

July - September 2018

# THE CHURCH CRIER

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

Let's focus on the reality of hell, the final destiny of those who reject the love of God and refuse his forgiveness.

Hell is not a punishment imposed externally by God, but the condition resulting from attitudes and actions which people adopt in this life. It is the ultimate consequence of sin itself. Scripture uses many images to describe the pain, frustration and emptiness of life without God. More than a physical place, hell is the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, who is the source of all life and joy. Eternal damnation is not God's work, but it is actually our own doing. Christian faith teaches us that there are creatures who have already given a definitive "no" to God. These are the spirits which rebelled against God and whom we call demons. They serve as a warning for human beings: eternal damnation remains a real possibility for us too. The reality of hell should not, however, be a cause of anxiety or despair for believers. Rather, it is a necessary and healthy reminder that human freedom has to be conformed to the example of Jesus, who always said "yes" to God, who conquered Satan, and who gave us his Spirit so that we too could call God "Father".

I was with someone the other day when it seemed clear that they didn't believe in the reality of hell. To this person the very idea of a place of eternal torment was and is immoral. God is a God of love and it would be immoral for God to punish people simply because they made an error in beliefs. This person believes that he or she was taking the higher ground and dismissed the more traditional belief in regard to this issue.

What I find interesting is that there is a complete lack of understanding in regard to the issue. For those who hold a position of universal salvation, there is no compulsion to evangelize; for the evangelical, there is great urgency because of the plight of the eternally lost. In the end one observes, the Universalist embracing everyone and the evangelical holding to the Scriptures.

Being the practical person that I am, I can't help but ask, what if the universalist is wrong? Then there will be people who have been deceived (because they believed what they were taught) who will spend eternity in hell. Now, on the other hand, what if the evangelical is wrong? We will all be in heaven anyway, so, who cares.

So you ask me why I am an evangelical? Because there is a hell and I care about those who could be eternally lost.

In His Love,  
Pastor Allan



## Upcoming Events

### July

- 1 DCC Patriotic Day
- 1 Deacon's Meeting
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 8 Trustee Meeting
- 28 Street Clean-up
- 28 Memorial Service for  
Lore Bergey
- 29-Aug 3 Youth Camp**

### August

- 5 Deacon's Meeting
- 12 Trustee Meeting
- 25 Street Clean-up

### September

- 2 Deacon's Meeting
- 3 **Labor Day**
- 9 Trustee Meeting
- 10 Women's Fellowship
- 29 Street Clean-up
- 29 Men's Breakfast

## Operation Christmas Child

For the next few months, we are looking for donations of necklaces, simple craft items and small stuffed animals.

Remember, when children get the box, they also get the Message.

For more information, contact  
Laurel Morrow

### **Deacons – Wayne Mackey, Chairman**

In June, our church participated in the Harvest America Simulcast and it was a success. Thanks to Rick Buckles for spearheading this event and to the committee members. The Deacons will also be switching from regular bread to either the Matzo crackers or Communion bread. According to scripture, the bread used in communion should contain no yeast. Also, the Deacons have unanimously voted to have Pastor Allan become our fulltime pastor. This has been passed to the Trustees and will be brought before the congregation for a vote soon. God Bless ..... Wayne

### **Trustees – Nancy Lake, Chairman**

The trustees have hired new groundskeepers. Edward and Tammy Sandoval have taken the job and are already hard at work. A big thank you to Kenny Hill and his mom, Sandy Smith, for their hard work in the past. We had Jeff Arwick in to speak to us about going solar. A sub-committee was formed to look into this further. It could save on our electric bill. We have decided to do an in-house audit of our books. If you are interested in helping with this, please let the office, or myself, know. God bless each and every one of you ..... Nancy

### **Christian Ed – Tim Perez, Chairman**

Hello all from Christian Ed. As we started moving towards summer and the end of the school year, Christian Ed, along with the help of other adults and youth, helped put on another successful VBS. We had a total of 20 plus children participate in this year's VBS. As we move along in our summer, our youth from our church are preparing to head to Christian camp from July 29-August 3 at Forest Home again this year. We know our youth will have the time of their life. As always we are grateful for the continuous support of our programs by our church members. Respectfully ... Tim

### **Music – Rew Hennessy**

Dear friends: As we head into summer, we will hear more from our youth in the church. The choir is taking a break, so I will try to work in other ideas for special music. YOUR ideas are also welcome in this time, and I hope you give me a few. I hope you all enjoyed our guest speaker, Pastor Steve. And if you want to see God's hand in action, volunteer to help his ministry in Joshua Tree.

We will also learn some new songs, and I think if you saw the Greg Laurie Harvest America simulcast, then you will be familiar with some of the melodies already. Let me leave you with Psalm 96:1 - 6 (NASB) "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him, and strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

May God bless you and guide your steps, my friends..... Rew

### **Men's Fellowship - Rick Buckles, Chairman**

The Desert Congregational Men's Fellowship has been busy doing the street clean up. It takes place the same morning as the breakfast at 0700 on Mesquite Springs Road with breakfast to follow. All are invited to help and it usually takes about ½ hour. All Men from the church are invited to attend the Men's fellowship breakfast the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month for an excellent breakfast and good fellowship.

In our first meeting we discussed doing Food for life 1 Saturday this year with more info to follow. Also a men's camp night in Joshua Tree National park for fellowship and sharing of God's word and testimonies is scheduled for September, dates to be decided. Also the men donated to "Harvest America" here at the church and some participated in the planning and execution of the event. It was a rewarding and uplifting experience.

The pastor always has a great message for the men so come and join us to be enriched and blessed and become some of God's Mighty Men. Let's come together for Christ and help carry out our commission to bring the gospel to the world and strengthen our faith and love for one and other. Come and join us and make a difference for Christ.

**Women's Fellowship – Barbara Hinderliter, Chairman**


Women's Fellowship has had a busy last quarter. We completed our Spring rummage sale which was successful as usual. Thank you for all the participants that helped in setting up rummage tables, sorting and cleaning donated items, and providing lunch for tired and busy workers. We donated monies to the Way Station, Christian Appalachian project, Operation Heal our Patriots, Samaritans Purse and World Vision. We distributed our charitable contributions to benefit under-served countries and here at home.

We also said farewell to Jim Miller, a long-time attendee of our Church. We lost a long-time member in Ellen Chambers and will be donating \$25.00 to the building fund in her honor.

We are now dark for the month of July and August but will be ready to go in September, Have a good summer and let's get September rolling to a prosperous start in our Christian walk to honor Jesus as he inspires us. Respectfully submitted ..... Barbara

**Letter from Mom in Philippines**

This is what **Operation Christmas Child** is all about. We received this note on our Facebook page on June 26, 2018 from Maryzthel Kirstley, a mom in the Philippines.

*“God bless you with all the good things you do... We received your **Christmas** gifts.. My daughters really love what's inside the box. Thank u very much, you are such a blessing to us! God bless *

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**July**

**Birthdays**

1 – Floyd Carlson; 3 – Lorrie Carlson; 13 – Marie Lewis; 15 – Jeanette Rogerson-Carson & Laurel Morrow; 18 – Martha Buckles; 20 – Judith Kreger; 23 – Diana Logue; 26 – SunCha Huffman & Tracy Gibson; 27 – SunRe Renner; 28 – Llew Smith; 29 – Vivian Dawson; 31 – Gale Yawn

**Anniversaries**

17 – Jack & Lorri Conway  
28 – Don & SunCha Huffman  
29 – Glenn & Peggy Freshour

**August**

**Birthdays**

2 – Laurel Hamilton; 4 – Nancy Gregory & Ashton Martinez; 8 – Dale Lowe & Christopher Perez; 10 – Louie Kisner; 12 – Blaine King; 13 – Barbara Kisner; 19 – Sandy Smith

**Anniversaries**

None

**September**

**Birthdays**

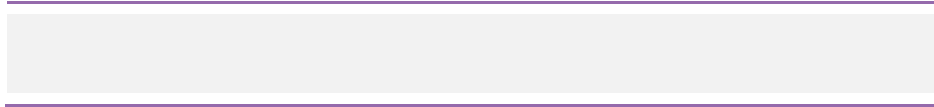
2 – Lyndon Gaines; 3 – Kathleen Kiper & Peggy Freshour; 11 – Ruth Libby; 14 – Clarissa Escareno & Lillian Hull; 15 – Leah Gaines; 20 – Edward Yu; 24 – Rachael Snowden & Tammy Sandoval

**Anniversaries**

None

| Meeting Dates to Remember:                            |
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| • Adult Bible Study = Sunday @ 9 AM                   |
| • Youth Group = Sunday @ 6 PM                         |
| • Pioneer Club = Monday @ 6 PM                        |
| • Adult Bible Study = Thursday @ 6 PM                 |
| • Worship Team = Thursday @ 6 PM                      |
| • Choir Practice = Thursday @ 7 PM                    |
| • Deacons = 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month      |
| • Trustees = 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month     |
| • Christian Ed = 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month |
| • Men's Fellowship Breakfast =                        |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month              |
| • Women's Fellowship / Luncheon =                     |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month                |

**Make prayer a first priority , instead of a last resort.**



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Have you checked out our Facebook page and our website lately. Did you know that Pastor Allan's messages are taped every Sunday and are archived on the website?

Facebook Page – Desert Congregational Church

Website: [www.desertcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.desertcongregationalchurch.org)

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### Hymn Sing Sunday

Every third Sunday at Desert Congregational, we sing your favorite songs. Thumb through the hymnal and let us know the song(s) you really like to sing. Fill out the form that's on the information table in the Narthex and put it in the offering plate any Sunday. That's all you have to do – we'll do the rest.

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\*\* Our condolences to the families of Jim Miller (April 17); Lore Bergey (April 23); Ellen Chambers (May 16); and Janet Lake (June 13). Each of these sweet souls is now living with Jesus.

\*\* If you've missed seeing Travis and Lliani Gaines, Lukas, Lyndon, and Leah each Sunday – they now live in Hubert, NC. Colonel Gaines was transferred to Camp Lejeune where he will continue his duties in the U.S. Marine Corps. Their new address is: 500 Pepperwood Lane, Hubert, NC 28539.

## Bible Wordsearch



The Woman & The Dragon

Wordsearch 209

Rev. 12:1-10

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