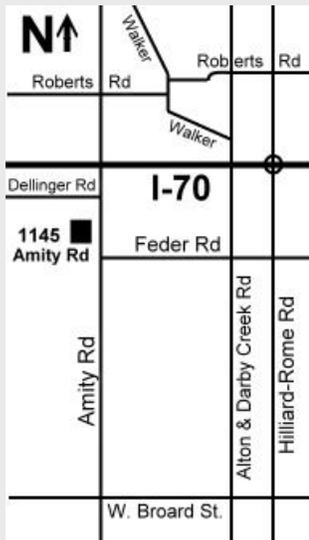




# Darby Creek News

May 2016

## Come Visit Us!



## 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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Summer is right around the corner, and that means Operation 5:16 is not too far behind! Come join us as we work hard to "let our light shine" in our sphere of influence.

Based off of Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven," Operation 5:16 is a week-long DCCC-sponsored event full of opportunities for you to let your light shine. Together, we will Serve, Sow, Grow!

**Serve.** All week long we will be giving our personal time to serve our communities, both in the church and out among our neighbors. Just as Christ came to serve, this will be a chance for us to serve others.

**Sow.** During the week there will be a workshop teaching us techniques of how to share the Gospel effectively. We can't stop there, though: the book of James tells us we must put what we learn into action. With that charge, we will take what we learn to the streets to let others know of the good news and hope we have in Christ.

**Grow!** By serving others, we grow closer to Christ by learning to put Him and His creation (our neighbors) before ourselves. By sowing the Gospel message, we grow closer to Christ by recognizing and prayerfully witnessing His saving power. We also grow closer to Christ as we grow closer together as a church. Each evening during the week there will be an event planned for the church to gather for worship and fellowship. Who knows...if you invite your neighbor, we might grow in more ways than one!

As you may already know, in an operation there are operators. That's where you come in - this is an all-hands-on-deck event, not just youth, singles, working, stay at home, etc. Everyone is wanted!

Here is what a day in the life of an operator might look like during the week of Operation 5:16...

Morning: Daily devotional workshop at a neighborhood park followed by a picnic lunch

Early Afternoon: Daily service project work

Late Afternoon: Break and activity (Ultimate, capture the flag, etc.) followed by dinner. This time will also be an opportunity for evangelism.

Evening: DCCC-style neighborhood block party, with special guest speakers and a live worship band. Backyard Bible Club will be held at the same time for youngsters.

On top of that, Thursday night we will beat the heat with a summer party at the church, and Friday night there will be an overnight camping trip at Camp DCCC!

Mark your calendars now: Operation 5:16 will take place **June 20-25**. If you are interested in participating in Operation 5:16, or if you want to learn more about what we'll be doing, we encourage you to attend an informational meeting immediately following church on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited. You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/operation516](http://www.facebook.com/operation516) or on the web at [www.operation516.darbycreek.org](http://www.operation516.darbycreek.org).

Let your light shine! Serve. Sow. Grow!



## From The Pastor's Desk . . .

## Company 4:6

### Who Is Your Neighbor? Really. *By Pastor Greg Burdick*



If you stepped out of your house, apartment, or dormitory could you name each of the neighbors surrounding you? Can you name the people who you regularly see at your favorite coffee house, restaurant, or gym?

As a church, we are encouraging people at Darby Creek to grow in their expression of the love they have for their neighbor. Jesus issues this challenge in Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)

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

How does knowing my neighbors' names translate into loving my neighbor? Well, let's say there is that neighbor (or person you see on regular basis) who you wave to but don't know their name. Things might progress in the following fashion:

Progress from waving

- to saying "hey man"
- to saying "hey Mike" (you asked them what they name was and introduced yourself)
- to saying "Hey Mike how are you doing?"
- to saying "Hey Mike there is something in my garage I need help with can you give me a hand for just a minute?"
- to saying "Hey Mike I saw that your son moved back in how's that going?"



This simple progression of taking a genuine interest in others around you leads to expressions of caring. As a result, you will also become aware of needs your neighbor has that you might be able to address. And of course along with this progression of genuine concern for neighbor, you will have opportunities to express your faith and your neighbors will so how Jesus is much more than just a name to you.

Why don't you take a mental inventory of the people who live near you? Think of one or two people whose names you do not know. Then, be intentional the next time you see them to ask their name and introduce yourself. Build on that and see where God takes it!

On a related note, I recently listened to a podcast sponsored by Lifeway. Lifeway asked churches which methods seemed to work best at attracting new visitors to Easter Sunday service in 2016. At the top of the list, at no surprise to me, was personal invitations. Usually, to make an effective personal invitation to a church service you need to get to know someone. It all starts with knowing their name. Who is your neighbor? Really.



**Company 4:6  
Men's Workshop**  
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
8 - 9 am  
Fellowship Hall

**Breakfast & Fellowship**  
All men are welcome.

## Prayer Meeting



Wednesday  
May 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 8 pm  
Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV)

## Leadership Team Meeting

Mark Your Calendars!  
Leaders Appreciation Lunch  
Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
12n - 1:30p  
In the Fellowship Hall



## Building Clean-up & Lunch



We need to honor God, by maintaining the property He has blessed us with. Various projects will be happening all spring - but the big clean-up for the building grounds (outside work) will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9a - 12n.

So reserve the day to clean, paint, do yard work and of course stay for some hot dogs and chips. There will be jobs available for all ages! Bring your own hand tools.



If you can join in the fun, fill out the tear-off sheet in the Sunday Bulletin or call the Church Office. Questions? Contact Frank Pharazyn at 614-633-8376.

## Managua Pastors Visit

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we are having very special visitors from our sister church in Managua, Nicaragua. In order to have an opportunity to chat with the pastors, we will be serving a simple box lunch immediately following Service.



Food will be prepared for all and you can grab & go or stay to meet & greet!

## Graduation Sunday

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>!

We will be honoring our High School seniors!

## Small Groups

Small Groups provide you with the opportunity to...

- ◆ Develop meaningful, genuine relationships
- ◆ See and experience how the Bible relates to everyday life
- ◆ Receive encouragement and acceptance from others who have the same struggles
- ◆ Progress in your journey and walk with God



You just can't get to know people on Sunday mornings. The Small Groups provide you with a opportunity to develop your relationship with other people at DCCC and with God. The Spring/Summer Small Groups flyer is available. Give a leader a call and visit a Small Group this week.

## Giving

### Want to Know How Your Giving is Going?

Anytime during the year you can email our secretary, Andrea Allardice at [andrea@darbycreek.org](mailto:andrea@darbycreek.org) and ask for a PDF file of an up-to-date listing of your financial giving for 2016. Some people like to do this to see how they are doing with respect to their giving goals. Also, did you know you can give to Darby Creek using online giving? Check out our website at <https://www.darbycreek.org/donate/> to learn about the different online giving options available today!

## DCCC Financial Snapshot



For the period starting 9/1/15 and ending 3/31/16:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income :	\$ 135,864.94	\$ 122,780.00
Expenses:	\$ <u>128,012.86</u>	\$ <u>122,704.00</u>
Difference:	\$ 7,852.08	\$ 76.00
Operating Fund Balance: \$29,049.40		



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## Kroger Community Rewards



### Sign-up TODAY!!!

It's time to re-enroll for the new year of Kroger Community Rewards. You need to re-enroll in the month of April in order to continue contributing through the May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 year.

Why is this important? All contributions go to the Youth Group for scholarships and financial assistance for activities. It is EASY to participate. Just enroll once a year and then every time you shop at Kroger and use your Plus Card—we get a donation. Nothing extra to buy! Nothing extra to do! Please take a moment to help the youth of our church.

Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) to enroll or re-enroll. Complete details are in the Sunday Bulletin.



## Online Forms

Online Forms – For Ministry Leaders and Small Group Leaders who ever need to schedule the use of a room in the church building, we have a Ministry Event Booking Form that needs to be filled out. We have always had the PDF file available online, but now you also have the option of filling out and submitting the form online using your computer, tablet, or smartphone! Once the form is submitted online it is emailed to our secretary who then processes the request from there. You can find our PDF and online forms on our website at: <https://www.darbycreek.org/forms-and-documents/>

Soon to be added to our repertoire of forms you can submit online will be our Small Group Information form that our group leaders use to inform our office of any updated information regarding their meeting or small group curriculum choice.

## Prayer Update



Thanks to all who participated in our 12-Hour Prayer Vigil. We will continue to pray over these cards during our pre-service prayer times on Sunday mornings.

From 9:15 - 9:45a every Sunday morning, our Prayer Team meets in Pastor Charley's office to have a time of prayer. All are welcome and you can drop in any Sunday to receive prayer or to pray for others.

If you would like to join the Prayer Team and pray on a specific week, just contact Julie Roys.

Also, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Prayer and Praise meeting will return to normal this month. (Sorry - no movie or popcorn!)