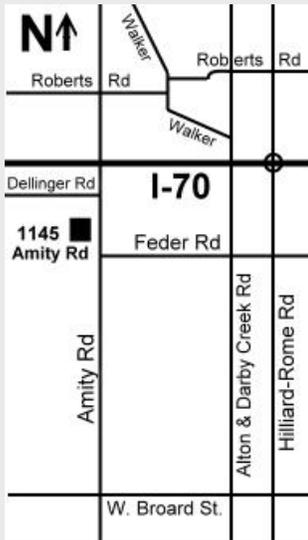


February 2017

## 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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## Moving Outward – Church Focus for 2017

By Pastor Greg Burlile

Our focus as a church this year is to become a more outwardly focused church. Last Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual church-wide vision meeting. It was a time for us to take a look back and to look forward to what lies ahead, as our elders put forth a vision for 2017. In this article, I will recap the highlights of what I shared with the congregation that day during the meeting with regard to the focus for this year. In the Pastor's Desk article in this newsletter, Pastor Charley shares highlights of his portion of the meeting when he was communicating some specific ideas on how we might become more outwardly focused as individual church members.



If you could not make it to the meeting last Sunday, the recording has been posted online along with the PowerPoint slides used and a PDF file of those same slides. That message link can be found on the front page of the church website near the heading "Recent Sermons". I would encourage you to listen to the whole message. It is approximately 40 minutes in length.

Approximately 80-90% of churches in America are in decline. At Darby Creek, we have been numerically plateaued for a while now and our elders have been praying and seeking the Lord as to what may be contributing to this. As I have studied the topic of church growth and revitalizing churches, I have learned some things regarding characteristics of the 10-20% of the churches which are growing. Consistently across denominations and various sizes of churches that are growing is the quality that they are outwardly focused. They are in touch with their community, have events designed for their community, and they are at least as concerned with those outside the church walls as those inside. They take care of their church members but they are also reaching out to those who do not yet come to any church service.

So, this is the reason we have chosen to become a more outwardly focused church this year. To that end, we will be doing two things on an organizational level. First, we will be providing events to which you can invite your friends. In planning and putting on these events, we will need your help and we will communicate the need for participation as soon as we have some firm dates established for the events.

Secondly, we will be pursuing excellence in our Sunday worship service. We will get your input through a church survey (look for an email announcement if you are signed up to receive those). The church survey will ask you various types of questions, a couple of which relate to the Sunday service. We will also be getting some feedback from visitors to the church regarding their experience. We will examine the preaching, the music, and the other services we provide our Sunday worship attendees to make sure we are doing our very best.

Now, when it comes to the individual church member becoming more outwardly focused there are also two things we are asking. One is to be investing your life in people who don't yet know Christ as Savior. Pastor Charley is writing more on this in his article, but this is crucial. We really are "putting all our eggs in this basket", that is, each member genuinely reaching out in relationship to those in their spheres of influence. Secondly, on an individual level, we are asking you to be inviting people to our events and our Sunday morning service. We would like everyone at DCC to become a walking advertisement for our events and church. May God pour out a blessing on us and grow our church as we lay down our lives for the sake of others that we might save some (1 Corinthians 9:19-22).

## From The Pastor's Desk . .

## Company 4:6

### What's Your Plan?



As believers, we are called to love the people around us, and also to communicate the good news of Jesus with love and compassion. So, what's the plan? How do we do that? That's a difficult question isn't it? If you are like me, life gets pretty crazy and reaching out to others is constantly falling off the radar. That's why we are encouraging all of you to prayerfully develop your own personal outreach plan.

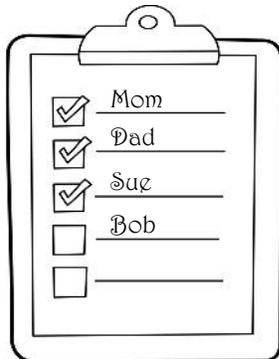
It could start with something as simple as making an outreach prayer list of a few people who are in your life that have not yet put their faith in Christ. Then you could use this list to prompt you to pray for them. Pray for God's blessing and for ways that you could spend time with them. Pray also, for opportunities to plant spiritual seeds and for ways to help them take the next step toward Jesus.

If all of the people in your life are already believers, then maybe it's time to connect with some new people. What are your interests and hobbies? Wouldn't it be great to make some new friends who like the same things? Meetup.com is a great way to join a hobby or common interest group and meet some new people offline and in real life. You can even start your own meetup group!

Please consider taking some time to pray and start drafting your outreach prayer list and your personal outreach plan. If you would like more ideas or some help brainstorming, then don't hesitate to contact Doug, Greg, Skip or myself at [DougC@DarbyCreek.org](mailto:DougC@DarbyCreek.org)  
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God Bless,

*Pastor Charley Charlton*



### Company 4:6

### Men's Workshop

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

8 - 9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

### Breakfast & Fellowship

All men are welcome.

## Mission Trip News



### Nicaragua Mission Trip

June 17 - 24, 2017

Mission Team Meetings

1 to 3pm in the Fellowship Hall:

Saturday, February 18

Saturday, March 18

Saturday, April 1

Saturday, April 22

Saturday, May 6

Saturday, May 20

Saturday, June 10

## February G.R.O.W. Verse

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some  
1 Corinthians 9:19,22 (ESV)

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## Small Group Update

## The Essential Jesus

DCC Small Groups are the place where we connect with each other, pray for each other, and study God's Word. Every group is unique and adjusts to its members' needs. For example:



The Explore the Bible Group offers babysitting.

The B.A.S.I.C. Group starts its meeting with lunch.

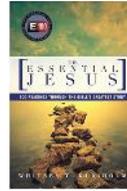
The UA / Columbus Group just changed its meeting to the 1st & 3rd Fridays.

The men of Company 4:6 meet once a month for breakfast, study and fellowship.

Are you in a Small Group? Great! Can you be in more than one? Yes! How do you find out where you belong? That is simple—all groups are open and available. Give the leader a call and find out where they are meeting and what the group is doing—then visit. A visit is not a commitment to join the group and it is a great way to connect with people.

Small Group brochures are on the INFO Cabinet. While we have groups that meet during the day, at night and weekends, maybe your schedule prevents you from attending any of them. If that is the case—just give Pastor Greg a call.

Take the first step and 'Get Connected'!



### February Reading Plan

February 5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Prophecies About a Savior</u>	
Chosen People		Genesis 12:1-9
The Good Shepherd		Jeremiah 23:1-9
0 Little Town of Bethlehem		Micah 5:1-5
The Humble King		Zechariah 9:9-17
Future Clues		Zechariah 12:1-13:9
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	<u>More Prophecies About a Savior</u>	
God with Us		Isaiah 7:1-25
Hope for the Future		Isaiah 9:1-8
Chosen Servant		Isaiah 42:1-9
Man of Sorrows		Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Mission Statement		Isaiah 61:1-11
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Beginning Ministry of Jesus</u>	
This Is My Son		Matthew 3:1-17
Deliver Us from Evil		Luke 4:1-13
Who's He Think He Is?		Luke 4:14-30
With Authority!		Luke 4:31-44
The Leadership Style of Jesus		Luke 5:1-11
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Sermons of Jesus</u>	
The "New" Reality		Matthew 5:1-48
Hungry for God		Matthew 6:1-34
The Great Communicator		Matthew 7:1-29
No More Mr. Nice Guy		Matthew 23:1-39
The End		Matthew 24:1-51

## DCC Financial Snapshot



### For the period starting 9/1/16 and ending 12/31/16:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Income :	\$ 72,676.66	\$ 70,160.00
Expenses:	<u>\$ 71,487.73</u>	<u>\$ 70,008.00</u>
Difference:	\$ 1,188.93	\$ 152.00
Operating Fund Balance: \$28,849.82		



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## Lost & Found

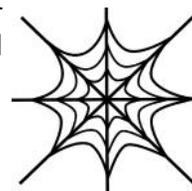


Have you lost a Bible, a journal, a cup or a sweatshirt? Check out the Lost & Found section of the coat rack in the back hall of the Sanctuary.

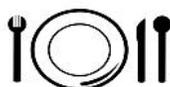
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What's happening at DCC? Visit our website for Sunday audio messages, message notes, activity calendar, bulletins, downloadable forms and much more!



## Pot Luck



On Sunday, January 29th, we had our first Pot Luck of 2017. After Worship Service and the Vision Meeting, we squeezed into the Fellowship Hall for a delicious and cozy lunch. The food was wonderful and abundant. Thanks to Julie Cornelius and her crew of dedicated workers who made this event a great success.

