

THE CHURCH CANDLE

AUGUST 2025

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Grand Ole Opry Veteran Daryl Mosley comes to Sayre! ...

Join us for an unforgettable experience of music and storytelling as renowned singer, songwriter, and storyteller Daryl Mosley performs on Sunday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m. here at the Sayre Christian Church Worship Service.

With a career spanning over 30 years, Daryl has captivated audiences from the Grand Ole Opry to the iconic Bluebird Cafe, and he performs more than 150 concerts annually.

A three-time Songwriter of the Year winner, Daryl has penned three Song of the Year award winners and ten No. 1 hits. His songs have been recorded by artists across genres, including bluegrass legend Bobby Osborne, country star Lynn Anderson, and Southern Gospel favorites The Booth Brothers. His music has also been featured on shows like American Idol and The View. One of his signature songs, “(Ask the Blind Man) He Saw It All,” was named one of the top Southern Gospel songs of all time.

Gospel music legend Bill Gaither said that “Daryl is a poet — and we don't have many poets left.” His heartfelt music focuses on faith, home, and community — Daryl says, “I just write and sing songs about real life and real people; songs about faith and home and community are the foundation of my music because those are the things that are most precious to me.” The concert will be an intimate opportunity to hear his songs of life and faith as well as the entertaining stories of the people and events that inspired them.

The concert is free to the public, with a love offering being taken during the event.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Krystle Saltzman is the administrative director of HopeGate – formerly Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center. This non-profit organization offers counselling services for women, men, and couples. They offer free ultrasounds, parenting education, adoption information, and abortion education. Their focus is Christ centered and aimed toward forgiveness and helping clients become the best parent they can be. Worship Leader this morning is Eva Kretsch.



AUGUST 3rd is ...

Food Pantry Sunday. is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. A total of thirty-eight (38) food items were collected and delivered to the “Feed My Sheep Pantry” in July. The Outreach Team would like to thank the congregation for their support.

Sayre Christian Church Prayer Chain ...

is available if you, someone in your family, or a friend needs additional prayer. Currently thirteen (13) individuals participate in this ministry, either through the phone or e-mail. If you would like to be part of this ministry, or would like your name removed, please contact Wendy McKeithan at 570-596-4008. Thank you to all who have been part of this vital ministry. **Prayer is Powerful!**



PAULA'S PAGE

Dear Church,

Remember when I said that the summer months were a little slower than the rest of the year? Maybe God has other plans for us. August will bring more activities along with the warmer weather – praise God for the AC system in our sanctuary!



The first Sunday of August we will enjoy the music of Mr. Daryl Mosley, singer, songwriter, and storyteller, for our 10:00 a.m. worship service. On Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. we will have another healing/prayer service which is open to the public – I encourage you to attend and join us in prayer that evening. Sunday August 10th this church will hear a message from the director of HopeGate, formerly Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center. Krystle will provide information on their mission and on the results of our Baby-Bottle campaign and the funds collected. Then on August 14th at 7:00 p.m. we will enjoy a concert by harpist Ted Davenport – you are familiar with his organ music, but he has many more talents to share.

Your Pastor had great fun with Vacation Bible School in July – our collaboration with the other churches in our immediate vicinity has brought more children closer to knowing Jesus and closer into the family of God. The pastors of the three churches we worked with this summer are also plotting new and different things we can do together – for all generations of the church family so that we old folks need not feel left out!]. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Finally, I want to say how proud I am of this congregation and the hospitality you show to others whether visitors to our services, groups that meet in our building or guest speakers. You truly do live out the mission of this church to “honor God, share the love of Christ, and change lives ministering grace and peace.”

Blessings, Pastor Paula

The public is invited to a brief Prayer and Healing Worship service at the Sayre Christian Church. Tuesday, August 5th, at 7:00 p.m., in our sanctuary, 427 South Keystone Avenue.



THANK YOU ... From the Church of the Redeemer's Community Supper Team, for the donation, but even more for the wonderful women who come to help serve our May meal! They are a blessing! (Thanks too for the desserts!) With gratitude, Alice Bennett.

Answer to Trivia (from a previous page) ... John 4:14 - Jesus said "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

TED DAVENPORT IN CONCERT ...



Please welcome Ted Davenport, **Thursday, August 14th** at 7:00 p.m. Ted hails from the Apalachin, NY area and has shared his talents with our community in performances at local libraries, churches, and nursing homes, join us as he shares his musical talent with us. He is a self-taught Harpist (twenty years plus) and Organist (two years plus), and is an Artist by trade. This is a free concert and a love offering will be collected.



GIVING REPORT FOR June 2025:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

June 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$5,412.00
Designated	\$896.00
World Outreach	\$200.00
Local Outreach	\$400.00
Building Fund	\$1,281.00



3 ~ Kelly Robert Priester
 8~ Louise Woodruff
 8 ~ Joel Rymell, Jr.
 10 ~ Harper Pheonix Valentine
 15 ~ Jamie Sue Whitmer
 17 ~ William Sjostrom
 17 ~ Gloria Lincoln
 22 ~ Sandra Sefcik
 28 ~ Melanie Setzer
 28 ~ Anthony Stella
 30 ~ Mary Kohler
 30 ~ Austin Schultz
 31 ~ Marty John-
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Celebration Sunday

will be held on **August 31st** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in August will be honored. Please bring a dish-to-pass, to be shared with others.



For August ...



6 ~ Christopher and Karen Bennett
 10 ~ Don and Krystle Valentine
 17 ~ Leslie and Toni Shaw
 21 ~ Jim and Jane Donahoo
 27 ~ Mike and Melanie Setzer
 28 ~ Gregg and Pam Hayton
 29~ John and Terry Hunsinger

A LITTLE

Question: "Where did the woman at the well get "living water?" (See answer on another page in the Newsletter)



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- Seeing friends who have not been in church for a while, out-of-state members returning to church for a visit.



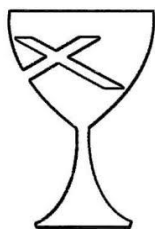
LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
 Bonnie Beley
 Mike Spencer
 Brett Lattimer
 Bruce Bach
 Nancy Swartwood



COINS FOR CAUSE ... Continues to be collected for the Disciples Mission Fund.

DISCIPLES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER MEETING ... Will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Alba Christian Church (DOC). Look for more information in the upcoming Bulletins. Attendees will plan to carpool that evening. Please contact Pastor Paula Kraus to sign up.



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UPCOMING DATES ...

Sunday, August 3rd - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Daryl Mosley performs in the Worship Service at
10:00 a.m. / Food Pantry Sunday
Tuesday, August 5th - Prayer and Healing Service at
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday, August 10th - Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Krystle Saltzman from HopeGate to speak,
Eva Kretsch, Worship Leader / Worship at
10:00 a.m. / Paula out of town until August 14th
Monday, August 11th - Church Office Closed
Tuesday, August 12th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 14th - Ted Davenport Harp/Organ
Concert at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 17th - Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 24th - Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, August 31st - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Worship at 10:00 a.m. / Celebration Sunday (Dish-
to-pass)
Worship Service at Athens Healthcare / **1:30 p.m.**



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