

# THE CONNECT

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## “Senseless Violence In a Sinful World”

Last Sunday, our congregation was blessed through the preaching and testimony of Pastor Steve Beason, chaplain for the Las Vegas Police department. Steve shared what God has been doing through the recent, horrible tragedy in Las Vegas. Across our nation, people have been dumbfounded and shocked by the inexplicable shootings of 568 innocent people in Las Vegas on October 1, and 46 worshipers this past Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

For some people these tragedies turn into referendums on gun control, political party failures, and the efficacy of prayer. In today's CONNECT, I simply want to focus on these events from a spiritual viewpoint. Tragedies like these cause us to think about what we truly believe about God. Why didn't God protect those innocent people? If anyone should have received a little extra protection, shouldn't it have been people sitting in church worshipping? Does this mean God didn't know, or care, or couldn't prevent the massacre? Absolutely not! These senseless tragedies remind us of the utter brokenness of our world and the greater, wonderful plan that God has for His creation.

As you look through the Bible, you find that God's servants were never immune from the devastating effects of sin in the world. Read Hebrews 11:35-40 for a recounting of the pain, misery, rejection, destitution, torture, and imprisonment which God's children have endured. We must mourn with those who mourn, because for every person who died there are dozens who are still grieving today. We must pray for a world caught in the quagmire of sin in multiple forms of hate, injustice, and violence.

For what we Christians offer to this world, above all else, is the hope of Jesus Christ! The reason those people were in church Sunday in Sutherland Springs was because they believed in something greater than themselves. They believed in a place greater than this world and a purpose more important than their own lives. They believed Jesus came to earth and died so that they could live eternally. They believed they would go to Heaven, though none expected it would be so soon. The people in that church were protected from life's ultimate consequences of eternal death. Now they are in a place where there is no more pain, no more tears, and no more sin (Romans 8:37-39).

So grieve, rejoice, comfort the hurting, call your congress person, pray, and be reminded of the eternal truth of Jesus Christ. Sin has infected this world. That's why we need Jesus Christ so desperately!

In Christ's Love,  
Larry Maley

## Events Happening at DPC

Nov. 12	Angel Tree Begins
Nov. 13	Operation Christmas Child Collection Begins
Nov. 14	Cancer Companions
Nov. 15	Last Fellowship Dinner until January
Nov. 18	Restore St. Charles
Nov. 18	Bingo Night Fundraiser
Nov. 19	Eve of Thanks Worship in Rock Church
Nov. 19	Quilt Raffle Drawing
Dec. 1	DC/S Uprising
Dec. 1-3	Weekend to Remember
Dec. 3	“Adopt-A- Child” gifts due
Dec. 3	Chancel & Children's Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 3	Church-Wide Dinner
Dec. 5	Advent by Candlelight
Dec. 9	Christmas Caroling
Dec. 16	Restore St. Charles
Jan. 5	DC/S Uprising
Jan. 16	PW Soup Luncheon
Jan. 20	Restore St. Charles
Feb. 2-4	DC/S Winter Weekend

## Opportunities to Serve

### Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Weekly Update

#### COLLECTION WEEK STARTS TOMORROW!

The red and green shoeboxes were being picked up last Sunday as fast as we could put them together! If you missed getting yours we have a few more on the table in Mission Hall today. Keep in mind you can also use a regular shoebox or a shoe size plastic box. Visit our table in Mission Hall to learn more about the project.

#### OCC Hours of Operation

Mon. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Thurs. noon to 3 p.m.
Tues. noon to 3 p.m.	Fri. 9 a.m. to noon
Wed. noon to 2 p.m.	Sat. 9 a.m. to noon
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	Mon. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Nativity Quilt Raffle

You still have time to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win the nativity scene quilt made and donated by the Dardenne Presbyterian Quilters. Tickets may be purchased this Sunday and next Sunday in Mission Hall. Tickets cost \$1 for one ticket or six tickets for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn on November 19. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Operation Backpack.

#### HOPE Food Pantry

HOPE Pantry's special needs for November are canned gravy, alfredo sauce, facial tissue, and canned chicken. Your help is so appreciated. Thank you!

### Fellowship Dinner November 15 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

#### No Kid's Meal

#### Adult Meal

Roast Turkey  
Sweet Potato Casserole  
Corn  
Spinach Salad  
Pumpkin Pie

#### Baptism of Elijah James Cook

**Today during 11:00 a.m. worship in the Christian Life Center**

Elijah James Cook, son of Andrew and Julia Cook, was born on March 19, 2017. He will be baptized today with Elder Mary Dobson representing Session.

#### DC/S Bingo Night!

**Saturday, November 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the CLC**

Mark your calendar! Save the date! Wake the neighbors and grab your friends and family. DC students are hosting a family friendly BINGO night fundraiser. This will be a night full of fun. From carnival games to baked treats and boxed lunches to creative items in a silent auction and, of course, some BINGO sprinkled in between. There will be something for everyone. Please join us as we raise money to fund the future programming of our student ministry to ensure that all teens have the opportunity to encounter the hope and grace of Jesus.

#### Weekend to Remember

**December 1 – 3 at Hyatt Regency by the Arch**

Wanna Getaway? Family Life's "Weekend to Remember"

([www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember](http://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember)) returns to St. Louis! It's a chance for married or engaged couples to get away from the distractions of daily life, reconnect, align or realign your marriage to God's plan, or even rekindle your romance. The lives of at least several Dardenne couples have been personally transformed by this ministry. Enter the Group Name "TeamDPC" to apply the discount. Pick up a brochure in Mission Hall or contact Chris and Samantha Knauper for more information ([dpcchris@yahoo.com](mailto:dpcchris@yahoo.com) or 636-614-2461).

#### Chancel Choir & Children's Choirs Christmas program

**"Jesus, The Light of the World"**

**Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

"Jesus, The Light of the World" is a celebration of carols from around the world. This musical celebration will include a special appearance by the Tamil School dancers and singers representing Christmas traditions from India. Included in the program will be Christmas music from Spain, France, Germany, Ireland, Africa, Brazil, and the United States. Please join us as we joyously celebrate the coming of our LORD and Savior for people of every tribe and nation.

#### Christmas Concert Dinner (Reservation Required)

**Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center**

**immediately following the Christmas Concert**

Please join us for a dinner of ham with raisin sauce, hash brown casserole, glazed carrots, salad, and international desserts. Children's option is macaroni and cheese. To be sure a place will be set for your family and friends, please **purchase** your dinner reservations at the table in Mission Hall on November 12 and 19. Cost is \$5.00 for ages 12-100 years and \$3.00 for children ages 5-11 years. Under 5 years is free however **they still need a ticket. SEATS ARE LIMITED.** Contact Jackie Schumacher ([jlmc51@aol.com](mailto:jlmc51@aol.com)) with questions.

#### Endowment Thank You and Awareness Luncheon

**Sunday, December 10 from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Watson Hall**

You are invited to a courtesy luncheon. People who have contributed to the Organ Endowment or other Funds are invited any others who wish to learn how, why, and where our investments are made. Please join us. Sign up in Mission Hall Beginning on November 19 and 26 with Board members, or call Greg Aman (636-240-0882) or Hu Weikart (636-625-2459).

### Christmas Angel Mission

Is your family looking for a way to show God's love this Christmas, while bringing a smile to a child's face? DPC is participating in Mission Gate Prison Ministry's Christmas Angel Program. Your donation of a new, wrapped present will be given to a child whose parents are in prison. Please stop by the Christmas Angel tree in Mission Hall today and select a child by gender and age. The suggested price range is \$20-\$25 per gift. The deadline to drop presents off is noon on Thursday, December 7, so that the presents can be delivered in time for the kids' Christmas party. Please consider donating a gift to this wonderful local mission. Thanks!

### SCRIP Cards

Did you know that Dardenne Presbyterian Church has the opportunity to receive free money? That's what the SCRIP program does for the children's ministry non-budgeted expenses. When you buy cards for your regular purchases of groceries, clothing, gifts, gas, etc., a percentage goes immediately to DPC. Last year we received approximately \$1000!! FREE!! Please come to the table in Mission Hall before and after the middle service to purchase your cards or to hear more about the program.

### Calling All Blue Star Families

Do you have a family member currently serving on active duty? The Congregational Care Committee of the Diaconate wishes to show DPC's love to all of our military members and friends who are currently serving on active duty by sending a Christmas card from the congregation. Contact Kathy Holtkamp with the complete name and address of your military family (314-225-9930 or kathyholtkamp@charter.net)

### Custodian Needed

Dardenne Presbyterian Church is still looking for a custodian for one evening beginning in midafternoon and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each week. Experience is preferred. Visit the church office for an application. Call the Facility Manager, Myron, with questions (636-236-0392).

### Operation Backpack Thanks its Volunteers!

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped collect 2,020 items at Shop n Save on November 5! Our volunteers are advocates for children in our community who would otherwise go hungry each weekend. Operation Backpack provides food to over 90 children across four different schools in the community. A very sincere thank you to Sam, Seth, Noah, Lane, and Evan Schaeperkoetter; Jessica, Skylar, and Payton Grotewiel; Jessica Fouse; Carol and Jamie Hoeman; Sheryl Donahue; Joy and Daniel Larkin; Nancy Curry; Cris Ziegler; Savannah and Rose Thompto; Mindy Earley; Sara Grieb; Caitlin Kasberg; Becky and Chloe Schwab; Macy and Laura Lauer; Lisa Klevorn; Emily Raglin; Erica Pauline; Karen Loechner; Sally Schubert; and Madeline Stewart.

### Pastor Nominating Committee Corner

Behold, You have made the heavens and the Earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you.  
Jeremiah 32:17

**Survey Coming Soon:** On November 19, a survey will become available to the congregation to gain your opinion about what important qualities should be considered in choosing our next pastor. You may take the survey electronically or use paper copies available between church services.

Please pray for guidance and trust in God's plan for our church.

## Opportunities to Serve

### Hope Food Pantry "Adopt-A-Child" Correction!

"Adopt-A-Child" Program will begin November 19 and will end December 3. All gifts are due on December 10. A "Holiday Wish List" will be available listing children from 18 and under so you can make their "wishes" come true. What joy there is in knowing you made a child smile and parents' hearts glad! Write Helen Swiney ([whswiney@gmail.com](mailto:whswiney@gmail.com)) with questions.

### Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up for the Christmas Concert dinner. Please sign up at the ticket sales table in Mission Hall November 12 and 19. We need **YOUR** help! Contact Jackie Schumacher ([jlmc51@aol.com](mailto:jlmc51@aol.com)).

### School Scholarships

This is the last Sunday Joy in Haiti will have a table in Mission Hall to connect with those already sponsoring and those who would like to sponsor a child in Haiti. Present sponsors can stop by to pick up a new picture of their student and leave a Christmas card with a note or picture to be taken to them the end of November. There are a lot of new students who need sponsoring. If someone would like to sponsor a child for the coming year, the cost is \$150. Supporting a child to go to school in Haiti will make a difference in this 3rd world country. Thank you for your prayers and support.

### Baked Goods Needed

Do you like to bake? Do you want to help out DPC's students? Then we have a job for you. DC students are in need of baked goods for Bingo Night on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please place baked goodies into baggies to be sold for \$1.00 each, and drop them off in the church office or upstairs in the Loft offices starting Wednesday, November 15 through Saturday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. Thank you so much for partnering with us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### Sunday Schedule

#### Communion

The First Sunday of Each Month

#### Worship

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Blended in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary in Christian Life Center

#### Nursery

- 8:00 a.m. Cry room - Room A-2
- 9:15 a.m. Ages 0-3 Nursery - Through 11:00 a.m. Worship - Room A-2/A-4

#### Children's Sunday School

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool thru Kindergarten in B1-4
- 9:30 a.m. Children in Watson Hall 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 11:00 a.m. Preschool thru Kindergarten begin in 11 a.m. Worship then to Room A-5
- 11:00 a.m. Kidz Connect 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade begins in 11 a.m. Worship then to Myers Conference Room

#### Dardenne Church Student

##### Ministry (DC/S)

- 9:30 a.m. Middle and High School - Loft
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Worship Arts Choir - B11

##### Adult Bible Studies

- 9:30 a.m. Pathfinders, Room B-5  
Followers, Room C-4  
Finders, Hearth Room  
Seekers, Myers Conf. Rm  
New Dawn, Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Explorers, Hearth Room

### Finding Your Place Through A Small Group

#### **Small Groups for all ages**

Contact: Caitlin Kasberg  
caitlin.kasberg@gmail.com

#### **Small Groups for Women**

Contact: Joy Trevathan  
joytrevathan1@yahoo.com

#### **Small Groups for Men**

Contact: Steve Collier  
steve\_collier\_pca@earthlink.net

#### **Young Adults (Under 30)**

Contact: Pat Wilcox  
bigpat20us@gmail.com

#### **Middle School and High School**

Contact: Becky Kronauge  
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#### **Visit our website**

[www.dpc4u.org](http://www.dpc4u.org)

for a complete list and description of Bible studies.

For a more detailed calendar, scan the QR Code below with a QR Code app to view Dardenne Presbyterian Church's online calendar



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### Coming This Week

Join in. Make a difference!

#### Monday, November 13

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

#### Tuesday, November 14

- 1:00 p.m. Book Club - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Cancer Companions - Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. Basketball

#### Wednesday, November 15

- 6:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Cappuccino's/Capp's Restaurant
- 11:30 a.m. JAM - Men's Bible Study - Email Rev. Kasberg
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner - CLC
- 6:00 p.m. DC/S Parent Study - Myers
- 6:00 p.m. DC/S Wednesday Night
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Class
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Clubs
- 6:30 p.m. Nursery

#### Thursday, November 16

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Quilt Room
- 9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Gathering - Hearth Room

#### Friday, November 17

#### Saturday, November 18

- 8:00 a.m. Restore St. Charles Work Day
- 9:00 a.m. Quilting Bee - C6
- 6:30 p.m. Bingo Fundraiser

#### Sunday, November 19

- 6:00 p.m. Eve of Thanks Worship - Rock Church

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