

A Message from Pastor Andrea

"I just don't get it. Why do we even need atonement theories?"

This is the question I received from a delightful church member who loves Jesus but just doesn't see why all this is so important. I love this question.

I also understand this question. Sometimes it can seem like we're just aimlessly discussing one option after another, never even landing on one right answer. Why bother?

In pondering that question, I've realized that the value of discussions like these is directly related to the purpose for the discussion. I want to keep reminding us (and myself!) that the goal is not to choose the right theory, or to pick our favorite and forget all the others.

The goal of our discussions is to help us obtain a broader understanding of the cross of Christ in order that we may (1) know Jesus better, and (2) live transformed lives.

Whether we know it or not, our views on atonement impact how we view the world around us.

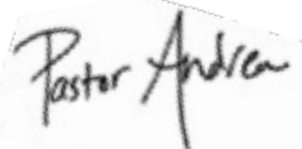
If our views on atonement involve a God who is angry at humanity, surely that impacts how we, too, view humanity (including how we view ourselves).

If our views on atonement involve a non-violent God, surely that impacts how we address matters of violence in our society.

If our views on atonement include a Christ who rose victorious over death, surely that too will impact how we wrestle with our own fears and our own mortality.

My hope is that hearing all of these theories (again) will ignite in us more amazement, more mystery, and more wonder at this fully human, fully divine being who gave himself for us—because he did give himself for us, in so many ways, including but not limited to his death on the cross.

"For God so loved the world," as John tells us. As each day of this month marches us closer to Good Friday, as each atonement theory unveils a little bit more truth: I pray we will all know that love. I pray we will marvel at it. And I pray we would let it take root in us, transforming us from the inside out.



Pastor Andrea

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

3 - Terry Crow

6 - Kaylin Dofing
Loxley Harris

10 - Brett Summa

13 - Cathy Pettibone

15 - Ben Crow

17 - Eliza Jane Sullivan

21 - Willow Roland
Luke Smith

23 - Liam Sullivan

26 - Gale Dollar

29 - Emily Dofing

30 - Eric Williams



Circle of Concern
FOOD PANTRY

- Healthy snacks (granola bars, microwave popcorn, nuts/crackers)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Dinner “helpers”
- Ketchup
- BBQ Sauce
- Pasta Sauce
- Salad Dressings
- Salad

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.



Thank You for supporting our pancake fundraiser! We had a great time flipping pancakes, making decorations, and hosting the congregation. All funds raised went to the Camp Fund to cover costs of our summer adventures. Mark your calendars for our annual Variety Show & Dessert Auction on April 28th. -

Manna & Youth

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank You

Thank you all for the generous donations for the homeless program, Street Patrol. It was a joy to see them multiplying weekly. K-D Belcher, the Executive Director, began the program 10 years ago in response to the needs of the homeless she saw living on our downtown streets. On the evening of February 12th John Boley, Aaron Huffman, Naomi Niles, David Privott, Ann Summa, Brad Summa, and Rich Truex continued that mission by distributing most of Dayspring's donations at the 10 stops the group made in downtown St. Louis. K-D and some experienced Street Patrollers led our carpool caravan through city streets and into some scary places where we found the homeless camps. It was an experience that all seven said they want to repeat.

We invite you to ask us about our time with the homeless. Soon, we will be scheduling more Street Patrols and support project to help provide non-judgmental, immediate assistance to those living on our downtown street. If you're interested in participating in a patrol, contact John Boley.



Prayer Requests

The Dayspring Intercessory Prayer group would like to share your joys and concerns during our weekly prayer meeting. To be included, fill out a prayer request card and deposit it in the designated box at the back of the sanctuary. Cards can be found on the usher's table (between the entrance doors to the sanctuary) and in the pew racks. All requests are kept confidential.





Reminder:

There is communion every Sunday during Lent

Sunday, March 17

Communion/Mission Offering

Communion Sunday Offering

Our first Quarter's offerings will be sent to the Ukraine Baptist Theological Seminary to support their We Care Centers. The seminary launched a comprehensive humanitarian aid effort on the first day of the war. This led to the development of a network of WeCare Centers throughout Ukraine. These are nonprofit, non-governmental (NGO) platforms where local and international organizations work together to relieve suffering and rebuild vibrant communities.

You can learn more at:
<https://upfmissions.org/wecare-centers/>



Children's Church



during March
will include
K-5 grades



Atonement Theories

Adult Bible Study
in-depth look at the
Sermon Series continues on

March 10 & March 24
5:30pm
in the Chapel

Lunch Bunch

Bring your own lunch
Enjoy some lively conversation!

March 26 (or the 27th)

11:30 or so

Dayspring Anniversary Hall



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

Sundays -
March 10
March 24





CHURCH-WIDE
Spring Cleaning Day

March 2
9a-12noon

ALL INTERIOR
WORK

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT NOON

Parents' Night Out

\$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

Sign-up in the foyer, call the church office at
(314) 432-1960 or email office@dayspringstl.com

Parents' Night Out EVERY month on the
FIRST SATURDAY.

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!!

March 2, 2024

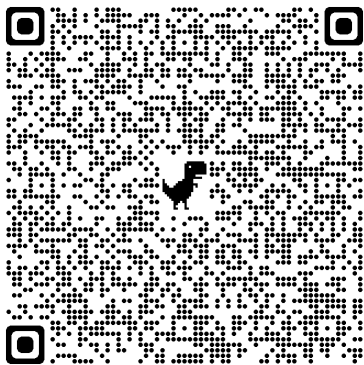
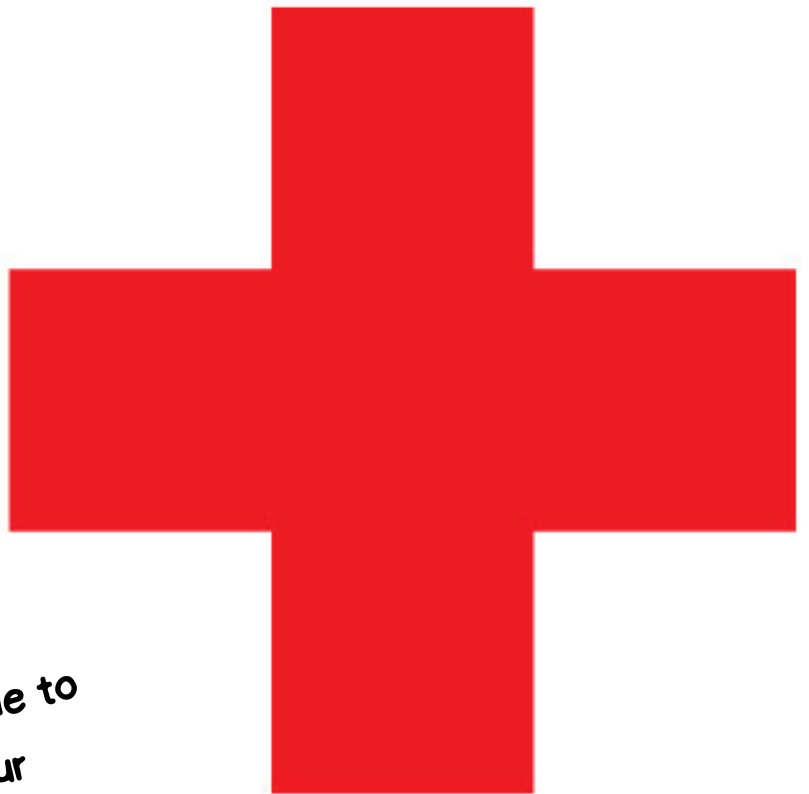
5p-10p



Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



scan the code to
make your
appointment!!

Blood Drive
Dayspring Baptist Church

Anniversary Hall
1001 Municipal Center Dr
St. Louis, MO 63131

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Dayspring to schedule an appointment.

scan the code
above

Come to give March 1-24 for a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice! Give blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. PLUS automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (5 winners)! Terms: rcblood.org/Pets.

Kids' Day Out

Early Childhood Learning Program for ages 2-5 (pre-kindergarten)

Welcome to our community early learning program for children who may be ready to attend pre-school but have been put on a waiting list; the parents are ready to get them started in a structured learning program; or for those who would just like to get a feel for “school” like the big kids.

This program is in its infancy. It's a community outreach new venture. We'd like it to grow quickly; it's starting once-a-month and we know that there is interest, but we need to get the word out to more families. We'd like to see it expand to weekly! Then, to three-times a week. So that it's truly a learning program not a drop-off babysitting service. We know that many of our local area pre-schools have waiting lists, and this will help to fill that gap so we have to get the word out there we're available!

The Basics:

- Third FRIDAY each month
- \$50 per child/session
- no enrollment fees at this time
- bring their own lunch
- school-readiness skills
- socialization
- fine & gross motor skills

Friday,
March 15
9a-2p



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

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 24

10:30a

Good Friday - March 29

6:30p

Easter - March 31

Donuts at 9:00a

Easter Egg Hunt

9:30a




Easter Worship

10:30a

MARCH

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

Full Sunday Programming

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 5p-10p Parents' Night Out 
3 10:30a - Worship Begins	4	5 9:30a - MOPS	6 1:45p - Prayer Group	7	8	9
10 Full Sunday Programming	11	12 9:30a - MOPS	13 1:45p - Prayer Group	14	15 9a-2p KIDS' DAY OUT 	16
17 10:30a - Worship Begins 	18	19	20 1:45p - Prayer Group	21	22	23
24 Full Sunday Programming 10:30a - Palm Sunday	25	26	27 1:45p - Prayer Group	28	29	30
31 9:00a - Donuts! 9:45a - Egg Hunt 10:30a - Easter Worship						Good Friday - 6:30p



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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, Moderator, Worship
David Privott, Spiritual Formation
Ann Summa, Hospitality
Steve Lorberg, Stewardship
John Boley, Missions

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