

A newsletter of

Danville Christian Church

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February Newsletter

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"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together."

- Hebrews 10:24

February Sermons

- 2/2 *The Blame Game*
- 2/9 *Love Languages*
- 2/16 *A Clear Conscience*
- 2/23 *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*

Me, Myself and I

Do not give the devil an opportunity.

All too often, the worst enemy of the church is . . . the church. Yep. Sometimes we shoot ourselves in the foot. We are our own best enemy. Sometimes.

You probably know of a circumstance where a new person comes to church and does not spiritually grow (or stick around long), because "older" believers who have not matured become the primary stumbling blocks by their poor example.

Selfishness often shows up in the church's and becomes quite visible and manifest. Sometimes the church shifts its focus from "The Father, Son and Holy Spirit" to "Me, Myself, and I!"

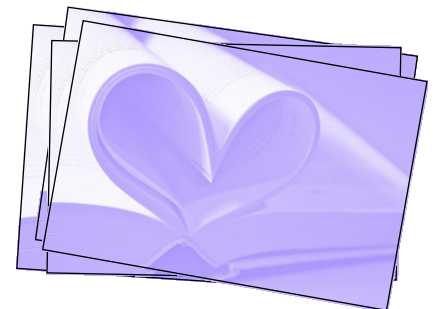
Warren Wiersbe wrote, "When the enemy fails in his attacks from the outside, he then begins to attack from within, and one of his favorite weapons is selfishness." The attitude of selfishness comes through most often by having to have your way with something, or over someone.

This attitude is revealed not only in outward behavior but also in secret thoughts. If left unchecked, it ultimately poisons the heart. Selfishness destroys friendships, marriages, ministries, and churches. In short, selfishness destroys relationships and all other sacred projects where the Spirit is at work.

The church at Ephesus was struggling with this problem, and Paul dedicated nearly an entire chapter to exhort the believers. He wrote, "*Speak the truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger; and do not give the devil an opportunity.*"

These verses clearly warn us that the devil actually watches us. And he longs for opportunities birthed by selfish believers. No wonder the devil baits his hook with self-centered advice, whispering, "Don't think about others, think only of yourself: your desires, your life, your money, your plans, your career, your retirement, your position, your agenda."

To be sure, we are all terminally infected with selfishness, and it lies at the core of most of our actions. That is why selfishness is such a productive and powerful weapon in the hands of Satan. He will use it against us whenever he can. Let us not give the devil a place to get at us!



I am grateful we are living our lives together in faith at Danville Christian.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Ronn



SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The first meeting of the 2019 General Board was held on January 16th. Board members in attendance were: Helena Masters, Judy Jones, Alice Black, Adam Harvey, Ron Pruet, David Routh, Jay Hodge, Lindsey Agan, David Hadley, Linda Rodney, Ronn Oren (Ex-Officio).

The Minutes from the November 21, 2019 meeting were read and approved. The **Financial Report** was distributed and approved. Copies of both are available in the office.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ronn presented his report from the month of December. Pastor Ronn also presented a 3-year plan of goals for himself and for the church. The Board will meet on Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, to include lunch, at the church to further flesh out the plan and set goals for various committees to implement the plan.

*Tristan Oren applied for the Internship program through DCHS. Since Tristan is considering full-time professional ministry as a career, Pastor Ronn proposed for Tristan to do his internship here at Danville Christian Church. The Board unanimously approved Tristan serving as an intern this semester.

Updates from the Committees:

Elders: Submitted written report, nothing submitted for Board approval.

Deacons: Submitted written report, nothing submitted for Board approval.

Trustees: Submitted a written report, and gave an update on various projects they are involved in with up-keep and maintenance on the building. The Church Van has been sold and will be off our property and books by February 15th.

Christian Education: This committee is now called Faith Formation and submitted a written report. Lindsey Agan reports that March 27 – 29 the Youth will participate in a retreat at Bradford Woods. Pastor Ronn and Yvette will attend and be sponsors for our youth at the retreat. A summer mission trip is planned for June 9 -13, and VBS is scheduled for June at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Membership Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Outreach Committee: Submitted a written report. Alice Black reported that DCC will host Family Promise at Danville Friends Church February 16 – 23. Julie Randall will speak at DCC on February 9 during our worship service to update the congregation on all that Family Promise is now doing with the Stability Builders Network program. Alice presented information to the Board and will post on the bulletin board information regarding Family Promise programs.

Worship Committee: Submitted written report.

OLD BUSINESS: Church Board Bylaws were tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting - March 19th at 7:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2020 Danville Christian Church Board—Information!

Here are the members of this year's church Board.

Chairman - Helena Masters

Vice Chairman - Adam Harvey

Office Manager & Treasurer - Judy Jones

Assistant Treasurer - David Routh

Elders Representative - Judy Hamilton

Deacons Representative - Shannon Harris

Trustees Representative - Ron Pruet

Worship Planning Representative - Kay Grove

Faith Formation Committee Representative - Lindsey Agan

Finance/Stewardship Committee Representative - Mike Nicholson

Two At-Large members from the congregation - David Hadley and Linda Rodney

Secretary (Ex-officio) - Alice Black

Pastor (Ex-officio) - Ronn Oren

*The Board will meet on the 3rd Thursday at 7 pm at odd numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November. Depending on the amount of business or projected attendance in July, that meeting may be laid down.

*If you have any questions or comments concerning the church which relates to the Board please speak with any member of the board, and they can relay your question, or concern on to the Board.

*Any committee or group that needs to, or desires to, report to the Board, please submit the report to the church office at least a week prior to the next board meeting.

*Thank you to those serving on the board, and showing passion of the Lord's work!

Blessings,

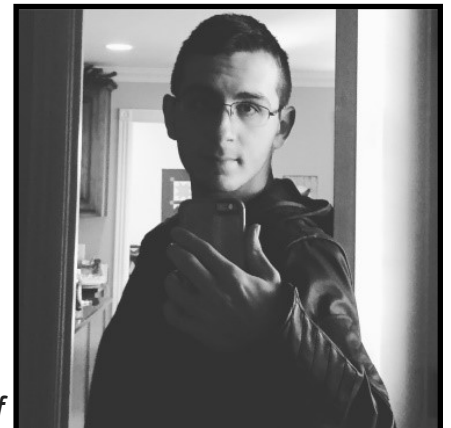
Helena Masters

Board Chair

Meet our NEW CHURCH INTERN!

Hello, you probably already know me, but I wanted to share a little bit more. I was born and raised in Indiana until the age of 11, and then we moved to Sarasota, Florida until 2017. One thing you may not know about me is that when I was a freshman at Polytechnic High School in Sarasota, I joined a group of students and traveled to Japan. It was a great experience and I hope to go back sometime.

Although my favorite thing to do is to play video games, I also enjoy learning new skills and looking at many different types of art. I am excited about interning at the church (even though I have to work with my dad!☺) and I can't wait to meet more people.





Outreach and Mission

Danville Christian Church supports a number of outreach missions in our community and in the world. Each month we will focus on a particular project in the newsletter so that you can be well informed and so that you can join us in serving where you feel called and have a passion to serve.

Did you know that there is now one place to which families and individuals can reach out for all kinds of assistance and services? The service is called Stability Builders Network, and as you can probably determine by the name, the goal of this service is to build stability – safety, firmness, steadfastness, quality – for people in need. Needs like food, utilities, rent, gas cards, vehicle repair, childcare, furniture, financial assistance, money management counseling, boots, clothing, etc. Our neighbors in need can now make one contact in order to locate the assistance they need. Multiple organizations, churches, businesses, government and individuals provide the funds and products, and one central hub now has all the information and can coordinate the services. This network began in August, 2019 and through December they have already provided services to hundreds of families in our community!

Who is this network provider? Family Promise of Hendricks County! Not only do they provide temporary housing for homeless families, but they are now able to do so much more! Through these additional efforts, homelessness can be avoided for many. Lives are changed. Hope is given.

DCC will host Family Promise at Danville Friends Church February 16 - 23, 2020. You can sign up to help here: <https://volunteersignup.org/8JMQ4> or on a signup sheet in the narthex at church. Hosting involves providing a warm meal in the evening and pack and go breakfasts and lunches for 3-4 families, up to 15 people, and spending the night at the church with the families. 2 persons or families will cook and serve a meal in the evening, eating with the families and spending time with them – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 2 other persons (or the same person if you wish) will spend the night – 8:00 pm to 6:30 am Sunday night through Thursday, 8:00 pm to 7:30 am Friday and Saturday nights. With cash donations we will provide sack lunches and breakfasts for the families. We split the week with members from Danville Friends Church, so we (DCC) plan to provide 4 days' meals and 4 nights' (8 individuals) overnight hosts. Beds are provided for overnight and each "host" will have their own room for the night – just bring your own pillow and blankets - and sleep!

Julie Randall, the Director of Family Promise, will be at Danville Christian Church on February 9 to tell us more and will be available to answer questions after church. Come and see how you can make a difference in our community.

Check the bulletin board in the narthex at church for additional information including Free Tax service appointments, a list of services provided through Stability Builders Network, families we have hosted this year, and more.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4, 1, 18, 25 - Tuesdays

February 3, 10, 17, 24 - Mondays

February 5, 12, 19 - Wednesdays

February 26 - Wednesday

February 6, 20 - Thursdays

February 2, 16 - Sundays

February 9, 23 - Sundays

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February 15 - Saturday

February 16-23 - Selected Evenings

Cancer Support Yoga 5:30 - 6:30 PM

AA Meetings 6:30 PM

Bible Study 101 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 PM

Fellowship Breakfast, Mayberry's 9:00 AM

Bell Practice 5:00 PM

Chi Rho - 11:30 - 1:30

CYF - 11:30 - 1:30

Baby Shower for Alie and Kyle 1:00 PM

Family Promise at Danville Friends Church

What Disciples Believe:

Like most Christians, Disciples affirm:

- ♦ Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, and offers saving grace to all.
- ♦ All persons are God's children.



Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- ♦ *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship and is open to all.
- ♦ *Diversity of Opinion.* Each person is free to determine individual belief guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer.
- ♦ *Baptism by Immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although Disciples generally practice baptism by immersion, they honor other baptism traditions as well.
- ♦ *Importance of Church Unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other in Christ.