



# The Church Crier

January – March 2017

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

We were pleased to welcome two new members into our fold in December: Tracy Gibson & Laurel Hamilton. 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!!!



**Congratulations to Rick & Martha Buckles who were married on 13 Dec 2016!!!**

## **IN MEMORIUM:**

One of our beloved church members, Walter Coulter, passed away the evening of 15 December 2016. Walter was a sweet man and a joy to be around. The DCC family mourns his loss.

## **DCC LIBRARIAN (CHRIS PILGRIM):**

The DCC Librarian duties have been passed on to the Church Administrator as part of my regular responsibilities. I would appreciate input from any of you who have had this responsibility in the past, so that I can do a credible job of maintaining this valuable church resource. The Library will be 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. Your 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.

## **NEW DCC OFFICERS FOR 2017**

**Moderator** – Ed Hill

**Vice Moderator** – Barbara Hinderliter

**Deacons** – Travis Gaines, Ed Hill, Wayne Mackey, Becky Patterson, Judith Kreger, & Annette Faudel joining Denice Perez, April Kuhlmeier & Vida Hamilton

**Trustees** – Glenn Freshour & Jeanette Rogerson Carson, joining Floyd Carlson, Phylis Croonenberghs, Jean Hill, Sally Hedgecock, Peggy King, Robert Wallace & Gale Yawn

**Christian Education** – Nancy Gregory & Dian McCullough joining Peggy Freshour, Tammy Sandoval, Kathleen Kiper, Laurel Morrow, Luckie Paxton, & Tim Perez

**Nominating Committee** – Barbara Hinderliter, Don Huffman, Phylis Croonenberghs, & Chris Pilgrim

**Librarian** – Chris Pilgrim (in capacity as Church Administrator)

**Clerk** – Karen Kluge, Assistant Phylis Croonenberghs (no change)

**Historians** – Matthew Perez assisting Karen Kluge Mattox

**Treasurer** – Lorrie Carlson (no change)



### **TRUSTEES BRIEF:**

Most of the handicapped parking spaces have been refreshed. We are reviewing a solution to our erosion problem but this is temporarily on hold until the project, to move the administrative offices, has been better defined along with the associated costs to do so. There have been on-going electrical problems that are going to be addressed as soon as possible after the new year.

**FLOYD, CHAIRPERSON**

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

Due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on the same Saturday as the normally scheduled Men's Fellowship Breakfast there were no breakfasts scheduled for November & December 2016. The Men's Fellowship provided monetary gifts to the children of DCC this year vice giving them stockings. In addition the Men's Fellowship supported the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox project.

**JIM LAMON, PRESIDENT**

**DEACON UPDATE:**

The Deacons recently participated in a Food For Life Meal. A separate bank account for the SCRIP program is currently being established in order to make the program function more efficiently. The first wave of SCRIP went very well. The Deacons are planning a bonfire, cookout & potluck at the church in January or February. We are looking forward to a very activity-filled new year and many new board members on-board to make this happen.

**DENICE PEREZ, CHAIRMAN**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

Well this is the last input from me as the outgoing president of the Women's Fellowship. The list of new officers for 2017 is shown on the minutes displayed in the Fellowship Hall from the December 2016 meeting where we enjoyed a catered luncheon and a white elephant gift exchange. Our cookbook "What's Cookin'" will be published shortly. Many thanks to the contributors and a special thanks to Ginny Whaley for all the typing she's done to get it ready for publishing. The Samaritan's Purse shoebox project was a huge success! 150 boxes were prepared by this church and another 20 were added by others, allowing us to provide a total of 170 boxes towards this exciting mission. A huge thanks goes to Laurel Morrow for her dedication to this project and of course to all the other dedicated people who assisted her in various ways. The teamwork in this group is simply amazing. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as president for the past two years. Submitted with a grateful heart.

**PEGGY KING, PRESIDENT**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Our board has been busy planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas projects, and moving forward with our "What's In the Bible?" curriculum for Sunday school. We have completed the 5 books of wisdom in Volume 8, and will be ready to move on through the Old Testament starting with the book of Isaiah. We continue to have the need for more volunteers to help with the Sunday morning programs. Please prayerfully consider this very important ministry in our church. Our youth are our future. We look forward to adding some new members to our board after the January congregational meeting. The coming year should be exciting as we see our youth attendance increase! Happy New Year to all, and God bless you.

**PEGGY FRESHOUR, CHAIRPERSON**

## **PASTOR'S CORNER:**

### **What if 2017 were your last year on earth?**

In the New Testament we find the words of a man who knew the end of his life was near. He was none other than the great apostle Paul. Writing from the Mamertine Prison in Rome, he said, "As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me – the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6–8 NLT).

**Paul was in prison because he had faithfully proclaimed the Good News to people.** He was chained up in a miserable, primitive place, and he was all alone. Yet his words resonate with joy and hope, not with depression and despair.

Heaven is what was before Paul, and he looked forward to it. Paul already had the unique experience of dying, going to heaven and returning to earth (see 2 Corinthians 12:1–4). That is why he wrote earlier, in the book of Philippians, "For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me" (1:21–23 NLT). Paul understood that heaven was a promotion. It was a coronation.

**Paul knew he was leaving, and he had no regrets.** Notice he wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." He had done everything God had called him to do. He had no regrets. He had lived life to its fullest.

**If this were your last year on earth, would you be able to say the same thing?** There are three things we can offer to God in this life. We can offer our treasure. We can offer our talent. And we can offer our time.

How are you doing with what God has called you to do?

Blessings,

**Pastor Allan**



## **BIRTHDAYS**

**January**-03-Logan Patterson; 12-Barbara Hinderliter; 14-Wayne Mackey; 15-Nancy Lake; 18-Kylie Robinson; 20-Sharyn Bishop; 21-Bob Guerri; 23-Arthur Pressnall; 24-Matthew Perez; 25-Jeremiah Burch; 28-Vida Hamilton; 29-William Parker; 30-Mary Ann George

**February**-04-Sally Hedgecock; 08-Andrew Batinich; 11-Bruce Burch; 12-Peggy King; 12-Luckie Paxton; 20-Patrick McCollum; 22-Alex Ford; 23-Alyssa Kuhlmeier

**March**-03-Carmen Cabrera; 03-Betty Van Hofwegen; 05-Becky Patterson Lamon; 05-Lliani Gaines; 08-Nokie Harz; 08-Tim Perez; 09-Lily Pressnall; 11-DeDe Guerri; 11-Jean Hill; 15-Daniel Ammerman, Jr.; 15-Wendy McCollum; 18-Rylie Ford; 20-Phylis Croonenberghs; 26-Lukas Gaines; 26-Craig Walker; 28-Bertha Robinette; 29-Ruth Ann Dunlap



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**January**-None

**February**-14-Robert & Luckie Paxton

**March**-22-Wayne & Phillys Mackey; 26-Bob & Chris Pilgrim; 28-Ed & April Kuhlmeier

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 01 Jan - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 14 Jan – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 14 Jan - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 05 Feb – Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 11 Feb – Adopt-a-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 11 Feb – Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 18 Feb – Women’s Fellowship Ministry Ladies’ Tea 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
- 05 Mar – Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 11 Mar – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Fest – 10:00 am – 6:30 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 – Wednesdays @ 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
- 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