



"Because of God's tender mercy, the **DAYS PRING** from heaven is about to break upon us, *to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.*" - Luke 1:78-79

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I Enjoy Working Here!

At East Texas Rescue Mission, we think our volunteers are pretty special. Because they care and give of their time and talents, we are able to reach out to the hurting and homeless of East Texas. One of our volunteers, Kerran, has been helping out in the kitchen since January of this year. I asked her what inspired her to come and found out it all began with garbage!

"I received a piece of mail from East Texas Rescue Mission, held onto it for a few days thinking I would donate to them, but finally threw it in the trash. By the end of the day, I kept feeling a tug at my heart and ended up getting in out of the trash. I felt the Lord telling me to volunteer here. I wasn't sure what I could possibly do to help and felt I didn't have anything to offer. I talked to my husband, my son, my mother and my friend and they all encouraged me to call and find out about it. So I made the decision to call and give it a try.



When I called the mission, I was told I could work in the kitchen. I'm a Southern woman and I knew that was something I could do. I got very excited. I've been helping prepare meals and working in the food pantry ever since that day.

I enjoy working here so much because I can actually see how the Lord is working in the lives of these men. They find out there is hope for them, and you can see that hope begin to take root. I am actually encouraged by their faith and know they have strengthened mine. I also feel needed and wanted. On Mother's Day, I was getting ready to leave and the men I work with in the kitchen all gave me a Mother's Day hug. That made me feel special."

Kerran Link has even encouraged others to come to volunteer. Pictured with her (above) is Sarah Thigpen, her son, Edwin Link, Jamee and Jason Eslicker all who attend Dayspring UMC.

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Movie at Bergfeld a Success!

On Friday evening, August 14th Dayspring hosted the 2nd annual "Movie at Bergfeld." Over 500 people came for the free showing of "Iron Man." Dayspring also gave out free drinks and popcorn to all who attended.

At Dayspring, we are intentional about serving in the community, supporting, and caring for the people who live around us. In today's economy, providing a free evening for families to enjoy a movie and food is an act of service. Seeing all of the families gather together for a fun time without worrying about the expense-now that is priceless.



Thanks to all the Dayspringers who helped and volunteered to make the night possible!

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Upcoming Deadline for Fall Softball Sign Ups

Are you interested in playing softball this Fall? You can sign up for Daysprings' coed and/or men's softball team. Games will be most likely be on Monday nights at Lindsey Park. The cost will be based on the number of players. Deadline to sign up is August 28th and play begins September 14th. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing info@dayspringumc.com or on your connection card on Sunday and specify men's, coed team or both. Let us know soon! The deadline is quickly approaching.



Grace Groups

It's time to sign up for fall small groups. The semester will run for 8 weeks starting the week of September 13th and running through the first week in November. All of the groups will be discussing the same book, "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey. Don't miss out on meeting new friends and seeing Jesus with new eyes. On Sunday please read through the bulletin insert about our Grace Groups and mark which group you would like to join.



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...to the following young servant-hearts in our church. These people have been youth helpers in the GROzone and in the Sprouts area during the past year. We couldn't do God's work without them! I love you guys!

~Sharon Troxell

Jesus Acosta, Alisa Boyd, Hayley Buskell, Kameron Coe, Allie Cummins, Jamee Eslicker, Nicolas Gregory, Kayla Heinrich, Carter Henderson, Molly Henderson, Trevor Kirsch, Kara Kuczkowski, Gabrielle Love, Jordan Love, Ashlyn McDaniel, Bailey McIntosh, Keith Phillips, Karina Redfern, Katherine Stair, Sarah Stair, Anna Mae Stevens, Bailey Schultz, Cailyn Taylor, Ty Taylor, Sarah Thigpen, Grant Troxell, Megan Troxell, Bailey West, and Kylie Woody

Youth helpers are ages 11 through 17. Simply sign up on a weekly basis for the group they would like to help with. Service hours for honor society, scouts, etc. are applicable. It's easy & fun!

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Joining Class

We will have a joining class on Sunday, August 23rd immediately after the service. Rev. Jeff Olive will lead a brief introduction and share about the vision and values of Dayspring Church. He will also explain what it means to take membership vows. There is no obligation to join. However, if you decide you would like to join Dayspring UMC, you will be given the opportunity to do so during the worship service on Sunday, August 30th.



LIFE ON THE VINE: CULTIVATING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

God is looking for fruit, but this fruit is not of our own making. Jesus said that he was the "True Vine" and it is only in living through him that we are able to bear the kind of fruit he desires-love, joy, peace patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Join us at Dayspring July 26 - August 30 for this new series, as we explore the Fruit of The Spirit.

Getting to Know You!

Name: Andrew Pulley
Instrument: Keyboard

Shoes or barefoot? Why? Barefoot, shoes make my feet sweat.

College Football: Alabama or Texas? I don't really watch football, I know I know.

If you could speak to a specific type of animal, what would it be? A lion because they are the king of the jungle!



Who has made the biggest impact on your life? My family (parents, brothers, grandparents) for sure, I was very blessed growing up.

What was the last book you read? DAVID, A Man of Passion and Destiny. It's like a biography of King David's life.

If I came to your home and looked in your refrigerator, what would I find? I live with 4 guys so there is no telling. Waaay to many condiments, milk, eggs, chicken, yogurt, fruit, deli meat, and moldy food.

Who is your favorite Christian artist? Shane and Shane, favorite song: Breathe of God.

What is God doing in your life? Teaching me to be patient and to stop second guessing what he tells me to do, I overthink things a lot.

What would you like Dayspring to know about you? I came ALIVE when I decided to follow JESUS CHRIST. Being filled with The Spirit is abundantly PEACEFUL and COMFORTING. If you're wondering whether you should, could, later today, next week, after this, after that, when I'm stable, I'm afraid, I can't, He doesn't understand, there is no way, what if my life falls apart, I'll look like a fool, I'm embarrassed.... trust Him NOW with your life!! Remember His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Rest in HIM.

Upcoming Sermon Series



Dave Ramsey at Dayspring (kind of)! Join us beginning September 13th as we hear from financial guru Dave Ramsey speaking to us about a Biblical perspective of money. His topics include: The Basics of Biblical Finance, Breaking the Bondage of Debt, and the # 1 Myth about Money.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 23

*Service 10:00 AM Carmike Theater

Friday, August 28

*Deadline to sign up for fall softball season

Sunday, August 30

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