

July - September

THE CHURCH CRIER

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Pastor's Message

There's a song that says, "Oh the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all, just to think that God loves me."

God, the creator of the universe and everything in it, God the almighty, the all-knowing God, loves me. Mind boggling!

When I measure myself against God, I find I am very, very small and insignificant. As Psalm 8:3-4 says, "when I consider your heavens, the work of your finger, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"

In spite of my wrong thoughts, the way I treat others at times, my determination to do things my way, not God's way; in spite of all my sins, God still loves me. Amazing! And when I confess my sins, "He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:19). And then I am free. Free from the guilt of my sins, because I have been forgiven, free to love others, free to love God back as He loves me.

What a wonderful, amazing, loving God we have. The wonder of it all!

In His Love,
Pastor Allan

DCC LIBRARY

The Library has been relocated to the Narthex in the main building and is open Monday - Friday, 9-12. You're welcome to stop in and browse around. The Library is open to all and contains Bibles in many versions, books on church history and some nice Christian novels. It's always ready to welcome new books onto its shelves.



Upcoming Events

July 8

Saturday Night Church

August 6-11

Youth Camp

September 9

Saturday Night Church

October 16

DCC All Church Cruise

Cruise with us!



October 16-20 – Let's cruise together. We'll carpool to Long Beach and sail on Carnival Cruise Lines to Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico.

See Jean in church office for more details.

Board Briefs

Deacons – Wayne Mackey, Chairman

Summer has arrived in full force! The SCRIP fundraiser continues to grow. Denice Perez has done a great job in the organization of this fundraiser. The Deacons sponsored the 4th of July Ice Cream Fellowship. Besides homemade ice cream brought by the members, the deacons provided coffee, drinks, and cookies. They also voted to help the youth with their camp needs.

James 1:2 – My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations. - Newer translations render this verse “count it all joy when ye fall into various trials” because the Greek word for both trial and temptation is the same. What God will send, or allow, as a trial to strengthen our faith, Satan will seek to exploit to get us to sin. Conversely, what Satan throws our way as a temptation; God allows to be a trial. Satan wants to use the event to tear us down and wipe us out; God want to use the same vent to show us how faithful He is and how real He can be.

Trustees – Floyd Carlson, Chairman

The last four handicapped parking spaces will be finished as soon as the white stripes are repainted. The weather has been the hold-up in getting them repainted. The Sunday School rooms have both been remodeled and are being enjoyed by our kids. Getting the Administrative Offices moved is next on the agenda.

CHRISTIAN ED – Peggy Freshour, Chairman

Much has been going on....VBS is over, and was a success according to those who participated or helped with the program. Thank you so much to ALL of you who did ANYTHING at all to ensure a positive experience for the youth who attended. This is a valuable ministry for DCC. Having completed all of the Old Testament books, our Sunday school youth will be starting the New Testament gospels in early September. We have been doing special crafts and curriculum which is a follow-up to the VBS program, and that will continue through Labor Day weekend. This very important ministry in our church can really use more volunteers if we are going to continue to grow. Our youth are important to the future of our church. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do. Most of the work is done for the remodeling and expansion of our classrooms. God bless all of the people who helped make that happen. Most especially, we thank Pastor Allan, Ed Hill, and Jeff Johnson for their many hours of hard work. Others contributed time and effort to the project, to include Glenn and Peggy Freshour, Laurel Morrow, Tammy Sandoval, and many, many others. We are grateful to any and everyone who helped, to include financial assistance, if needed, by the Women's and Men's Fellowships. Thanks and God Bless. The Jr-Sr



What's Cooking

(from the DCC WFM cookbook)

Oven Barbecue Chicken Wings

1 lb chicken wings
Salt & pepper to taste
Garlic powder to taste
Marinade
1/3 cup soy sauce
½ lemon, juiced
3 T rice vinegar

Sprinkle, salt, pepper, and garlic powder on the chicken wings. Put in a zip-lock bag. Combine the marinade and add to the chicken and refrigerate for about one hour. Bake in the oven at 350° for one hour, turning half way through the baking time.

Submitted by
Toshi Buckley

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1. Let go of what's gone
 2. Be grateful for what remains
 3. Look forward to what's coming next.
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Be the Lighthouse that somebody sees in their storm.

high youth plan to attend summer camp again this year, and we will be helping with the costs by using our monies from past fundraisers and contributions. We will look forward to them sharing their experiences in the Fall.

Men's Fellowship – Ed Hill, Chairman

Many thanks to the men that helped during our Church's Spring Rummage Sale last month. Almost all of the merchandise displayed had to be moved from our Storage Shed to the Fellowship Hall, and alongside the women of the Church, the men supplied the "muscle" to move the "heavy stuff". The Storage Shed had to be set up to display its respective items, so additional thanks to the men for helping with this. The men also participated in the re-modeling of the Fellowship Hall, where walls were removed and relocated to form two large rooms from the existing smaller rooms. Our Pastor led out in this remodeling adventure, and proved that he is a talented "re-modeler". Several women also helped, so our thanks to them. Our next remodeling adventure will be coming up soon, when we start closing in the front area of the Fellowship Hall. The Men's Breakfast continues to receive strong support as we meet on a Saturday each month to fellowship, discuss how we can participate in the various church activities, hear an encouraging devotional, and.....EAT some fantastic food. All men of our church are encouraged to attend, and bring a friend or young teenager. There is always plenty of good food to go around. It was voted on by those in attendance to go dark in July and August. The next meeting for Men's Fellowship will be September 30.

Women's Fellowship – Peggy Freshour, Chairman

We have been very busy with some mission projects and contributions over the past 3 months. We have decided to help with additional Samaritan's Purse missions, the classroom remodeling, and the Way Station. We also approved some specific one-time local assistance to reach out to our DCC local community.

Our spring rummage sale was very successful, raising over \$3000, and once again we thank all of you who donated items or work hours to ensure its success. We also donated items to Hospice, the Way Station, and our Senior Center in 29 Palms. We do plan to have another rummage sale in early October, so we encourage you to donate clean, useable items, and set aside some time to help with the setup, sale days, and clean up. Thanks again to the few good men who really stepped up to help with everything, under the direction of Ed Hill. We appreciate our men!

We are planning a Bible study on the New Testament, and will announce the dates once we finalize the plans. Our Old Testament study was SUPER, and the ladies are looking forward to a similar learning experience for this next one. We plan to break up the 13 weeks into two sessions this time. Be looking for more information in the near future.

In closing, I will mention that we hoping to get those kitchen drawers and cabinets labeled this summer, to make it easier to locate items. We've put out a call for a few good volunteers to help with this!!! Also, remember that we are selling our DCC cookbooks, which are really well done (thanks to Ginny Whaley!) They make great gifts!!!

We meet the 2nd 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!! There are no meetings in July or August. We will resume on Monday, September 10th at 10:15 AM.

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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Got a suggestion for the Deacons to consider and discuss? There's a suggestion box on the information table in the Narthex.

July

Birthdays

1-- Floyd Carlson, 3 -- Lorrie Carlson, 13 -- Marie Lewis,
15 -- Laurel Morrow & Jeanette Rogerson, 22 – Justin
Perez, 23 – Diana Logue, 26 – SunCha Huffman &
Tracy Gibson, 27 – SunRe Renner, 28 – Llew Smith,
29 – Vivian Dawson, 31 – Gale Yawn

Anniversaries

26 – Terry & Barbara Hinderliter, 28 – Don & SunCha
Huffman, 29, Glenn & Peggy Freshour

August

Birthdays

2 -- Laurel Hamilton, 4 – Nancy Gregory,
8 – Christopher Perez, 10 – Louis Kisner, 12 – Blaine
King, 13 – Barbara Kisner & Art VanHofwegen,
15 – Lore Bergey, 19 – Sandy Smith

Anniversaries

12 – Bob & Bertha Robinette, 14 – Bob & DeDe Guerri,
19 – Gene & Karen Mattox

September

Birthdays

2 -- Lyndon Gaines, 3 – Lowella Parker, Peggy Freshour, & Kathleen Kiper, 13 -- Jonah Robinson,
14 – Lillian Hull, 15 -- Leah Gaines, 18 – Betty Yockey,
24 – Tammy Sandoval, 30 – Ed Boulware

Anniversaries

15 – Art & Betty VanHofwegen, 20 – John & Bonnie Gonzalez

JOKE OF THE QUARTER

Poor Leroy had fallen on hard times. He lost his job at the fertilizer plant, his wife had left him, his unemployment had run out, and he was evicted from his apartment. He packed what little he had in a knapsack, made a little sign that read "Will work for food" and set off down the road on foot. Toward the middle of the day, he came to a farmhouse. He was getting very hungry, and so he knocked on the front door. A woman answered, and Leroy explained his situation, and how he could do most anything and how hungry he was. At first the woman wanted no part of Leroy, but he persisted. Finally she asked "Can you paint?" "Oh yes, ma'am," Leroy said, "I sure can paint. I've done a lot of painting. Just let me show you." The woman relented, found a can of paint and a brush and said, "You go around back and paint the porch, and I'll fix you dinner." Happily, Leroy went to work. About 40 minutes later, Leroy appeared at the front door. "Are you finished so soon?" asked the woman. "Oh yes, ma'am," said Leroy, "but I think you ought to know that's not a Porsche, it's a Volvo.

Meeting Dates to Remember:

- Youth Group = Sundays @ 6 PM
- Adult Bible Study = Sundays @ 9 AM
- Adult Bible Study = Thursdays @ 6 PM
- Choir Practice = Resumes on
• 9/7 - Thursdays @ 6:45 PM
- Deacons = 7/9, 8/6, & 9/3
- Trustee = 7/9, 8/13, & 9/10
- Christian Ed = 8/20, & 9/17
- Men's Fellowship = 9/23
NO Men's Fellowship in
July and August
- Women's Bible Study = 9/7 - 10/12
- Women/s Fellowship – 9/11