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Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that *your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:58



Listening, Learning and Living

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of sounds. Most of the sounds around us we easily and thankfully ignore. The sounds that I often ignore are the hum of a computer, the buzz of traffic, the sound of a television in a nearby room. If we focus on a sound, we can easily distinguish it, and listen.

Of course, there is the difference between hearing and listening. I must confess that there are times when I hear Yvette's voice but do not listen! That is a tragedy when it happens. I miss out on important communication with my bride, my companion, and best friend. Listening and hearing are definitely related, but not the same thing. I can assure you that Yvette's voice is not difficult to hear in most settings.

God's voice isn't all that difficult to hear either. The problem in most cases is the listening. For me, I get too busy with earthly, temporal things. Sometimes my schedule seems to manage me, and I most assuredly do not want that to be the way my life is lived. Other times, it seems that material things get in the way of my listening.

The season of Lent is a great time to focus on listening.

Let me encourage you today and remind you that God's voice isn't all that difficult to hear. He sometimes whispers to us when we see someone hurting. At times He shouts through our pain, and occasionally, He sings to us in a song. For me, most of the time, He speaks to me through the books of His written Word. Good listening usually leads to great learning.

God's voice can also be heard through other means. He has given you wise counselors, friends, acquaintances, parents, teachers, and mentors who have earned your respect during a long period of time. Filter what you believe to be God's will through their thoughts. Gain other people's perspective. Does your conviction about the direction you're headed in this life grow, or is it waning? Does the information you see and hear around you bring signs of caution or signs of affirmation? Good listening usually turns into great learning, and then with good practice makes for guided living. Psalm 5:8 is a great prayer to pray to begin this Lenten Season.

O LORD, lead me in your righteousness; ...make Your way straight before me.

- Psalm 5:8

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Ronn



SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The General Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of odd numbered months. The next meeting is Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM in the conference room downstairs. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend. Information from that meeting will be in the April newsletter.

Linda Nicholson, Board Chair

The Bells are *Ringin*g !!!

There is a group of people here at DCC which are heard but not seen. I'm talking about the DCC bell choir. The bells were an anonymous gift purchased in 2003. We have 33 bells and have over the years have added 33 chimes. We appreciate the support we have from all of you, for instance when we had the bells polished and calibrated a few years ago.



The bell ministry is one of joy mixed with hard work and dedication. We practice once a week and work hard to add beautiful music to our worship. Over the years we have had many players including David Routh, Louise Leach, Jack Hobbs, Joyce Humphress, and Mary Rodney just to name a few. Currently our ringers are Noel Masters, Nate Harvey, Holly Black, Helena Masters, Linda Rodney, Denese Clark, Bonnie Hickman, Jerri Grubb, Barbara Eldridge, Annetta Gregory, and Beth Harvey. Now you can put names and faces to those great sounds.

I have the honor of being the director of the DCC bells and we all look forward to playing this Easter.

Judy Jones

Missed a sermon? Go to our church website, danvillechristianchurch.org and click on "Sunday Worship" just below our name. When the next page opens up, click on the "Video Sermons" button on the left. That will take you to our YouTube page with more than a years worth of sermons.



Ronald McDonald House Dinners

On Thursday, February 28, the Mershons and Nicholsons took a dinner to the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. Looking back in my records, the first dinner we provided for the House was on September 28, 2009 with 12 people helping.

The food and supplies necessary to provide these meals are financed by money donated to the RMH fund. The cost per month averages about \$200.00. Meals are provided during 9 months of the year..... always on the 4th Thursday of the month. Many caring, generous people have helped make this ministry a blessing for all.

The **Blanket Angel** again had prepared child sized fleece knotted blankets to be handed out at the house. A young lady with many physical challenges was so excited to get the pepperoni pizza pattern on her blanket. Pepperoni is her favorite! Only one blanket was left at the end of the night. A dad came in to get "to go" containers of food for both his wife and himself. Their daughter had already been at Riley for a month. He was so appreciative of the food and said that his daughter would be thrilled to receive the new blanket.



We have been very pleased with the Avon Chick-fil-A. We purchase their nuggets and strips and pick it up on the way to the House. Chick-fil-A offers a 20% discount to church groups. They also furnish silverware, napkins, and small plates. Thanks to Ann Pruet for coming up with this idea!



We met "Mac", the therapy dog at the House. The kids love him, as did our own Elizabeth Mershon!

Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

Thanks to all for supporting this ministry!



DCC CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
March 7	Thursday	Fellowship Breakfast at Mayberry's 8:00 am
March 13	Wednesday	"Bible Study 101" 7:00 pm
March 17	Sunday	DWM Potato Dinner – After Church
March 20	Wednesday	"Bible Study 101" 7:00 pm
March 21	Thursday	DCC Board Meeting 7:00 pm
March 21	Thursday	Fellowship Breakfast at Mayberry's 8:00
March 27	Wednesday	"Bible Study 101" 7:00 pm
March 28	Thursday	Ronald McDonald House
April 4	Wednesday	Fellowship Breakfast at Mayberry's 8:00 am
April 4	Wednesday	Elders' Meeting 7:00
April 7	Sunday	Camp and Youth Sunday
April 12	Friday	Smorgasbord 5:00 pm through 7:00 pm

Q & A about DCC: "What is the PRC?"

What is the Pastoral Relations Committee?

The PRC is a small group of persons who provide support for our Pastor and provide a channel of communication between the Pastor and the congregation.

Why have a Pastoral Relations Committee?

There are three basic reasons for the congregation to have a PRC:

1. To build up the life of the church and its ministry.
- 2 to provide focused consistent support for he Pastor.
- 3 Being a primary care-giver, the Pastor needs a supportive environment for renewal.

Feedback and Communication

We start our meetings with a prayer. The PRC members at this time start the meeting with the good feedback and all the good things going on. If there is an issue we will discuss it. Ronn is very receptive of the PRC. We are there for his acceptance, trust and his confidentiality.

Dealing with Complaints

Communication is a key component to assisting a grievance or complaint. If we all work together with positive communication and respect for one another God will lead us to a strong congregation. We urge you if you have an issue with a person, to directly confront that person. If that does not work, take it to the pastor.

PRC Committee:

Judy Hamilton, Howard Conley, Lindsey Agan, Susie Hodge, Ron Pruet

