

KOINONIA

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Koinonia is a Greek word whose primary meaning is “fellowship or sharing in common.” It means that we are in agreement with one another, united in a common purpose, and serving alongside each other. It is the ideal state of fellowship, community and family that should exist within a body of believers. It is this ideal state, this *koinonia*, that we hope to encourage through this publication. Our hope is that it would be far more than just a fancy listing of events, but that people would get a greater sense of who we are as a church, that they would see our heart, not just our hands and feet.

This magazine is a collaboration of a large group of people of all ages and ranges of talents and abilities. If you are interested in becoming a part of this Media Arts Team, please contact Michael Hickman, or Andy Byers, or email koinonia@dnbc.org. We would love to have you join us!

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A Word From The Pastor

What is a Baptist? That's an interesting way to start my article. I'll be brief.

First of all, there are many other Christians who do not carry the name "Baptist." This may shock some of you, but it is true. God's children are not all alike—but we are all God's children.

Baptists are Christians with a Baptist name. Baptists have many similarities; however, we are the most diverse of all Christian denominations. Historically we have been inclusive rather than exclusive. For this I am thankful and pray it never changes.

Baptist convictions are rooted in the Bible and not in any person or other publication. We do not believe that salvation can be earned or that one should have any

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other experience beyond conviction of sin, confession to God and belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Baptist Christians do not glorify any person except the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not accept the authority of denominational leaders, local or national. We believe authority comes by the guidance of the Holy Spirit from

the Lord and is vested in the congregation.

Baptist worship styles vary from church to church. The Bible speaks of a variety of experiences in worship from quiet contemplation to loud praises and instruments. Many Baptist churches have a blend of worship experiences to meet the needs of the church family.

I am a Christian then a Baptist—Christian Baptist. My Christianity will carry me into eternity; I will be a Baptist for the rest of this life. I have worshipped in many Baptist churches with many different 'styles' of worship and discovered that with the right attitude I always met God.

I'm so thankful to be your pastor.

In His Service, and Yours,
Pastor Bob

Fall Schedule

Camp Out - Sept 2nd thru 5th

Camp In - Sept 4th

Discipleship Training & MOSAIC begin -
Sept 11th

Quilt-In - Oct 7th/8th

Time Change Sunday - Nov 6th

SAM Banquet - Nov 12th

Christmas Camp - Dec 2nd



Construction Update

It has begun. The remodel process that will transform our existing sanctuary into what you see in the pictures below is under way. The construction fence is up, cement has been torn up, and if you went into the auditorium you already wouldn't recognize it. Not only does the beginning of construction mean that we have to work around the occasional mess, but there will be plenty of other changes and adjustments that will need to be made over the next few months. The biggest is the fact that we will be worshipping in the conference center, and that will mean several things.

For starters, there are a few things that will not be happening due to our adjusted worship location. Children's church has been put on hold for the duration of the remodel; however, ETC will be expanded to include kindergarteners to help accommodate those with children that age. The bread ministry will also be put on hold while services are held in the Conference Center. You can also look for some changes to other events this semester while the remodel is in progress. Things like the annual chili cook-off, SAM game days and nights, and Hanging of the Green, are all being moved around, adjusted, or in some cases canceled.

Another big obstacle that will have to be dealt with during the remodel is parking. There

are only 41 parking spaces at the conference center, and 3 of those are handicapped spots. Of course, since there will still be Bible Study in the main building, many of you could choose to park in your usual spot, and then simply walk up to the conference center for worship. This would allow those who are not able to make that walk to have room to park at the conference center. And in order to help that same group make it to Bible Study, if those who are able to walk could leave the closest spaces at the main building available, it would go a long way into making this transition time easier for everyone.

Safety and security will also get a lot more complicated during the remodel. There will be a need for more people to help with morning security, as well as some changes to which entrances will be used at the main building. Due to the location of ETC, the southeast doors by the elevator will have to be used, but during worship services, those will be the only doors that are open. The east patio doors and southwest foyer doors will be opened up for Bible Study, but will not be opened up any other time. The northwest doors near the office will remain locked throughout Sunday mornings. Hopefully, by keeping these things in mind, things can continue to run smoothly during our remodel.



Ground School

There is a question that is often asked by individuals when they enter a new field of work, or study, or experience. There is usually a requirement to be performed in this new endeavor that may appear so basic that it may seem even unnecessary to the novice. The question is then put forth that goes something like this, "Why do I have to do this?"

Whether it is a job, or school, or military service the people in authority have the power to require you to learn those things that may seem useless. Not so with discipleship. The church of our Lord Jesus lives through "volunteerism." If a new Christian wants to quit, or decides he does not want to do anything for the church there is little we can do to make him. The Lord, of course, can apply spiritual pressure to drive him toward the truth but the church does not have the ability to force him. But at times I wish we could.

The building blocks for a disciple of Christ lay a foundation that will sustain a believer through difficult times. The basics of our faith will help to bring peace in our lives while the world around us experiences everything but peace.

Ground School is a series of discipleship studies that offer help to believers in their relationship with the Lord and the knowledge of His Word, the Bible. Think of Ground School as Boot Camp for the soldier of the Lord, or Job Training for the new employee of God. It is my hope you will consider taking these courses so you will be able to Walk, then Run, and finally Soar in your faith.

Kevin Warner

P.S. Ground School starts in September, 2011.

Children's Choirs

The Children's music program here at Del Norte is probably one of our strongest ministries conducted within the walls of the church. There are three children's choirs that provide musical exploration and development for children from the age of 3 and a half or so all the way up to 6th grade. The youngest and cutest group is the preschool choir. Children are taught basic rhythm and melodic singing and have fun making all kinds of noise. The next level up is the Sonshine Music Makers, teaching 1st through 3rd graders how to blend voices as a group, sing with good posture, and how to perform and behave in front of an audience. The oldest group, made up of 4th through 6th graders, is called the King's Kids choir. The children in this group learn to harmonize as a choir, act in a play, memorize lines, make rhythmic sounds with "home-made" instruments, and perform musicals for an audience.

I had a wonderful time in children's choir, and I feel my love for music grew because of my involvement with music in the church. Some of my favorite memories from children's choir are warming up with the "dirty socks" song in Sonshine Music Makers, acting as an inventor and complete nerd for a musical in King's Kids, and dancing in a kilt along with Kaitlyn Hickman for the VBS musical, Kingdom Caper.

The children's choirs are directed by Caryn Coppedge, Sonja Nelson, and Sharon Williams. Children's choir is a great way to get involved and serve at Del Norte. All the children have fun learning about music and our Savior Jesus Christ as they sing about Him and glorify His name with worshipful singing.



Camp In, Camp Out



Labor Day Weekend is a busy time for our church family. For those who enjoy the great outdoors, there is the annual Labor Day Camp Out. This is a great time that has been going on for many years. Things get started on Friday (Sept 2nd) and keep right on going through Monday (Sept 5th). The camp-out is held at Hummingbird Music Camp, which is near Jemez Springs, NM. The deacons get together and provide breakfast on Saturday morning. There is also a potluck on Saturday afternoon, and a worship service on Sunday morning. And of course you have all your typical camping activities as well, like campfires, swimming, fishing, and great fellowship with your church family. The cost is just \$10 per family to camp, and if you're not the camping type but might want to join in, there are a few rooms available at an additional cost, or you can always just make a quick day trip and still sleep in your own bed. For any other info on the Camp-Out, see Charlie & Beverly Key.

For those of you that are staying in town for the holiday weekend, the Camp-In was started a few years ago. The Camp-In will take place Sunday morning (Sept 4th). Things will kick-off with breakfast, cooked for you by your church staff (and thankfully their spouses as well). Then we have Bible Study and one combined worship service at 11:00. The breakfast offers a wonderful time for fellowship involving conversation, meeting new people and enjoying a meal together. And there are always a few people who are surprised that our church staff can prepare a pretty good meal. If you are going to be in town that weekend, you should definitely make plans to come and be a part of the Camp-In.



Meet Jason & Melissa Kerby

Jason Kerby was raised in Belen, NM where he attended Belen High School and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Belen. Working since age twelve, he quickly developed a strong work ethic and strong character. During the summer of 1987, he met his wife to be, Melissa Phillips, and they married in November of 1991.

Melissa (Phillips) Kerby was raised in Mountainair, NM on a ranch just outside of town where she worked alongside her mother and brother. After marrying, the couple moved to Albuquerque where both began working full time and pursued degrees from TVI and UNM. Then in 1995 they adopted Jo Anna, the daughter of Melissa's brother, and began raising her as their own. Their granddaughter and absolute joy, Ava, was born in March 2010.

Jason and Melissa were introduced to DNBC in 2002 by Jason's boss and friend, John Hancock who is the former DNBC youth pastor. Now members, Melissa participates in teaching TeamKid, art and VBS, while Jason is very active with the youth group, youth praise team and serves as a Deacon. Because of their love of music, they also participate in the orchestra and handbell choir and enjoy serving the Lord in this capacity.



LIFE TOGETHER

by Richelle Gilsdorf

In our youth group, we have a lot of unusual names and phrases, many of which you've probably heard but don't understand. Some of these include "Grow like a fro" and "Torn Curtain". But on summer mission trips, we describe our time spent with each other and with the people we meet as "the life together".

Early in the book of Acts, we see the disciples working together to spread the news of Christ, speaking in crowds and healing the sick and crippled. Away from these public displays of God's glory, the disciples were in constant prayer and fellowship with each other, eating and living together with the united mission to tell the good news about Jesus's death and resurrection. They were friends, brothers in Christ, and were burdened with His call to "go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19).

This lifestyle of the early disciples is what we mean by "the life together": living, eating, breathing, praying, working together to spread God's love and word. In our case, we got to enjoy all of this in the small community of Eagle Nest, New Mexico. But the success of "the life together" isn't measured by how many kids come to our VBS (a new record of fourteen this year!); how many professions of faith we have (one); or how altered the church is when we leave (one cleaned-out closet and Sunday school room). Rather, "the life together" can only be judged by the lessons we learn and the moments we spend in God's presence.

Some lessons came through the evenings we spent singing together and listening as Andy shared some valuable wisdom on being "weird". He talked to us about being burdened with God's plans for us, with being so compelled to work and be where He





wants us, that we can't function the same away from this work. He discussed the importance of doing those seemingly "weird" things that God calls us to do so that we can stand out from the crowd; the bold, crazy love that will make those who don't believe look to us and say, "I wonder what they've got."

But away from these nights of worship, we were still learning, still aware of what God was teaching each of us on a personal level. I came on this same trip last year, and experienced a change of heart that hasn't faded yet; God moved in me to become the Christian—the follower—that I had, until that point, pretty much failed to be.

This year, I was blessed to see the same changes happening in other students—to see the noticeable alteration in their behavior and boldness about Christ. Youth who never speak up when we're together suddenly had valuable words to share, and weren't afraid to do it; they took that passion and put it into everything they did with the kids we taught in VBS. The sense of love and friendship was powerful—tangible in a way that can't really be explained with words. We all came back to Albuquerque thinking, "Man, what do we do now?" The minute we arrived, we wanted to be back, but we know that the changes God made in us were for the work we still need to do here, in our own church and city.

Then there was the pure beauty that is Eagle Nest. If you've never gone, I encourage you to make time and go, because there's something about that little valley that hits you hard in the gut, that convicts you without speaking. It's in the atmosphere devoid of honking cars, ambulance and police sirens, ringing cell phones, televisions, and general busyness. It's in the

silence of starry nights and stormy afternoons. Sometimes God's voice is in the silence, and we often miss it because we don't stop to listen. In Eagle Nest, the silence is deafening, like someone whispering really close to your ear.

Last, there were the kids we met. Those of us who went last year already knew that sometimes you learn more from the kids you teach than they may learn from you. Most of these kids don't have computers or cell phones, so they find VBS to be pretty exciting. Their enthusiasm is contagious. As a teacher, one minute you're a calm, cool, and collected young adult, and the next you're imitating an ostrich just because a kid asks you to; or losing any signs of self-consciousness to dance the Tumbleweed song in an undignified manner; or running away from a six-year-old armed with a water gun; or jumping on trampolines with your students after VBS is over because they still want to play with you. Away from all the pressures we experience as teens here, we could just be kids again, silly and carefree for three hours of every morning. We could be honest with these kids because they brought out the best in us, the side of us we know is in there but can't usually pull to the surface.

One of the more popular VBS songs this year, "Live It Out" says, "God is calling us all to be a part of fulfilling the mission of His heart", and through our mission trip to Eagle Nest, we're answering that call. God's doing amazing things in and with our youth, and Eagle Nest is just a part of it. He's clearly molding us into the tools He wants us to be, sculpting us with love, trials, and blessings. He's directing us towards "the life together", both as a youth group and as a church.

Sole 2 Soul

Last January I was asking our tutoring students what their favorite Christmas gift was. I must admit I was shocked and shamed by their answers. More than half of them said, “My new shoes.” Shoes! I thought I would get answers like, “My new bike, doll, playstation, etc.” But shoes!

I thought about what I had bought my grandchildren for Christmas and nothing was a need; all just wants. And here were children I saw every week and their best Christmas present was shoes.

I began to think how we, as a church, can help these families in our community. As a staff, we decided to make it a festive occasion and let the whole church join in this privilege of sharing with others. We are partnering with Payless Shoes and Governor Bent Elementary School to try and get some of these students the shoes that they need.

Not only would we like you to think and pray about giving to help with this need, but we would also like you to mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th. From 9-12 that morning we will be meeting families and handing out shoes. The Dining Hall will be decorated and serve as a meeting place, where we can spend some time with families and share some goodies. Then down the Preschool Hall we will have shoes in all different sizes for children to come and try on, and pick some out.

As you can see this is quite an undertaking. We will need many volunteers to do a variety of jobs. Watch the announcements for any further developments, and feel free to ask me any questions you might have about this.

Enthusiastically Serving With You!
Lillian



Quilts, Stitched Together with Love

Del Norte Quilters, first organized about 5 years ago, meet several times a month at Del Norte Baptist church to sharpen their skills and learn new quilting techniques. Our mission is to welcome church and unchurched quilters and acquaint them with our church family as we share the art of quilting.

Each January, the DN Quilters begin donating their time and materials to construct a new quilt for each graduating senior from high school or college. These quilts are presented in May to the graduates during Youth Sunday reminding them as they greet the future of the warmth and love of their home church.

Throughout the year, members made up of young and old, guys and ladies choose projects to work on, bring their sewing machines and supplies on the second and fourth Thursdays at 2:00 pm and on the third Monday at 6:00 pm and receive instructions and encouragement for a couple of hours to complete quilt tops. Members who work on their own creations also make many community gift quilts which are presented to newlyweds and babies within the church.

In the spring and fall the members host an all-day "Quilt-In" where quilters from the community meet and learn to construct a lap sized quilt top. The Semi-Annual Quilt-in began in July of 2008 with about 20 participants and has grown to a two-day event for eighty participants. Many in the community are introduced to the warm fellowship of Del Norte. The Del Norte 2011 Fall Quilt-in will be held October 7th/8th. Preregistration is required to allow us to have the desired number of kits. A small kit fee of \$35.00 will cover the cost of the project kit. It is a chance to learn quilting techniques offered by Barbara Gary. Members of the Del Norte Quilters will be offering assistance as we spend the day making the 2011 Fall DNBC quilt top.

You can find where the quilters are meeting as you enter the church on the west side if you listen for the laughter and the hum of sewing machines. There is lots of room for new members.



Goodbye New York

Battery Park, Statue of Liberty, Grand Central Terminal, South Bronx, Theater District, taxi cabs and subway maps. It all added up to Big Apple Adventure: NYC—right here in our church building with 250 kids and adults. The fast-paced daily routine included a worship rally, bible study, music, missions, crafts, recreation and recreation, all coordinated around the theme of connecting faith and life.

VBS is one of the greatest outreach opportunities for our church. It impacts kids in ways we may never know. For some it was a fun time with friends, others connected with adults in a positive way, and for some it was an encounter with Jesus, who became Lord of Life. In our world of instant connections and constant communications, what an awesome opportunity we have to help kids know that God wants them to encounter Jesus and experience a life-changing connection with Him. As we help kids learn to believe, trust, and love God; they are empowered to connect with others as they spread the good news about Jesus. The rest of their lives can be impacted by the connections made in VBS. It connects kids and their families with Christians who care and with our church, but most importantly, with the Savior of the world.

It was amazing to walk the halls during that week in June and see 4-year-olds in taxi cabs, preteens making denim pillows to give away, kindergarteners and 4th graders learning about Proof, the missionary dog, first and second graders learning the ABC's (it's not what you think) and everyone connecting with bible characters in real-life situations.

We have an awesome group of adults who make VBS run so smoothly it is amazing. (If your idea of VBS is a week of chaos, join us next year to have that idea shattered!) And our decorating team is the best ever!

Thanks you Del Norte family for your support for VBS!

Join us next year for Amazing Wonders Aviation: Encountering God's Awesome Power.

Connect with Faith!
Connect with Love!
Connect with Trust!
Connect with Others!
Connect with Life!



Thanks to everyone who contributed to and prayed for Marilu. Her surgery went well, and she is doing great.

Plantain Soup

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, finely chopped
- 1 celery rib, finally chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 cups chicken stock or broth
- 2 green plantains, peeled, quartered lengthwise, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch cilantro, stemmed and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 bay leaf

- Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat
- Add onions, carrots, celery, garlic and cook uncovered for 3-4 min or until onions are soft
- Add chicken stock/broth and bring to a boil
- Add plantains, cilantro, cumin, bay leaf, and season with salt and pepper, and bring back to a boil
- Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, uncovered for 40-50 minutes, until plantains are very tender
- Remove and discard the bay leaf
- Transfer half the soup to a blender and puree until smooth
- Combine back with rest of soup

Peruvian Chicken Soup

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves – cut in half again
- Salt & pepper
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon Serrano chilies, seeded and minced
- ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 cup green peas
- 1 cup corn
- ½ red bell pepper, chopped
- 10 cups chicken broth
- 4 yukon gold potatoes, cut in half
- 1 cup uncooked white rice

- Season the chicken with salt and pepper
- Heat the oil in a large, heavy pot over medium-high heat
- Stir in the onion, garlic, Serrano chili and cook for about a minute
- Add the chicken and cook for 5 more minutes
- Stir in cilantro, peas, corn and red pepper and cook for about a minute
- Pour in the chicken broth, potatoes, and rice
- Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and let simmer for about 40 minutes



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