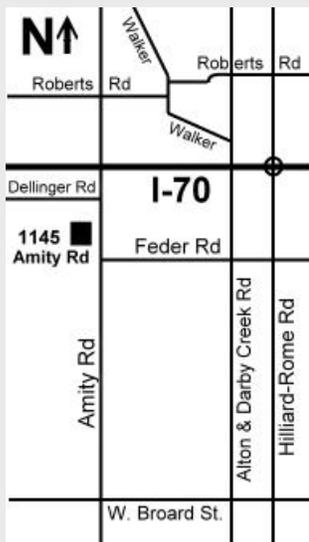


July 2016

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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Identity is Key *By Pastor Greg Burlile*



Once we become a Christian, we have been adopted into the family of God and are given a whole new identity as His daughter or son (2 Corinthians 5:17). If we don't know what God says about who we are now or if we forget our new identity, then we can start taking our identity from our feelings or from what others tell us. If a Christian takes their identity from anything or anyone other than God, he or she can become discouraged. We are not defined by our former way of life or by our current struggles with remaining sin. Our hope and identity are in who God says we are in Jesus Christ.

There are many aspects of our identity in Jesus Christ. It wasn't long ago that I talked about our being sons and daughters of God – our "sonship" in Christ. Among other things, our sonship affects how we approach God in prayer. We can come to Him and ask Him anything. I could speak of other aspects of our identity – I'm forgiven, I'm made new, I'm victorious, I'm gifted, I'm a friend of God, I'm a citizen of heaven, etc. Lately, I've been thinking about the fact that as a Christian, I belong to Jesus Christ.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV

"For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. 23 You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men." – 1 Corinthians 7:22-23 ESV

"In Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ." – 1 Corinthians 15:22-23 ESV

In the verses above, I have underlined the statements indicating that I belong to Jesus Christ and I'm not my own. I'm now free to live for Jesus Christ and to do His will. I think of the television shows and movies where those who are presidential appointees say they, "serve at the pleasure of the president". They are saying they work to do the president's will and desire. In a way, that's how it is for the Christian. We belong to Jesus Christ and we serve at His pleasure and for His Glory.

One of my recent favorite songs is called "Lay Me Down" by Chris Tomlin. The lyrics speak to this kind of mentality of belonging to Jesus and living for Him. Here is a brief taste of parts of the lyrics:

I lay me down, I'm not my own, I belong to you alone
Letting go of my pride, Giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine, shine, shine. Take this life and let it shine
It will be my joy to say. Your will, your way

These lyrics speak to one aspect of what it means to belong to Jesus Christ having been purchased and redeemed by Him. As a disciple of Jesus, we belong to Jesus. We're called to do His will, His way. It's not about how we feel things should be. It's not about what we want. It is the way God says it is and it is all for Him and His glory. We are who He says we are period.

From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Company 4:6



What I'm Reading and Learning

This month I'm going to give you a glance at what I'm spending time studying and reading in addition to my normal Bible study and sermon preparation. Most of the audio books, Kindle books and podcasts I listen to directly relate to our church focus for the year, pastoral care ministry, and things that help me grow as a leader and pastor.

What I'm Reading: As you can see, I've been spending a good amount of time reading on prayer. I'm working on finishing Tim Keller's book, but I can say Praying the Bible has really helped me in my prayer life! The method Donald Whitney teaches in his book is the method I'm teaching in Class 202. Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts on an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ by Rosaria Butterfield is on my reading list because issues regarding sexuality and opportunities to minister to people who struggle in these areas is increasing. I'm learning that more and more believers are buying into a non-biblical world view on sexuality.

- Prayer**
By Timothy Keller
Narrated by Sean Pratt
8h 28m remaining
- Praying the Bible**
By Donald S. Whitney
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Finished
- Openness Unhindered:...**
By Rosaria Champagne Butt...
Narrated by Rosaria Champ...
8h 44m
- Leaders Who Last: Only...**
By Dave Kraft
Narrated by Raymond Todd
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What I'm Learning: I'm learning again that I must be a continual learner. I need to learn how to be a better, preacher, pastor, evangelist, prayer, elder, father, and husband. Last week I spent a couple of days with some GCC pastors in our region praying together and talking about God AND politics, racism, homosexuality / transgender issues, giving, and more. The annual retreat with these pastors in our GCC Ohio region not only strengthens me, but it stretches me to think about matters of doctrine and pastoral ministry in ways I have not thought of before.

You may remember, I mentioned a couple months ago that I was spending some concentrated time seeking God on some things. One of my takeaways from that time was the Lord impressed upon me to spend more time with Him in prayer and preparation for the sermon. Having two jobs makes that challenging, but I believe God has been blessing the extra time I've been able to spend. If are able, please continue to pray for me on this. Pray God would bless my study time and that God would touch my heart with a portion of each passage I'm preaching in such a way that He touches the congregation when I teach on the passage.

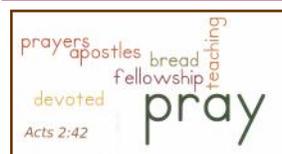
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Company 4:6
Men's Workshop
Saturday, August 13th
8 - 9:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Breakfast & Fellowship
All men are welcome.

Prayer Meeting



Wednesday
August 17th
6:30 - 8 pm
Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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



And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.
1 John 5:14 (ESV)

Leadership Team Meeting

Ministry Leaders Appreciation Lunch
Sunday, August 21st
12n - 1:30p
In the Fellowship Hall



Rocking at Life Training



Wilmington, North Carolina
July 9-15



We led worship, we cooked, we reached out, we connected, we learned, we shared, we had fun! Life Training was a success again this year. We had students and adults participating at every level. Go online and listen to the message from Sunday Service (7/31/2016) and get all the details!



DCCC Financial Snapshot



For the period starting 9/1/15 and ending 5/30/16:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income :	\$ 187,955.31	\$ 175,400.00
Expenses:	\$ 179,337.04	\$ 175,210.00
Difference:	\$ 8,618.27	\$ 190.00
Operating Fund Balance:		\$27,923.43



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Summer Sunday Picnics



The 2nd and 4th Sundays of
August
After Service!
Bring-Your-Own Lunch

Picnics: Sunday, August 14th & 28th

New Ministry Year / Promotion Sunday



Our 2016-17 Ministry Service Year begins on Sunday, September 4th. Any child old enough to move to the next level will be 'promoted' on that day.

If you did not sign-up for Ministry Service—it's not too late! Speak to the Ministry Leader or call the Church Office.

C.L.A.S.S. Schedule

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the following CLASSES. All will be held at the Church Building from 9am to 12n.

CLASS 301 - September 24th

The goal of this class is that you will begin to discover how God has uniquely designed you for ministry in His church. You'll begin the journey of learning your God-given Passion, Spiritual Gift(s), & Personal Style. It is God's desire for every Christian to discover, develop and use their God-given gifts, talents, & abilities.

CLASS 401 - November 5th

The last class in the basic series focuses on sharing the good news of Jesus with others. This class will cover the great commission, friendships with unbelievers, starting spiritual conversations, evangelism through discovery Bible study, and other practical ways to share the gospel. The overall goal of the class is to motivate and equip you to share your faith with comfort and confidence.

There will be sign-up sheets in your bulletin four weeks prior to each CLASS.

Small Groups



B.A.S.I.C. Summer Birthday People!

Even a church our size can be too big to give each member the support, camaraderie, and accountability they need to have fruitful Christian lives.

Our Small Groups put you together with others on a regular basis to sharpen your skills and encourage your walk with Jesus Christ.

Some groups meet during the day, some at night, some have childcare, all are open and available!

A visit to a group is not a commitment. September is a great time to connect. So check out the Small Group brochure and give the leader a call.

