

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 email koinonia@dnbc.org. We would love to have you join us!

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Oct 13: SAM Game Day

Oct 14-15: Parenting Conference with Mr. Mark

Oct 15: Men's Banquet

Oct 18: New Hope Concert

Oct 31: Trunk or Treat

Nov 8: Winter Jam

Nov 12: SAM Banquet

Dec 3: Sole 2 Soul

Dec 9: Christmas Camp

Dec 18: Celebration Choir Program

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25: Christmas Worship Service



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Now that I have been living here for over two years, I am learning something about New Mexico. I believe that the fall is the prettiest and nicest time of the year here. The leaves are changing, the balloons are flying, and the days are still warm while the mornings cool. The holidays are on their way and the pumpkins are popping up everywhere. Thanksgiving and all that comes with it is at our door step. I hear the choir practicing for Christmas, and I know the church will be decorated soon. There always seems to be a sense of excitement and anticipation in the church when fall arrives.

This fall brings an added surprise to Toni and me. We are embarking on our first journey to the Holy Land (Israel). This would have never been made possible without the love of our Women's Ministry here at DNBC. Thank you so very much for surprising Toni with an all-expense paid trip. You are truly blessing Toni and I with a dream we never thought possible.

Also, this will be our first Christmas with our DNBC family. We will not be returning home this year for the Christmas holidays. Instead, we'll be spending them at home with our New Mexico family at DNBC. I am so looking forward to Christmas Eve service and a special service on Christmas day. We'll be having worship only that day at 10:00am. It will be a brief service with music, scripture, and the Lord's Supper. We are planning on it being 40 to 45 minutes at the most. What better way to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior than worshipping a few moments together with our Christian family.

Yes, fall is a beautiful time of the year in New Mexico, and I certainly cherish the fact that I get to spend it with my New Mexico family at DNBC.

In His grip, by His grace
Pastor Brad

A WORD FROM ROY

2016 has an amazing year so far. So happy and humbled to be part of this awesome church. God is doing amazing things through this church, which is defiantly a light in this dark world! The Hispanic Ministry is coming along just fine. It amazes me to see how God just pieces everything together, slowly but surely. It's my prayer that God continues to do that.

I'm looking forward to 2017, because I know God has amazing of plans for the Hispanic ministry. I believe that God wants to do great things through us, the question is, are we willing. Believe me, we are willing! Again, so grateful to be part of this loving family called Del Norte, and look forward to what God has in store for us in 2017! Many Blessings!!!!

Called to be a servant,
Roy Rosales

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AN WORD FROM HANNAH

What a great Summer 2016 we had with VBS, Camps and WAK (Wednesday AM kids)

Now we have hit the ground running with our fall Children's Programs!

There are all kinds of opportunities for families and kids to get plugged in and get connected with other families and most importantly grow in the knowledge and Truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have our weekly groups:

Sunday Evenings

Missions Programs 4pm

Choir 5pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Drill 5:30pm

TeamKID 6:30pm

But we also have seasonal activities coming up including a family movie day in October, a church-wide praise night in November, and our annual Christmas Camp in December to name a few. Please keep up with everything going on at dnbc.org on the Children's pages, the activities and calendar are kept up to date to make your planning easy!

SPECIAL EVENT:

Mr. Mark, of mrmarksclassroom.com fame, will be in Albuquerque October 14-15, 2016 presenting Parenting and Teacher Conferences. Go to bcnm.com for more information and to register, this is an amazing opportunity to learn. Hope all of our teachers and parents can come. If you need financial assistance contact Hannah Bergstrasser in the church office.



**OR TRUNK
TREAT**

**OCTOBER 31st
5:30-7:00**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to work carnival games or decorate your trunk, please contact Hannah at hannah@dnbc.org



A WORD FROM IRA

Del Norte Baptist Church has truly become part of my family. Jennifer, Joy & Cameron, Melody, and I love the people of Del Norte and we know that you love us. It seems impossible that we have already been here nine years. Thank you so much for the encouragement you give me each week and extra big thank you goes to those of you who have gone above and beyond by giving us gifts. Each gift is a special blessing, and we are humbled by your generosity. Thank you, again.

Well, let us consider what is going on in the worship ministry of our church. This

summer one of the highlights was the “Guitar Class.” Once or twice a week I met with a small group of students as they began learning to play the guitar. The result was so much better than I would have ever dreamed. On Sunday, September 25, we “played our first gig.” We accompanied the Youth Service participants while they sang “Never Once” and the guitar class did a fabulous job. I look forward to the continued advancement of the musical skills of our students.

What are we doing this fall, you ask? I’m so glad you asked. As usual the Celebration Choir and Orchestra will lead worship in each 8:30 AM Sunday Service. But, they are also beginning preparations for a Christmas Musical entitled “Journey to the Manger,” which they will present in both morning worship services on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Please consider joining us for the Christmas program. We meet each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Children’s Choirs are off to a great start, and the two older choirs have already participated in leading worship one time. They are also working on their “Christmas Program” which they will present on Sunday evening, December 4, 2016.

Your fellow servant,
Ira Pinkston



A WORD FROM KEVIN

Here is a recap of our recent Invite Your One event on September 18, 2016.

Sunday School / Bible Study:

We had a total of 301 people in Sunday School / Bible Study on that day. This is 40 more people than our average attendance since public school started up after the Summer break. In percentage figures that comes out to more than a 15% increase.

Worship Service Attendance:

We had 400 people here during the Worship Services. That is 75 more people than our average attendance during the same time as mentioned

in the previous paragraph. That is an increase of slightly more than 23%.

Great Numbers:

These are very good numbers and you are to be commended for working together to reach new people. Even though the increase was not all new visitors, the day impacted our own members to be in their place, studying the Bible, and worshipping Almighty God. In an effort to be fair and accurate, we were careful to not “double count” all the kids in the children’s choir and the drummers who performed that Sunday, along with their parents.

What The Future Holds:

We will continue to encourage all of our members to “Invite Your One” for Special Events throughout the year. The next date we will emphasize is Sunday morning, December 18th as our Celebration Choir will present the Christmas musical, “Journey to the Manger.” There will be Free Tickets for you to give to your friends and family so they might attend either one of our Worship Services on that day.

Priceless Publicity:

We cannot purchase the kind of positive advertising that comes from you inviting a friend or relative to attend church with you. When people know we love our church and our family of faith it says something to them that is genuine, and very often they want to know more. May God bless in your efforts to reach others with the gospel.

It is a joy to serve here at Del Norte Baptist Church.
Kevin Warner, Growth Pastor



HELPING HANDS

One of the ministries here at DNBC is the Helping Hands Ministry. We exist to provide “helping hands” for those in our church who cannot afford, or do not feel comfortable, to hire odd jobs around the house. We are looking for some more volunteers to join us. Often times it is as simple as picking up trash or tree limbs and putting them in a trash can and hauling it off.

If you want more information about volunteering for, or if you need, Helping Hands, please contact Ira: ira@dnbc.org or 505-553-9354.



Del Norte welcomes Adam and his wife Amber as Adam has accepted the call to be the new minister to students and young adults.



A WORD FROM ADAM

As many of the people reading this know, I am the new minister to students and young adults here at Del Norte Baptist Church. Many people in the church have been asking about how we are enjoying New Mexico, how we like the church, and how the student ministry is going.

I will quickly answer each of these questions while being as sincere as I can be.

Aside from the altitude, we could not be happier with being called to Albuquerque. We love this city! Albuquerque is a completely unique city that is a marriage of both city and outdoor life. I can think of no other place that is a more perfect fit for Amber and me.

The church is wonderful. Amber said it best by saying, "this church is the most genuine church that loves to love". I have been in churches all my life, from the minute that I was born until now, and neither Amber or I have been a part of a church as genuine as Del Norte Baptist. Love, for this church, is more than just a sermon topic; it's a way of life, a river that flows from God to and among all the people that attend here.

The student ministry is going well. I love the youth, and they are growing to love me. We have youth group every Wednesdays at 6:30. This is a game-filled, high energy event that concludes with a devotion. We, also, have Bible study on Sunday nights at 5:00. This is a more in depth time of study and worship. In addition we are giving students, that need help with their homework, aid and a place to study at 4:00 on Sunday afternoons.

In addition to these weekly events, the college girls will be going through the Fight Back With Joy study by Margaret Feinburg starting on October 20th. The youth and the college students will be going to a Christian music concert called Winter Jam on November 8th (cost \$10, plus food).

There will be many more announcements in the weeks to come, so please pay attention for upcoming events.

In this, my first article in this publication, I would like to take the time to thank my predecessor, Andy. I have seen the fruit of his labor in the amazing people that the students have become. He has my gratitude and appreciation for everything that he has done.

Your Article Here

Before Koinonia, Del Norte published a simple newsletter from time to time with updates from the staff that generally included the events that were taking place at that time. There was nothing wrong with this newsletter, but that's all it was - a newsletter. And so Koinonia began as a simple idea: a newsletter that was more than a newsletter. A publication that didn't just say what we do as a church, but who we are as a church. Its not about our events, but our heart. The name 'Koinonia' was chosen because it a Greek word meaning fellowship and that's what we wanted to convey. We hope we have achieved that and we plan on continuing Koinonia with that purpose in mind, but we need help. And who better to write about the heart of Del Norte than the heartbeat of Del Norte - you. If you would like to highlight a ministry you're apart of, share something God is doing in your life, write an article about a church-related event or the amazing God we serve, we'd like to give you the platform to do just that. Over the next couple of months, we hope that you consider contributing to the next issue. If you have any questions or have an article you'd like to submit, feel free to talk to Michael Hickman or email konia@dnbc.org. We can't wait to hear from you!



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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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