

KOINONIA

A photograph of a winter landscape. The foreground is a snow-covered slope leading down to a small stream or path. The middle ground is filled with numerous evergreen trees, all heavily laden with snow. The background shows a dense forest of similar trees under a pale, overcast sky. The overall scene is serene and quiet.

W I N T E R 2 0 1 5

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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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Missions Lunch – January 18

Melodrama – Feb 5/6/7/13/14

Hispanic Evangelism Conference – March 1-2
@ DNBC

State Evangelism Conference – March 2-4
@ Hoffmantown

Young Lives Ablaze – March 28

Easter Choir Program – March 29

Easter Sunday and Praize & Graize – April 5

Deacon Retreat – April 10-11

Nicaragua Mission Trip – April 18-25

Spring Ring – April 24-25

State Bible Drill – May 2

Children's Choir Program – May 3

Youth Sunday & Church Picnic – May 24

Vacation Bible School – June 8-12



Once again we had a fabulous Christmas season here at Del Norte, from the children's choirs, to the Celebration Choir and Orchestra's performance of Peace in the World Tonight, right up to a great Christmas Eve service. Thanks to Ira Pinkston and all of our singers, musicians and dancers for all their hard work.







DISCIPLES PATH

Discipleship Training

A new curriculum series called Disciples Path has been developed by LifeWay, the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention. This series includes 6 studies: The Beginning, The Way, The Call, The Truth, The Life, and The Mission. They will be taught in succession over the next several months to anyone, particularly new believers, who wants to grow in their faith. The Beginning is a 5 week study and will start on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The class will not meet on February 1st due to Super Bowl.

Sunday School Teachers will have Planning Meetings on:

Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Both of these meetings will be in Room 118 (Adult 7 Department)

*Our 12th Annual Dinner Theater will be on,
February 6, 7, 13, and 14. 6:30 p.m. each night.*

MOVIE STAR WARS

*Old Actors Don't Die at the
Final Curtain Retirement Home,
They Just Upstage One Another.*

*Tickets go on sale Sunday, January 4, 2015 after the Morning Worship Services in the Atrium.
The tickets are \$15 each. YES! that's right. In the midst of inflation our price is still the same.
CHILD CARE will be available to ticket holders on Friday, February 13.*



What a great close to an awesome year!

We ended 2014 with 2 of our traditional outreaches Sole 2 Soul and Christmas Camp. This year for Sole 2 Soul not only were we able to bless students from Governor Bent Elementary and McKinley Middle School, but through cooperation with our neighborhood Chik-fil-a we were able to send shoes to kids in need at Rancho de los Niños.

The week following the event Pastor Brad contacted The New Mexico Baptist Children's Home and we were able to send Randy Rankin, the Executive Director, and Malcolm Phillips, the Campus Director, home to Portales with about 60 pairs of shoes just in time for Christmas! God is so Good!

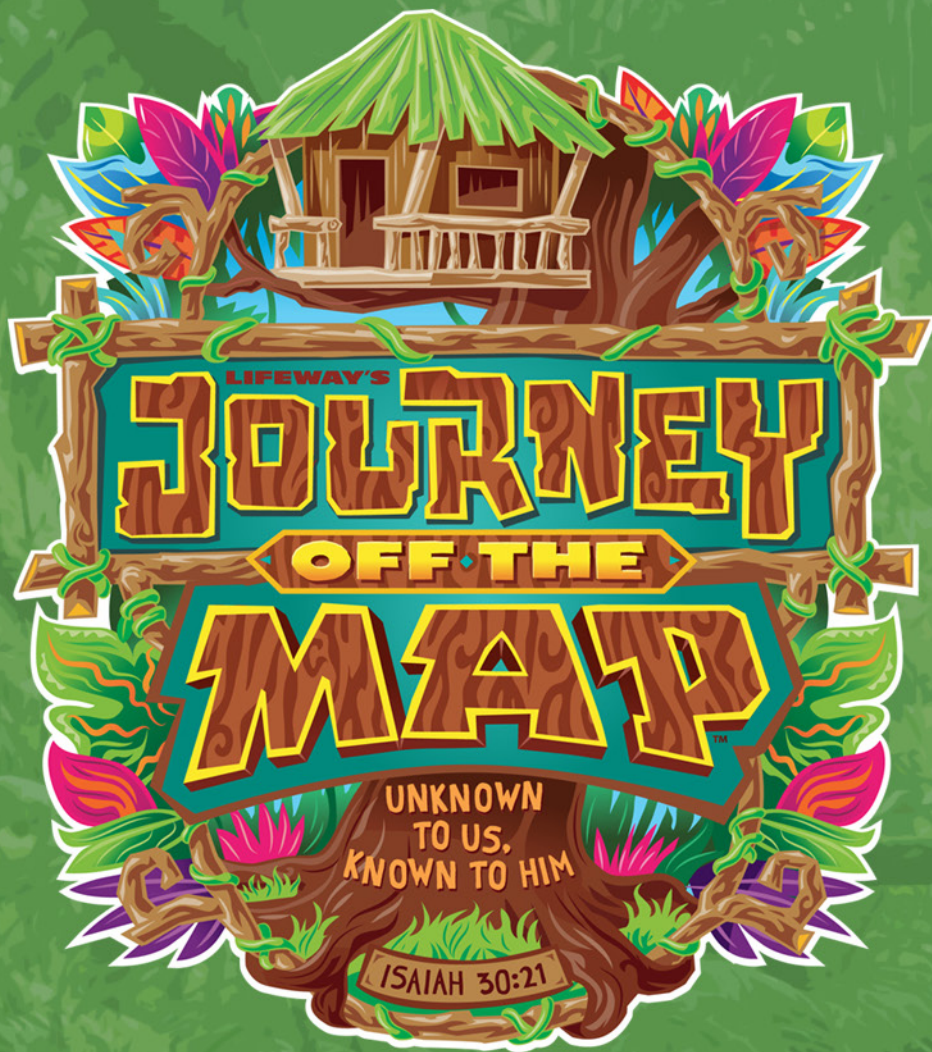
On Friday night December 12th the church was brimming with activity at our annual Christmas Camp for kids. It is an action packed evening full of games and crafts and food! This year we had 91 participants and a great time was had by all. What I love most about this event, typically held the week following Sole 2 soul, is that we get to share the Gospel message through the story of the birth of Jesus with kids who may not have a chance to hear it.

I can't tell you how appreciative I am of all the people who give their time and hearts to help make this ministry such a success it couldn't happen without you!! Thank you and have a blessed holiday season,

Hannah







Vacation Bible School
June 8-12

Training April 11th
Online Registration opens May 1st



A NEW YEAR

A NEW LOGO

A NEW LOOK

COMING SOON TO WWW.DNBC.ORG

And check out our YouTube channel [DelNorteAbq](https://www.youtube.com/DelNorteAbq)





On Sunday December 14, we gathered together in one combined worship service to both observe the Lord Supper and to ordain three new deacons for the coming year. Those newly ordained deacons who can be seen above are Terry Bofman, Eric Dawson and Mike DuBerry. They were given a Charge by Pastor Brad, and then the church body came forward to lay hands and pray over these men.



Along with the three newly ordained deacons, these are the men composing your 2015 deacon body.



Bill Williams



Charlie Key



Dave Hendrix



Gene Fisher



Henry Acton



Hugh McLean



Jason Kerby



Michael Hickman



Mike Coppedge



Pat Gore



Rusty Shaffer



Stu Gorelick



Tom Swaims



Wade Peck



Wayne Hughes



LOOKING BACK TO LOOK AHEAD

BY RICHELLE GILSDORF

I hate New Year's resolutions. I "resolve" not to make one each year (which I guess proves me the hypocrite). But there is a power in looking back in order to know the way forward, and as I personally look to the upcoming year, there are two main lessons God taught me in 2014 that I would like to share.

STOP HIDING THE DIRT.

I was co-leader this past semester in a small group led by Aven Tirrel for the high school

girls. Though I've always liked the idea of small groups and understood that they are important for fellowship and accountability, that idea never felt more real than this past fall. I witnessed incredible reconciliation in tattered friendships and relationships, revelation about painful spiritual and physical struggles, and the power of honesty in a group of broken sinners absolutely awash in God's grace. All of these experiences were possible only through our collective understanding as a group that we are all hiding dark secrets. We

are all dealing with sin and sinful inclinations that we are often too ashamed or scared to talk about in church. But God's church—by which I mean his people—is exactly the place where such struggles must be brought to light. When we understand that other Christians struggle with the same shameful stuff that we do, we are better able to experience the Life Together that Jesus wanted for us.

James 5:16 says, “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective” (NIV). James doesn't just tell us to confess the “mild” sins to each other, but sins in general. That means everything: sexual temptation or depravity, greed, mistrust in God, pride, vanity. This doesn't mean we need to confess from the pulpit each Sunday; but we should have a group of believers we trust to pray for us in our deepest struggles, to hold us accountable when we stumble, and to always be directing our attention back to Jesus, the healer of our brokenness. Sins we commit are almost always the outward evidence of an inner sickness. If we keep pretending to our fellow believers that we are not sick, that we don't all, at some point or another, crave sin, we will never experience total healing. And by hiding our faults and struggles, we're not only robbing ourselves of the victory over these sins that Jesus won for us on the cross, but we're also depriving our fellow believers of a chance to see ongoing redemption and renewal at work. We're smothering the work of God, and keeping a giant wall between him and us.

This leads into the second lesson I learned this year.

INTIMACY WITH GOD IS THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS.

Let me expand on this. At the end of our days, when we die and leave everything we have ever worked for, bought, or made behind us, we will stand before Jesus. Will we know him on sight? Will he look at us with a knowing smile, for all the times we've shared together? Or will what Jesus describes in Matthew 7:22-23 be a terrifying reality for us? Will he say to me, “I never knew you,” or will he embrace me? This intimacy with God is the only thing, ultimately, that matters. Everything we can ever do to glorify God stems from this deep relationship with him. Our purpose for living is to glorify God, and spending time with him, living every ordinary moment with him and for him, is the only way we'll really know how to glorify him the way he deserves.

But everything in our lives tries to distract us from this truth. This is why having a group of believers by whom you can be held accountable is so important. We are good at denying our own faults, our misguided lifestyles, at rationalizing every action. We need godly, outside perspective to help us walk straight. It's hard to allow ourselves to be accountable to others, but it's even harder to walk in obedience alone—it's impossible to grow our faith in isolation. We need the Life Together.

I'm praying that God will keep these two lessons at the front of my mind as I face a new year, and that I will keep myself open to whatever new lessons he will have for me. I pray that we all will find time to look back on our year and see what God has taught us, and seek to carry those lessons not only into our new year, but into our fellowship and Life Together.



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Sunday Worship Service Times

Traditional Service: 8:30 am
Contemporary Service: 11:00am
Spanish Service: 11:00am

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