



“Because of God’s tender mercy, the **DAYS PRING** 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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One Prayer Service Challenge

Through this One Prayer Challenge we are hoping that our eyes will be opened to see that service is done through small tasks of daily living. Service is something that can be self-initiated, and most of us are probably already serving! Through One Prayer we hope to encourage and equip each other to serve in everyday life. Here are several simple and inexpensive ideas on how to serve:

- Give Away Bottled Water - It's a simple, practical way to let God's love for others shine through you. With hot summer days and full parks, simply bringing bottles of water to a park or sporting events and handing them out truly blesses people. (Lemonade or watermelons are also refreshing on a hot day)
- Bake Cookies - Cookies are always a treat and a great way to let others know you are thinking about them. Next time you make a batch, just make a few extra!
- Partner with Community Events - You can serve as a cleanup crew after an event for example. These types of outreaches are valuable in so many ways, not only blessing the people at the event but also letting the community know that your are not just a church looking into a community but that you're a church in the community and joining alongside them to make a difference!
- Flowers - Let someone know you care by surprising them with flowers. Roses in Tyler are around \$5.00 a dozen and one place to find them is in the Brookshires parking lot.
- Nursing Home Outreach- Visit a nursing home with family members of any age group. A normal outreach to the nursing homes would consist of visiting residents by going door to door, painting fingernails, having Wii tournaments, or just visiting.
- Prepare Dinner - Do you know any elderly or shut-ins that could use a homemade meal?
- Parent's night out - Offer a night of free babysitting for parents to have a quiet evening out.
- Packages or Cards to those in the Military
- Maintenance - Help a neighbor out by mowing their lawn, cleaning windows, washing cars, etc.
- PATH - Becky Duncan 903-597-4044
- East Texas Rescue Mission - Rev. Tony Chung 903-592-9400
- Meals on Wheels - 903-593-7385
- Salvation Army - 903-592-4361



Serve.

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Playing to your Strengths

By: Jeff Olive

So my wife, Sharla, signed us up for softball, which neither of us have ever played. Softball has kicked our rears so far! The first week Sharla got a bruise the size of a small dog on her knee and leg. This week while I was running to first, I took a small look back and bit the dust about 10 feet short of first. Go to <http://dayspringumc.wordpress.com/> to see the picture of my knee (women and children avert your eyes).



I think it is vital to try new things, but at some point you have to figure out what you are good at and, well...what you aren't.

This week I have spent some time considering where Dayspring is and where we are headed. I am using June to dream and vision for the future. One of the big questions I asked was, "What comes naturally to Dayspring?" In other words, what are we good at doing and what takes more energy to accomplish—possibly too much energy to accomplish.

I think it is important that churches play to their strengths. Dayspring can do what other churches cannot and vice versa. This month of self-evaluation will certainly lead to a more focused direction for Dayspring in the fall. And as for my fall schedule, I think I'll just sit on the bench and cheer the team.

Singles Night

There will be a singles event Friday, June 12th! Email Lisa Taylor at taylorlis@aol.com or Grant McDonald at McDonaldG@whitehouseisd.org for more info!

Dayspring Kidz

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 or email sharon@dayspringumc.com. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

We met our goal for the One Prayer 2008 mission!

Last year, One Prayer churches partnered to make an eternal difference in the world through an ambitious mission initiative: planting 500 new churches in Cambodia, India, Sudan, and China in 18 months. With the funds from just one offering collected during One Prayer 2008, more than 660 churches have been planted! And we're not done yet - that number is increasing by the day and the mission is continuing to change lives around the globe. Check out the stories below...

<http://2009.oneprayer.com/missions/updates>

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Dayspring Quiz

Congratulations to Sara Singley for answering the quiz & bonus correctly!

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

b. Psychiatric

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

c. Anger

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

a. Dr. Bruce Banner

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

c. personality

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

"In your anger do not sin; Do not let the sun go while you are still angry."

6. Put the correct word in the following blanks:

"We have to **c. rein** in the unrighteous anger so Christ can **a. reign** in us"

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

Dayspring Kidz Swim Dates

For more information contact Sharon@dayspringumc.com

JUNE 7 - YOUTH HELPERS

JUNE 14 - PURPLE GROUP

JUNE 21 - BLUE GROUP

JUNE 28 - YELLOW GROUP

JULY 12 - RED & ORANGE GROUPS

AUGUST 2 - GREEN GROUP

AUGUST 9 WHITE GROUP

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 12

*Singles Night Event at 6pm

Sunday, June 14

*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater

Tuesday, June 16

*Coed Softball Game at 8:30 PM

Sunday, June 21

*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater

Tuesday, June 23

*Coed Softball Game at 7:30 PM.