



The Church Crier

June-August 2015

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We were pleased to welcome seven new members into our fold on April 05, 2015: Pearl Burch, Dorothy Minor, Jonah Robinson, Kylie Robinson, Patricia Wood, Stephen Wood, and Gale Yawn. Robert Hencel became our newest member on May 03, 2015. What a joy to have these new members who have professed their belief in Jesus Christ and their desire to be a true part of the Desert Congregational Church family. Welcome!!!

BAPTISMS

Eight people were baptised on April 05, 2015: Daniel Ammerman, Jr., Tierra Atherley, Bruce Burch, Jeremiah Burch, Pearl Burch, Ava Neste, Luckie & Robert Paxton. May you all experience incredible happiness and growth in your walk with the Lord.

DCC LIBRARIAN (PEGGY KING):

Our Library is open to all, so if you love to read or need to do some Biblical research, you can peruse our library! If you haven't been there for a while, give it a look. 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 entryway to the church is finally complete & it looks great! The handicap parking has been paved in front of the Fellowship Hall. The church van is being used for transportation on Sunday for anyone who needs to be picked up or taken home. Please call the church office, 760-361-0086, by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning so we can help you with rides if needed.

NANCY LAKE, CHAIRPERSON

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

The men have been holding their monthly Men's Fellowship breakfast with great attendance. The men hosted a special breakfast on Mother's Day for the women of the church which was very much appreciated and enjoyed. The Rummage Sale sponsored by the Women's Fellowship was successful in large part due to the men manning all the items in the storage shed and helping with set-up, tear-down, and moving of large items during the sale. The men are involved with the new playground as well.

JIM LAMON, PRESIDENT

DEACON UPDATE:

The Third Annual Gospel Fest, held on 14 Mar 2015, was a huge success. Thanks to all the church members who were involved with this endeavor and a special thanks to Bob Pilgrim for everything he did – putting one of these on requires a tremendous amount of work! Our 4th Annual Gospel Fest is scheduled for 12 Mar 2016. If there is no conflict with his

Franklin Graham ministry work, Dennis Agajanian will return to play, sing, and preach at this gospel fest. What a powerful testimony and message he gave. Our Lenten soup suppers were well attended. The lessons on "Steps To Freedom In Christ" were very valuable and as always singing hymns together was fun. Plans are still in the making for a "Celebrate America" program on Sunday, 05 Jul 2015. It will be a typical Sunday service but we'll sing more patriotic songs, and hope to have some retired military guests in attendance along with our own wonderful military veterans. The church van is available for rides again. If there is sufficient interest, the singles/widows/widowers of our church will meet together periodically for fellowship. Plans are in the works for more cook-outs and some movie nights. Jim Lamon participated again this year in the High Desert Pregnancy Walk making \$714 for them – way to go Jim & thanks! Booster seats are being purchased for the church van to allow children to ride in the van when needed. The Deacons have requested that funds be provided by the Trustees to get the drapes in the sanctuary cleaned as well as to provide funds to purchase a new copier for the office. On 18 Jul 2015, the Deacons will be providing a Food For Life Meal at Little Church of the Desert. Anyone from the church who can help with this endeavor is most welcome to do so. The Deacons are working on revised Calling Tree procedures which should be solidified soon.

CHRIS PILGRIM, CHAIRMAN

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

2015 seems to be speeding along! Our April meeting, hosted by Kathleen Kiper & Tammy Sandoval got us ready for spring with beautiful cheery spring decorations. Our May meeting was equally special hosted by Ginny Whaley and Karen Kluge. Our hostesses for June will be Sharyn Bishop and Darlene Subriar.

We are recovering from all the hard work for our very successful Rummage Sale that was held on May 1st and 2nd. Many thanks to Chairperson, Phylis Croonenberghs, for her dedication and organizational skills. Every area of the sale had an overall leader which worked so well and heartfelt thanks to ALL who worked.

We especially want to thank the Men's Fellowship for manning all the items in the "storage shed" and for the lifting and carrying help when needed in the Fellowship Hall. Remaining items were donated to charity, including the Hospice Thrift Shop, The Hi-Desert Medical Center Thrift Shop and the Way Station. (Rest up and get ready for our next Sale on Oct 2nd & 3rd!).

We are busy planning a FATHER'S DAY LUNCH to celebrate all our men, after church on June 21st. It should be really yummy and we encourage all the men to wear their ALOHA/HAWAIIAN SHIRTS that day.

We will take a break in July and August and will resume our monthly meetings on Monday, September 14th.

PEGGY KING, PRESIDENT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

We have been busy planning for our VBS, SonWest Roundup, which will be held June 22-26. The time will be the same as last year's program – 6 to 8 PM. Applications have been available in the Narthex, and our deadline for enrollment will be June 15th. Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade may attend. There will be games, crafts, snacks, music, entertainment, and of course, Bible stories and learning opportunities. We are always looking for volunteers to help before, during, and after the main event! We also want to encourage our older youth to participate as a volunteer, if possible. Please fill out a volunteer form and turn it in to the office, or place it in the offering plate. Our youth are our future! Won't you please help in any way you can? Thanks and God Bless you.

Other happenings include the expansion of our youth programs. Due to an increasing number of youth, and a variety of ages, we now have two groups underway. Pioneer Club meets on Wednesdays evenings from 7-8 PM, serving grades 1-6. Middle and high school aged youth are now meeting on Sunday evenings from 6-7 PM. We are grateful to Pastor Allan for his willingness

to take on two groups. Any parents who are able to help him, please let him know. Even once or twice a month can be a tremendous help.

We have planned another Bible study for women, which is being co-sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. This is a shortened study, revisiting the book of Esther. It is a wonderful study, and any women who wish to attend, please contact the office, Jean Hill, or Laurel Morrow. The group held it's first meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 9:45 AM at Pastor Allan & Laurel's home. Meeting location may change. It's not too late to join the study.

Finally, we have made progress on our play area. Thanks to the generosity of the two fellowship groups, we now have a concrete game area on the West side of the Fellowship Hall, which will be ready for use for VBS! We plan to put some fencing around it. This has been needed for a long time, and we are excited to be able to expand opportunities for our youth programs.

PEGGY FRESHOUR, CHAIRPERSON

PASTOR'S CORNER:

I will always be there for you! Some years ago over 30,000 people were killed in an earthquake in Armenia. In the midst of all the confusion a father rushed to his son's school. When he arrived, he discovered the building was completely flattened. Standing there the father remembered a promise he had made to his son: "No matter what, I'll always be there for you!" Tears began to fill his eyes. It was a hopeless situation, but he couldn't put his promise out of his mind. The father rushed to the back right corner of the building, and started digging through the rubble. Rescuers nearby shook their heads saying: "It's too late!" and "There's no way they could have survived". Even a police officer tried to dissuade him, but he continued digging for his son stone-by-stone. He dug for eight hours, then twelve, then twenty-four and then thirty-six. Finally in the thirty-eighth hour, as he pulled back a boulder, he heard his son's voice. He called out his son's name, "Armand!" and the boy answered him:

"Dad?" "Yes, it's me, Dad!" Later the boy said: "I told the other kids not to worry. I told them that if you were alive, you would save me and that they'd also be saved. I told them that you promised 'No matter what, I'll always be there for you!' And here you are Dad. You kept your promise!" Faithfulness, care and self-sacrifice are the kind of traits that should be synonymous with fatherhood. Not least, because our heavenly Father is always there for us. He keeps His promises!

PASTOR ALLAN



BIRTHDAYS

June-06 Lea Speer; 07 Karen Kluge; 08 Mike Harz; 09 Chris Pilgrim; 10 Annette Faudel & Ginny Whaley; 15 Barbara Walker; 18 Elena Juarez, Nancy Kinzel & Ed Kuhlmeier; 23 Laura Hudson & Robert Paxton; 26 Tony Renner; 28 Don Lake

July-01 Floyd Carlson; 03 Lorrie Carlson; 06 Jim Lamon; 13 Laureen Lentz & Marie Lewis; 15 Laurel Morrow, Jeanette Rogerson & Patricia Wood; 22 Justin Perez; 23 Diana Logue; 26 Sun Cha Huffman; 27 Sun Re Renner; 28 Llew Smith; 29 Vivian Dawson; 31 Gale Yawn

August-04 Nancy Gregory; 08 Christopher Perez; 10 Louie Kisner; 12 Walter Coulter; 13 Barbara Kisner & Art Van Hofwegen; 15 Lore Bergey



ANNIVERSARIES

June-12 Craig & Barbara Walker; 16 Peggy & Blaine King; 27 Terry & Marsha Mayes; 29 Tony & Sun Re Renner

July-10 Gene & Marie Lafond; 26 Terry & Barbara Hinderliter; 28 Don & Sun Cha Huffman; 29 Glenn & Peggy Freshour

Aug-12 Bob & Bertha Robinette; 14 Bob & DeDe Guerri

EXPLANATION OF DEATH

"DEATH – WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT". A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.' Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know.' 'You don't know? You're a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?' The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, 'Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing....I know my Master is there and that is enough.' May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 07 Jun - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 08 Jun - Women's Fellowship/Shared Luncheon @10:30 am
- 13 Jun - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 20 Jun - Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @7:00 am
- 05 Jul - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 11 Jul - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 18 Jul - Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @7:00 am
- 18 Jul - Food For Life Meal Preparation at Little Church of the Desert approximately 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- 02 Aug- Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 08 Aug - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 15 Aug - Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @7:00 am

MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Adult Bible Study - Sundays @ 9:00 am
- Older Youth Meet - Sundays @ 6:00 pm
- Prayer Team - Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm
- Youth Group/Pioneer Club - Wednesdays @7:00 pm
- Adult Bible Study - Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
- Deacons - First Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Trustees - Dates to be determined
- 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 (except for Jul & Aug) @10:30 am