

E-Vangel

GETTING READY FOR EASTER. . . by Pastor Larry

Not the baby in the manger born of a virgin, not the miracle of turning water into wine, not the lame man who could suddenly walk, not the demon possessed released to sanity and health, not even the funeral that had to be called off when the guest of honor came back to life—none of these are enough for any of us to hang our hopes for heaven on. Not even the brutal sacrificial death on the cross “where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain” is it.

When the Apostle Paul set out to describe the importance of this one thing he said it like this, “And if Christ is not raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (I Co. 15:17). The whole of Christianity hangs together on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Or it doesn’t hang together at all.



No wonder we Christians make such a thing out of celebrating Resurrection Sunday or as it is better known, Easter. Let me encourage you to take advantage of some of the ways we at DRC prepare for the most important day of the year. On Wednesday evenings, adults meet in the pastor’s study for Lenten devotions and prayer at 7:00 p.m.; on Tuesdays there is a prayer breakfast in

the Youth Room at 6:00 am; on Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter) we have a Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. commemorating the death of the Lord. Pastor’s blog <http://www.plspostings.weebly.com> also offers a series of devotions entitled “Lenten Musings”.

Any or all of these offerings can help you ready your soul for the most important day of the Christian year. It’s not too late for you to get ready for Easter.



Easter Week Services

Tenebrae Service – Thursday, April 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Easter – April 24th

Sunrise Service – 7:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Resurrection Celebration – 10:30 a.m.



Sunday, April 24, 2011
8:30 a.m. following
Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m.

\$5/person, \$20/family max.
All proceeds go to support Youth Missions
Sign-up to contribute food
items on the Youth Bulletin Board.



From Your Elders

After 40 Days for God and after hearing from you in a variety of settings, DRC family, it seems right that we should report what results we can at this point.

Across the church family there have been many who have told of how the Lord used these days of prayer and fasting while focusing on reading Romans 12 to give very specific and personal direction to His people. Conviction of sin, confession of sin, encouragement, vision for faithful obedience, and assurance of blessing are to name but a few of those special words from our God. New people have been brought into the church and long-standing members have been renewed.

We, your elders, have sought the Lord for direction for the future of DRC. To this point He has encouraged us to continue trusting Him and obeying Him. We are hopeful and expectant that God will continue to provide and that He is working to make DRC the church He wants her to be. We are certain that God has more in store for His church at DRC, and we are committed to seeing what God will do. We are grateful for your fellowship and faith in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ, church family. You are in our prayers constantly, and we ask for your prayers as well.



AWANA GRAND PRIX & TRIVIA NIGHT

Big Thank You!

Jamie wishes to send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the night a success. It took quite a number of volunteers to make this night so much fun and such a ministry to our AWANA family and friends. Thank you for giving so freely of your time and energy!

The Trivia Night was another big success this year thanks to many and hardworking youth, adults, and Dave Cross. The competition was won by the team headed by Scott Strickland. The proceeds from the evening will help to pay travel expenses for youth camp. Over \$1,700.00 was raised! Praise the Lord and thanks everyone!

Food Pantry and Wednesday Night Dinners

As an extension of the Food Pantry Ministry, Wednesday Night Dinners continue to be served from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday. Suggested donation of \$2/person. Everyone welcome.



APRIL 6

Pancakes
Hashbrown/Sausage
Casserole
Mixed Berries/Cream

APRIL 13

Chicken & Noodles
Fruit Salad

APRIL 20

No Dinner/No activities

APRIL 27

Cheesy Rigatoni
Salad
Fazoli's Breadstick
Applesauce

As the AWANA program will be breaking for summer, so will the Wednesday Night Dinners. Our last dinner will be May 4th. We will serve: Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips, Green Beans, and Peaches.

Men's Ministry

Proverbs 14:23 "All hard work brings a profit....."

It's hard to believe spring arrived; but there are sure signs of the new season here in Missouri:



- We see eager daffodils bent over from the weight of snow
- Garden fertilizer bags are frozen together in the morning hours
- There is at least one clock you have not yet set ahead an hour
- All the W-2's have arrived but the 1040 still makes you scratch your head
- Those with tickets to the Royals home opener have both the royal-blue tank-top and parka readily available for a game-time decision
- Jayhawk fans are.....well, I'm not going there



Duncan Road Church
Men's Ministry

We have an obvious sign that winter is gone and spring is here at DRC—just look around the building and our grounds—winter left its ravages both inside and outside! Once again the Women's and Men's ministries are teaming-up to sponsor an **All Church Clean-up Day**. On **April 16th** you are invited to join us with your family, friends, and ministry groups to do some spring cleaning. You will see specifics throughout the month, but to highlight a few: breakfast and lunch will be served, you will work hard but will profit, and a new twist, you will have the opportunity to "adopt a plant."

I ask you all to gear up, clear your schedule as much as you can for April 16th, and let's come together as stewards to glorify God for providing us this house of His!

Okay, enough from me, except I need to add the second half of Proverbs 14:23 which says, "...but mere talk leads only to poverty." Hope to see you on April 16th.

In Christ...Scott

Women's Ministry

Need a Mother's Day gift idea?

DRC Friday Night Family Event

May 13, 2011

Center for God, Family, Country

800 NW Commerce Drive in Lee's Summit

7:00 p.m. dinner

Lasagna, garlic toast, Caesar salad, Catalina vegetables, and chocolate cake

8:00 p.m. Variety show

Featuring the music of Tennessee Ernie Ford, Alabama, Bob Seger, John Mellencamp, the Everly Brothers and more. **Group ticket cost:**

Dinner and Show: \$26.00

Seniors (62 and over) \$23.00

Kids 5 and under are free.

Tickets may be purchased from Women's Ministry Team on Sunday's in the month April.



Attention all graduates!

The church would like to honor you on

Sunday, May 1st :

8:00 am Senior Breakfast

10:00 am service.

Notify the church office

if you are graduating from high school or college by

April 24th

Information needed:

- **3 photos at various stages of life**
 - **Name of parents**
- **Schools graduating from**
 - **Future plans**

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WHEATON COLLEGE

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JULY 25-29, 2011

AT2AP (DRAMA TEAM)

JEREMY KINGSLEY

Student Life
Missions
Camp

Youth Camp Fundraiser



Coupon Books only \$5.00
Purchase one this Sunday
in the Foyer!



Snack Shack

**Please come to the
Youth Room
and enjoy a snack.**

**Sunday Morning:
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.**

Wednesday Evening:

6:30 - 6:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

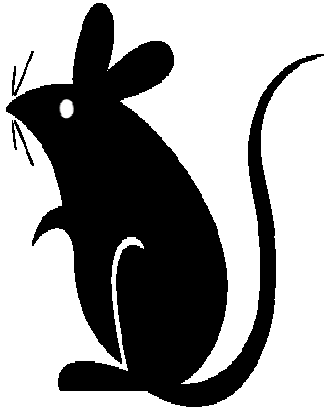
The Way

All Youth 6th-12th grade

Wednesday Nights

6:45-8:15 pm

CHARLIE CHURCHMOUSE...from a corner

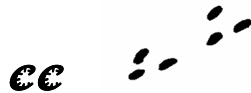


Approaching springtime signals that wonderful time of year when the building and grounds of the Duncan Road Church are freshened and readied for the beauty of the growing season. Of course, the work has begun long before the first robin comes bob, bob, bobbin' along. The Facilities Superintendent has been pouring over nursery catalogs during the long cold winter nights, updating maintenance on the tractor, mower, and various equipment items stored in the spacious barn at DRC, and ordering that special new equipment that will give the crew just the extra tools they need to get the job done right.

Now he assembles his crew of devoted and skilled custodians and maintenance people to assign the specific tasks. Henry and Tom will be responsible for over-seeding and fertilizing the luxurious lawns of the church. Charlotte and Wilma will rub every inch of woodwork until it literally glistens in the morning sun. David and Jamison are replanting all the shrubbery as per the every 5th year schedule. Winston will supervise the Scouts working for their merit badges while they power wash the entire parking lot. The interior decorations will be attended to by Church Beautiful, the nationally acclaimed interior decorators featured in last month's "Christian Aesthetics."

Or, it is just possible that the church people of DRC will respond to the leadership of the Men's and Women's Ministry and show up with their work duds on April 16th for the Spring Work Day beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m.? You figure it out, church people.

Better be makin' tracks,



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