

THE CHURCH CRIER

Desert Congregational Church

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Pastor's Message

"So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step."

1 Corinthians 9:26

I know that in California baseball is king. Some of you are devoted Dodger fans and some are Angel fans, but I am a great fan of track. I went to college on a track scholarship and competed nationally for a couple of years. As a matter of fact I have held the hammer record at George Fox University for over 24 years.

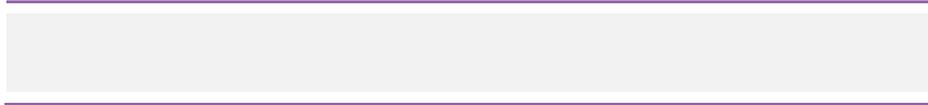
In first-century track competitions, each runner would be assigned to a lane on the track. Each was expected to stay in his assigned lane. In the same way, as you and I run the race of life, our competition is not with other believers. Rather, our competition is with our enemies, who are the world, the flesh, and the devil. The goal is not to outrun someone else. The goal is to outrun those wicked influences that could bring us down.

You might justify your slow pace by pointing to other people still running behind you. True. But there are probably some people ahead of you too. You are not to concern yourself with who is behind you or who is ahead of you. You are to run the race before you. God has not called you to run someone else's race. We are each called to run our own race.

An incident from the life of Peter illustrates this truth. After Peter had been restored to the Lord following His denial, Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Then the Lord proceeded to tell Peter how his life would end. As they were talking, Peter noticed another disciple, John, was walking behind them. Peter asked, "What about him, Lord?" (John 21:21).

I feel like many of us have become distracted by the things of this world. We need to again focus on the race ahead and accomplish the goal. We have a lot of work ahead of us and it will take all of us to get it done. Don't worry about what others are doing, just focus on what God would have you do.

In His love Pastor Allan



Upcoming Events

October

- 9 Lunch @ Apple Annie's
- 12 DCC Oktoberfest/Potluck
- 12 Praise & Worship
- 14 Women's Fellowship
- 20 Trustee Meeting
- 26 Street Clean-up
- 26 Men's Breakfast

November

- 3 Deacon's Meeting
- 11 Women's Fellowship
- 16 DCC Craft Fair/Yard Sale
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 1 Advent Begins
- 9 Women's Fellowship
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas Day
- 29 Church Council Meeting
- 31 New Year's Eve

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Board Briefs.....

Trustees – Nancy Lake, Chairman

We will be hosting a craft show on November 16, 2019. It will be a craft, yard, bake sale, and car wash. We are asking \$20 donation per table. You keep your profits. Inventory is in the works and should be completed this month. We still have our ongoing Scrip program. If you are interested in participating in either event, see Jean in the office. This is another way to help the church to raise money.

Christian Ed

Christian Education in Today's World ("The times, they are a-changin'") No one will deny that institutions change as the culture changes. Certainly, the world of Desert Congregational Church changes from year to year. These changes have a great influenced our congregations' families.

Changes in Society: Secularism, Consumerism, and Relativism have had significant effect in our children's world. The traditional three-legged stool of basic nurture of churches, homes, and schools has been unbalanced by the mass media – television, movies, music, and the internet now so very prominent in our culture. This media leg unbalances the other three legs by its overwhelming presence and by its content that subverts Christian values.

First, this mass media seeks to remove religion from the public square and relegate it to the private sphere. Often representing faith as for fools, it touts individualism, consumerism, hedonism, and relativism as tantalizing idols. Christianity is depicted as exclusive and divisive. Yet separating faith into the box of piety clashes directly with our conviction that Christ is Lord of all. Many parents have subtly bowed to this secularization of culture or at least the notion that faith is private and separate from most of daily living. This secularism is a major threat to Christian education, which exists because "Christ is Lord of all."

The pressure for Christians to divide the sacred from the secular is intense and affects the church, home, and school. Leaders in government, business, and media persuade the majority of people to keep their expressions of faith private. Public education in North American is institutionally committed by law to secularism. A spate of books about religion, particularly regarding teenagers, give sociological evidence that a majority of Christian young people are God-believers and attend church but see the rest of life the same way secularists do. Our goal in Christian Ed is to help our children see the fallacy of this notion and live their church, home and school lives in Christ.

We have changed our C.E. programs to have all the children and youth meet together on Sunday nights. This will provide an opportunity for the older youth to help the younger. However, that is not enough. We need your help in reaching out to the children and youth of our community. Please consider bringing your children and youth to Sunday Night Live and if you have younger neighbors, invite them. Without your continuing support and help in making a difference, more of our children will be lost for eternity. Sincerely Your Christian Education Board

**THE YOUTH ARE THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.
INVEST IN OUR FUTURE!!**

Women's Fellowship – Barbara Hinderliter, President

Women's Fellowship has been on summer break but will resume with regular meetings on October 14. At that time we will discuss Samaritan's Purse, the annual tea, and touch on rummage sale. We welcome all back for a busy year for our group. Thanks, Barbara

Men's Fellowship – Rew Hennessy, Chairman

In the Men's breakfast/fellowship, we discuss any serious issues in church policy. But first things first; there are sausage patties, bacon strips, potatoes, biscuits, eggs, gravy, oatmeal, fresh fruit, and coffee served before the meeting begins. The Men's Breakfast is held the last Saturday of every month and we welcome any and all newcomers to our group.

Music – Rew Hennessy, Music Director

Hello my friends and welcome to this little blog. As we escape the heat and start heading into a cold, cold winter, I want us to "Ask not what my church's music program can do for me - but what can I do for my church's music program." Yes we will be hearing from the choir again soon and trying new things, so as always, please give me your feedback. I have been happy that we have been getting more hymn requests and song suggestions, and hopefully that will continue. Here is a little encouragement from Psalm 96 : 1 - 5 ;

¹" O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. ⁴ For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens."

May God bless you all and I thank you for your support. - Rew

Upcoming events

Apple Annie's Outing

On Wednesday, October 9, we'll be going to Oak Glen to have lunch at Apple Annie's as well as shop and just relax. Everyone is welcome to come. We'll carpool and leave the church at 9:30. We have reservations at 12 Noon. A signup sheet in on the table in the foyer.

DCC Oktoberfest / Praise & Worship Hour

On October 12, we will be eating, singing, and praising the Lord at our first DCC Oktoberfest and Praise and Worship Hour. Come and join us – you won't be disappointed. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer for you to sign if you're interested in attending. The menu will be simple – brats, potato salad, and baked beans. Contact Pastor Allan if you're interested in singing a song or if you're interested in playing the guitar. Hope to see you there.

DCC Craft Fair

The Trustees will be hosting a Craft Fair, Yard Sale, Bake Sale and Car Wash on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 at our church. It will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will be offering tables inside for the craft fair and 10 X 10 spots outside for the yard sale. These spots will cost a \$20.00 donation.

We will be accepting donations of baked goods and desserts from our members for the bake sale. We will need some able bodied persons and kids to work the car wash.

You can call the office (760-361-0086) from 9-12 Monday –Friday or speak to Laura Hudson ((760) 408-6176) if you have any questions.

So sort through some of those items you have cluttering up your home or get to crafting and join us. If this is successful we would like to try to make it an annual event.

We were also thinking we could use one of the yard sale spots to sell donated items from our congregation and give the profits to the church. We would need someone willing to sit out and manage that spot.

These craft fairs usually have a lunch the sellers can buy, so we will need someone to work the kitchen if we choose to do that. I think hamburgers/hot dogs, chips and a drink. Simple and easy!

If you have some items you would like to sell, but don't have enough to fill a spot, consider sharing a spot with someone else.

We hope this will be a success and will bring some needed revenue to our church as well as hopefully bring some new members. May God bless..... Laura Hudson, Trustee

OCTOBER

Birthdays

2 – Don Huffman; 5 – Eric Ross; 13 - Robert Wallace;
14 – Richard Buckles & Denice Perez; 21 - Glenn
Freshour; 29 – Edward Sandoval

Anniversaries

9 – Ed & Jean Hill; 17 – Allan & Laurel Morrow

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

7 – Terry Hinderliter, Phyllis Mackey & Cindy Ross; 10 –
Toshi Buckley & Kenny Hill; 15 – Jeanne Bussell;
18 – Lorri Conway; 22 – Jeffrey Johnson; 24 – Ed Hill

Anniversaries

4 – Don & Nancy Lake; 10 – Edward & Tammy Sandoval;
18 – Patrick & Wendy McCollum

DECEMBER

Birthdays

3 – Shirley Chen; 10 – Pearl Burch; 11 – Dian
McCullough; 25 – Michele Burch

Anniversaries

17 – Floyd & Lorrie Carlson

Meeting Dates to Remember:

- Adult Bible Study = *Sunday @ 9 AM*
- Youth Group = *Sunday @ 6 PM*
- Pioneer Club = *Sunday @ 6 PM*
- Adult Bible Study = *Thursday @ 6 PM*
- Worship Team Practice = *Thursday @ 6 PM*
- Choir Practice = *Thursday @ 6:30 PM*
- Deacons = *1st Sunday of every other month*
- Trustees = *2nd Sunday of every other month*
Christian Ed = *3rd Sunday of every other month*
- Men’s Fellowship = *Last Saturday of each month*
- Women’s Fellowship Ministry = *2nd Monday of each month*

If you have a birthday or anniversary that isn’t on the list above OR if you see an incorrect date, please let us know.

Hymn Sing Sunday

We still have 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 Foyer and put it in the offering plate any Sunday. That’s all you have to do – we’ll do the rest. In the future, all songs requested for Hymn Sing Sunday will be designated in the bulletin with an **(R)** beside the song.

Got a suggestion for the Deacons to consider and discuss? There’s a suggestion box on the wall in the Foyer. All suggestions must be signed in order to be considered.

SCRIP Program

We have the SCRIP program and the cards are here for Stater’s, Walmart, and Arco. If you want any others that are on the list, let us know. Support your church. Buy a SCRIP card - today.

Father, Your love gives us everything we need to “hang in there.”
Help us to remember Your promise of strength and to rely upon it each day.

Bible Wordsearch

Parables of the Wedding and the Tower

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #163

Luke 14:15-30



ALLEYS	GREAT
ANGRY	GUESTS
BANQUET	HATE
BLESSED	HEARD
BLIND	HOUSE
BRING	INVITED
BROTHERS	JESUS
CERTAIN	JUST
CHILDREN	KINGDOM
COST	LAME
COUNTRY	LANES
CRIPPLED	MASTER
CROSS	MONEY
CROWDS	ORDERED
DISCIPLE	OWNER
EAT	OXEN
ESTIMATE	POOR
EXCUSES	READY
FATHER	ROADS
FEAST	SISTERS
FIELD	STREETS
FINISH	TABLE
FOLLOW	TASTE
GOD	TOWER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 30

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A Joke For The Weary

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked." With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

God is always near in spite of our fears