

KOINONIA

SUMMER 2012



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

In this space in the past I have talked about What is a Baptist?, about what it means to be a responsible Christian, and about the Foundations for a Healthy Church. For this issue I would like to take the opportunity to explain a Baptist distinctive, namely baptism by immersion. Since there are several different views of baptism, we must look to the Bible for definitive instruction. In short, we believe that...

1. Baptism is commanded in Scripture.

It is not a suggestion, nor an optional act reserved only for the very pious. Both Jesus and Peter commanded that all believers be baptized. Matthew 28:19(NIV) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." Acts 10:48(NIV) So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

2. The Bible teaches that baptism is through full submersion as opposed to sprinkling.

The Greek word, baptizo, literally means to dip, to plunge or submerge. A close look at passages such as Matthew 3:16 and Acts 8:38 describe actions which would be unnecessary if sprinkling was the prescribed method. Matthew 3:16(NIV) As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. Acts 8:38(NIV) And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

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3. Only believers, those who have already repented and received Christ, are eligible for baptism.

Infant baptism is nowhere taught in the scriptures and our practice of baby dedication should not be confused with baptism. Mark 1:5(NIV) The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Acts 2:41(NIV) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

4. Baptism is a believer's way of giving a visual testimony of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

It is not a means for gaining salvation, but rather a means to identify with and testify about Christ's salvation. It is the public demonstration of the believer's faith. Romans 6:3-4(NIV) 3Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

In His Service, and Yours,
Pastor Bob

Summer Schedule

June 11 thru 15 - Vacation Bible School

June 21 thru 23 - Quilt In

June 30 thru July 6 - Youth Mission Trip to Eagle Nest

July 16 thru 20 - Boys Camp & Children's Mission Camp

July 23 thru 27 - Children's Musicamp

July 29 - World Hunger Collection Day

August 12 - Promotion Day & Preteen Retreat

August 19 - Missions/Ministry Fair & Fall Kick-Off &
Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Banquet

August 26 - Church Wide Fellowship

August 31 thru September 3 - Church Camp Out

September 2 - Church Camp In



DNBC's

Missions/Ministry Fair

by Kevin Warner, Growth Pastor

When it comes to our basic tenets about the church, we believe that EVERY believer is a MINISTER of the Lord. Furthermore, we believe that EVERY believer should be involved in a MINISTRY. The church can accomplish so much more for the Kingdom of God when every believer gets involved somehow and in some way in a meaningful ministry.

It is the challenge of the church to help believers find their place in ministry. Ask yourself, “Where would God have me to serve in the Kingdom?”

With that thought in mind, we are going to be sponsoring a Ministry / Missions Fair on Sunday, August 19th during the Bible Study Hour from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Any of you that know me realize what high regard I have for our Bible Study time. So, I do not take it lightly to give that Sunday school time up for another event.

I really feel it is important for us to put this before our people.

This will be a time for you to see most of the ministries we offer through Del Norte Baptist Church. It will give you the opportunity to talk with those who are involved in the many ministries and ask them questions and hear their passion for ministry.

Please come and take part in this Ministry / Missions Fair. I believe you will be glad you did.



Amazing Wonders Aviation begins at a vintage airstrip. Kids will take off each day from the Worship Rally Hangar and fly to some of the world's greatest natural wonders as they encounter an awesome God and His amazing power.

Day One "Amazing! God's Power Over Nature". For children, recognizing God at work in nature is the gateway to recognizing Him at work in all aspects of their lives. God stopped the flood waters of the Jordan River for the Israelites to enter the promised land.

Day Two "Amazing! God's Power Over Circumstances". God closed the mouths of the lions and Daniel was kept safe from harm. A lifetime of watching God at work and continual contact through prayer gave Daniel confidence that God was in control of kings, kingdoms, and kitties.

Day Three "Amazing! God's Power Over Sin". God promised to send a Savior and He did! Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as God's promise fulfilled! Simeon and Anna waited with anticipation for the arrival of the Messiah. We want to help kids understand the joy these elders experienced when God pointed them to an eight day old Savior.

Day Four "Amazing! God's Power Over Death". God raised Jesus from the dead! Jesus died and rose again to be the Savior of the world. On Day Four we want to focus children's excitement on the risen Jesus, who wants to be a part of every aspect of their lives.

Day Five "Amazing! God's Power Over My Life". How different would today's story be if the first Christians intended to share the gospel, but couldn't muster up the oomph to share Jesus fearlessly? Day Five Bible study will help the kids recognize how to harness the amazing power of God in their everyday lives.

Thank each of you in advance for praying that lives will be changed during Vacation Bible School and will continue to grow in Christ, and that teachers and children will never forget what an amazing, powerful God we serve!

You can register for VBS online at www.dnbc.org, by calling the church office, or you can register in person on the first day. If you have any questions about VBS, feel free to talk to our children's pastor, Lillian Moon.

Cheesy Canyon Pockets

- Bread slices (2 per sandwich)
- Cheese slices (1 per sandwich)
- Melted Butter
- Round Cookie Cutter

Use the cookie cutter to cut circles from the bread and cheese slices. Place a piece of cheese between two pieces of bread. Dip a fork in water and press the tips of the tines around the edge of the bread to seal. Place each pocket on a baking sheet. Brush the top of each pocket with melted butter. Bake at 350 degrees until toasty and brown.

Coral Reef Sticks

- Refrigerated pie crust
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of butter, melted
- Colored sprinkles
- Paper plates

Roll the pie crust into a 12-by-10-inch rectangle. Spread the rectangle with melted butter, sugar, sprinkles. Cut the pie crust lengthwise into 20 strips. Cut each strip crosswise into 3 strips. Twist each strip into the cookie sheet to prevent them from unraveling.

Bake the strips in a 350 degree oven for 15-20 minutes. Remove immediately and cool on a wire rack.

Victoria Falls in a Cup

- 2 packages of blue gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water, divided
- 1½ cups cold water, divided
- Ice cubes
- 1 cup whipped topping
- 6 ounce clear plastic cups
- Plastic spoon

Mix 1 cup of boiling water with one package of gelatin. Stir until completely dissolved. Stir in 1 cup of cold water. Pour into eight of the cups. Refrigerate until gelatin is firm.

Add the remaining boiling water to the remaining package of gelatin. Stir until completely dissolved. Add enough ice cubes to the remaining cold water to measure 1 cup. Stir the water and ice cubes into the gelatin until thickened. Whisk the whipped topping into the gelatin until well blended.

Spoon the whipped topping and gelatin mixture over the top of the prepared cups. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm.

Lava, Lava Slushy

- Rock salt (1/3 cup per)
- Ice (2 cups per)
- Orange Juice
- Large zip lock bag
- Small zip lock bag

Place two cups of ice into the large bag, and add the rock salt. Pour the orange juice into a small bag and seal tightly.

Place the small bag inside of the large bag, make sure they are both sealed tightly. Shake the bags until the juice turns slushy. Pour into a cup, add a straw, enjoy your lava, lava slushy.

*They could not keep you in a tent
They could not keep you in a temple
Or any of their idols,
To see and understand*

*We cannot keep you in a church
We cannot keep you in a Bible
Or it's just another idol
To box you in*

*They could not keep you in their walls
We cannot keep you in ours either
For you are so much greater*

These words, taken from the Gungor song *Cannot Keep You*, personify the intent behind *Torn Curtain*.

All summer long, on Sunday nights, a group of students, adults, and the occasional pre-schooler gather at a local park and worship together. We sing, we teach, we pull out the Frisbee or the volleyball net, and most of all we go and be the church out in our community. It is a great time and something we look forward to every summer, and it is something we would love for you to join us in. So, check out the schedule below and come out and join us on Sunday nights this summer as we worship a God whose glory, to quote Gungor again, *"we cannot contain"*.

Schedule

June 3 – Montgomery Park

June 10 – Quigley Park

June 24 – Loma Del Norte Park

July 8 – Stardust Skies Park

July 15 – Sister Cities Park

July 22 – Heritage Hills Park

July 29 – Academy Hills Park

August 5 – Loma Del Rey Park

August 12 – Arroyo Del Oso Park

Summer Camps

Rockwall climbing, hiking, drama, dance, a zip line, archery, media arts, puppets, air soft rifles, music, basketball, band, art, fishing, goliath courses, leather tooling, track events, rock polishing, rocketry, mountain bikes

Does any of this sound like things you might like to do this Summer?

Then do we have some opportunities for you.

Camp is coming up later this summer, and we have several exciting options available.

Boys Camp

Boys Camp is for boys who have completed the 3rd through 12th grade. It's held at Sivells Baptist Camp just south of Cloudcroft. The boys will be involved in Bible Study, worship, recreational activities like archery, crafts and hiking. The camp runs from July 16th through July 20th.

Children's Mission Camp

Children's Mission Camp is an exciting camp for completed 3rd -7th grade boys and girls. Teaching our children to look beyond themselves and to see the world and all the opportunities for ministry is one of the key elements of Children's Mission Camp. This camp is held at Inlow, near Tajiue, NM. The camp schedule includes Bible Studies, Crafts, Fellowship, Fun, Missionaries and more. Completed 3rd - 7th grade boys and girls will enjoy this camp experience, July 16th - July 20th, 2012.

Children's MusiCamp

Children's MusiCamp is a fine arts camp offering training in a variety of the arts: Vocal, Instrumental, Drama, Dance, Media, Puppets and Art. It is our children who have completed the 3rd thru 6th grade, and it runs from July 23rd to July 27th. It concludes on Friday night with a performance by all of the children at Sandia Baptist Church.

The costs for all of our camps vary a bit, but the church does help with that cost.

If you would like to know more about going to camp, or would like to give towards the cost of sending our kids to camp, please talk with one of our staff members or call the office.

Music Ministry

2012 has been a banner year already. I can't wait to see what the Lord will do for us and through us as we seek to worship Him with all our hearts, souls, and minds.

We had a fabulous worship experience when we combined all three worship services into one on March 4. The King's Kids (older children's choir), Mosaic Ensemble (student choir), Bailamos (student dancers), Celebration Choir (adult choir), Celebration Orchestra, and the Praise Band (2nd Service Worship Team) joined musical forces to lead us to the throne of God in worship.

Easter Sunday was exciting as the Celebration Choir and Orchestra presented a full-length Easter Musical entitled "Eyes of Faith: Seeing and Believing the Messiah" in both morning services.

Sunday evening, May 13 provided another excellent opportunity for viewers to participate in a very worshipful service. Our three fabulous Children's Choirs presented the message of Christ through music. The choirs and their directors are: Joyful Musicians, directed by Caryn Coppedge and Kathryn Coppedge; Sunshine Music Makers, directed by Sonja Nelson and assisted by Kristi Hickman, Charleene Leenox, Pablita Vigil; and King's Kids directed by Sharon Williams and assisted by Elaine Fisher and Beverly Key.

I want to go on record as saying that these directors and assistants are super awesome and we are so extremely fortunate to have such quality leaders in our church.

On Sunday, May 27 our Youth provided a great worship experience. Some of the highlights included the Youth Praise Team led by Mark Acton; Mosaic Choir, directed by Joni Byers and assisted by Nathan Moses and Eric Gray; and Mosaic Bailamos, directed by Toni Warner and assisted by Miranda Marshall. Once again, Del Norte is blessed with such great leadership, and our Student Pastor, Andy Byers is just awesome.

If you get a chance thank all these directors and assistants for giving of their time and talent to God through the worship ministries of our Church.

AMORALITY

The Modern Zeitgeist

By Richelle Gilsdorf

The last weekend of March, Andy, Joni, Mark Acton, Michael and Kaitlyn Hickman, and I travelled to Irving, Texas for the Youth Specialties Leadership Conference, aka YS Palooza. We heard from various speakers about how to connect with students at the middle and high school grades, the roles we must play with them as leaders, and what it really means to work with youth. As leaders of small groups of high school students, we each had room to learn and grow, and came back with some interesting ideas. One speaker—Walt Mueller—struck such a chord with me, that I felt a need to share it with the rest of our church body.

Mueller is the author of a number of books that discuss youth culture—the “soup” as he calls it, in which students and teenagers live. At YS Palooza, he spoke to us about five areas of culture that we as youth leaders need to be especially aware of. Bringing up things like technology and the growing (unconscious) reality of Narcissism, he first touched on the idea of amorality. Not immorality—amorality. While every aspect of culture—music, advertising, movies, sexuality—present obstacles to today’s young people, there is perhaps no more alarming a wall than that of this concept of amorality.

So what is it? Amorality is not the non-existence of morals (immorality), but rather, for the sake of this discussion, the complete disbelief in morals. There was a time when you could disapprove of an action on the basis that such behavior was “immoral.” Some people would scoff at a Christian for this, but more than likely, the offender would feel some guilt, however small, at his actions. But, according to Mueller, the “soup” has changed, and if we as Christians do not step out of our own paradigm for a moment to see the world as secular society sees it, all our attempts to spread the good news of Christ with the next generation will fall on deaf ears.

Mueller phrased it perfectly in his explanation of amorality: in the modern world in which youth are growing up, “the only sin is believing that there is sin.” In other words, all behavior is socially acceptable as long as it feels good, makes you happy, doesn’t hurt anyone else, etc. There are no such things as “morals.” No behavior is inherently good or bad. No one is the authority, the ultimate truth-holder, on correct conduct. Nothing is wrong (except maybe breaking man-made laws). The only thing that can make you a bad person (again, with the exception of breaking the law) is to believe that you know the “right” way, that you have access to the ultimate authority of truth, and thus that you have the right to say to another person, “No, you can’t do _____ because it’s a sin.” This is the moral and cultural climate—the zeitgeist—of my generation and those following, and even perhaps of the one that came before.

Now you might be thinking, “Big surprise—it’s all about being politically correct. What else is new?” But I’m afraid this is much bigger than that. Why? Because if people do not believe in sin, then they do not believe that anything they are doing is wrong. They do not believe in damnation, because no one has the authority to condemn their actions. Thus, they do not “need” Jesus. They don’t

“need” salvation, and the “good news” is only more religious blather and a list of rules. Think about it: if you didn’t believe that your actions condemn you, what glory, what joy or happiness is there in the belief of a Savior to redeem you from that fate?

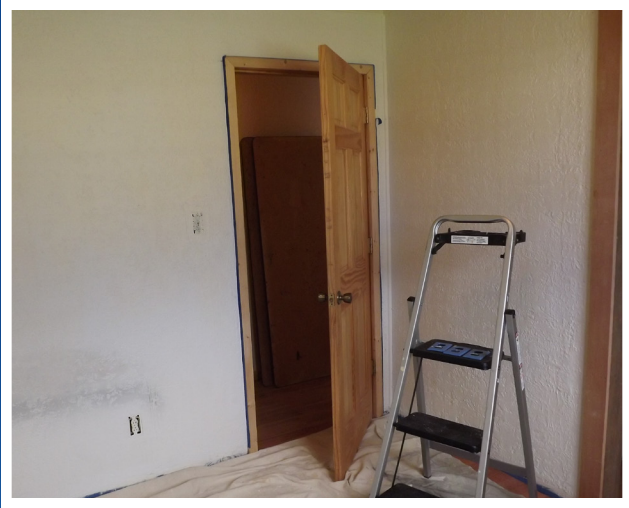
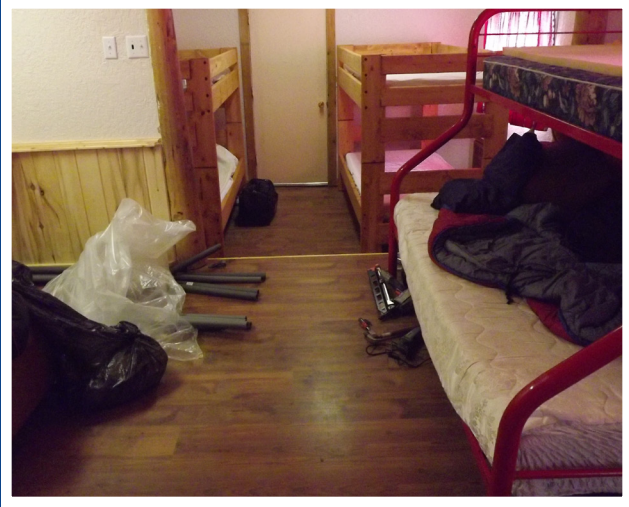
So then how do we reach the amoral culture God has placed us in? We have to live our faith, make people curious as to why we’re different—why we don’t engage in behaviors that are culturally acceptable to non-believers, and yet do not treat those non-believers with scorn and condemnation. We need to be conscious of the ever-changing soup we live in, and to understand why the younger generation seems immune to the “guilt” of sin. And above all, we need to love. Near the end of his life, Jesus told his disciples “As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35 NIV).

This is the only answer we need to the problem of amorality: the world’s perception of sin may be changing, but God’s love is constant and powerful. He knew that our culture would come to this point, and I believe he placed us in this particular culture for a reason. If we are Christians full of God’s love and overflowing with it, than we don’t need to explain to an amoral generation why sin as we define it is wrong: all we need to do is show that the love we find in Christ is so much better than temporary pleasures of any given sin. To me, it seems harder to explain why an action is wrong than to demonstrate how beneficial and personally pleasing a better action is. And the youth immersed in the culture of our day really are looking for “better” and “best.” So why don’t we give them what they want, and show them the better life?

For more from Walt Mueller on the “soup” we swim in check out the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding website at www.cpyu.org

Eagle Nest Construction

Repairing, texturing, painting, removing, installing, designing, building, disposing, sewing, hanging, tuning. These are just some of the things that were done at Moreno Valley Baptist Church in Eagle Nest by the work crew that was there from May 21-25. The group of 9 consisted of Dale and Brenda Gray, Gene Frye, Lewis Williams, Sean Norman, Ken Goode, Ira Pinkston and his parents Ira and Alice Pinkston. Through donated items, and financial gifts given through the missions luncheon and melodrama, the group was able to complete several projects and help turn the former parsonage of the church into a group housing area. There are now enough bunk beds, futons and mattresses to sleep 21, as well as a dining room table with chairs and living room furniture. The youth of Del Norte will be the first group to utilize the new facility when they go on their mission trip from June 30 to July 6.





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in Christ and reach others for Christ