

# THE GOOD NEWS

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ



## Dardenne Baptist Church

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### A Word From Pastor Mark



*Exciting!*  
Indeed, things are exciting here at Dardenne Baptist Church.

Visitors are showing up nearly every week – that’s exciting! Our membership is growing – that’s exciting. Christians are growing spiritually – that’s exciting! We have new Sunday School teachers and new classes starting – that’s exciting. Our giving is way above our budget needs, and every month we are

seeing our Expansion-Renovation fund grow – that’s exciting. Yes, things are really “exciting” at Dardenne Baptist Church. God is truly blessing!

But all this “excitement” has created a “good” problem for us. We are quickly running out of space. And it is not just in one area. We are using all of our Sunday School rooms. We now have classes meeting in our sanctuary and in our fellowship hall. We are also pushing the maximum capacities in our sanctuary, fellowship hall, restroom space, and parking lots (the addition of

the overflow gravel lot has given us a little breathing room). Thus, in the August business meeting, the church voted to allow me to appoint a planning committee tasked with the job of developing a roadmap for future expansion. Please begin praying for the work of this important committee. If God continues to send more people our way, then we will be prepared. Yes, it is “exciting” to be a part of what God is doing here at DBC. *To God be the Glory!*

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

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### PRAYER

Christians communicate with God by reading and studying His word and by prayer. In Bible study He speaks to us and in prayer we speak to Him.

It has been stated that 90 percent of the population say they pray. If, in fact, one is praying to the God of the Holy Scriptures, the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that 90 percent would probably drop drastically. Also, many people have ceased to pray because they feel their prayers are unanswered and others have doubts as to the value of prayer. If we have no other reason to pray, we should pray because Jesus prayed. Important questions regarding prayer can be answered by looking at Jesus and His prayer life. He prayed and offered thanks to the Father when he fed the two separate multitudes. He prayed for Peter. He prayed when He raised Lazarus. He prayed three separate times in the garden. He stole away in the mountain and prayed. He prayed all night before calling His twelve apostles. Jesus prayed that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to the apostles after He ascended. He also told them to pray to the Father in His name and that He would pray to the Father for them. Jesus prayed for himself. In John 17, He prayed that the Father would return Him to His former glory, and He prayed

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

## Music Ministry



**Paul encouraged the Ephesians when He wrote, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" Eph. 5:19.**

We love and sing the "old hymns" of our Baptist faith. These hymns have provided an important bond that has held the community of faith together from generation to generation and continue to provide that bond for future generations as well.

Our choir will be practicing for a traditional Christmas cantata to be held in December. If you sing and/or play an instrument, come and become part of this ministry!

Nancy and Robin

## Sunday School

This morning as I was reading in the book of Romans, my eyes fell on some of my favorite verses such as Rom. 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." And Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 10:13, "For whoever will call upon the name of the LORD will be saved." And when I read, hear or think of Rom. 8:28, I can picture my beloved mother quoting, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

As I reflected for a few minutes on these verses, I thought about how

often I quote them to myself and to others. I know I need the truths found in them.

The truth is I need correction. I need the truth that real eternal life is only found through faith in Christ Jesus. I need to know that to be saved I must call on the LORD. And when I think I don't know anything and feel helpless, I find assurance in knowing that God knows all and is working things together for good. It gives me great comfort to know He is in control. It is in the truths found in God's Word that I find help, hope and healing! And this makes me grateful beyond words that my parents put a Bible in my hands when I was very young and took me to church regularly and frequently where I sat in worship services, Sunday Schools and Bible studies where I read, heard, studied and memorized God's Word!

This quarter, you are invited to find help, hope and healing as several of our adult classes will read and study the book of Romans. Do you have favorite verses in Romans? If you don't have any, then come and find some. You may even find a new favorite! Deanna

## WMU

Following the next WMU meeting Tuesday, October 4, the group will meet for lunch at the Olive Garden in Wentzville.

Also, mark your calendar for the Annual Luncheon and Cookie Exchange to be held December 6 at the home of Lori Wallis. All ladies are welcome!

Please join us for WMU the first Tuesday of each month as we learn from, pray for and support our missionaries.

## Working Together



Saturday, September 10, was Fall Clean-up Day at DBC. Church members gathered at 8:00 a.m., rolled up their sleeves and went to work, repairing, painting, cleaning and gardening. No matter what the task, it is a blessing to spend time with fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord! Thanks to everyone who participated.

## Operation Christmas Child

DBC will again this December support the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Program by preparing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Items needed are school supplies and hygiene items (a detailed list will be posted on the bulletin board). Boxes will be provided, and a contribution of \$7 per box is requested to cover shipping expenses. See Nancy Robinson for additional information.

## Outreach Ministry

***"And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."* Luke 14:25**

Having a heartfelt desire to reach our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ, DBC members recently manned a booth at

## Welcome New Members

**Jill & Larry Butts  
Kayley Hulverson**  
By Letter



**Laura & Chuck  
Carruthers**  
By Letter



**Betty and O. T.  
Gilbert**  
By Letter



**Gay & John  
Plumb**  
By Letter



the Annual Dardenne Prairie Day Celebration. We were given the opportunity to meet and greet many individuals and to offer them a bottle of cold water and information about our church—including an invitation to attend our Annual Gospel Jubilee Weekend to be held October 1 and 2.

DBC was acknowledged as a new member of the Lake Saint Louis/Dardenne Prairie Chamber of Commerce at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 15. Photos were taken and a press release was issued to local media. We are trusting that this event will provide an avenue for folks to learn about our church and its location.

The annual "No Home Left Behind" outreach effort was kicked off with a prep meeting at the Vitale home on September 19. Ten teams of two were assigned areas in the community to drop off door hangers containing the gospel message and plan of salvation, as well as an invitation to attend our Gospel Jubilee Weekend event. During a nine-day period, approximately 2,000 packets will be distributed. A special thanks to the Vitales for their hospitality and for the delicious meal prepared by Brenda.

We continue to seek ways to tell others about Jesus. Please contact Vince Vitale to become involved in this very important ministry.

**DBC  
Gospel Jubilee Weekend  
Featuring:**

**Praise Partners—6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 1**

**Connection—5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 2**

## Senior Adult Ministry—Best Years Club

The purpose of the Senior Adult Ministry is to offer opportunities for spiritual development, learning, socialization, recreation and service for our seniors. This ministry functions under the direction of the Senior Adult Minister, with recommendations from the Senior Adult Council.

It is our purpose and desire to present creative ways of engaging senior adults in every aspect of church life. All of life is to be dedicated to God and used to bring Him glory. Senior adults continue to be growing individuals with a wide range of interest and abilities. We try to provide a balanced program for seniors with broad-based offerings that reflect diversity in ages, lifestyles, and needs.

Following is a list of planned events for the coming year:

**October 3**—Brussels and Grafton,  
Lunch and Apple Picking

**November 15**—Antique Roadshow  
DBC—7:00 p.m.

**December 6**—Christmas Dinner  
JJ's in O'Fallon— 6:00 p.m.

**January 10**—Eagle Watching and  
Lunch at Blue Rose Lodge

**February 14**—Valentine's Day  
Dinner ~ Place to be Determined

**March 16**—Science Center, Gus's  
Pretzels and Lunch at Hodak's

**April 23-25**—Jubilee Conference  
Branson, MO

**May 18**—Shaw's Garden, Lunch at  
Zia's, and MO History Museum

**June 12**—Warm Springs Ranch  
Booneville, MO

**July 16**—Springfield, IL

**August 17**—Hannibal, MO

**September 17-19**—Creation  
Museum in Petersburg, KY

### Senior Trip Highlight

We discovered in our recent trip to Heartland Dairy that being together on a trip can be much more fun than traveling alone. Let me give you just a couple examples. The first place we stopped was a laundry and dry cleaners for the workers. Immediately Phil Milan accused me of taking the group "to the cleaners," and this was the start of a fun-filled day. The very next thing that happened involved, yes—you guessed it, Phil again. We spotted a resting camel, and Phil made a statement that went something like this, "Kinneth, have you been preaching to the camel? He looks like he has gone to sleep." Well that did it! I kicked Phil out of the group, but somehow he was back in good standing before the day was over.

The Heartland Dairy has a great variety of scenes all the way from a first-class auto museum to a 7,000 cow dairy herd, 2,000 goats, and several thousand acres of prime farm land. Most of the workers live on the farm in provided housing.

The most important thing about the dairy is the fact they help people in recovery for various problems and give them the gospel while they are there. Many people remain and continue to work for the company after completing rehabilitation.

Following our tour of the farm, we had lunch in the cafeteria and spent the afternoon visiting and having a good time. That evening we ate at the steak house which is always a favorite.

You can see why I'm excited about this year's agenda for the senior group. I sure hope you all will be joining us for the activities and ministries we have planned.

Kinneth Parker

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Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study**

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in the garden that the Father would remove the "cup" from Him. As the apostles observed Jesus' prayer life, they must have thought He valued prayer greatly as they asked Him to teach them to pray as John the Baptist taught his followers to pray.

When praying to our Heavenly Father, we must remember we are praying to an all-wise, all-knowing, all-loving Father who knows what is best for us and answers our prayers accordingly. When asking the Father for anything, we should show Jesus' attitude, "If it be Your will."

Austin Robinson

**In Loving Memory  
Edwin Jacob Strobel  
12/23/1917—7/9/2011**

**Beloved Husband of Edna Strobel, Father of Betty Henke, and  
Grandfather of Monte, Todd, and Stuart Hoffman  
Mr. Strobel is greatly missed by his many friends at DBC.**

**Sunday, October 30, 2011  
55th Anniversary Celebration**

**Dardenne Baptist Church  
was constituted in 1956.  
Join us in remembering and  
celebrating our history.**

**Sunday Services**

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Morning Worship  
5:30 p.m. — Evening Worship

**Wednesday Service**

7:00 p.m.—Prayer & Bible Study