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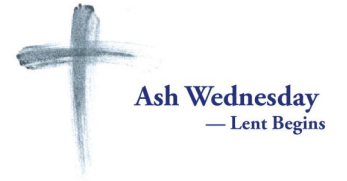
# “Damascus Doings”

March 2025

TO LIVE FOR CHRIST IS TO STRIVE FOR HOLINESS AND SEEK THE LOST

## Signs of Spring!!

March 5th Ash Wednesday



March 9th Daylight Saving Time

March 17th St. Patrick's Day



March 20th 1st Day of Spring



## “A Lenten Awakening”

### 1 Corinthians 6: 11

*All of us were at one time lost or alienated from God. But because of Jesus, you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

#### Greetings Beloved,

I can't believe I am writing a March Newsletter insert! Time is flying by and that's the thrust of this message. I am coming up on 2 years here at the DMC. And I feel God is truly calling us into a New Season of REVIVAL. There are new Men's and Women's Bible Studies starting this month and my prayer is that these will not only give us the motivation and knowledge to move forward as Christ's Church but better yet deepen our personal walk with Jesus as Believers.

I assure you that even with CHANGE on the Horizon, there will be a place for EVERYONE, here at the DMC. I pray for new upstart ministries that will bless all the ages and stages of life! With REVIVAL there will be a Call to be apart of this Movement, Do Not Be Afraid, for I am with you Always, Love, Jesus!

I'm asking that your Pray with me for the New Men's, Women's, Youth, & Children's Ministries that God will provide for us as a willing and able Church!

I am praying that you will seek out and find your place as we move forward for Jesus here at the DMC. And most of All I Pray that all our ministries both New & Old will do one thing, Enrich and mature us all as disciples for Jesus Christ!

My Vision is much Bigger than just DMC, I pray that we are just the Beginning of a Worldwide Revival of Faith & Truth in a World so lost in Power, Control, and Social Acceptance. May we be witnesses of the TRUTH and that TRUTH will Set us All Free!

Father God, Send Your Spirit to Guide us in this Change,  
for the Glory and Honor of Your Kingdom! AMEN

#### Revelation 21: 7

*All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.*

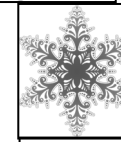
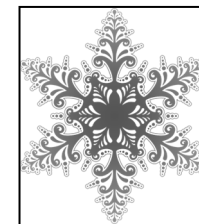
In Christ's Love, Pastor Jon

## SALT YOUTH MINISTRY

Snow Camp 2025 was impactful in so many ways. Of course, as evidenced by the video shown to Sunday's congregation, everyone had so much fun. Even if we had ice showers and no snow! But, something special occurred among all the youth who attended because they quickly forged new friendships, even outside of their own groups.

However, most impactful was the weekend's speaker, Ben Regensburg. Ben was a gifted speaker, teacher, and communicator of the Word of God. His high energy and dynamic, and illustrative speaking style engaged and captivated the youth. Most meaningful was Saturday evening's sermon which spoke of the crucifixion of Jesus. As I looked around the room at 50 plus students, all eyes were forward; the room was quiet and all were listening. And, during our S.A.L.T. youth's breakout session which followed, the youth commented on how much they had been impacted. The message had been direct and non-sanitized – Jesus went to the cross for our sins. He was nailed to that cross as a criminal and He suffered. Beyond our understanding. Not because of anything we did to deserve it. But, by God's Will. Jesus redeemed us from our sins.

In the coming weeks, the youth will explore “How to Rise Above the Noise” written by Ben Regensburg (a challenge for today's young people and, well, really everyone) and learn how to plug into and hear the voice of God with intention. Blessings, Linda Henderson





### Praise Reports

Lois back from Dominican Republic safely  
Joanne Dobbs & Helen Mincks recovering from surgeries  
Start of new Lenten Season  
Kitchen project coming along



World Peace, Government officials around the world  
First responders, front line workers, military, veterans and their families  
Helen Mincks for rest and recovery from surgery  
MaryAnn Evan for strength and recovery from infection  
Joe Cadile for upcoming heart procedures  
Joan Pontius for health concerns

**Men’s Bible Study to start March 6th at  
6:30 pm. Books will cost \$12.00  
This will be 5-6 weeks long.**



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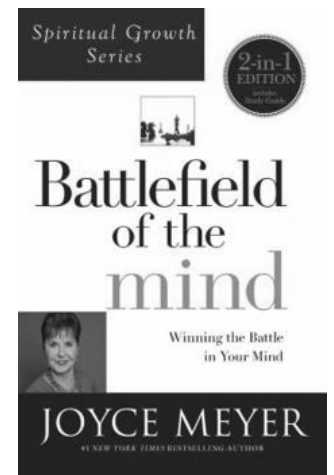
**Still Time to join us! Women’s Bible Study  
Starting March 6th at 6:30 pm approx. 8 weeks  
Book price is \$12.00**

BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND  
BY Joyce Meyer

Join me in our next Women’s Bible Study starting March 6 at 6:30

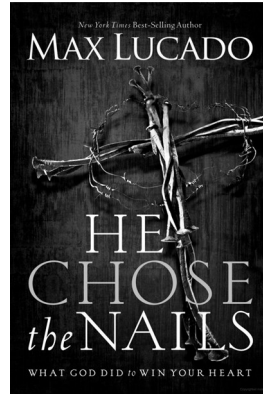
A war is raging, your mind is the Battlefield. Worry, doubt, confusion, depression, anger and feelings of condemnation. All these attacks on the mind. If you suffer from negative thoughts, take heart! Joyce Meyer can help you gain control over your mind, recognize damaging thoughts and stop them. Arm yourself with the Word of God and don’t surrender to misery another day! You can have victory in your

BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND!!



**Join us for the Lenten Season starting on  
March 5, 2025**

**Ash Wednesday Service at DMC 6:30 pm  
Starting Sunday, March 9th, Pastor Jon  
will be using Max Lucado’s Journey  
of “He Chose the Nails” for his  
Sermons during Lent.**



### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP**

The 2025 mission trip concluded on February 23. The various teams were able to reach out to so many through construction, medical, dental, water filters and VBS. The children in each school were so excited to see us arrive! We were able to share the love of Jesus with more than 500! The Bible stories, crafts and sweet treats were enjoyed by all! Thank you again for your prayers and support!

**From your Lay Leader ...**

**Bitter Cold (2)**

**March 2025**

Last month I wrote about the bitter cold we were having and it has continued. We continue to have a winter this year. Unfortunately, the rest of the article was not sent in for the newsletter last month due to a technical difficulty that I did not catch. So, here is the rest of the article you should have seen last month.

Humor is great. I love laughing and it is a great gift from God. We are made in His image, and God obviously has a sense of humor as evidenced by the duck billed platypus. Now, that’s a funny looking animal. On the other hand, while the hell freezing over joke is funny, I probably should not joke about hell. There are some “religious” people that say there is no such thing as hell. The Bible is replete with proof of hell. **Revelation 21:8 "But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."** I know that I do or have fit into many or all of these categories and so deserve the second death. Jesus Christ took the punishment that myself and all who believe this, repent and accept this eternal gift are spared from hell and instead promised Heaven. Not only that, but we are a part of the kingdom of God here today with The Holy Spirit living in us as our guide.

**Romans 3:21-26 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

The existence of hell makes the mercy and grace of God so much more meaningful and urgent. We should all pray everyday for God to send us someone to tell the gospel using our own unique life story. This is God’s will for all Christians. **2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3: 8-10 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.**

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**Birthdays**

- 3/8 Terrie Rohrer
- 3/8 Colton Weingart
- 3/10 Charlene Henderson
- 3/11 Brian Pinkerton
- 3/12 Jane Beck
- 3/12 Helen Mincks
- 3/12 James Mincks
- 3/14 Lleyton Uphold
- 3/15 Harry Hancock
- 3/15 Dwaine Stanley
- 3/16 Bob Denny
- 3/17 Addie Zion
- 3/18 Mary Kay Heverly
- 3/20 Dick Elsner
- 3/22 Nancy Cadile
- 3/22 Dakota Murphy
- 3/23 Colleen Martsolf
- 3/24 Jerry Menough
- 3/26 Becky Vignon
- 3/28 Marge Zeigler



- 3/17 Jerry & Jane Menough
- 3/26 Dick & Karen Elsner

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 Please inform the church office if your birthday or anniversary has ever been omitted from the Damascus Doings!

**Counters**

Gary Mercer & Jane Menough

**Bus Driver**

Jerry Menough

**Acolytes**

- 3/2 Addie Zion/  
Triston Beagle
- 3/9 Elise Smith/  
Maxon Weingart
- 3/16 Kara Zion/  
Lane Loving
- 3/23 Stella Smith/  
Addie Zion
- 3/30 Elise Smith/  
Maxon Weingart

**Children’s Rotation**  
**Sunday School**  
**\*\*Older Class**

- 3/2\*\* Lois N/  
Linda Henderson
- 3/9\*\* Brittany S/  
Shaunda Uphold
- 3/16\*\* Lois N/  
Shaunda Uphold
- 3/23\*\* Brittany S/Lois N
- 3/30\*\* Lois N/  
Linda Henderson

**Junior Church**

- 3/2 Lois Niederhiser
- 3/9 Brittany S/  
Jahmaray Williams
- 3/16 Troy Uphold/  
Ethan Dettweiler
- 3/23 Steve Sprague/  
Codey Dettweiler
- 3/30 Lois Niederhiser

**Wee Worship**

- 3/2 Linda Henderson
- 3/9 Abby Heverly
- 3/16 Shaunda Uphold
- 3/23 Grayson Anderson
- 3/30 Grayson Anderson

**Nursery**

- 3/2 Amy Shoaff
- 3/9 Samara Anderson
- 3/16 Denise Linder
- 3/23 Terrie Rohrer
- 3/30 Samara Anderson

**Kitchen Expansion Project PER TRUSTEES of DMC**  
**2/24/2025**

- Stainless and fiberglass wall panels complete
- 90% of cabinetry installed —Windows have been trimmed out
- Flooring Complete —Hot water recirculating line installed
- Ceiling electrical work complete

The Exhaust hood is scheduled to ship Feb 25th. The 3 compartment sink and dishwasher are in stock and will be delivered shortly. Ceilings, ductwork, the remaking cabinets and counters will be installed after hood installation.

The exterior work will begin as weather allows. The engineer is working on final submittals to the state and we should be receiving all paperwork shortly that is needed.

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**Summer Mission Trip**  
**June 22 – June 28, 2025**

Our group is extremely excited about this year's trip. I am very excited about some more new faces on the trip. The old faces are exciting too! We have made our decision. We will be returning to Jackson Area Ministries in Jackson, OHIO. Cost is only **\$100.00** each for those helping with the Breakfasts. Wow! All our trips have been very successful and thrifty, even with high fuel costs. Please prayerfully consider coming on the trip this next summer. I can guarantee you will not regret your decision! Our fundraisers are already in full swing with the Community Breakfast every third Saturday at our DMC. Stay tuned to your Sunday bulletin and listen for special announcements regarding the trip and fundraisers!

**Building and repairing for Christ, Lenny**

**P.S. We need adults, especially men! Please consider coming along. Remember its NOT too late to go...the trip is open to all Youth and Adults...grade 7 and up!!!!**

# DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH

## March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am SS 10:00 am Worship 6-8 pm SALT	3 7:00pm Trustees Mtg	4 8:30 am WB Ministerial	5 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service DMC Start of Lent	6 9:30 am Tops 6:30 pm Women's and Men's Bible Study	7	8
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