



# The Church Crier

April-June 2017

God has surely given us one of the prettiest springs ever in the desert! Flowers and wildlife abound! May our spirits be filled with His love. May the beauty around us remind us of how important it is to reflect His glory, to the best of our ability in the way we live, so that others may seek what they see in us. May we be the light that helps lead others out of darkness.

**DCC LIBRARIAN (CHRIS PILGRIM):** The Library is open during my normal working hours, Mon-Fri, 0900-1200. Just stop by the office and I'll let you into the library to browse around. The Library is open to all and contains many Bibles in many versions, books on church history and some nice Christian novels. And, if you have any Christian novels, extra Bibles or any good research books that you no longer want, they will find a good home in the DCC Library.



## **TRUSTEES BRIEF:**

The last four handicapped parking spaces will be finished when the weather warms up. We have hired Steve Rogers to take care of our erosion problem. The move of the administrative offices has been put on hold until the Sunday

School Classrooms have been remodeled. The electrical problem is being worked on.

### **FLOYD, CHAIRPERSON**

#### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

The Men's Fellowship and Breakfast continues to be a strong, supportive church function for the men of our congregation. We meet the last Saturday of each month from 8 AM to 9 AM. Our average attendance is between 16 and 20 and we encourage our men to invite their friends and neighbors to come fellowship with us, also, any young man from High School Freshman up, is welcome to join us.

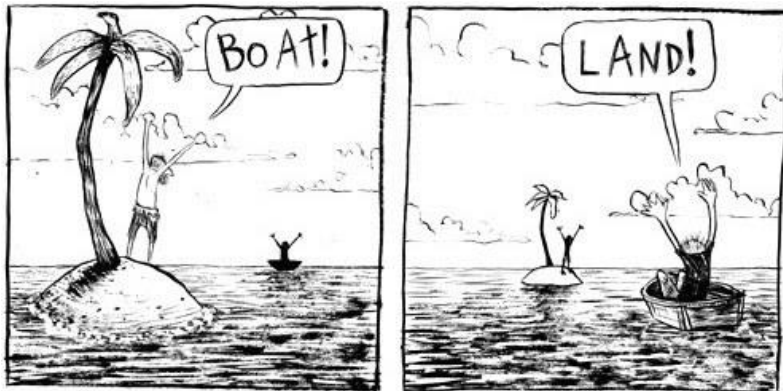
We eat promptly at 8 AM, then have a short business session, followed by a short devotional message, and dismiss by 9 AM.

Last month, several of our men volunteered to help serve at the annual Women's Tea held at our Church. About 100 ladies were present, and this kept our men busy, but needless to say, we enjoyed every minute of it. Our next project will be to help prepare and conduct our Church's Spring Rummage Sale in May. If anyone knows of anything our men can assist in, please let us know. We want to serve our Lord and our fellow church members in any way we can.

### **ED HILL, PRESIDENT**

#### **DEACON UPDATE:**

From the Deacons:



Be Joyful in All Circumstances!

**James 1:2-8** Consider **it** pure **joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish **its** work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for the Sunrise Service. The Deacons will have coffee and donut holes in the fellowship hall following this special time of worship.

There will be Easter eggs "planted" around town with a message inside inviting those who "find" them to come to our Easter service. Please pray that the people God already has in mind to find them, that they will want to seek Him and come hear the Good News.



Mom's will be honored on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**WAYNE MACKEY, CHAIRMAN**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

As usual, we have been very busy with a variety of activities. Our 2017-18 officers are: Pres. Peggy Freshour, VP Jean Hill, Sec. Ginny Whaley, and Treas. Phylis Croonenberghs.

In February, we sponsored our 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies' Tea. We had a great speaker, and wonderful music entertainment, while enjoying some wonderful food, tea, and fellowship. We are very grateful for the men who volunteered to be waiters, and help with the sound system. Lots of fun was had by all, and the 91 women who participated were very pleased with the afternoon event. Thank you to ALL of the ladies and men who helped. It has proven to be a very successful outreach in our community.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a special reception for our newlyweds, Rick and Martha Buckles. It was very nice, and they seemed to be quite pleased with our efforts. Congratulations to them on their marriage, and we wish them many happy years together. Thank you to all who helped set up and clean up. It was a special hour of fellowship for everyone who attended.

Currently, we are planning our spring rummage sale. The week of April 30-May 4 will be the set-up, with the sale days on May 5-6 from 8 AM-3PM. Please donate only usable, clean items! You can contact the church office to set up a time to bring the donations before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, please bring them during set up hours of 9-3 Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Sign-up sheets will be put out in April for any of you willing to help in ANY way.

In closing, I will mention that we had some women who cleaned out and reorganized in the kitchen, and we will soon be labeling drawers and cabinets to make it easier to locate the items. We are also researching projects worthy of our donations in the local community as missions

opportunities; and, we will continue to support the church- wide mission for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. We have a calling committee, and if you are not being called, please let one of the officers know. We would love to have you join our luncheon meetings and share your ideas with us!!

**PEGGY FRESHOUR, PRESIDENT**

The church cookbook *What's Cookin'* is now available for purchase. The book is selling for \$12.00 each. It's a wonderful collection of recipes and comments from the contributors which I'm sure you will love. Several recipes have come from former members and relatives of this church who are now all over the country. It will make a great gift as well as owning one. There is a limited amount, so don't wait! Get your book today and start cookin'! You can purchase one after the morning service as well as at the rummage sale in May. You can order by mail. Just add \$2.00 to cover postage.

**GINNY WHALEY, SECRETARY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Our new board has been moving forward with plans for the summer VBS. Since schools are out on June 8<sup>th</sup>, we chose to designate the week of June 12-16 for that program. Our theme this year will be "Son Quest Rain Forest". Children who are entering grades K-6 are eligible to attend. We have most of the materials already purchased, at an excellent discount cost. Now all we need is YOU! Volunteer forms will be distributed in April. We will need help before, during, and after the event. Some of the tasks can be done at home, and we appreciate any and all help. Once again, we will be asking our Jr-Sr high youth to participate as assistants. This is a great way for them to "earn" the donations they need to pay for their summer camp opportunity. Watch for more information on our VBS program, and please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.

Sunday school programs are progressing well, and our children are gaining a wealth of knowledge about the Bible. We will be completing the Old Testament books soon, and before the summer months we will begin the New Testament gospels. We **need** for more volunteers to help with the Sunday morning programs. We have crafts and special curriculum days which may be something you could consider doing. This very important ministry in our church **must have** more volunteers if we are going to continue to grow. Our youth are our future.

An inventory of our playground/game equipment and supplies will be done by the end of April. We hope to have everything we need in usable condition by then, in order to allow our youth and their guests a chance to enjoy it. We also look forward to the remodeling and expansion our our classrooms in the near future. God bless you all. We look forward to more support and participation as we continue to improve our youth programs and services.

### **PEGGY FRESHOUR, CHAIRPERSON**

#### **HYMN SING SUNDAY**

Please fill out one of the Hymn Sing Sunday request forms located on the table in the Narthex. The songs must be selected from our hymnal. We have a list of songs that people have submitted requests for. We rotate through the list. This enables us to select songs ahead of time for the keyboard player to practice. So if you have some favorite songs please fill out the form so we can sing them in the near future!!!

#### **PASTOR'S CORNER:** 1 JOHN 5:2

*""By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.""*

The Scriptures proclaim that God is love. Therefore, it only stands to reason that if God is love, then those who are His children by faith should also be known by their love. I am always brought to a sobering, reflective state when I read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a which says, *"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."*

This is the definition of God's love. As a Christian, I too am to love like that. Unfortunately, I fail much too often at showing others those beautiful attributes. I'd like to encourage you to do something that I have done myself from time to time. It is a good way to see if you are as loving as you ought to be. Read 1 Corinthians 13 again, only this time remove the word *love* and insert your *name*. See how far you can read before you have

to stop. How'd you do? Next, insert the name *Jesus* in place of the word *love*. This is pure and perfect love.

*Jesus suffers long and is kind; Jesus does not envy; Jesus does not parade Himself, He is not puffed up; He does not behave rudely, does not seek His own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; Jesus does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; He bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Jesus never fails.*

### **Pastor Allan**



### **BIRTHDAYS**

**April** – 02-Ava Neste; 04-Bob Robinette; 09-Charlene Luongo; 12-Gene Mattox; 15-Nicholas Perez; 23-April Kuhlmeier & John Lohr; 24-Marie Lafond & Jessi David; 29-Kayla Speer

**May** – 03-Pastor Allan; 04-Darlene Subriar; 05-Isabella David; 11-Ben Pressnall; 15-John Gonzalez; 21-Ellen Chambers; 26-Davyn June; 30-Bob Whaley

**June** – 06-Lea Speer; 07-Karen Kluge Mattox; 08-Mike Harz; 09-Chris Pilgrim; 10-Annette Faudel & Ginny Whaley; 15-Barbara Walker; 18-Ed Kuhlmeier; 20-Judith Kreger; 23-Laura Hudson & Robert Paxton; 26-Tony Renner; 28-Don Lake

### **ANNIVERSARIES**



**April** – 17-Tim & Denice Perez; 22-Travis & Lliani Gaines

**May** – 11-Louie & Barbara Kisner

**June** – 12-Craig & Barbara Walker; 16-Blaine & Peggy King; 29-Tony & Sun Re Renner

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 02 Apr - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 08 Apr – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 08 Apr - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 13 Apr – Maundy Thursday Service @6:00 pm
- 16 Apr – Easter Sunrise Service @ Sunrise-Time to be determined
- 07 May – Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 13 May – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 13 May – Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 04 Jun – Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 10 Jun – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @7:00 am
- 10 Jun – Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm

## **WEEKLY MEETING DAYS/TIMES TO REMEMBER:**

- Adult Bible Study – Sundays @ 9:00 am
- Youth Group, Grades 7-12 - Sundays @ 6:00 pm
- Pioneer Club – Mondays @ 6:00 pm
- Prayer Team – Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
- Adult Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
- DCC Musicians & Singers Practice - Thursday @ 6:00 pm-  
except week of Sat Nite Church when they practice @7:00 pm  
on Friday
- Choral Practice – Thursday @6:45 pm (also other days/times)
- Deacons – First Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Trustees – Second Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Christian Ed- Dates to be determined
- Men's Fellowship-Last Sat of Month @8:00 am
- Women's Fellowship/Shared Luncheon-2nd Mon of the month  
@10:30 am