

# THIS IS DAYSPRING

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## What We Believe

*Dayspring Christian Academy was founded on the firm conviction that Christian education makes a difference in the lives of students now and eternally. Our core values are:*

*\*\*\* The Bible is the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God;*

*\*\*\* Teaching the Bible as a core subject is essential to academic curriculum;*

*\*\*\* Parents have the prime responsibility to educate their children. Christian schools help parents meet this responsibility;*

*\*\*\* Students need to learn how to process information and think in the context of a Biblical world view;*

*\*\*\* Staff and students are committed to academic excellence, striving to maximize each student's performance;*

*\*\*\* Students and educators are to be involved in the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19, 20);*

*\*\*\* Christian school provides a means of evangelizing, nurturing and disciplining students for lives of service to God and society.*



*Left, DCA Infant & Toddler daycare program director Lily Smpraos (far right), poses for a photograph with Joshua and Riley. Right, Ms. Smpraos is photographed in the program's new space in the school.*



## DCA OPENS INFANT & TODDLER DAYCARE PROGRAM

Dayspring Christian Academy of South Attleboro, located at 1052 Newport Avenue (Route 1A), has expanded its preschool program to include a daycare program for infants and toddlers and is moving to a year-round Daycare schedule. DCA is immediately accepting infant boys and girls from ages two months to three years into its new program, which is housed at the school and the adjacent South Attleboro Assembly of God Church. The Infant and Toddler daycare program runs five days per week (Mondays through Fridays) on a 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily schedule.

DCA's Infant and Toddler daycare program is directed by **Lily Smpraos** of Attleboro, who holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in special education, both earned at Eastern Nazarene College of Quincy. Certified by the Massachusetts Office for Children, Smpraos worked in the past at several daycare centers and was proprietor of a daycare facility for more than a decade.

DCA's Infant and Toddler daycare program consists of daylong indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) activities for youngsters designed to improve their fine motor skills and enhance development of learning skills. "Everything we do is educationally based and designed to help our students learn," Ms. Smpraos said. "They learn while they play and at their own speed and level, and it will help ready them for preschool programs. We will make them feel safe and nurtured."

Three-year-olds and four-year-olds are presently serviced by DCA in its Pre-Kindergarten program, which is well-known for its strong academic emphasis to prepare students for Kindergarten programs. The school offers traditional and structured educational programs for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

DCA has successfully operated a preschool program for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds for many years and expanding its preschool unit to include infants and toddlers was a natural progression for the school. The Infant and Toddler program also enables the school to better serve the needs of the local community, where daycare services for infants and toddlers are limited.

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*DCA's girls' basketball team in action recently against Gordon School of East Providence, RI.*

## **DCA Basketball Team Starts Season**

Dayspring Christian Academy's girls' basketball team is off to a 0-2 start this winter. The Eagles lost to two East Providence, RI, rivals – 17-14 to Providence Country Day School and 28-15 to Gordon School.

Against PCD, **Samantha Souza** scored 10 points for DCA and **Ava Gomes** accounted for the other 4 points. Opposite Gordon, Souza, Gomes and **Christina Stanford** were the lone scorers for Dayspring.

"We're a very young team this year and we have four girls on our roster who have never played competitive basketball," said DCA Coach **Jeff Motta**. "It's a learning experience for our team, but our girls continue to work hard in practice."

## **Open House Program at DCA**

Dayspring Christian Academy will host the second of three *Open House* programs at the school this winter on **Saturday, Feb. 11**, from **9 a.m. to noon** at the school located at 1052 Newport Avenue (Route 1A at its intersection with Interstate Route 95) in Attleboro.

The Open House is designed to provide hands-on information about DCA to potential students for the 2012-13 academic year and their families. The Feb 11<sup>th</sup> program will include guided tours of the school and its facilities by DCA administration, staff and faculty members, with printed materials distributed free of charge and all questions answered. The program is open to the public, free of charge, and no advance reservations will be required. Free refreshments will be offered to all in attendance.

DCA is an interdenominational and coeducational school which teaches students in pre-Kindergarten-3 through Grade 8 from a distinctively Christian world and life view. A ministry of the adjacent South Attleboro Assembly of God, DCA boasts a culturally and spiritually diverse student body representing more than 50 cities and town in Massachusetts and Rhode Island as well as more than 30 religious denominations.

DCA offers a strong and varied academic curriculum; a safe, structured and nurturing learning environment; low student-to-teacher ratios in every grade; proven academic achievements; computer laboratory and technology instruction; in-school library; extracurricular activities including music, fine arts, science and athletics; a day-long and year-long Infant and Toddler day care program; and after-school day care until 5 p.m. on school days.

DCA will also sponsor Open House programs at the school on **Saturday, March 10**. Further information about Dayspring Christian Academy is available by contacting the school at 508-761-5552, or accessing its Web site at [www.dayspringag.org](http://www.dayspringag.org).

## **DCA Opens Infant & Toddler Daycare Program (Continued from Page 1)**

Enrollment of older children at DCA is not a requirement for registrants for the DCA Infant and Toddler daycare program. New registrants are presently being accepted for the Infant and Toddler daycare program and special financial incentives are being offered by the school. Further information is available by contacting **Darlene DeCastro** at 508-761-5552, ext. 1101, or by accessing the school's website at [www.dayspringag.org](http://www.dayspringag.org).

## **STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT DCA**

For information related to student enrollment at Dayspring Christian Academy, please call **508-761-5552**. The school maintains an open enrollment policy.