



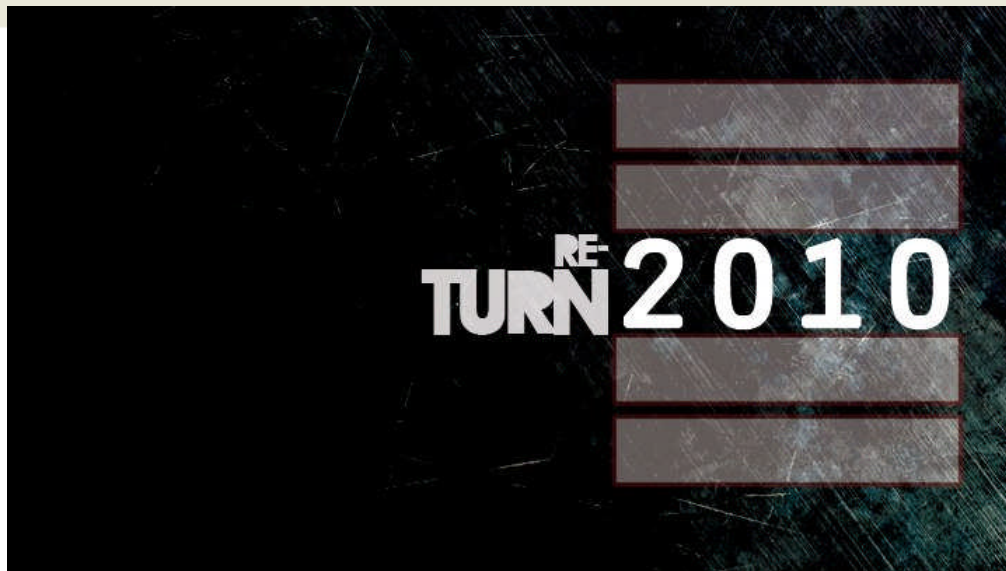
DAYSPRING

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“Because of God’s tender mercy, the **DAYSPRING** 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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What is Return 2010?

Return 2010 is Dayspring's yearly pledge campaign. God has been good to us at Dayspring. Psalm 116:12 reads, "What shall I Return to the Lord, for all his goodness to me?" I am asking each of you to consider pledging toward the vision and mission of Dayspring UMC for 2010.

Although stewardship is emphasized during Return 2010, it is not our focus. Return 2010 is not a fundraising tool, but a celebration of God's goodness toward us. On November 15th, you will have opportunity to make a pledge toward the mission and ministry of Dayspring for 2010. Your financial commitment will help us better plan and watch over our resources for this upcoming year. Please be in prayer with us as we prepare for God's work this next year.



This Christmas season, Dayspring will participate in Operation Christmas Child. Join us as we fill shoe boxes full of toys, school supplies, hygiene items and more for boys and girls around the world. Pack your shoes boxes or pick up a box at LifeWay Bookstore and return the filled boxes to Dayspring on Sunday November 15th or 22nd. Specific details about marking your boxes and what to put in the boxes will be given next week during worship.

This ministry extends far beyond a gift-filled shoe box. A primary goal of the project is to offer children the opportunity to participate in the Operation Christmas Child Discipleship Program, and to give every graduate a New Testament in their local language. In 2009-2010, an estimated 1.9 million children will have the opportunity to participate in the program. These discipleship materials are used by local churches as effective resources to show children how to come into relationship with God, to explore His Word, and to encourage children to grow in their faith.

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Christmas Gift Idea

Several parents have commented on how impressed they are with the music the kids learn in the GROzone. If you would like to have the music from ELEVATE at your house, Dayspring would be happy to order it for you.

CD with music from all series in Year 2 is \$15

DVD includes music videos from all series in Year 2 is \$20

Please make a check payable to "Dayspring UMC" and we will submit your order right away

Prayer Room

What is Intercessory Prayer? When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Let Your kingdom come. Let Your will be done on earth like Your will is done in heaven," this was the heart of intercession. Praying on behalf of others opens up a sort of spiritual "conduit" providing the will and power of God into earthly situations. Through intercession, we carry those in need over our hearts before the Lord continually. The Intercession Cards in the Prayer Room are genuine requests from real Dayspring members, with specific details and names omitted to preserve peoples' privacy. Please take one or more card to pray for the needs, desires, or praises of this church body. Then, return the card(s) to the box before exiting.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:19-20

Opportunity to Serve!

Thanksgiving is approaching and many people will be without food. East Texas Rescue Mission will be serving over 10,500 meals this season! Volunteers are needed every Thanksgiving as they offer Community Dinners. They begin preparing for this week in advance of the event, which is usually held the day before Thanksgiving and on Thanksgiving Day.

If you are unable to make it at Thanksgiving, here are some other times you could volunteer:

Daily Volunteer opportunities available Sunday through Saturday are:
Cooking and/or serving meals, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Chapel Services, 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities Monday through Saturday:

- Grading Bible lessons
- Organizing food pantry
- Sorting clothing donations
- Light construction/maintenance

If you are interested in getting involved and impacting lives, please call the mission at 903-592-9400 to schedule a time to serve. Any and all ages are welcome to come to volunteer. A willing heart, a friendly smile, and a desire to help are all the skills you need.

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Joining Class

We will have a joining class this Sunday, November 15th 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, November 22nd.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 15

Prayer Room -

10:00 AM Carmike Theater #11

Service -

11:00 AM Carmike Theater

Monday, November 16

Softball Game -

Men's game at 9:15 PM on field 2 at Lindsey Park

Sunday, November 22

Prayer Room -

10:00 AM Carmike Theater #11

Service -

11:00 AM Carmike Theater

Monday, November 23

Softball Game -

Men's game at 6:30 PM on field 2 at Lindsey Park

Tuesday, November 24

Softball Game -

Co-Rec game at 8:20 PM on field 3 at Lindsey Park

Thursday, November 26

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!