



"Because of God's tender mercy, the **DAYSPRING** from heaven is about to break upon us, *to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.*" - Luke 1:78-79

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What if the Church could be the answer to Jesus' Prayer?

In June of 2008, we had the opportunity to see the beauty and power of what God can do through His people united under the banner of the ONE Prayer campaign. We will have the same opportunity starting June 7 through June 28 as the ONE Prayer campaign for 2009 begins. We will once again be joining forces for an extraordinary world wide experience. Also, mark your calendars for our community service project on Saturday, June 20 as we as the body of Christ will come together to serve the people in our community.

Come join us this summer as we hear messages like "God is Powerful," "God is a Fortress," "God is My Provider," and "God is Love." Go to <http://2009.oneprayer.com/missions/updates> to read how through ONE Prayer and your contributions from last year touched lives and people were changed across the world!

Dayspring Kidz

Dayspring Kidz are now mid-way through the series, "Starlight Station." Sign-ups for the next series, "To the Depths" are available at the welcome center. Please join us this summer for an Undersea Adventure with an in-depth look at the Book of James.

Also, the children's area needs volunteers to work at the check-in/security table. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet the young families of our congregation and to provide a valuable service to the church.

Sign up for what Sunday works best for you. The sign-up sheets are located on an easel by the children's area check-in. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!



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Book Suggestion

Coping With Your Anger: A Christian Guide
by Andrew D. Lester

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Grace Groups Serving in the Community

The Outdoor Recreation Group provided some much needed manicuring (mowing and weed-eating) of the grass at the [East Texas Rescue Mission](#). They were most appreciative of our time and efforts and were very sincere in their thanks. The Mission currently provides food and shelter for approximately 65 homeless men. To date, they have not turned anyone down for lack of room, but space and equipment are becoming limited. They have plans to expand to accommodate even more men. The Mission is a Christian faith-based group that is really committed to helping those in need.

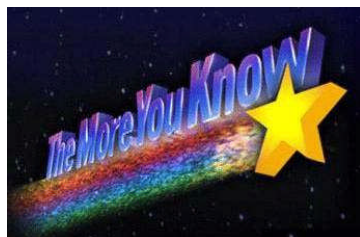
We got a chance to talk with one of the men working there. Originally, he was one of their "clients." He was addicted to drugs and alcohol, and as a result lost everything he had....family, job, respect, etc. The Rescue Mission helped him turn his life around. Today, he is thankful to be able to help and relate to others in need. Those of us who are fortunate enough to have a job, a family, a car in the drive-way, and money to pay the grocery bill should remember that it is only by God's grace, and not by our own methods and designs, that we are not in this type of need. I look forward to serving the Rescue Mission again and found myself wanting to do more for them. I would encourage others to visit and learn more about the Mission and the good work they do.

-Submitted by Steve Kennedy

The More You Know

By Aaron Laird

It's hard to witness. It means making yourself vulnerable, and opening up on a subject that is always sensitive. Whether a person is a believer or not, talk of salvation leads to discussion of repentance, sinful nature and a general inadequacy. It means telling someone that they have a need; whether or not they see it. But, God has called us to go out into all the world, and make disciples of all men. Statistics show that one of the greatest ways to do that, is to invite someone to Church.



Did you know that according to Lifeway Research, 82% of unchurched people say that they would attend Church if someone invited them? I find that an amazing statistic. That means that if you invite someone to Church that doesn't have a Church home, they are 82% likely to come. The sad part of that statistic is that last year, the same source says that only 21% of Church-goers invited someone.

Think about it. When was the last time you invited someone to Church? If every person in a congregation of 200 invited one person per six months, the statistics say that in one year, 328 unchurched people would come to Church, and hear the truth.

Dayspring Quiz

First person before Thursday at midnight with the most correct answers wins a new travel mug. Email your answers to info@dayspringumc.com

1. What profession did Aaron mention he worked in previously?

- a. Sales
- b. Psychiatric
- c. Banking

2. What was the "God at the Movies" topic this past Sunday?

- a. Monsters
- b. Bitterness
- c. Anger

3. In the movie "The Incredible Hulk", what is the doctor's name?

- a. Dr. Bruce Banner
- b. Dr. Clark Kent
- c. Dr. Bruce Wayne

4. Fill in the missing word from the movie: "There are certain aspects of my _____ that I cannot control."

- a. life
- b. body
- c. personality

5. In Ephesians 4:26, Paul states what?

6. Put the correct word in the following blanks:

"We have to _____ in the unrighteous anger so Christ can _____ in us."

- a. reign
- b. rain
- c. rein

Bonus: Looking at the "God at the Movies" graphic, what does not apply to the current season we are in?

God at the Movies

Movies influence everyone. Whether you're a die-hard movie fan, or haven't been to the theater since 101 Dalmatians, you're probably familiar with the phrase "life is like a box of chocolates," and how to say it.

During this sermon series, we have looked at the movie "We Are Marshall" and how through their trials they remember who they are. Last Sunday we looked at "The Incredible Hulk" on the topic of Anger and read in the Bible about situations where Jesus was angry. We discussed how it's okay to have a righteous anger but not to let the small things in life make us angry but also to examine ourselves as to why certain things do upset us.

Join us May 31 as we finish the sermon series, asking the question: where is God at the movies?



Batter Up!

Summer softball has begun! Dayspring's coed softball team had a rough start last week with their first game for the summer season. But it was the first game, new players getting to know each other and we were missing a few players as well. Oh, and did you know that Pastor Jeff and his wife are playing this summer? The team is playing in the Whitehouse

Assembly of God league on the field right behind the church. Next game is Thursday, May 28th at 6:30pm.

Also, the Men have two games left in their Spring Softball Season. They will be playing on Thursday, May 28th at 7:25pm on field 4 at Lindsey Park and then on Monday, June 1st at 8:20pm on field 4.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 28

*Coed Softball Game at 6:30 PM in Whitehouse

*Men's Softball Game at 7:25 PM Field 4

Sunday, May 31

*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater

Monday, June 1

*Coed (Spring) Softball Game at 6:30 PM Field 5 Lindsey Park

*Men's Softball Game at 8:20 PM Field 4

Sunday, June 7

*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater