher at Sunday Service

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 the INFO Card located in the pocket on the back of the Sanctuary chairs and place it in the offering basket. Questions? Contact the Church Office.