



“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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Membership

You will have a chance to become a member of Dayspring at the end of the service Sunday February 22nd. If you decide to join this congregation, please make sure that you fill out and turn in a Membership Form. The forms will be available in the lobby after the service. Also, make sure you have your photo taken in the lobby on your way out today. The photos are used to help our staff more easily associate names with faces.

Communion

Dayspring will celebrate the Service of Holy Communion at 9:30 on March 1, which is the beginning of the Lenten Season. The service will take place in the adult worship theater #8. The Communion service lasts about 15 minutes and then we will have a few minutes before the Adult and Children's worship services begin. Plan to come to worship early that morning and gather together at the Lord's Table.

Worship Word

What's a good worship song you've been listening to lately?

Let me know!

-Aaron
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Getting to know YOU!



Name: Roger Strong
Instrument: Bass Guitar

Shoes or Barefoot? Shoes, because wearing sneakers all the time has made my feet very sensitive, and there's too many ants in my yard to go barefoot.

College Football: Alabama or Texas? Texas, because I went there for 9 years and met my wife there.

If you could speak to a specific type of animal, what would it be? Birds. I would tell them to stop nesting on the ledges around my house.

Who has made the biggest impact on your life? My wife's had the biggest impact on my life, because she got me to sing in the church choir and introduced me to contemporary Christian music, which eventually led to playing bass guitar again after a 25 year hiatus, and is still helping me to be a better person.

What was the last book you read? The last book I read, besides what we used in GRACE Groups, was "Fear of Physics."

If I were to come to your house and look in your refrigerator, what would I find? There's almost always Caffeine Free Diet Dr. Pepper!

Who is your favorite Christian artist? Rich Mullins, for his beautiful melodies and deep theology.

What is God doing in your life? God brings me and is allowing me to bring others closer to Him through music.

What would you like Dayspring to know about you? We'll celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary this year.

Children of God

When Jesus said that we are to become like children to enter the kingdom of God I don't think he was speaking metaphorically. Children have a quality of holiness that slowly dissipates with the aging process. My own daughter reminded me of this last week.

Dayspring Kids are collecting school supplies this month for the East Texas Crisis Center as a mission outreach project. During the children's worship service, I explained that sometimes we take for granted things that we use every day. There are children who, because of unsafe living conditions, have to leave their homes quickly without having a chance to pack their things. Wouldn't it be nice, I said, to pick some school supplies, especially with these kids in mind?

My daughter was very excited about selecting new school supplies. I admit that I was tempted to just buy some supplies, while running errands--but she insisted on being there. While shopping, she was very careful to select "good" pencils, quality markers, and a balanced assortment of things appropriate for a boy or for a girl. While my inclination was to get a *few* things at bargain prices, she had the heart for the *person* who might be receiving the gifts. Not once did she ask for any new supplies for herself. She completely embraced the notion of giving fully--not just because it was my money--but with her thoughtful choices and with compassion for someone in a less fortunate situation.

Undoubtedly there are other Dayspring parents who had a similar experience. Isn't it wonderful when God speaks to us through our own children?