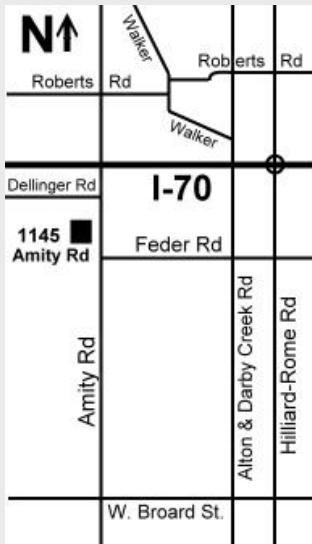


January 2017

Come Visit Us!



Our Mission

Darby Creek 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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2017: Looking Forward to a Year of Growing

By Pastor Greg Burlile

At Darby Creek Church, we want to grow numerically and spiritually. In church circles some people might say, “we don’t care about the numbers of people”. I think I understand what people mean by saying those types of things. However, if more people hear the gospel message of Jesus, then more people become Christ-followers. That is numerical growth and we know that God is glorified when people come to saving faith in Christ and His Kingdom influence spreads. So, in this sense, numbers matter.



Why this talk of numbers? Simply put: because we want to grow our church here at Darby Creek. Not for growth’s sake. Not so we can say, “look how big we are”. We want to grow because God is glorified through people coming to faith and following Him. We know that God saves people and He builds His church. But we know that we have a part in this church growth process and if we choose not to do our part – and do our level best at our part - then we won’t experience the blessings that could come from it. With that said, here are four things I would like us all to take to heart this year as we take aim at doing our best at growing our church for God’s glory:

G₂ Go to God: We need to have a culture of desperation. When we realize only God can ultimately save people and only God can change us into the church He wants us to be, then we are driven to desperate prayer. Prayer is the first and most important aspect of any church growing. Pray for our church privately, in small groups, and attend our monthly prayer meetings. Pray for your own personal gospel-sharing boldness (Romans 12:1; Ephesians 6:19; Acts 4:31).

R₁ Relate in Christ-like Love: Darby Creek has always been characterized as a friendly and loving church. That is a wonderful strength God has given us. However, we should not take it for granted. We must continue to pursue unity with each other. We need to deal with relational conflict quickly. Excel in serving each other and loving one another with a love that others see and to which they are drawn (John 13:34-35; Acts 2:44-45).

O₁ Own the Great Commission: We know that faith comes through hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ. People need to know Christians and see them in action, but they also need a verbal witness of the gospel. We need to be loving and bold with sharing Christ and what He has done for us. The commission that Jesus gave in Matthew 28:19-20 was for ALL believers. We need to own that and take action by being prepared to share our faith and then delivering the message. Do you have relationships with people who don’t know Christ? Do you know how to share your personal testimony with others in a few minutes time? This is all part of owning Jesus’ commission to make disciples.

W₄ Work on Excelling: This is mostly a church-wide challenge to examine our ministries and our church service to make sure we are doing our best. Our Elders are thinking through our church service and ministries and asking questions like: What can we do better in our Sunday service to make it more effective for the sake of the gospel? How can we “excel still more” in each ministry we have at Darby Creek. As a volunteer at Darby Creek you could ask, “Am I giving God my best in the ministries where I’m serving”. Are there ways you could “improve your serve” for the glory of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom?

I appreciate your prayers, cooperation, and feedback as we take aim at 2017 and look forward to a year of pursuing growth for the glory of God.

From The Pastor's Desk . .

Company 4:6



Wrapping Up 2016

Here are a few items I think will be of interest to you that have come across my "Pastor's Desk" as we end 2016 and move into 2017:

***Name Change Effective January 1, 2017:** Our church name is officially changing on January 1, 2017 to Darby Creek Church. We are switching for two main reasons. One is so we won't be confused with the "Community Church" denomination. The other is because Darby Creek Church is just shorter and easier to remember. All of our print materials and digital media are getting the new name and logo. Feel free to pick up an updated church invite near the church bulletin board in the sanctuary!

***Charley and I are Switching to Reliant for Health Insurance Purposes:** Pastor Charley and myself are switching our payroll and health insurance from Darby Creek to Reliant (<https://reliant.org>). Reliant is the new name for Great Commission Ministries (some of you may recognize that name) which has provided payroll and fundraising services as well as health insurance plans for many pastors and missionaries all over the world. Our health insurance premiums, like most everyone else's, have continued to skyrocket and we needed to do something to help our church move towards a balanced budget. Making this change will save our church close to \$500 per month. The health benefits through Reliant are basically the same as Charley and I are receiving now but for a lower premium. We hope to have this switchover completed by March 15 payroll. Technically, Charley and I will be Reliant employees and Darby Creek Church will be our single donor. A number of pastors have done this in Great Commission Churches including John Hopler.

Deadline for \$10 deposit for Nicaragua Missions Trip: In order to solidify who is going on our missions trip to Managua, Nicaragua scheduled for June 17 thru 24, we have set Sunday, January 8, 2017 as the first deadline for making a financial deposit. If you are planning on going on the trip, please put a \$10 check in the offering basket with "2017 Managua Missions Trip" in the memo field or you can mail the funds in as well (electronic giving is also accepted using PayPal or Chase Quick-Pay). We are looking forward to see what God will do on this next trip to serve along side our sister church in Managua. Please contact me directly at gregb@darbycreek.org if you have any questions about the trip. Once we see who is officially on the team, we will give out a meeting schedule to all team members.

By Pastor Greg Burlile



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Men's Workshop

Saturday, January 14th

8 - 9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Breakfast & Fellowship

All men are welcome.

Mission Trip News



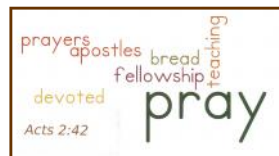
Nicaragua Mission Trip

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

January 18th

6:30 - 8 pm

Sanctuary

All are welcome!

January G.R.O.W. Verse

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.

You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

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State of the Church and Pot Luck

The Essential Jesus

State of the Church & Vision Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2017

11:00 - 11:30 am

DCC Sanctuary



Hear about where we are and where we are headed.
All Welcome!

Let's join together for a



Pot Luck Lunch



Immediately following the Vision Meeting.

Sign-up at Sunday Service or

contact Julie Cornelius 614-570-9343

Please respond by Sunday, January 22nd

New Sign



Celebrate!

What a job! Special thanks and hugs to all the guys who worked so hard to make the new sign a reality.

Shoe Collection



Old Shoes = Good Water

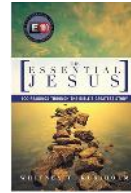
Thanks to all who donated shoes for the Healing Hope for Colimy (Haiti)!

DCC Financial Snapshot



For the period starting 9/1/16 and ending 11/30/16:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income :	\$ 46,227.69	\$ 52,620.00
Expenses:	<u>\$ 52,583.55</u>	<u>\$ 52,506.00</u>
Difference:	\$ - 6,355.86	\$ 114.00
Operating Fund Balance: \$21,688.76		



The Essential Jesus books are in!

If you ordered a copy of the book, you can pick up your copy at Sunday Service or during business hours at the Church Office. There are several extra copies. If there is a blank line on the sign up sheet - there is a book available for purchase. Cost: \$9.

January Reading Plan

January 8th

Who is Jesus?

Truth Beyond Facts	John 1:1-8
Living Like Jesus	Philippians 2:1-11
It's All About Jesus	Colossians 1:15-23
What is God Like?	Hebrews 1:1-4
The Big Church	1 Peter 2:4-10

January 15th

The Need for a Savior

It's Sin!	Genesis 3:1-24
Stupid Sin	Exodus 32:1-33:6
Not Just the Bad Guys	Psalms 14:1-7
He's Against It	Isaiah 59:1-21
Ho, Ho, Ho?	Amos 5:1-27

January 22nd

Previews of a Savior

Significant Symbols	Exodus 12:1-30
True Bread	Exodus 16:1-35
The Snakes	Numbers 21:4-9
The New Temple	1 Kings 8:1-21
Running on Empty	Jonah 1:1-4:11

January 29th

Psalms About a Savior

The Case for Christ	Psalms 2:1-12
At the Cross	Psalms 22:1-31
Deep Waters	Psalms 69:1-36
Who's Talking?	Psalms 110:1-7
Try To Remember	Psalms 118:1-29



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New Years Celebration



Come celebrate the New Year on Sunday, January 1st with breakfast, worship and Bible teaching! The day will start at 10am, but we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and eat some pancakes. At 10:30am, everyone will move to the Sanctuary for a time of worship and teaching. Childcare / KICK will begin after breakfast. All are welcome and if you have guests - bring them!

Christmas Eve Service



The girls share the excitement of Christmas while preparing for their part in the Christmas Eve Service.

Men's Winter Retreat



**Ambassadors for Christ
February 10-11, 2017**

Pick-up a brochure with complete details. The \$43 includes a bunk in a heated cabin, breakfast & lunch on Saturday, and drinks.

Registration deadline is January 29th.

We had a packed house on Christmas Eve. Everyone joined in singing joyful Christmas carols, heard the story of our Lord & Savior's birth and witnessed an energetic dance by the kids of Darby Creek. Cookies and conversation wrapped up the night. Thanks to all who made this beautiful service a reality!



**OH COME LET
US ADORE
HIM !!**

