

KOINONIA

A scenic landscape photograph of a lake with autumn foliage and snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows the calm water of the lake, which reflects the vibrant yellow and orange leaves of the trees lining the shore. In the background, a range of mountains is visible, with some peaks covered in snow. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

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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

September 28th	Sam Game Night
September 30th	Youth SOS
October 21st	Youth Guys' Night/Girls' Night
October 26th	Sam Game Night
October 30th	Trunk-or-Treat
October 31st	Youth Ministry EXP Night
November 4th	Time Change
November 10th	Youth Ministry Progressive Dinner
November 14th	Night of Praise
November 21st	No Evening Activities
December 1st	Sole-2-Soul
December 9th	Children's Choir Christmas Program

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

The holidays are coming, and as I have stated many times, this is by far one of my favorite times of the year. I know that many in our church will be doing much with family and friends; as we should. However, I also want to encourage you all to be a blessing to others outside your normal circle of influence. There are so many that you may never meet or know that truly need your help, desperately.

During this season of joy, peace, and love; let's all strive to help others experience those same feelings in their lives as well. Whether at school, work, or wherever, take time to notice those around you and help, share, or simply smile. You'd be surprised what a smile can do to encourage others.

Here are some awesome ways you can help through some of our church ministries.

Feed the Kids: Did you know our church helps feed over sixty children at Governor Bent Elementary every weekend? With this support these kids are provided with nutritious meals and plenty of nourishment for the weekend. You will find a list of things that are needed to make this happen in this issue of Koinonia. Please do your best to help with this ministry. Just helping out a little can do so much. If you want, you can even donate money, and we will purchase items for you if this is easier.

Sole to Soul: Every year our church family gives out over 600 to 700 hundred pairs of shoes to our kids in the community that are in desperate need of them. We also give each child a pair of socks and have prayer with the families while they are with us. Each pair of shoes cost approximately \$17.00. Not only that, but you can show up on December 1, 2018 and help be a part of this amazing ministry. Please sign up with Lillian Moon, our Children's Pastor, if you can help. We need lots of support to make this happen.

Benevolence Ministry: We actually do this throughout the whole year, but around the holidays there is great need. This ministry helps out others in a variety of ways. Each and every need is checked out to make sure your donation goes to those that are in the greatest of needs. Instead of giving to numerous charities where most often very little actually goes to the charity that it was meant for (in some cases less than 15%); I ask that you donate to one that every penny (100%) goes to that exact need.

Here is the real deal my friends, every single dollar and penny you give goes directly to the need in which you intended it to, and it is all right here in our own backyard, impacting the lives of those right next to us for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It doesn't have to break the bank either. You could give or spend \$30.00 and that would help every single one of these ministries in a huge way:

\$17.00 for Sole to Soul
\$6.60 for Feed the Kids
\$6.50 for Benevolence

Now, I'm quite sure that there are some who could give much more (and I pray that you will ask the Lord what that is), but if everyone did just a little, think of the many lives that could be touched and changed. DNBC is a church family that strives to live out Acts 1:8 and James 1:27. I pray we would always let these verses guide our actions to those around us.

Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

James 1:27 (ESV) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

I love each and every one of you and am blessed to be your pastor, servant and friend.

Brad



A Word From Ira

Just a quick note to encourage you to consider becoming (or continuing to be) an active participant in the Music and Worship Ministries at Del Norte Baptist. We have quite a few opportunities for which you should consider joining. We have a choir and an orchestra that lead our worship at 8:30am each Sunday and many other music/worship related activities for children (age 3-6th grade), youth, and adults. If you have a desire to participate in our Music and Worship Ministries please contact Ira Pinkston at ira@dnbc.org or at 505-881-9711.

I continually strive to learn as much about worship as I can. Theologian John Piper has provided some insight into the spiritual needs and desires for corporate worship in our lives. He wrote, "God is glorified in worship not only by those who come full, but also by those who come desperately needy." I try to consider this each time I plan a worship service. We all go through seasons in our life. These include, for example: happy or depressed, hopeful or disillusioned, etc. Additionally, we all go through seasons in our spiritual lives. There are high and low moments.

Our spiritual lives often mirror our personal lives. In our spiritual and personal lives we have some weeks that are "great" and others, not so much. Some people who worship with us at Del Norte Baptist Church have spent significant and effective time with their Lord; through prayer, worship, fellowship with other believers, and reading God's Word. Some have tried to include God in their weekly "goings-on" but feel

that they were not successful in truly worshipping during their week. Some have just about given up and have come to church seeking just a glimpse of hope.

Just like every relationship, there must be some give and take. Surely we received some benefit from our relationships with family, friends, and coworkers, but they also expect, rightfully so, to receive some benefit for the relationship.

So, how does it work with God? First, God desires a relationship with each of us. What does he get out of this? A relationship. He wants to commune with us. We commune when someone shares their intimate thoughts or feelings with someone or something.

In the past I have heard things like "We shouldn't come to church to get something, we should come to give something" and "No one should ever say, 'I didn't get anything out of worship today,' because it's not about us, it's about Him."

I think both statements are basically true, but I see a potential flaw. The Scriptures clearly teach that God expects us to worship Him, and Him alone, when we gather for worship. However, it is also obvious to me that we do receive things when we worship. We receive grace, mercy, redemption, forgiveness, and love from God. We receive friendship, help, kindness, and gladness from our fellow believers.

So, there are times when I come to worship "full" in my relationship with God. I have had a great experience with my Lord and Savior and am prepared to give my praise, adoration, thanks, petitions, and worship to Him. Other times, though, I come completely and desperately needy. I just need my Daddy (God) to hold me in His arms and tell me it will be OK.

I encourage you to make "church" an important part of your week. We need each other, and we need our Lord. When we come together to worship our Lord, that is the best thing ever.

"God is glorified in worship not only by those who come full, but also by those who come desperately needy." - John Piper

A word from Kevin: **Winding Down...and Revving Up**

As hard as it may be to believe, it is still a fact that in just a little over three months 2018 will be coming to an end. But there is much going on in our church family.

Discipleship Training Classes began in September and will continue being offered in October through December.

The next two classes are:

The Lord's Supper: *September 30, October 14 and 21.*

This three week study, taught by Dr. Steve Long will consider the part this important ordinance plays in the life of a believer.

Survey of the Old Testament: *October 28-December 16.*

This video course will help you understand the story of each book and how it relates to other books in the Bible and in the story of redemption. Facilitator is Kevin Warner.

Both classes are offered on Sundays at 5:00-6:15pm

Melodrama News

During the month of December we offer gift certificates for those who want to buy their melodrama tickets early in order to get the best seats available. You need to know the quantity of tickets you want to purchase. Toward the end of December you will get the opportunity to choose your seats before they go on sale to the general public.

The dates of the coming Melodrama Dinner Show will be February 8, 9, 15, and 16, 2019. Ticket price: \$17.50 each.

Spoiler Alert: This year's show will be a Western theme.

An Update From Roy

2018 has been an amazing year so far. I often hear visitors say that they really love the environment at Del Norte, primarily the love from all the members. I am so happy and humbled to be part of this awesome church. God is doing amazing things through this church and has so much more yet to come this year.

The Hispanic Ministry moves forward in unity and strength looking for opportunities to reach the Spanish speaking communities. I pray we continue to work together to make this possible. I really appreciate all the prayers.

To God be the Glory!
Called to be your servant,

Roy Rosales



Children's Ministry Update

What a fun-filled Summer we have had: camps, Vacation Bible School, cooking classes, craft day, field trips, paint and chocolate night, and 5th Sunday extravaganza. We have made new friends and experienced God's love and fellowship.

The Fall promises to bring many exciting adventures. Missions classes (Sundays 4-5), choirs (Sundays 5-6:15), and TeamKID (Wednesdays 6:30-8) have resumed. Mission Friends are for children 3 to 5 years old. GA's (for girls) and RA's (for boys) are for children 1st grade to 6th grade. TeamKID is divided into preschool (3-5 years) and 1st-6th grade. TeamKID is a fun, high-energy ministry that en-

courages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him.

Sunday, September 30th, during the Sunday School hour will be our second 5th Sunday extravaganza. We will meet in the youth room, for music, games, food, and a Bible lesson.

Tuesday, October 30th, we will be partnering with Governor Bent Elementary School for "Trunk or Treat". The school will have games, food, and activities. They will be using this as a fund-raiser. We will fill our parking lot with decorated cars and candy. Families and children will be encouraged to visit both locations.

We are blessed to once again partner with Governor Bent Elementary School for a variety of activities. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-2 is tutoring first and second graders. Each week day we have volunteers read to kindergarteners. On Fridays we are helping the librarian. Wednesday evening's volunteers are filling bags of food for the children to take home for the weekend. Once a month we are helping with rewards for the children with perfect attendance. If you have questions about any of these activities, please give me a call at 505-881-9711

Please put on your calendar December 1st for Sole-2-Soul; (our annual tennis shoe give away) and Friday, December 7th for Children's Christmas Camp.

Enthusiastically Serving With You,
Lillian Moon

Feed the Kids Donation Needs

- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Power bars
- Cereal bars
- Single serving Chef Boyardee items (with pull-top lids)
- Ravioli/SpaghettiOs (with pull-top lids)
- Single serving soups (with pull-top lids)
- Ramen noodles
- Tomato juice (single-serving size)
- Packaged nuts
- Trail mix
- Fruit snacks
- Dried fruits
- Peanut butter (small container)
- Canned vegetables and fruit (with pull-top lids)
- Macaroni and cheese (single-serve)
- Individually packaged chips/pretzels/Goldfish crackers
- Boxed drinks and juices
- Vienna sausages (with pull-top lids)
- Individual packets of oatmeal
- Tuna pouches



The Student Ministry had a fantastic Summer! We were able to help Joy Junction, a local homeless shelter, during our Operation Oasis local mission project. We also took a great group to Fuge Camp in Glorieta where we participated in mission work at a youth homeless shelter and an assisted living home, as well as diving into God's Word. We had our first Guys and Girls Night, as well as Torn Curtain on Wednesdays. Additionally, the college group had a chance to go white water rafting and had a great time. While, all of this was wonderful, one of the best parts of the Summer was how, through these events, the youth group bonded and is closer and more supportive than ever. The best news of all, though, is that we had four youth commit their lives to Christ over the Summer.

We are excited about the things we have planned for the Fall semester as well. We launched our Recharge Small Groups on September 9th. These groups meet for Bible study on Sundays from 5:00-6:15 with

some of our youth volunteers (Michael Hickman - high school guys, Jody Clark - middle school guys, Stephanie Acton - high school girls, Sydney Turrieta - middle school girls). We are starting out with a study on the basics of the Christian faith, but as we go the groups will begin to choose their own study topics based on the needs that the leaders identify.

Wednesday nights are our Outpost gatherings from 6:30-8. Our first series "Get a Clue: Gaining Wisdom from the Stupidity of Others" kicked off on Sept. 19th with a giant church wide game of Clue (similar to the old board game). We will be talking about Biblical wisdom through examples of other people's poor decisions in this series. Later in the semester for our Outpost meetings, we will move into a series called "Who Are You?". This series will focus on our identity in Christ. Additionally on Wednesdays we are offering tutoring again. However, this year it will be on an appointment only basis, meaning that students need to let Adam or Amber know by the

Tuesday before (so the day before) by 4:00pm if they will be coming and what they need help on.

I've had some people ask what the difference between our Wednesday and Sunday gatherings is. Wednesday nights are focused more on outreach and geared toward extroverts. We begin with a hang out time, play a higher energy game, and then have a Biblical lesson that ends in discussion groups most of the time. With the games and the laid back atmosphere, many times the friends that youth bring feel more comfortable than they sometimes would in a typical church setting. Sunday nights, on the other hand, begin with a time of worship and then move into a more in depth Bible study time in a small group setting. While youth are encouraged to bring their friends to all church events, Sunday nights are geared more towards introverts and Inreach.

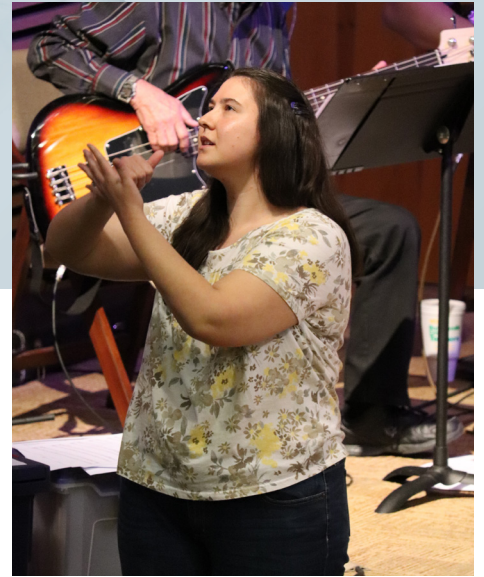
We also have some bigger events planned throughout the Fall. We have a S.O.S (Supper On Sundays) event coming up on September 30th. We will follow that up with our second Guys and Girls Night on October 21st. Finally, on November 10th we will have our Progressive Dinner, which is always a fantastic time of fellowship and food.

To get updated information on all of these events, as well as any other youth group happenings, follow the youth group on Instagram @ delnorteyouth or on Facebook at del norte youth+.

Thanks and God Bless,
Adam

Ministry in Focus

Basic American Sign Language Class



The American Sign Language (ASL) Class began in the Fall of last year. Amber Nash, who learned ASL in college, first took an interest in the language as a young child when she became friends with her next door neighbor who was deaf. She began the class partly out of her love for the language and partly out of a need that she identified. She was beginning to interpret occasionally for a family with a deaf son that came to DNBC for a while. She realized that if there was ever a time that she was not able to make it to church the family would not have anyone to interpret for them, so she wanted to start a class in order to remedy this problem and to share this beautiful language with others who desired to learn it.

The class is an hour long and split into two thirty minute halves. The first part of the class is spent learning new vocabulary and the grammatical structure of ASL. After this, the class switches gears to focus on the praise and worship song or the scripture they are learning. Amber also tries to include some Deaf culture facts occasionally.

One of the highlights for her has been how dedicated the class members are to learning the language. While everyone gets along great and the class is usually fun, learning a new language is very difficult, but everyone has stuck with it and dedicated their time and energy to it. Additionally, when the class performs a song in front of the church they do a wonderful job.

The struggles of this ministry are strictly related to the difficulties of learning a new language. It takes a long time to learn to speak a language fluently, so while the class is doing fantastic, it will be a while before they are ready to interpret a sermon. However, many of them can now interpret quite a few of our praise and worship songs.

The class just started back up for the Fall and is always welcoming new students. A textbook is required and Amber can get you the information to order it. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please see Amber Nash (the church staff can get you her information if you call the office at (505) 881-9711).



We are collecting the following items for the
New Mexico Baptist Childrens Home:

Healthy Snacks
Canned Vegetables
Cereal
Toilet Paper
Liquid Laundry Detergent

Canned Tomatoes
Canned Fruit
Canned Beans
All Purpose Cleaner

If you would like to donate, please have your donations in by September 30th

Trunk r' Treat

October 30th

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lilian Moon



Sole 2 Soul

DECEMBER 1ST

If you would like to volunteer,
please contact Lilian Moon



WORD OF THE ISSUE:

Justification

noun jus·ti·fi·ca·tion \ jəstəfə'kāSH(ə)n \

1. the action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God.
2. the Greek term means “made right, vindicated, acquitted, approved, or accepted.” It can also mean “declared guiltless or worthy.”

All sinners stand condemned and guilty before God. A new standing results when God declares someone right before him on the basis of the work of Jesus. Justification cannot be earned. It is attained only as a gift from God. Only God can make you righteous.

2018 Summer In Review

Children's Ministry

VBS: We averaged over 100 kids this year, which is the largest in while. In addition we had the largest group of nonmembers. Our VBS Celebration service also had approximately 100 people over our average in attendance.

Casa Del Verde Outreach: We were able to build relationships with the people there, and our four weeks of cooking classes grew in attendance each week.

Craft Day: This event allowed our church members and the people to whom we were ministering to fellowship together.

Paint Night: The room was full! What a fun event this was!

Music Ministry

Our Celebration orchestra celebrated ten years of ministry on Sunday, August 19th! The event was well attended and a very successful evening.

Student Ministry

Fuge Camps: Not only did we have a fantastic group that got along great, but we had two students accept Christ. We also focused on discipleship as well as outreach and ministry.

Operation Oasis: Joy Junction: We had a great group of youth and adults that worked tirelessly for the entire week, being the hands and feet of Jesus to the employees and residents alike.

Guys' and Girls' Night: The youth had a fantastic time at this event! The girls did a Paint and Chocolate Night at the Nash's house and the guys had a Movie and Meat Night at the church.

College Rafting Trip: The College and Career group went white water rafting in Embudo, NM. It was a first time experience for all involved, and they had a great time!

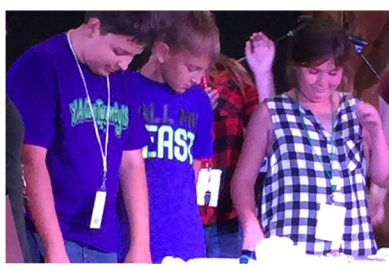
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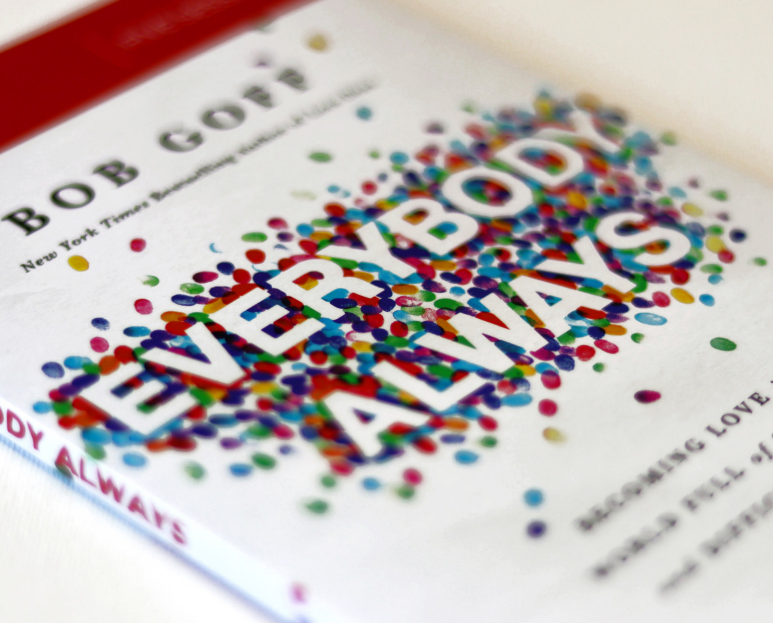
Church Family Ball Game: A group of over thirty people from our church went to an Isotopes game. In addition to having a great time of fellowship and enjoying a fantastic game, they were there to support The Singing Churchmen of New Mexico as they performed the National Anthem.

Volunteer Banquet: There are more than 100 people in our church that volunteer on a consistent basis (not including special events). The Volunteer Banquet is designed to show our appreciation to those people. This year the program was all "in house" entertainment and was very successful.

Movie Night: The church watched "I Can Only Imagine" at the Conference Center and we had over 100 people in attendance, several of which were visitors. It was a great night that included two professions of faith.

It was such a blessing to see the community participation and buy-in to the events we offered. We were also able to see baptisms and salvations resulting from this. It is always wonderful to see the Kingdom grow!





BOOK REVIEW:

EVERYBODY ALWAYS BY BOB GOFF

By: Amber Nash

I was blessed with the opportunity to be on the launch team for Bob Goff's new book, *Everybody Always*. Bob Goff's first book, *Love Does*, was remarkable. There are few books that I can say this about, but it truly changed the way I live my life and my perspective on the world. It was powerful, convicting, and inspiring. If you have not read it, I recommend that you read it first, since Bob does reference it a few times in this new book.

As I began to read the book I braced myself (okay, honestly, I did a happy dance, then I braced myself). After all, this book had a lot to live up to. It was either going to be a complete let down or God was going to use it, like he did *Love Does*, to speak to me in a powerful way. I am glad to report that it did not disappoint! I was already highlighting and stopping to pray through the ideas presented in the prologue. The prologue! I usually don't even consider that to be part of the "real book".

Bob Goff has a relaxed, conversational style of writing that makes you feel as if you are just sitting down to chat over coffee. He does a fantastic job of mixing deep truth with engaging stories from his own life. One minute you will be laughing out loud, before being brought to tears, followed closely by the need to stop reading to meditate and pray on the concepts presented.

There is no way I can do this book justice if I try to summarize it in this article, so I'm going to share my big take-aways from the first five chapters:

We have to take the commandment to love others seriously.

Most Christians, of course, say that they do this, but when we take a close look at our lives, most of us will find that we are very selective about who our "others" are. However, the commandment is not to love the "others" we feel comfortable with. It is to love others – all people. The people that weird us out, the ones that we need an extra dose of Jesus just to be around, the ones that take advantage of us, the ones that make us uncomfortable, the ones that scare us, the people we disagree with, the pure idiots, the ones living in blatant and unrepented sin, the ones on the other side of the political spectrum – those are the people we are called to love.

If we are going to love others well, we have got to lighten up.

Loving others well requires us to step outside our comfort zone, not only to reach the "others" that we wouldn't typically interact with, but to show them real, genuine love. Love is fun, joyful, and whimsical, but most of us would not use those words to describe the way we live our lives. Bob gives an example of getting a set of walkie-talkies for him and one of his neighbors who was going through a difficult time. They could have easily talked on the phone, but it was more fun to turn back to the childhood whimsy of walkie-talkies, like two cans on a string. He gives another example of a neighborhood parade he has every year, just for fun. If we live our life full of intentional joy, love will be a natural overflow from that joy.

Loving someone does not mean controlling them.

We are called to share Christ's love with everyone. This means we need to love everyone as Christ loved us, which means we can love someone and not agree with them. Love does not control others. Think about it... Christ loves everyone, not just Christians. He loves us even when he knows we're going to mess up, and then he loves us through that mess. As Christians, we like to put conditions on the love we give and try to justify it with scripture, but that is not an accurate depiction of how God loves us. He loves us unconditionally and that is how we need to love others. This doesn't mean we condone what they are doing. After all, Jesus doesn't condone our sin, but he does still love us despite it, and that is how we have to treat others.

All of this from the first five chapters alone, and I had trouble narrowing down what to include here! Bob has lived a life full of adventure, whimsy, and pure joy – all in pursuit of loving Christ and loving others well. Reading this book will encourage and inspire you to do the same.



MISSIONS

Joining God where He is at work

We follow the command given to us by our Lord, Jesus Christ, to go out into the world and make disciples of all nations through our support of missionaries serving around the globe, participation in short-term mission trips, and carrying the Gospel of salvation into our local community.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

MINISTRY

Serving others

We believe that serving those around us is a core virtue of any believer in Christ, and therefore strive to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our neighbors both within and outside the church.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. - James 1:27 (ESV)

MOVERS

Impacting God's Kingdom and His people

We understand the calling of the Lord on this earth does not end until we are with Him in heaven, therefore we strive to remain active citizens of God's Kingdom throughout our lives; laying the foundation for the next generation of believers as we look forward to the hope we find in Jesus Christ.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)



DEL NORTE

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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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