



“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

July 22 2009

Volume 3 Issue 15

## Who Are Dayspring Kidz?

by Sharon Troxell

Dayspring Kidz occupies space in three theaters on the south side of Carmike. We currently have 168 children registered, and 97 children who regularly attend. In addition to set-up crews, we are powered each week by 9 adult volunteers, 3 paid nursery child caregivers, and approximately 10 youth helpers. But this doesn't really give a clear picture. does it?

What does it LOOK like?

Our youngest worshippers are the **SPROUTS**. Our infants and toddlers (ages 0-3) gather in Theater 5 where they have free play time, and also attend their own small groups. Our "Sowing Faith" program uses props, songs, rhymes, stories and finger play for the little ones to learn about God's world and how much God loves them.

Children ages 3-10 meet in the **GROzone** for their own worship service and then gather in same-age small groups. Our Kid z worship together weekly through song, prayer, Bible study & offering. We also participate in our own mission outreach projects. This year we gathered school supplies for the East Texas Crisis Center, and collected items for a Russian orphanage.



To learn more about Dayspring Kidz or to get involved, email [sharon@dayspringumc.com](mailto:sharon@dayspringumc.com).

 fellowship

**Land!**  
Click to watch video



## Property Vote

Wherever two or more are gathered...there is dissent. But in a rare and wonderful expression of unity, the membership of Dayspring voted unanimously last Sunday - that's 100 percent - to proceed with the acquisition of the land recommended by the property team.

I am so pleased with the unity of this first and historic decision by our young church.

I thank the large number of you who attended last week and made the time to take part in this discussion. The number and nature of the questions showed a high level of engagement and interest and for this also I am truly grateful.

If you were not able to attend, here is a brief recap:

- The property team identified a tract of land (16.52 acres to be exact) that met all of the criteria they were tasked to work against. After reviewing the property and finding it suitable, the team unanimously agreed to present it to the congregation.
- This past Sunday our congregation met for a time of communal discernment and consensus. With our District Superintendent present, representatives of the property team presented the property to the congregation and spoke about our financial commitments.
- After a time of questions and answers, each person casted a written ballot and we closed our time together with prayer.

A friend joked that I should record this day because "it will probably be the only time we all agree." While that is probably quite true, I will remember the day for the many more significant things it means for Dayspring:

- The strong consensus and energy of this growing young church to create a lasting community for Christ in south Tyler.
- The blessing of being able to make such a commitment with such unity.
- The continued generosity all of you show with your time, talents and treasures for the advancement of Dayspring's vision.

I am so glad to be part of what is taking place at Dayspring. I am confident that as we move toward a permanent home of our own, we will remain committed to our unique vision of bringing light and peace to people's lives through the Dayspring from on high, Jesus Christ.

Yours on the journey,

Jeff Olive

## What's in the News

[Who Are Dayspring Kidz?](#)

[Property Vote](#)

[Movie at Bergfeld Park](#)

[GRACE Groups](#)

[Service Update](#)

[Sermon Series](#)

[Temporary Job](#)

[Dayspring Kidz Swim Dates](#)

[Join Our Mailing List](#)

## Temporary Job

Starting around September, Dayspring will need someone to temporarily fill in (about 6 weeks) for our Administrative Assistant while she is out on maternity leave. If interested, please email [info@dayspringumc.com](mailto:info@dayspringumc.com) or call the church office at 903-581-0550.

## Ministry Quick Links

[Dayspring's Blog](#)

[Jeff Olive's Blog](#)

[Dayspring UMC](#)

[Sermons](#)

[Dayspring Kidz](#)

## Dayspring Kidz

**Swim Dates**

For more information contact [Sharon@dayspringumc.com](mailto:Sharon@dayspringumc.com)

**AUGUST 2**

GREEN GROUP

**AUGUST 9**

WHITE GROUP



Invite a friend and come join us at Bergfeld Park on Friday, August 14th at 8:45 PM to watch "Iron Man".

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, July 26

\*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater

### Monday, July 27

\*Men's Softball Game at 9:15 PM at Lindsey Park on Field 2

### Sunday, August 2

\*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater

### Monday, August 3

\*Men's Softball Doubleheader at 6:30 PM & 7:25 PM on field 1 at Lindsey Park

### Friday, August 14

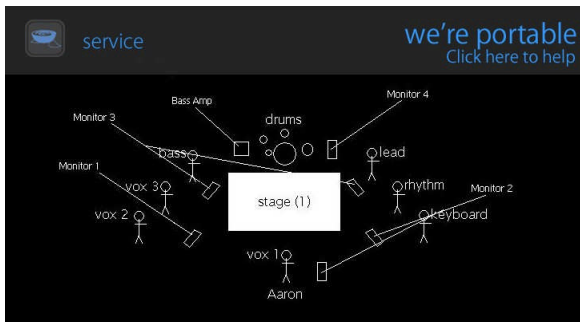
\*Movie at Bergfeld Park starting at 8:45 PM

## GRACE Groups

Dayspring GRACE Groups will begin again in September. They are a primary means of fellowship and service. This Fall semester will run for 8 weeks starting in early September. This semester all the groups will be discussing the same book. If you are interested in hosting and/or leading a GRACE Group please email us at [info@dayspringumc.com](mailto:info@dayspringumc.com) or call the church office.

GRACE Groups will focus on:

- G - Growing in God's Word
- R - Reaching Out
- A - Accountability
- C - Care
- E - Evangelism



## Service Update:

A few newsletters back, we invited you to get involved on Sunday mornings, through serving on a Dayspring setup team. Thank you for responding! We have filled many of the positions needed. If you would like to get involved, you can sign up via our website:

[www.dayspringumc.com/service](http://www.dayspringumc.com/service)



## LIFE ON THE VINE: CULTIVATING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

God is looking for fruit, but this fruit is not of our own making. Jesus said that he was the "True Vine" and it is only in living through him that we are able to bear the kind of fruit he desires-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join us at Dayspring July 26 - August 30 for this new series, as we explore the Fruit of The Spirit.