



Seeking God
Practicing Peace
Creating Community

Dayspring
Baptist Church

April 2024

A word (or two) from Pastor Andrea

What a joyful Holy Week and Easter Sunday we had at Dayspring. I always love the shift between the darkness of the church on Good Friday, and the beauty and joy of the church on Easter Sunday morning.

Instead of writing a newsletter article for this day after Easter, I wanted to share the beautiful words from a writer named KJ Ramsey. I quoted some of her words in my sermon for Easter Sunday, but the whole thing was meaningful to me, and I hope it will be for you as well.

Come Easter Sunday, there will still be pills to swallow in the morning, hard words to hold from your spouse, selfishness to see, and messes to clean up.

*On Easter, we still feel the wide gap
Between who we are
And who we are becoming.*

But we remember the Energy that raised Christ from the dead has come to reside in our very cells. We attest that in our every groan there is grace. We confess that we cannot muster the energy to save ourselves from death and —hallelujah—we do not have to be enough or have enough because Christ is more than enough.

Don't let the fragrant lilies and little girls in Easter dresses confuse you, Good News comes in the gardener who reaches out his still-scarred hands.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ means your entire life has now been enfolded into a patient, unstoppable love. Nothing can stop you from becoming radiant in Christ Jesus.

Your whole life will be spent becoming aware of just how radiant the resurrection has made you.

Your whole life—pills and spills and selfishness and all—can be a prayer of wonder and thanks for the Energy of resurrection, the very Spirit of Jesus, who even now is taking your scars and showing us Love's hand and face.

Watch your groans become your glory.

Pastor Andrea

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have given to me this past month. Your cards and flowers were a great reminder to me of all the love Dayspring has.

I appreciate those of you who came and supported me during the visitation and funeral of my mother. Your prayers and support have been a great comfort.



Brenda Hamm



- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Kid-friendly Cereal
- Hamburger Helper
- Granola Bars (8-12 servings/pkg)
- Microwave Popcorn
- Snack Crackers (Triscuit, Cheez-its, or Ritz)
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chicken
- Women's incontinence pads or pull-up briefs
- Children's Pull-Ups

We continue to collect items in the wire rack (labeled for Circle of Concern) in the foyer, next to the outer doors of the playground.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April Birthdays

- 3 - Margarett Ann Boley
- 4 - John Boley
- 6 - George Burris
- 10 - Aidan Dollar
- 18 - Celia Homsher
- 30 - Carol Ackerson



Dayspring Street Patrol Partnership

A message from
John Boley,
Missions Liaison
to the Leadership Team

Those of us who were with K-D Belcher and Street Patrol were able to hear “thank you” and “God bless you” firsthand from those who received the food bags and the many other items that so many of you contributed. We also learned firsthand about the difficult life of those living on the streets. It is a daily challenge to take care of basic personal hygiene, find food and safe shelter from our weather extremes.

Dayspring’s three nights with the Street Patrol brought blessing to those living in the cold & rainstorms; thank you to everyone who donated items & to the youth who prepared bags of items and food. Because of your response & interest we will maintain a relationship and schedule several more events with them this year.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Scheduling for the Evening
Programming for April

**Manna, Youth, Young Children
MOMSnext & Adult Bible Study**

**APRIL 7
APRIL 21**

Adult Bible Study **WILL** continue to meet, though we will no longer be discussing Atonement Theories. PLEASE listen to this podcast before April 7:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/3PvthjvTbhw05NdLN6gjaW?si=PGUdUt-wTVSJCM06U_Hg

Whether you love it, hate it, agree with it, or disagree with it, let’s get together and talk about it! Then we’ll discuss plans for the rest of the semester.

If you have questions, or can’t access the podcast episode, please contact David Privott at dtpcards@att.net.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

After consulting with several in the congregation who interact with ABC missionaries we will be redirecting our support to Katherine and Wayne Niles who serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Wayne works with IMA World Health assisting in the management of health, development, and relief projects. The health projects strive to provide integrated, holistic and sustainable interventions that increase access to quality health care, with an emphasis on vulnerable people.

Katherine is medical coordinator for the network of rural Baptist Hospitals staffed entirely by Christian Congolese professionals. She assists them in obtaining quality medicines and needed medical equipment such as ultrasound machines. Katherine manages the distribution of much appreciated White Cross supplies to the member hospitals.

Together, they organize the installation of solar power and computerized management systems.

Parents Night Out!

**April 6, 2024
5-10pm**

**\$25/1st Child
\$15/add'l child
MAX: \$55**

Payment must be made
prior to drop off.

Tithe.ly,
Check/Cash in offering
or dropped off
in the office

Prayer Requests

If you're experiencing joys, sorrows, or anything that you'd like to have our prayer group lift up in prayer, please fill out one of the Prayer Request Cards in the pews and place it in the prayer request box in the back of the sanctuary.

**Our Kindergarten -
5th graders have
been meeting for
Children's Church
during Lent.**



We've learned together that Lent helps us Make Time,
Make Space, and Make Room for God and others!

Kids' Day Out

Early Learning Program for
ages 2-Kindergarten

Friday, April 19
9a-2p

\$50 per child + No Enrollment Fees

- School Readiness Skills
- Socialization
- Fine & Gross Motor Skills
- Art
- Playtime

call the church office (314) 432-1960 OR
email brenda@dayspringstl.com
for enrollment and sign-up information



Project Linus

Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children 1-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need.

Make-A-Blanket Day

Saturday

April 20

9:30a

All materials are provided.
Great for youth service hours.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday

April 24

In
Anniversary Hall

noon



VARIETY SHOW & DESSERT AUCTION

Sunday, April 28th 5:30 pm

It's time to dust off those hidden talents! We're looking for individuals or groups to share any and all gifts & talents. From singing, skits, playing an instrument, sharing spoken word, telling a few jokes, or whatever skill you have - we need you!

If performing isn't your comfort zone, we need cooks & bakers to donate desserts for the auction. Desserts of all types, flavors, & sizes are appreciated.

Sign-up to bring a dessert -OR- get your act on the list by emailing cathypettibone@gmail.com

Due to the amount of talent in our church, we're asking the acts be limited to 3-4 minutes.

All Proceeds Benefit The
Camp Fund



APRIL

SUN

MON

TUE

WED



THU

FRI

SAT

10:30a - Worship
5:00p - Dinner for Manna, Youth & Young Children
5:30p - Manna, Youth, & Young Children, MOMSnext, and Adult Bible Study

Full Sunday Programming

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		1:45p - Prayer Group			5p-10p Parents' Night Out 	
8	9	10	11	12	13	
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30a - Worship Begins			1:45p - Prayer Group		9a-2p KIDS' DAY OUT 	Project ♥ Linus 9:30am Make a Blanket Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
10:30a - Worship Begins Variety Show & Dessert Auction 5:30p.m						



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Ministry Team

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Brenda Hamm, Nursery Director
Linda O'Heron, Office Manager
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Megan Roland, Music Coordinator
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Leadership Team

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