

# THE GOOD NEWS

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ



## Dardenne Baptist Church

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### A Word From Pastor Mark



*It feels like coming home. I believe that is exactly how many folks have*

felt when they first walked through our church doors and experienced the worship and the fellowship of God's people. Perhaps our slogan should be: *"Come Home to Dardenne Baptist Church."* To those who have left the church and cannot seem to find that new church "home," we say, *"Come Home to Dardenne Baptist Church."* To the new

family that has just moved into our community, we say, *"Come Home to Dardenne Baptist Church."* To the one searching for a church home where the great hymns of the Faith are still cherished and where the Bible is preached and taught without compromise, we say, *"Come home to Dardenne Baptist Church."* To the lonely, the broken-hearted, the hurting, and the lost, we say, *"Come Home to Dardenne Baptist Church."*

A loving and united congregation like this can truly make a difference in the Lord's work. We may be small in number, but that does not mean we cannot be "big" in serving the Lord.

Through our Senior Adult Ministry, we have been able to send Christian books and Bibles to inmates in prisons throughout our country. Who knows how many will come to faith or grow spiritually as result of this mission project. Our next mission project is to fill and send *Voice of the Martyrs' "Action Packs"* to persecuted Christians throughout the world. I want to encourage you to continue being faithful in your attendance, your service, your giving, your prayers, your mission work, and your love for each other. *"Let us not grow weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9, KJV).* Don't give up! Victory is just ahead!

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### PRAYER

Austin Robertson

**P**raying to our Heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ is without doubt the most important activity the

Christian can involve himself in. I say involve because prayer is to involve three persons: (1) the one praying, (2) Christ, who intercedes for us and (3) the Father, who responds to our prayers.

Speaking of responding to our prayers, God always responds to prayer. He may say no to our requests, or yes, or He may say wait. There are conditions that determine God's response. Maybe we ask for things we don't really need; or maybe there is unconfessed sin in one's life; or maybe we are asking for something that would harm us spiritually.

A proper attitude is very important when praying. We should expect or anticipate meeting God when praying. He expects us to pray, so we should expect to meet Him. We humans have trouble talking to

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Church Principles: Worship • Discipleship • Evangelism • Fellowship • Ministry

### Music Ministry A Note from Nancy



We love to sing the old hymns at Dardenne Baptist. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16.**

I want to thank our choir members and our leader, Robin, for their faithfulness in sharing their talent. We are all praising the Lord for our new piano. It is so much easier to play, and it sounds great—don't you agree?

We are looking forward to the "Fifth Sunday Sing" on July 31. Please come and bring guests.

### Voice of the Martyrs

DBC is currently involved in the "Action Pack" project of the Voice of the Martyrs. With a donation of seven dollars, you will receive a special vacuum-seal bag which can be filled with items of clothing, blankets, towels, sheets, soap, etc. These bags will be collected and delivered by Nancy and Austin Robertson the first Sunday in September. By participating in projects like these, we can make a difference in the lives of Christian families living under the threat of persecution in restricted nations.

### Woman's Missionary Union

*WMU is a helpful channel for followers of Christ to be involved in Missions.*

The Dardenne Baptist Woman's Missionary Union meets the first Tuesday of each month to pray for, learn about, and support missions.

While we do not meet in the summer months, June, July, or August, we have committed to a summer project of filling an Action Pack to support the Voice of the Martyrs. Ladies, use this as a reminder to start shopping for this very important cause.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. Please consider this your invitation to join us.

### Outreach

With the tremendous growth in our region over the last several years, we have a huge opportunity to share Jesus with our community. At Easter, we distributed 1,000 packets of information which included an invitation to attend Easter Sunday services. The next distribution will be early Fall when we plan to distribute 2,000 packets to homes in our immediate area. Please be in prayer and speak with Vince Vitale if you have ideas or thoughts and are willing to help in the area of outreach.

### Renovation



**Lifted!** Thanks to the blessings of the Lord and the generosity of our membership in the giving of their time, talents, and resources, we have just recently completed phase I of a major renovation. Among other things, we literally raised the ceiling in the hall of our building and installed new carpet church-wide. What a blessing it was to witness the church body working together to accomplish this much-needed task. Phase II will begin mid-summer when we address the matter of furnishings. Please be in prayer as we move forward.

Trustees

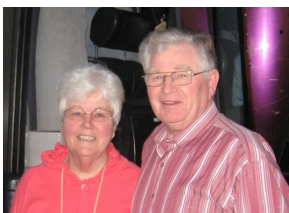
### Sunday School

Getting involved in a small group, such as a Sunday School class, provides you with a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow church members. Additionally, you will also be spiritually fed by some of the best Bible teachers in the area. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, please consider joining us in our study of God's Word at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### Welcome New Members

#### Shelvia and Maurice Willis

Shelvia By Letter  
Maurice By Baptism



#### Genelda and Kinneth Parker

By Letter



#### Joyce and Vester Adams

Joyce By Letter  
Vester By Baptism



#### Deborah and Leonard Falkner

By Letter



## Senior Adult Ministry—Best Years Club

Comments from Kenneth Parker

The May meeting was our best yet. Phil Milan brought some of his wood carvings; I was amazed at the detail and talent shown in these pieces. It is a real blessing to see the gifts and talents of our members. If you have a hobby or talent you would like to share with us give me a call. One of our goals is to maintain the identity of people with regard to their continued value as vital parts of the body of Christ; to recognize their value in terms of wisdom, experience, knowledge, talents, and other God given abilities and gifts.

The Lake St Louis and Dardenne Prairie Chamber of Commerce President, Gena Breyne, spoke at our meeting. She shared with us the many benefits we have by being a member of the Chamber. I was especially impressed with the recognition we have already received in three publications. I also attended the Chamber meeting at Lake St Louis; we were given a membership plaque to display in the church office. I was called on to offer the invocation and to say some things about our church.

Dardenne Prairie Days will be September 17. It would be good to have a display booth with salvation tracks at this event. We will need volunteers to man the booth and hand out the tracks and information about our church. We could even hand out bottled water with our church name attached if the church wanted to do this.

We just returned from Steelville, Missouri where some of us traveled with Harvester Baptist Church on their bus and others drove themselves for an evening concert at The Meramec Music Theater featuring the award winning Gold City Quartet. We were all blessed by this group who has been bringing glory and honor to God for the past 30 years with their gospel music.

At our May meeting we voted to have about four all day trips a year and a couple overnight or longer events. Our first day trip will be to Heartland Ministries where we will have a guided tour that includes:

- Watching the 60-cow carousel, daily milking 3,000 cows of a herd of 7,000 Holsteins.
- Driving through calf town, home of over 240 bottle-fed calves.
- Viewing the goat dairy operation, currently milking 2,000 goats twice a day.
- Shopping at the New Creation Country Store, featuring Heartland items such as Heartland Creamery cheeses, their own hand poured candles, cookbooks, and more.
- Touring the cannery where produce from their 35-acre garden is preserved.
- Walking through the Heartland Ford Museum, with cars spanning over a hundred years.

This is just a part of the day's events, we will also be able to dine at the Ozark Steakhouse or in fifties style at the Solid Rock Café. Plan now to join us for this fun-filled day. See me or Shelvia Wills for more details. We are scheduled for Friday, June 24, and will announce the time that we will leave the Church.

Our next senior meeting will be July 12 at 10:00 a.m., and Sandy Haefner will exhibit some of her nature photography.



### Branson Trip — April 2011 Best Years Club

The Best Years Club traveled to Branson in April to attend the Jubilee Conference. They car-pooled and stopped for lunch in Springfield before checking into The Savannah House. The conference was very inspirational with speakers Dr. Charles Stanley, Johnny Hunt and comedian Mark Lowery. Music was provided by Lynda Randle, The Inspirations and The Perrys. Tickets to the Sight and Sound Theatre were included where the group saw the amazing production of *Noah the Musical*. They enjoyed good food (dessert each night at the Savannah House) and wonderful fellowship. The folks even managed a little shopping—and it was told that the guys bought more than the gals! More trips are being planned—don't miss the blessing.



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9:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Morning Worship Service  
5:30 p.m. — Evening Worship Service  
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someone whom we have never seen. Philip Yancy discusses this idea in one of his books, *"Reaching for the Invisible God."* We reach for the invisible God by what is invisible about ourselves, i.e. FAITH. Many in scripture reached for the invisible God and found Him real. When praying, an attitude of humility and dependence are also important—showing God you don't deserve to ask for anything, but that you are depending on His help. In our prayers, we need to seek a deeper and richer experience

in our relationship with our Father. It would do us good if we would pray for ourselves what Paul prayed for the Ephesians in Ephesians Chapters 1:17-20 and 3:16-19 and for the Colossians in Colossians 1:9-14.

### Church Calendar

- **Church Breakfast — 8:00 a.m. First Saturday of the Month at Bob Evans (Wentzville).**
- **Deacons' Meeting — 10:00 a.m. First Saturday of the Month.**
- **Best Years Club — 10:00 a.m. Second Tuesday of the Month.**
- **Choir Practice — 4:20 p.m. Sunday Afternoon.**