

**Community Church of God
535 South Bowman Avenue
Danville, Illinois 61832
(217) 446-7289**

**Senior Pastor: Joel Ferren
Youth Pastor: Corey Stocksdale**

GROWING EDGE



Pastor Ferren



Pastor Stocksdale



March 2010



Are we there yet?

Psalms 119:103-105 (NIV)

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

“Are we there yet?” So have you heard this question before? Perhaps you have heard it on a long tedious trip across the country to see relatives? Maybe you heard it on a vacation trip to some exciting destination. It was probably from the lips of an anxious passenger in the back seat ready to be done with the trip and get on with the excitement.

When my sister and I would ask this question, we would get my Dad’s standard answer, “just enjoy the scenery.” I so despised those words. I didn’t want to enjoy the scenery; I wanted to be where we were going. To me the scenery was just an incidental part of the trip. The only scenery I wanted to see was waiting for me at my destination.

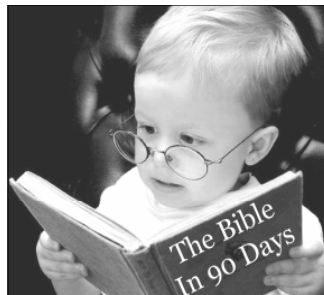
As I have traveled many miles over many years since I was that impatient child in the back seat, I have actually grown fond of the scenery along the way. I have discovered that the scenery is one of the most beautiful parts of any trip. Marveling at how God has painted the landscape or seeing His creation hard at work has proven to be an added enjoyment of traveling down any road. In fact, to my children’s chagrin, when they ask, “are we there yet?” I find myself responding, “Just enjoy the scenery!”

We are in the middle of our 90 day journey through the word of God. It has been eye opening in some places and very difficult to read in others. At points I find myself longing to be at the end of the journey, having completed this momentous book in 90 days time. However, I keep reminding myself to enjoy the scenery along this journey of discovery.

The scenery that we are blessed to witness these 90 days is the complete story of God. We get to see His Holiness, love, mercy, wisdom, perseverance, grace, patients, etc. We also get to see a sterner more ominous side of God’s character that both frightens us and drives us to a sense of awe at the same time. But regardless of the scenery, it has brought to us a greater love and respect of our Heavenly Father. (Cont’d)

*Many
books
inform,
but only
one
transforms.*

“The Bible”





We, the Community Church of God of Danville, Illinois, are here to glorify God by being a loving fellowship of believers seeking to reconcile persons to Christ, to train them in obedience to His Word and to involve them in ministry to one another and to the world.

It will be great to get to the end of this journey and feel a sense of accomplishment. But please, please, enjoy the scenery. It is the scenery that will cause true growth and strength in our faith walk. It is this scenery that will give us a greater appreciation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's sacrifice of our sins, as well as a greater reliance on a relationship with Him in all aspects of our lives.

“Are we there yet?” I sure hope not!

*In Christ,
Pastor Joel*

COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY EVENTS

For more information, call the church office at 446-7289.

Sunday Worship

Worship I	8:00 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
Worship II	10:30 am

Wednesday Night Live

Kingdom Outfitters Kids	6:30-7:45 pm
I 53 Youth Ministry	6:30-7:45 pm
Adult Bible Study	6:30-7:45 pm

Prayer Gatherings

Sundays	7:30 am
---------	---------

MONTHLY EVENTS

- Communion Sunday - Mar.. 07
- Food Pantry Sunday - Mar.. 21
- Church Council Meeting - Tues., Mar. 16 - 5:30 pm
- Missions Ministry Meeting - Mon. - Mar. 08 - 6:00 pm
- PrimeTimers Luncheon - No Luncheon in March

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 24	Mid-Week Services - 6:30 pm
Feb. 27	Angel Food Distribution - 11:00 am
Feb. 27	Men's Ministry Breakfast - 8:00 am
Mar. 01	Red Cross Blood Drive - 2:00 to 6:00 pm
Mar. 03	Mid-Week Services - 6:30 pm
Mar. 07	“Come Together” - 5:00 pm
Mar. 08	Missions Ministry Meeting - 6:00 pm
Mar. 10	Mid-Week Services - 6:30 pm
Mar. 11	Angel Food Orders Taken - 1:00-3:00 pm
Mar. 13	Ushers Training - 9:30 am
Mar. 13	Angel Food Orders Taken - 9:30-11:00 am
Mar. 14	NCD Health Team Meeting - 5:30 pm
Mar. 16	Growing Edge Articles Due - 4:00 pm
Mar. 16	Council Meeting - 5:30 pm
Mar. 17	Mid-Week Services - 6:30 pm
Mar. 21	Food Pantry Sunday
Mar. 24	Mid-Week Services - 6:30 pm



**Community Church of God
I-53
Youth Ministry**

“Reach Out”

I heard a quote today by Craig Groeschel that says. “To reach people no one else is reaching, we must do things no one else is doing.” I found this quote to be both powerful and inspiring. In fact, when I heard it I immediately wrote it down (which I do not do often) so I would not forget it. In the church we often say we want to reach the people no one else is reaching. After all, is that not what we are supposed to do? We do not want to take people from other churches, or only minister to those who already know Christ. Instead, we want to reach the people who are left out; the people who are either ignored, or are just not wanting to let Christ in. I think at first thought this quote tells us we have to come up with something new or fresh. But when I look deeper into it, it says something else to me. I do not know what Craig meant by it, but to me it is deeper than being inventive.

It tells me we must give more than most do, extend grace farther than many, and love as Christ truly loves. I don't think it simply means we have to come up with a cool hip program or way of advertising. It means we must be more like Christ than ever. When you dig into Jesus' ministry, he reached those the church did not. He reached those that many probably saw as unreachable. Such as people like Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), and how society perceived him as being a lowly tax collector, versus how Christ perceived him as a child of God. My prayer is that, as God's church, we do not settle on reaching people the way the world reaches people which is often through show and glamour. I believe Christ calls us to be much deeper than that. He calls us to be different people, which in return allows us to

*Here is a test to find whether your mission on Earth is finished:
If you are alive, it isn't.
~Richard Bach~*

reach people by doing things others don't do. My question to you as you read this is, "Who are you reaching and how are you reaching them?"

*Blessings,
Pastor Corey*

Upcoming Youth Activities

Youth Retreat Lock-In - This will go from **7:30 pm, Friday, March 5th to 8:00 am, Saturday, March 6th**. The cost will be \$5.00. This will be a time for our youth to come together and have fun while drawing their attention and focus on Christ.

Sunday, March 28th - Multi Mini Missions - We will have mini missions following second service. Please bring money for lunch.

Our Faithful Volunteers



Community Church Of God

Welcome Center

Jesus' servants at our Welcome Center will greet you with a "Son-like" welcome to Community Church of God. God's servants are here to assist you with questions, signing up for various activities, or just to say "good morning." The volunteers for the month of March are shown below.

Mar. 07, 2010	Judy Farnsworth
Mar. 14, 2010	Gayle Taylor
Mar. 21, 2010	Rhonda Pabst
Mar. 28, 2010	Dottie White

Sunday Child Care Schedules

Child Care Services are provided for both of our Sunday Services. Those scheduled to work with the various groups of children in March are shown below.

Nursery - 8:00 am Service

Mar. 07, 2010	Diana Tawfall
Mar. 14, 2010	Nancy Boyd
Mar. 21, 2010	Judy Farnsworth
Mar. 28, 2010	Dennis Miller

Nursery -10:30 am Service

Mar. 07, 2010	Lisa Kelsey
Mar. 14, 2010	Debbie Goodlove
Mar. 21, 2010	Julie Terrell
Mar. 28, 2010	Amy Williams

Nursery Schedule - Sunday School

Mar. 07, 2010	Vila Hird
Mar. 14, 2010	Louie Farnsworth
Mar. 21, 2010	Jay Boyd
Mar. 28, 2010	Shirley Coake

Preschool Praise & Community Kids

10:30 am Service

Mar. 07, 2010	Sandy Turner / Kelsey Dickerson
Mar. 14, 2010	Pam Clingan; Morgan Link
Mar. 21, 2010	Alyson Ferren; Julianne Marron
Mar. 28, 2010	Shawna Allen; Tori Monson

*"God sees us as we can be,
but loves us as we are."*

DCCOG Financial Report

**General Operating Fund
Needs For Each Month Per Budget**

\$18,938.00
Received 01/01/2010 through 01/31/2010
\$20,616.62

**Bus Purchase Fund
Needs For Each Month Per Loan**

At Least \$320.53
Received 01/01/2010 through 01/31/2010
\$650.00
Current Balance as of 12/31/09
\$1,923.60

Missions News

A Way That You Can Help!

If you would like to donate much-needed items to Haiti, please place them in one of the totes that will be in the narthex. The following items are needed.

Food Items

Peanut Butter	Cooking Oil
Rice	Old Fashion Oatmeal
Powdered Milk	Black Beans
Canned Meat	Baby Cereal

Medicine

Adult Tylenol	Children's Tylenol
Vitamins	Eye Drops
Allergy Medicine	Neosporin
Bandages	

Sister Families

Some families that are a part of our sister church in St. Ard, Haiti, are in critical need. A family can be fed for \$20.00 a week. We are challenging our congregation to adopt these families for a period of three months.

Please pray about this and discuss it with your small group, Sunday School class, or other families and or friends.

We can help support these families if we work together. Your group will get the name of the family that you will be helping.

We ask that you keep these families lifted up in prayer daily.

If you or your group are interested in participating in this challenge, please contact someone on the Missions Board.

*Children need parents' presence
more than their presents.*

90 Days Through The Bible

Bible - \$15.00

Study Guide - \$10.00

If you have not paid for your Bible or Study Guide, please place the fees in an envelope and place in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.

For more information or questions, please call the church office at 446-7289.

Announcements For Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Service - April 1st at 6:00 PM

The word Maundy means commanded. During our Maundy Thursday service we observe what our Lord and Savior commanded us to observe as a reminder of His service and sacrifice for us. I hope that you will join us for this very powerful time of worship during the Easter week.

Living Last Supper - April 3rd at 6:30 PM

On Saturday, April 3rd we will be presenting "Transformation: A Living Last Supper" at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Please be praying for this presentation as well as those who come to see it. This will be a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and family to the Community Church of God. Please keep your eyes open for more information.

Anderson University Day - May 2nd

We will be having a very special service on May 2nd honoring Anderson University and also raising funds for our matching Church scholarship fund. On this Sunday we will be having only one service that will begin at 10:30 AM with a meal to follow. Please look forward to joining us for this very special day.

*Faith makes all things possible...
Love makes all things easy.
~D. Moody~*

Help Needed

The Building and Grounds committee are looking for a few good men and/or women to help keep the church building and grounds looking great.



If you are interested in helping, please contact Louie Farnsworth or the church office - 446-7289.

Angel Food Ministries



*"A Food Ministry With A
Servant's Heart"*

The Angel Food Ministries menu for March 2010 was not available at the time our newsletter was being published.

Please go to the following web site to view the menu.

www.angelfoodministries.com

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Community Church of God Women's Ministry

Our next scheduled meeting is at 9:00 am, Saturday, February 27, 2010 in the church office.



Fun Stuff & More



The King Josiah Word Search

X	B	D	S	R	G	Y	R	G	S	T	S	E	I	R	P	N	N	B	X
S	D	O	D	E	A	C	E	U	W	N	B	E	Q	B	I	O	H	B	G
E	E	G	N	V	F	J	M	V	C	A	A	T	P	C	H	I	S	O	T
B	H	D	A	O	S	O	O	I	A	N	T	C	A	S	U	T	R	O	D
O	S	E	M	S	E	S	V	T	R	E	T	I	G	N	L	A	I	K	A
R	I	W	M	S	N	I	E	P	C	V	L	R	A	A	D	M	A	O	R
S	N	O	O	A	O	A	D	Y	H	O	E	T	N	I	A	R	P	F	E
I	U	L	C	P	B	H	M	G	E	C	Y	S	A	T	H	O	E	T	D
H	P	L	S	D	E	P	O	E	M	S	S	I	L	P	S	F	R	H	R
E	E	O	I	E	H	R	N	F	I	W	S	D	T	Y	O	E	E	E	O
R	B	F	H	T	T	O	E	O	S	E	E	D	A	G	N	R	L	L	N
O	O	D	P	A	D	P	Y	G	H	N	N	N	R	E	O	S	P	A	I
T	T	E	E	R	E	H	V	N	X	E	D	O	S	D	F	U	M	W	E
G	H	A	E	B	N	E	U	I	N	R	E	C	S	E	D	O	E	H	L
N	A	T	K	E	R	T	O	K	E	M	K	E	E	K	A	I	T	I	P
I	D	H	N	L	U	E	V	H	C	L	C	S	S	C	V	G	N	L	M
K	U	Z	A	E	B	S	Y	G	O	Y	I	M	O	A	I	I	T	K	E
V	J	W	J	C	M	S	Q	V	N	B	W	T	M	T	D	L	Y	I	T
R	A	L	L	I	P	S	I	H	Y	B	D	O	O	T	S	E	T	A	S
D	D	R	O	L	E	H	T	W	O	L	L	O	F	A	F	R	U	H	O

Attacked Egyptians
Battle

Book Of The Law

Burned The Bones

Carchemish

Celebrated Passover

Death

Follow the Lord

Followed God

Hilkiah

Huldah

Josiah

Judah To Be Punished

Keep His Commands

King of Egypt

King Tore His Robes

Moses

Neco

Pagan Altars

Priests

Prophetess

Religious Reformation

Removed Money

Renews Covenant

Second District

Son Of David

Stood By His Pillar

Temple In Order

Temple Repairs

Wickedness

~Used with Permission from
Grandreams Books Limited~

*The Only People
Who Like Change
Are Wet Babies*



Definition of a Veteran

A Veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount of "up to and including my life."

Stand Tall and Silent Never Forget!