

A Message from Pastor Andrea

“New Year, New You.” We hear that phrase a lot this time of year. It’s a new month in a new year and we tend to get excited about all this newness. If you’re a resolution person like me, these are the days when we are working really hard to stick with all those plans we made for a new us in this new year.



But I’d like to offer an alternative to the “new year, new you” concept (because, really, who needs all that pressure?). I don’t think we need to be “new”; we just need to be us.

The Bible tells us that when God created humanity, God made us good. We read that at the very beginning of the book. But much later in the book, way over in the middle of the New Testament, this idea is reiterated: the Bible says that we are God’s masterpieces, that God delights in us.

The problem, though, is that our inherent, original goodness gets buried under all sorts of other stuff like family roles, comparisons with other people, societal expectations, or cultural definitions of success. Plus there are times when we do screw up, with sin or other things, and that brings all sorts of baggage too.

As we continue to throw all these layers on top of our inherent goodness, we forget who we are underneath it all. We forget that at our core we are humans who are loved (and liked) by God.

Instead of adding on all sorts of things to be new this year, maybe we should practice off-loading all sorts of things to get back to who we were created to be. Maybe we should try letting go of the stuff that has been put on us—stuff like fear of judgement, or the tyranny of other peoples’ opinions, or the boxes in which others have placed us.



If we were able to do that—off-load the extra stuff and unearth who we really are—it would probably feel like a new you in a new year. But it wouldn't be a new you; it'd just be the real you, living into your identity as a person loved by God.

That's not to say that we're all perfect; there are certainly things that we could all benefit from cultivating in our life, like more love, more generosity, and more concern for those who are less fortunate. But those aren't prerequisites to God's love; they are responses to it.

Forget "new year, new you." You don't need to be new; you just need to be you—the you that God created, the you that God loves and declares to be good. Here's to you!

Pastor Andrea

Caturdays

As we think back to the dog days of summer, it's time for Dayspring to celebrate Caturdays! We will be showcasing the **Cats of Dayspring** on our social media. If you're a cat owner, please send in a few pictures or videos of your feline friends along with a bit of information (name, age, breed, habits, or favorite treats). Then keep an eye on the Dayspring Instagram & Facebook accounts.

Submit your photos, videos, & info to Emma Pettibone at epettibone20@gmail.com



Manna, youth, young children & MOMSnext programming January/February 2024

JANUARY 7

FEBRUARY 4

JANUARY 21

FEBRUARY 25

January Birthdays

- 1 - Joanne Cuddeback
- 3 - Benjamin Smith
- 5 - Megan Roland
- 6 - Kevin Sullivan
- 8 - Nancy thompson
- 10 - Kristie Harris
- 10 - Robert Ell
- 13 - Ellie Vargo
- 17 - Jon Pettibone
- 19 - Lyndsay Williams
- 22 - Dora Murphy
- 25 - Morgan Summa
- 27 - Kris Coombes



INTRODUCING

Dayspring
Baptist Church

Kid's Day Out

**Early Childhood Learning Program for
Ages 2 - 5**

**THIRD FRIDAY of every month
beginning JANUARY 19, 2024
from 9am - 2pm**

- \$50 per child/session
- no enrollment fees
- bring their own lunch
- school-readiness skills
- socialization
- naptime

for more information call
the Church Office at
(314) 432-1960 or email
office@dayspringstl.com



EXPANDED

Parents' Night Out

Beginning in February, we're holding a Parents' Night Out EVERY month on the FIRST SATURDAY.

\$25/first child; \$15/add'l child
family max \$55

payment PRIOR to drop-off
cash/check NOT accepted at the door

If you sign up & can't attend, please call Brenda at (636) 222-7888 as soon as possible. Food, crafts & staff needed are based on expected attendance

Again--this isn't just for Dayspring kids/parents. Extend to any family who is looking for a "Date" night out or a "Self-Care" evening without their kids!!

February 3, 2024

5p-10p

Sign-up in the foyer, call the church office at (314) 432-1960

or email office@dayspringstl.com



CALLING ALL COOKS!

Do you enjoy cooking?
Love to grill?
Have a special dish or dessert
you love to make?

Consider volunteering to cook for our Sunday evening Youth, Manna, & Young Children. We start our time together with a simple meal and conversation around the table. We serve around 25 each time ranging from age 4 to adults.

You can volunteer to provide the whole meal, or just part of the meal. You can even order something from a local restaurant. Contact Cathy or Angie for more information or click the link below to sign-up.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49ABA72FA1FD0-46996350-meal>

Coming Soon

Kids' Day Out
Friday, January 19
9a-2p


Annual Church
Meeting
Sunday, February 4

Youth Pancake
Fund-Raiser
(Superbowl Sunday)
February 11

JANUARY

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

Full Sunday Programming

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 1:45p - Prayer Group	4	5	6
7 Full Sunday Programming	8	9 9:30a - MOPS	10 1:45p - Prayer Group	11	12	13
14 10:30a - Worship Begins brief business meeting	15	16	17 1:45p - Prayer Group	18	19 9a-2p KIDS' DAY OUT 	20
21 Communion Full Sunday Programming	22	23 9:30a - MOPS The "Lunch" Bunch	24 1:45p - Prayer Group	25	26	27
28 10:30a - Worship Begins	29	30	31 1:45p - Prayer Group			

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				1	2	3 5p-10p Parents' Night Out 
4 Full Sunday Programming Annual Meeting in Anniversary Hall following worship	5	6	7 1:45p - Prayer Group	8	9	10
11 10:30a - Worship Begins Youth Fund-Raiser: PANCAKES!!!	12	13 9:30a - MOPS	14  1:45p - Prayer Group Ash Wednesday Service	15	16 9a-2p KIDS' DAY OUT 	17
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Dayspring Family -

Hello and Merry Christmas! I met a local Cypriot artist and I thought her cards were beautiful, so I wanted to share with you.

My time here in Cyprus is flying by & I'm still so excited by all of the possibilities in store. I'm learning all about the culture & the populations I will be working closely with. I've also signed up for Greek lessons so I can read all the signs while I'm walking & driving around.

I have found a local church that I think I will attend to find community and "my" people. It's amazing to see God provide for me in that way.

I hope you're all doing well, & thank you again for your prayers & support.

Many Blessings

Jana Lee



We are continuing to collect items for Circle of Concern as we did in 2023. And, they are greatly appreciative of our donations. In fact, they said that December's was one of our best months.

Each month, they have different items that they specifically are looking for. This helps to avoid waste or overabundance in one item vs a shortage in another.

Here's January's list for ideas. We collect items in the wire rack (labeled for Circle of Concern) in the foyer, next to the outer doors of the playground.

- Jelly
- Condiments - Ketchup, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise
- Dinner "Helpers"
- Dry Beans
- Flavored Oatmeal Packets
- Adult & Child Body Wash
- Razors, Shaving Cream/Gel
- Body Lotion
- Women's Incontinence Briefs & Pads
- Flushable Wipes

January/February/March Communion Mission Offering

The first quarter's donations will support the "WeCare Centers" that the Ukrainian Baptist Seminary has established around Ukraine. The WeCare Centers are non-profit, non-governmental platforms where local and international organizations work together to relieve suffering and rebuild vibrant communities.

You can find out more here:
<https://upfmissions.org/wecare-centers>

The lunch bunch



is starting back up!
January 23, 2024
more details soon!



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Ministry Team

Andrea Huffman, Senior Pastor
Brenda Hamm, Nursery Director
Linda O'Heron, Office Manager
Cathy Pettibone, Youth Ministry Director
Megan Roland, Music Coordinator
Angela Smith, Manna Director

Leadership Team

Trisha Crow (6/30/24) - Moderator, Worship
Spiritual Formation
Hospitality
Steve Lorberg (12/31/24) - Stewardship
John Boley (6/30/25) - Missions

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