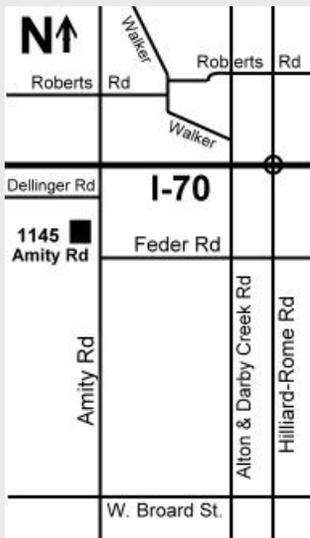


December 2016

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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The Core – The Church

by Pastor Greg Burlile

We are continuing our series of articles that cover our association's 8 core values. This month we will look at the value and importance of the church and how that value is commonly lived out in the various Great Commission Churches (GCC). The following expresses some of our beliefs and values regarding the church.



1. God has commissioned and established the local church as His primary means of fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission—loving God and others by winning people to Christ, building them to maturity, raising up leaders, and sending teams to start new churches (1 Timothy 3:15).
2. We value building relationships between members in different Great Commission churches and encouraging cooperation between Great Commission churches in a geographical region, as well as nationally and internationally. This is done by having conferences, prayer meetings, training events, and mission trips for mutual edification, accountability, and outreach and service endeavors. (2 Corinthians 8).
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of each local church and that each local church has final human authority over its affairs under Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:23).
4. The Bible uses many word pictures to describe what the church should be and how it should function. For example, the church is described as a temple where God is worshiped, as a family, and as a body (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Timothy 3:15; Romans 12:4). In addition, the church, like an army, is to engage in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18).
5. We believe that the Scriptures combined with the local church are God's primary system for providing pastoral care and the healing of souls. (2 Timothy 3:16; Ephesians 4:15-16).
6. While God can use outside authors, teachers, and seminars to supplement the ministry of the Word in each local church (1 Corinthians 4:15), God desires the local church to be the primary source of preaching and teaching of the Scriptures for the building up of believers (2 Timothy 3:14).

With those beliefs and values in mind, how do those practically work out in many of our local churches? Below is just a sampling of common practices that relate to this important value of the church.

1. It is typical for churches to organize around small groups for building friendships, Bible study, discipleship, mentoring, accountability, outreach, providing pastoral care, and developing leaders.
2. It is a common practice in churches in our association for members to be "best friends," sharing their lives together, in community, throughout the week.
3. As an example to the world, the church is to live in integrity and holiness. In that regard, occasionally, it has been necessary to exercise church discipline for individuals who are unrepentant of known sin.
4. GCC church members are encouraged to practice tithing, financially supporting the local church leadership and church ministries by giving the first 10% of their income to the local church. In addition, the common practice is for each local church to financially support its GCC regional ministry team by tithing to that team.

From The Pastor's Desk . .

Company 4:6



#Jesus - Following the Life of Jesus

In October of this year, my wife and I were blessed to spend a week away in the mountains of northern Georgia. During that time, I felt the God was impressing upon me to spend a considerable focus of the next year preaching on the life and ministry of Jesus. So, I'm excited to tell you that our church will be spending considerable time during 2017 in a message series titled "#Jesus – Following the Life of Jesus".

During this series starting on Sunday, January 8, we will cover topics like: Who is Jesus, Psalms about a Savior, the Sermons of Jesus, the Miracles of Jesus, the Parables of Jesus, the Hard Sayings of Jesus, the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, the 2nd Coming of Jesus, etc.

To get our church focused on Jesus beyond our Sunday morning worship time, I'm also promoting a church-wide Bible reading plan that will directly link to each of the Sunday messages in the #Jesus sermon series. Here's how the reading plan will interact with the Sunday message. Each week there will be 5 Scripture passages assigned to read that relate to one specific theme (e.g. the Miracles of Jesus). Then each Sunday I will do a message on one of those 5 Scripture passages. This reading plan will take us through 100 different passages of Scripture related to Jesus' life and ministry and 20 sermons.

While praying about this, I came across a devotional book put out by Interspersary Press and Scripture Union that goes through the life and ministry of Jesus. During the next few weeks we will be taking orders for this book which is titled "The Essential Jesus". It is not required for you to purchase this resource, but I think you will find it a nice supplement to the assigned Bible readings as it has a one page devotional commentary with some questions for thought and reflection at the end of each week. The cost, which is based on the number of books we order, will be between \$9 and \$10 per book. Look for more information on ordering this resource in the Sunday bulletin and email announcements.

As we study the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ together, I can't help but think we will want to be more like Jesus and grow in our faith in Christ as a result. After all, Hebrews chapter one tells us that Jesus reveals God to us: The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3 HCSB).

I hope you will join us on this exciting journey of getting to know Jesus better in 2017. May God bless our church and may our church in turn be a blessing to those around us, as we seek closer communion with Jesus this year.

By Pastor Greg Barlile



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Men's Workshop

Saturday, December 10th

8 - 9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Breakfast & Fellowship

All men are welcome.

Mission Trip News



Nicaragua Mission Trip

June 17 - 24, 2017

Missionaries

Reminder - Get your \$10 deposit turned in to the Church Office no later than January 8th to confirm your place on the team.

Prayer Meeting



Wednesday

December 14th

6:30 - 8 pm

Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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

Praying at all times in the Spirit,
with all prayer and supplication.

To that end,

keep alert with all perseverance,
making supplication for all
the saints.



Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

Darby Creek Community Church

Hanging of the Greens



On Sunday , November 27th, a group of jolly old elves from the B.A.S.I.C. Group, put aside their regular Bible Study and spent the afternoon ‘hanging the greens’ and decorating the Church Building for Christmas. After a quick lunch of pizza and cupcakes, under the able leadership of Frank Pharazyn, the tree was put up and decorated. Hope everyone enjoys the sparkle!



New Sign



All the permits have been issued, the inspections scheduled and the sign delivered. The sign weighs 672 pounds! At the time of publication - it was sitting on our front lawn strapped to Frank’s truck. Status changes daily, so keep an eye out for the new sign - installed and shining bright.

So many thanks to our fabulous guys - this is the biggest and scariest job ever.

Year-end Giving

Just a reminder - if you want a gift to the church to be on your 2016 Giving Statement, it must be postmarked or be in the church’s possession by December 31, 2016. If you would like a year-to-date statement before the end of the year, just call the Church Office and one will be sent to you.

DCCC Financial Snapshot



For the period starting 9/1/16 and ending 10/31/16:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income :	\$ 33,195.29	\$ 35,080.00
Expenses:	\$ 35,524.77	\$ 35,004.00
Difference:	\$ - 2,329.48	\$ 76.00
Operating Fund Balance: \$26,132.45		



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Christmas Eve

Shoes



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7 - 8 pm
Saturday, December 24th

Join with us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Carols
Drama
Uplifting Message
Silent Night by Candlelight
Hot Chocolate and Cookies

A special time for the whole family!



Now through December 18, please join us in collecting gently used or unwanted new shoes...yours, your family's, your relatives', your friends', and co-workers'.

Healing Hope for Colminy (HHC) is a ministry focused on creating the physical, academic, and spiritual conditions that lead to self-sustainability in Hati. This ministry is run by Phillip Power's parents. HHC has partnered with "funds2orgs" that takes used shoes to developing nations. They train poor families in business practices and set them up with their first used shoe inventory.

Healing Hope for Colminy receives funds for every bag filled with 25 pairs of new or gently used shoes. 100% of this money will help us buy health-improving, even life-saving, water filters and buckets for the 1,500 families of Colminy.

The footwear can be flip flops, sneakers, dress shoes, sports shoes, kids children men or woman. Basically, any footwear that is still in usable wearable condition.

There will be no Sunday Morning Worship Service on Sunday, December 25th.

Men's Winter Retreat

Operation Christmas Child



Save the Date!
February 10-11, 2017

Keep the weekend open for the annual Men's Retreat! Details to come.



Thanks to all who brought in shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 20th.

And special thanks and a big hug to Colleen Kelley for coordinating the project again this year!!