

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 Adam Nash, or email koinonia@dnbc.org. We would love to have you join us!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8th Deacon Nomination

October 22nd Celebration Sunday

October 29th Student Ministry SOS

November 15th Night of Praise

December 2nd Sole2Soul

December 3rd Children's Musical

December 8th Children's Christmas Camp

December 15th Student Ministry 12 Hours of Christmas

December 17th Christmas Concert



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

For me, one of the best times of the year is NOW. We've just finished up all the adventures of summer with numerous church missions and ministries, as well as any vacations we enjoyed. But alas, FALL has come. School starts back, work efforts never end, and all our ministries kick back into gear. I hope and pray each of our DNBC family members is actively involved in a ministry. Each of you is greatly needed. God has called each believer to be about the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you know what your good at and are already involved, then thank you so much for all you do. If you're not sure, please call the church office and talk to one of our staff. We'd love to help find a ministry that inspires and stirs your heart.

I also love this time of year because the leaves are changing, the weather cools off, and the holidays are upon us. It's also a time when new vibrant ministries are birthed. One of the great things we're starting this fall is a food ministry to Governor Bent Elementary. Our church family is helping to feed over 30 children on the weekends that would go home hungry otherwise. We will do this every week the kids are in school till the end of the school year. We will have food drives throughout the year and use church funds as well. This means a portion of every dollar you give goes to help feed hungry children right here in your own backyard. This is just one of many ministries that DNBC is involved with to reach the lost and encourage broken and hopeless hearts in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are also making renewed strides to reach the people right here in our own community. We are having classes to help teach how we can reach and pray for those we love, and those around us, in easy, simple, and practical ways. Furthermore, we are going to be introducing a new powerful ministry opportunity on October 24. It is called TRUELIFE.ORG. You will hear more that day. We are calling that day **CELEBRATION SUNDAY**. That Sunday we will celebrate all that the Lord is doing in our church ministries. What a great time to be a part of DNBC. **TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

Pastor Brad



DISCIPLINE & CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

PART ONE

The root word of Discipline is disciple, meaning to teach or learn. The purpose of discipline is to learn skills to navigate the world. The basis for the most effective discipline is relationship.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Do you understand the characteristics of the age you are teaching? Are your expectations in line with age level? (Need to move, attention span, literal thinking, learning style: visual, verbal, kinesthetic)

CONSISTENCY:

Are there stated guidelines between program leaders and rotating teachers? Are rules consistently enforced for all children? Is there a common routine/schedule for all leaders through the children's ministry to follow?

CONSEQUENCE:

Are consequence natural or logical to the offense? Are consequences respectful, reasonable and timely? Is the relationship restored after the consequence given?

COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS:

Do the children have a clear expectation of behaviors? Is there a posted chart with a minimum number of rules? Use positive statements to frame expectations, "walk" vs. "don't run". Give adequate transition time before moving to next activity

COME PREPARED TO TEACH:

Have set up complete before first child arrives so leader is free to greet child/parents/guests. Allow leader to set tone for positive activities chosen by leader. Gives attention to class which helps with discipline issues. Be in class 15-30 minutes before session is scheduled to begin.

CHOICES:

Offer variety of choices based on learning styles, visual, verbal, kinesthetic. Clearly state choices which allows child to choose based on interest. If child is interested, less likely to become discipline issue.

*Adapted from a conference held by David H. Anderson
Louisiana Baptists
Children's Ministry Strategist, January 2017*



Cameron & Joy Hocker, Jason Kerby, Ira & Jennifer Pinkston, and Kevin & Toni Warner.

None of our worship services can happen without the sound, lights, and video team. I would like to express my thanks to each of them, but I am afraid I will leave someone's name off the list. Thank You! The "Bridge" personnel are led by Adam Nash, our Student Pastor.

Our children's Choir, directed by Caryn Coppedge, Sonja Nelson, and Jennifer Pinkston will be presenting a Christmas program on Sunday night Dec. 3, at 6:30 PM.

Our Celebration Choir and Orchestra will present a Christmas Musical on Sunday morning, Dec. 17, during the 8:30 and 11 AM services.

On a personal note, it is very hard to believe that Jennifer, Joy, Melody, Grandma Velma, and I moved to Albuquerque 10 years ago to serve on the Pastoral Staff at Del Norte Baptist Church. After all these years, I am still very aware that the members of Del Norte Baptist Church are truly loving and open-armed (they must be to put up with Pastor Brad and me, Ha!). I am humbled by the way our church members have loved my family and me. I am thankful for all the many things we as a church have accomplished these past 10 years. I look forward to the next 15 years (I will turn 67 in November of 2032, and thus eligible for retirement).

As always, I am here to serve with you. Let me know how I might help.

Your fellow servant,
Ira Pinkston

A NOTE FROM IRA

Our summer is coming to a close. Our Children's Choirs (which meet on Sunday at 5), and Celebration Choir (Wednesday at 7:30), and Orchestra (Sunday at 3) have all started rehearsing. The new Youth Praise Team has begun leading a worship service on Sunday nights and our other Praise Team continues to lead worship at our 11 AM service on Sunday morning.

The new Youth Praise Teams consists of Abby Bergstrasser, Christian Coppedge, Jaden Coppedge, Caleb Kelley, Jason Kerby, Lucia Noll-Upshaw, Emily Nuñez, Hannah Schlagel, and Tanner Shelton. The Team is currently being led by Joy Hocker.

Our 11 AM worship services are led by the Praise Team, which consists of Jodi Hendricks,



“TELL ME, HOW CAN I PRAY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?”

That is a simple, straightforward question, you can ask just about anyone you may meet as you go through your daily routine. And “IF” the question is asked with genuine concern, the person you are speaking to will sense your sincerity, and in all likelihood, they will drop any barriers that may exist between you.

Even if they don’t have a prayer need in mind, they will usually appreciate the fact that you asked. And if they do have a prayer need, please do the following:

1

Write down the prayer request in front of them. If you don’t have paper then put it into the “notes” app on your smart phone. They should see you do this so they know you are really going to pray for them. Write down their name also and ask them if you can contact them in the near future see how they are doing.

2

Pray for them right then and there so they can hear your pray. I cannot remember how many times I have done this in their presence, closed the prayer, and looked up

to find the person in tears. Far too many people have never heard someone pray for them.

3

Give them your name and contact information (if they don’t already have it) so they can get in touch with you if the need arises.

4

Ask if they have a church home where they are attending on a regular basis. If they do not have a church where they are involved then invite them to worship with you. This is far more powerful than you might imagine. Statistics indicate that 80% of first-time visitors came to church because someone invited them.

YOU are the best advertising we have to touch our community for the Kingdom of God. Let us “be about our Father’s business.”

Kevin Warner, Growth Pastor

AN UPDATE FROM ROY

I can't believe that summer is gone already! Wow, time does really go fast.

The Hispanic Ministry had a good summer, we had the privilege to be part of many events that took place here at DNBC. Whether it was the Backpack ministry, Team Kid kickoff, or the Marriage Seminar in Spanish, we had a great time. It's just such a blessing to be part of all of it! We are looking forward to the fall and everything God has in store for DNBC.

Many blessings!

Your servant,

Roy Rosales

Overcoming Despair

By Marilyn Little

I am overcome with despair,
Yet I know you are always there.
Why do I feel I'm so alone?
Why do I worry, complain and groan?

I feel so completely without hope.
Yet with your help I know I can cope.
The way out is not to be sad and down.
The way out is to look up and not frown.

Even when I think you've left me,
I can open my eyes and see
The glorious work of your hand,
Your creation throughout the land.

I cannot let my spiritual life run dry.
I can revitalize it if I try.
Comfort and help you will send.
For your love is without end.

Whenever I can feel gratitude,
It always improves my attitude.
You always know how I feel.
You will not fail to heal.

*Written with inspiration from Psalm 42





SOLE 2 SOUL

DECEMBER 2ND

If you would like to volunteer or donate,
please contact Hannah Bergstrasser

HOLY LAND TOUR

March 14-23, 2018
10 Inspirational Days

Day 1: Depart
Day 2: Arrive in Israel
Day 3: Sea of Galilee/Boat Ride/Capernaum/Jordan River
Day 4: Caesarea/Megiddo/Nazareth/Tiberias
Day 5: Beit Shean/Jericho/Jerusalem
Day 6: Jerusalem/Bethlehem
Day 7: Jerusalem
Day 8: Dead Sea/Masada/Qumran
Day 9: Jerusalem
Day 10: Return

Cost: \$3845 (Includes Roundtrip Airfare/All Transfers/Accommodations in First Class Hotels/Transportation by Deluxe Modern Motor Coach/Baggage Handling/Buffer Breakfast and Dinner Daily/English Speaking Professional Tour Guides/Entrance Fees to all tour Sites/Itinerary as per Description/Gratuities



2016 DNBC Holy Land Tour

MINISTRIES IN FOCUS



ASL CLASS

Sunday afternoons at 4:00 we offer an American Sign Language class to anyone interested in learning this beautiful language. The hour long class that meets in the youth area is divided into 2 parts. The first part of class focuses on conversational sign language, while the second part of class focuses on learning songs that we sing during our worship services. This class was started with a goal of making sure all people feel welcome at DNBC. We want to make sure that language will not be a barrier to the proclamation of Jesus' love and grace. This class is always accepting new members if you are interested in joining.



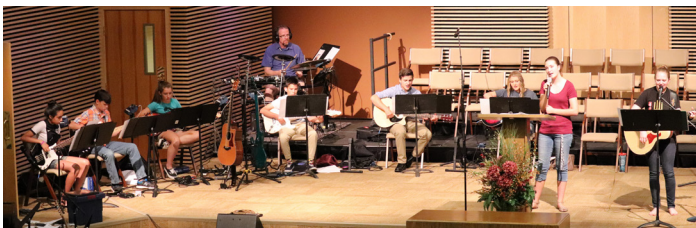
TUTORING

On Wednesday afternoons at 4:30, we offer free tutoring to our 7th – 12th graders. This ministry meets in the youth area and lasts until 6:15. Our goal with this ministry is, not only to be a blessing to students who need extra help with their school work, but also to be able to reach out to local schools and minister in a practical way to them. We are focusing on helping students with any homework they may have, language arts and math skill review, and ACT/SAT prep. If you know a 7th – 12th grader who might be interested in this ministry, please let them know that they are welcome to attend.



THE "BRIDGE"

Many people in the church do not realize all that goes on behind the scenes to make any given worship service in the church happen. There are over a dozen college students and youth (along with several other amazing adults) that volunteer every week with the technology that goes into running a church service. These are humble servants of God, they give their time without the expectation of praise or attention, and they are amazing!



YOUTH PRAISE BAND

The previous youth guitar class has now transformed into a complete praise band! The praise band meets for practice on Sundays at 4:00 and then leads a short worship service at 5:00 through 5:15pm on Sunday Nights (everyone is welcome). These students have worked, and continue to work, very hard in order to be able to do this.



FEED THE KIDS

We have partnered with Governor Bent Elementary School to help meet the practical needs of the students there. We will fill bags with food for students in need to take home over the weekend. Our goal right now is to minister to 20 students through this ministry. We are planning to begin meeting in mid-October on Wednesdays at 5:30.

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DNBC STUDENT MINISTRIES

The Student Ministries had a great time this summer with our Sunday afternoon adventures and Wednesdays at the park. Some of our adventures included the zoo, bowling, and hiking. We also went to the park every Wednesday for Torn Curtain and ended that with a cook out on the last night.

While the summer activities were a lot of fun, we are now back in full swing with our fall activities. This was kicked off with our first annual Youth Messtival, and let me tell you, IT WAS MESSY! We have our Youth Praise Team practice and bridge training at 4:00 on Sunday evenings, followed by Youth Worship and Bible Study from 5:00 – 6:15. Then on Wednesdays we offer tutoring (with trained tutors) for 7th through 12 grade from 4:30 – 6:15, followed by Youth Group from 6:30 – 8:00. Following this, at 8:30 pm on Wednesdays, the College and Career group meets at the Village Inn on San Mateo for a study on various Christian articles, videos, and topics relevant to our society today.

In addition to all of the regularly scheduled events for the Student Ministries, we have various other events planned throughout the semester, including game nights, EXP nights (high energy events focused around a common theme – this is a great event to bring friends to), S.O.S (Supper on Sundays – every 5th Sunday at a church member’s home), and many other fun activities. If you have students, or are a student, and want to stay up to date on what is happening in the Student Ministries, your best source for information will be the youth Facebook page and/or Instagram. On Facebook “del norte youth+” and on Instagram we are “delnorteyouth”. We post all events and announcements on these two platforms.



BEING THE IMAGE- BEARERS

BY RICHELLE GILSDORF

I turned 25 this year. I'm a quarter of a century old. While I know some of you are rolling your eyes and rephrasing that to "quarter of a century YOUNG," I do FEEL old compared to the 6th graders I teach and the college students in my Sunday School class (some of whom I taught in VBS when they were younger). This past week I was sharing a memory with my 6th graders of watching *Beauty and the Beast* on VHS as a kid, and then had to explain to my students what a VHS is (was?!). THOSE are the moments I feel old.

Or, you know, when those same 6th graders just TELL me I'm old.

When I started to think about being in my mid-twenties, I began to look back on what I had accomplished in those 25 years. Well, I earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree, which felt significant. I started my career and survived my first year of teaching, which felt slightly MORE significant. But the more I thought about what I had "accomplished," the more a pesky thought repeated itself in my mind: so what?

Don't get me wrong—I'm proud of all my hard work, the many painful lessons I learned the hard way.

I'm proud of the spiritually and emotionally bumpy times I endured and overcame, all with God's grace and help. I couldn't honestly say I have many regrets. But what I DO have are fears—fears of getting stuck in life's ruts, never growing and moving forward, looking back on my life when I'm grey and fading and thinking, "Now that I'm leaving, what have I left behind of true worth?"

Those fears led me to read the book of Ecclesiastes. The author of this book, King Solomon, was asking himself similar questions with a much more successful life upon which to reflect. I've heard estimates that if Solomon was alive today, his net worth would be enough to wipe out the U.S. debt and still have a healthy fortune left over. He had all the livestock, land, servants, concubines, and luxuries of which a man in that day could dream. If there WAS something Solomon didn't already possess, he also had the power and authority to get it. And thanks to a righteous decision in his youth, he was also blessed by God with a wisdom that drew people to him from a myriad of places (1 Kings 3:1-15).

If anyone had a life of which to be proud, it was Solomon. And yet, as he reflected upon all that he had achieved and gained in his life, and all that his efforts amounted to, he could only exclaim "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity" (Ecclesiastes 1:2 ESV). Despite that Solomon did tremendously squander and abuse the blessings in his life, I think there is wisdom in his exclamation that all is vanity. In the end, Solomon could not escape the fear that his life had still been a waste—that at the end, it had no meaning.

If you haven't read the book of Ecclesiastes, I recommend doing so with a study book or Bible with study notes, because Solomon's tone and context are essential for understanding it. But my point here is that I think the questions with which Solomon wrestled are the questions we all must ask ourselves at some point in life: what is the point of my existence? If I take nothing with me into death and leave everything behind, even my body, what can I possibly do while alive that has any lasting meaning? What on Earth is the point of my life?

I believe the answer to this question is actually contained within the very first words of Scripture: "In the beginning, God..." (Genesis 1:1). Did you catch that? If not, the next part of our answer seems to appear verses later: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). Still not sure you see the answer?

I think John Piper sums it up perfectly in a commentary* on why we were created: "Why do people make images? People make images to image... If you make a statue of Napoleon, you want people to think not so much about the statue as Napoleon. And you make the statue in a way that shows something specific about the character of Napoleon. So God makes us in his image... He makes humans in his image to image something—namely, himself. So our exist-

tence is about showing God's existence, or specifically, it's about showing God's glory."

You see? In the beginning, GOD. Before we could exist and worry and wonder at our purpose, there was a God dreaming up our existence. And when he formed us into existence, it was for literally no other purpose than his own glory and image. Some people say it's because he wanted "companionship"; I say that's nonsense. God has always been and always will be—he didn't just wake up one day (before the concept of day existed) and suddenly feel lonely. God is perfectly satisfied in himself; he doesn't need our messy, unholy, ungrateful company. No, God created man in his image to do just that: be his image. Why? Because he is wholly worthy, wholly glorious, wholly perfect... and wholly the reason we can even ask "Why?"

When we make a statue of someone like, say, Martin Luther King Jr., we're not erecting a statue because we're afraid people will forget what he looked like; rather, we build the statue to remind people of who he was. We're memorializing his character, not his physical traits. His face and form become symbolic of something more important. When God created man, he was creating the image of himself, his qualities and characteristics. We weren't meant to look like God; we were meant to remind others of who God is by the way we live and speak. We're living, breathing statues; we're the ultimate image-bearers.

When I get to the end of my life, I want to be able to look back and see evidence of who God is. I want my life to have brought attention and praise and glory to the one who breathed life into the dust that was my ancestors—to the one with whom I'll be spending eternity. I exist to draw all of creation's attention to its Creator. I exist to bring pleasure to that Creator by being his image-bearer, by representing his love and peace and mercy and goodness, even when no one is there to see.

This is the only objective that will bring meaning to my life because it is the only meaning my existence has ever had. That's not fatalism—that's beautiful freedom. I get to spend the rest of my life exploring who God made me, and what this means about who he is. And then, what this means about how I should act and speak in every moment of every day.

If you're like me and experience these existential thoughts, I hope this brings you some peace. There IS a purpose to your existence, to your every breath. There IS meaning to your life. Perhaps read Ecclesiastes to discover what those purposes are NOT... and then lay a prayer before God that he would continue to reveal the meaning and purpose you have in being his image-bearer.

**Question 4 Commentary, New City Catechism, <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#4>*



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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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