

Daleville Christian Church

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From the Pastor

I am thinking of a religious country deeply divided; divided in religious belief and divided by war. Thousands of people died and it all ended with the leader's assassination. I am thinking of the United States just 150 years ago.

This year marks the end of the Sesquicentennial (150 year) commemoration of the American Civil War. The surrender of General Lee's army was April 9, 1865. President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated April 14, 1865. Slavery in the United States would officially end.

The American church (with American faithful) was divided over its beliefs about the Bible and slavery. On the one hand, slavery was not forbidden by the Bible. Israelites were allowed to have slaves. However, God had freed the children of Israel from slavery. God's law said that escaped slaves could not be brought back into slavery. Leviticus tells of a Jubilee year (every fiftieth year) in which slaves would be freed. The Apostle Paul told slaves if they could be freed, do so (1 Corinthians 7:21). Beyond the "legalities" was the human and spiritual equality of all in Christ (too many references to put here!). In the end, the Abolitionists (most of them faithful Jesus followers) succeeded. Legal slavery in the U.S. ended.

What Jesus followers believe has made a difference--big differences. What Jesus followers believe in the 21st Century matters. [I guarantee that radical Islamists/Muslims KNOW what they believe!] Know what you believe and pray to live it as the Lord leads you.

--Peace, Gary

UPDATE ON --- Sally Barrett

Daleville Christian Church Supports Missionary Sally Barrett
Daleville Christian Church (Independent) is helping to support a local missionary to Eastern Europe. Sally is a graduate of Yorktown High School and Ball State University. She is the niece of Pat & Diana Schlegel, and the grand-daughter of Marjorie Schlegel. She serves with Cru as International Campus Staff in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Cru is the name of Campus Crusade for Christ international in the US.

Update from Sally: We had several events during the month of December. It began with a believers night where we challenged our students to take more ownership of the movement. The following week we had an Instagram party. Using media is a great way to reach students. For the past four years we have had a website that students can go to and learn more about Christianity and our ministry in Slovenia. However, most students share the majority of their time on apps like Instagram. We want to see if we are able to reach students through avenues like this one. So we had a fun party to bring awareness to our new Instagram launch. Then the week before Christmas there was a Women's Christmas Tea and a large Christmas Party.

My favorite of these events was the Christmas party. This is an annual party and is always one of our largest turnouts. This year we had 40 students attend the party. There was traditional cookie decorating station, Christmas decorations, and mingling. In addition to that, two Slovene students lead a time of singing Traditional Christmas songs (in both Slovene and English). However, my favorite part was when one of our active students shared her testimony in Slovene. I always love hearing students share about their relationship with the Lord in their native tongue. It is just a reminder that one day every tribe, tongue, and nation will be standing before the Lord and worshipping him. That evening as I continue to talk with students it was encouraging to be reminded that the Lord is at work here. Continue to pray for a movement to be built up in Slovenia.

Prayer Requests:

✔ Continue to pray for 150 student leaders in Slovenia by 2020. And that we have a conference for the European Region this coming week. Pray for safe travels and a time for renewed vision.