

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

April 11th	VBS Training 6:00pm-8:15pm
April 13-14	Disciple Now 9:30 on the 13th -12:00 on the 14th
April 14th	Easter Musical 8:30 and 11:00
April 21st	Easter No Evening Activities
May 5th	Children’s Choir Program @ 6:30 pm
May 12th	Mother’s Day No Evening Activities
May 26th	Student Led Worship Service/Senior Recognition
May 26th	Church wide picnic
May 27th	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 10-14	Young Lives Ablaze Children’s Camp
June 16th	Father’s Day No Evening Activities
June 19-23rd	Youth Mission Fuge Camp
June 24-28	VBS
June 30th	Youth Socials On Sunday

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A WORD FROM THE STAFF

Dear Del Norte Baptist Church Family,

We, as the church staff, want to encourage each and every one of you as we move forward, together, serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, here at Del Norte Baptist Church.

God has used Del Norte Baptist in countless ways to reach Albuquerque, the state of New Mexico and so many places around the world with the gospel. God loves each of His children and we are confident that He wants us to continue the good work He started among us, even during this time without a Senior Pastor. Now is the time to show ourselves, and the whole world, that what we do together is out of a commitment to God alone, and not to any one person.

We are each committed to serve with you for as long as the Lord allows. We look forward to the many things we will accomplish together during the next few months and into the future as God sends us our next Pastor.

Please feel free to contact us with your ideas, concerns, victories, celebrations, and desires as we minister together.

Kevin Warner, Growth Pastor

Ira Pinkston, Worship Pastor

Judi Hain, Administrator

Adam Nash, Student Pastor

Lillian Moon, Children's Minister

Roy Rosales, Spanish Pastor



WHY DO WE GO TO CHURCH

Why do we gather together as believers? Why not just try to be the best Christian I can be, on my own, all private like?

A quick internet search finds two excellent quotes from theologian David Mathis: “worshiping Jesus together may be the single most important thing we do” and “corporate worship brings together God's Word, prayer, and fellowship, and so makes for the greatest means of God's ongoing grace in the Christian life.”

Let's go a little deeper. God created humankind so we could “commune” with Him. Still today, God desires a relationship with each of His children; whom He created in His image. He wishes for each of us to choose Him and His ways. Once we have a personal relationship with God we are encouraged by Him to join with other believers so that we can fellowship with each other and experience Him “together.” Just like so many other activities, we often do worship more effectively when we do it together.

God's desire is for you and me to worship Him every day, moment by moment. I don't know about you, but I need help. Here are just a few examples of how I can find help in developing my relationship with God as I commune with God among His people.

- I desperately need encouragement from, and fellowship with, fellow believers.
- Because I am weak, I need accountability. I need others with whom I can walk the “journey,” who will help me keep from stumbling, and when I do stumble they can help me up. Likewise, they need me to help them.
- I need to continually learn more about God through His Word, so I should seek qualified Bible teaching; through Sunday School, preaching, discipleship training, etc. Many of our church members and called staff members are gifted at studying and teaching God's Word; and they need the opportunity to share their gifts and insight with us.
- Another example of how some people in our congregation are gifted includes musical abilities. I need to experience the testimony of their music as they share the musical gifts God has given them.
- I wish to serve our Lord through ministry opportunities and our congregation has so many ministries in which I can participate.

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I am excited to see how God is going to continue working through Del Norte Baptist Church as we head into the future. Together we can accomplish so much more than if we just try to do the work of God by ourselves.

I hope you will take the time to read through the following passages from God's Holy Word that address reasons why we should gather together regularly.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) *“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...”*

Acts 2:42 (NIV) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

Ephesians 5:19b–21 (PHILLIPS NT) *Express your joy in singing among yourselves psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts for the ears of God! Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And “fit in with” each other, because of your common reverence for Christ.*

1 Timothy 4:13 (NLT) *...focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.*

Psalms 95:1–11 (ESV) *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ...*

Colossians 3:16b–17 (PHILLIPS NT) *Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God's praises with joyful hearts. And whatever you may have to do, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him.*

Your fellow journeyman,
Ira Pinkston



The Final Curtain for 2019

This year's melodrama had its Final Curtain on Saturday, February 16th. Allow me to re-cap the successes of the show:

- We had 5 Show Dates, which includes 533 paying customers.
- Ticket Sales plus donations made our gross income near \$9,800.
- After the expenses for food, props, costumes, and supplies it is possible that we will clear somewhere between \$5,500 - \$6,000.
- We were blessed with 5 wonderful audiences who were generous in sharing their applause and laughter. There were 55 different people involved in cooking the meals and washing the dishes.
- There was a total of 11 cast members, 1 prompter, 3 technical crew members, several security patrol people each night on the parking lots plus all the youth & adults who served meals each night.
- That adds up to over 100 people.

It is NO exaggeration to say, we could not do the show without all these folks.

CHALLENGES:

Over half the cast members were sick at one time or another during the two weeks of the event, which resulted in our canceling of the Free Show we do every year. It was a great disappointment for us as well as those who always support that event.

BLESSINGS:

The new Cowboy Church starting up in the Edgewood area will receive half the proceeds from the show. The other half will go to our Mission Fund.

To God be the Glory, Great things He has done.

Kevin Warner



What a busy and exciting fall children at Del Norte have had this year. The numbers in the grade school departments continue to increase weekly. Thank you parents for consistently bringing your children to Sunday School, Missions, Choir, and TeamKid. Thank you dedicated teachers for your preparation, love, and patience to each of our children.

Sunday, March 31st, is our Fifth Sunday Celebration for 1st-6th grade. We will be meeting in the Dining Hall during the Sunday School hour. The children will compete in "Minute-to-Win" games, have a delicious snack, and learn more about the Bible through a Bible Scavenger Hunt.

Young Lives Ablaze, a fun-filled day of being with other Christian children throughout the state, is coming up as well. Keith Coast will be the dynamic speaker, music will be led by Josh Alvarado, and "The Amazing Chemis-

try Show" starring Josh Denhart. All 3rd-6th graders are invited to be a part on Saturday, April 6th, from 9:30-3:00. The cost is \$30, which includes all the activities, lunch and a t-shirt. Young Lives Ablaze is held at Eastern Hills Baptist Church. We will meet at Del Norte and travel together to Eastern Hills.

Thursday, April 11th is our annual Vacation Bible School Training; held at Del Norte from 5-8, with dinner provided. This is an outstanding way to explore the new material and set-up meetings with your fellow teachers. The theme for this year is "In the Wild, Amazing Encounters with Jesus". Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24th – 28th.

Young Lives Ablaze Camp is June 10th-14th at Inlow. This camp is for 2nd-6th graders, and is a wonderful time for children to unplug and spend a week at a mountain top experience with Jesus.

I am planning our summer time activities for children. We will again plan on going to a couple of kids' movies at Regal Winrock Theatre on either a Tuesday or Wednesday. We will also have a family outing on a Saturday to El Morro National Park. This park is located between Grants and Gallup. It has a prehistoric pueblo and signatures dating back to 1605 on Inscription Rock.

I am looking forward to what God has planned for our children and families in 2019.

Enthusiastically Serving With You,
Lillian Moon



The Student Ministry has been busy as usual. We just finished a study entitled “Mission Impossible”, focusing on what is impossible without God. Before that study we did one called “Get a Clue”, discussing various stories in the Bible where people needed to get a clue. We kicked this study off with a life-sized, church wide game of Clue. We are currently in our “Cross My Heart series, discussing what God wants for us in relationships with others. Our next series will be “World of Words” and we will kick it off on April 3rd with a game EXP night. This series will focus on the importance of words and the importance of God’s Word.

As we enter spring and summer we have some events for you to add to your calendars. Disciple Now will be April 13th and 14th. This is a

favorite event among our youth. Students will stay at host homes and be led in Bible studies by our youth volunteers. As always, there will be some fun activities and games thrown in there as well. The theme for this year’s Disciple Now is “Community”. We will be discussing the unity we have as a believers in Christ, with a theme verse of John 13: 35. Students can sign up for this event in the youth room.

Another favorite among the youth is Mission Fuge camp in Glorieta. This year it will take place on June 19th–23rd. This is a time of Bible study, mission work, and fun for the youth. It also provides our students a great opportunity to bond as a group. We still have a few spots left for this year. If students would like to attend they need to see Adam ASAP.

As far as our College and Young Adult group goes, we meet every Wednesday night for “Theology and Pie” at 8:30. We recently finished a study based on the book You Lost Me by the Barna Group where we discussed why people leave the Church and what the Church can do about it. Prior to this study we did a video study of Bob Goff’s new book Everybody Always. We are currently in a study by Louie Giglio called “Who is Jesus?”.

Thanks and God Bless,
Adam

An Update From Roy

I am looking forward to the warmer weather coming ahead as spring approaches! I don’t know about you, but I prefer the hot over the cold, which is probably expected, being a native New Mexican. Anyway, the Hispanic Ministry will continue to look for the opportunities to reach the Spanish speaking communities around us. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we seek ideas that will be effective in reaching the lost. We love being part of this wonderful body of believers and know God has a wonderful plan for each and every one of us as we continue to work united for one cause: to fulfill the great commission. To God be the Glory!

Your servant,
Roy Rosales



AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31

JUNE 24-28

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT LILLIAN MOON.



The Knit One, Pray Too ministry has been a part of Del Norte Baptist Church for several years. Gaby Payne, the founder of the ministry, was concerned that knitting was a dying art. She wanted to share her love of the hobby, but also make it a ministry. She began thinking about the common knitting stitch, “Knit one, Pearl Two”, combined with the idea of a prayer ministry and came up with the name, “Knit One, Pray Too”. She decided that every time they met they would review the Wednesday night prayer list and discuss who else they need to pray for and why. However, she was, and continues to be, cautious not to let this turn into a gossip session.

This ministry does not only reach out through prayer, though. They also knit hats, mittens, and scarves for the homeless, Salvation Army bell ringers, and the New Mexico Baptist Children’s Home. Additionally, they have made patchwork quilts for the police to give to people in need as they see fit. They donated hats and scarves for the church to take with them when we did our Alaska mission trips as well. Of course, as they work on these projects they pray for the recipients.

While they are very mission minded, they also encourage people to bring their own projects to work on. Even if you don’t have a project of your own, or are just wanting to learn to knit, Gaby stresses that all levels are welcome. She comes prepared to teach people how to knit each meeting. While she brings extra yarn and needles to all the meetings, if you want to bring your own, Gaby recommends size 7 or 8 straight needles and worsted weight #4 yarn.

Gaby does recognize that it has been a struggle to keep a core group of people involved in the ministry. As people move or get busy, the attendees have fluctuated. However, the highlights far outweigh the struggles. They have so much fun and really enjoy their time knitting and praying together. Additionally, Gaby says a personal highlight for her has been teaching people how to knit and watching them complete their first projects. Related to this, she hopes that, in the future, the ministry can continue to teach people how to knit and that they will pass the hobby on to others.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, they meet the first and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the church in room 120.



One thing is for sure, you will never meet another individual quite like Pastor Brad Kelly! You might need a Southern to English translator to understand what he is saying, but once you figure that out there is absolutely no denying his passion for God and His people. With his dynamic personality, Southern hospitality, and humor, he puts you at ease right away. His heart for missions and love for God has influenced DNBC greatly. During his time here he lead two groups on trips to Israel that allowed them to experience places from the Bible firsthand. He also lead the first Alaska mission trip and established the connection we have with the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home. There is no doubt that we have been blessed with him and his family for the past five years, and it has been exactly that...a blessing.

Thank You Pastor Brad

Join us April 14th for a special musical presentation by our Celebration Choir:

MY EASTER STORY

Personal Accounts of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus



TERM OF THE ISSUE

Substitutionary Atonement

Refers to the doctrine that Christ died on the cross as a substitute for sinners. God imputed the guilt of our sins to Christ, and he, in our place, bore the punishment that we deserve. This was a full payment for sins, which satisfied both the wrath and the righteousness of God, so that He could forgive sinners without compromising His own holy standard.

The Penal-Substitution Theory of the atonement was formulated by the 16th century Reformers as an extension of Anselm's Satisfaction theory. Anselm's theory was correct in introducing the satisfaction aspect of Christ's work and its necessity; however the Reformers saw it as insufficient because it was referenced to God's honor rather than his justice and holiness and was couched more in terms of a commercial transaction than a penal substitution. This Reformed view says simply that Christ died for man, in man's place, taking his sins and bearing them for him. The bearing of man's sins takes the punishment for them and sets the believer free from the penal demands of the law: The righteousness of the law and the holiness of God are satisfied by this substitution.

"For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Penal Substitutionary Atonement. (n.d.). Retrieved March 24, 2019, from <https://www.theopedia.com/penal-substitutionary-atonement>

Winter Recap

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- The annual Lego Night was a great success with approximately sixty people in attendance. It was a night of great fun and fellowship!
- Christmas Camp was not only a success in and of itself, but one third of the attendees also came to Sole2Soul.
- Sole2Soul - Between the Saturday event and the extras we gave to Montezuma School, we gave away over 700 pairs of shoes. We also added an additional family photo element that was a big hit!
- The tutoring program started back in January and is going well.

STUDENT MINISTRY

- This year we split our typical overnight "12 Hours" event into two separate, shorter events. One of these events was hosted by The Collective, a collaboration of local youth ministries here in Albuquerque. This was our first time participating in an event hosted by The Collective, and it was a resounding success. We have continued to join in events connected with this group.
- The youth kicked off their last study with a Mission Impossible EXP night where youth were encouraged to bring friends. We had a great turn out and a lot of fun.
- The college students attended the Passion Conference in Dallas, TX this past January. We had a great group and the conference was both challenging and enjoyable.
- The college "Theology and Pie" group just finished up a video study on the book You Lost Me by The Barna Group.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Our Children's Choirs did it again. Each year I say this: "the Christmas Season begins for me when the children present their Christmas Program." Under the excellent leadership of Caryn Coppedge, Sonja Nelson, and Jennifer Pinkston our Christmas experience was set in motion that night.
- The Celebration Choir and Orchestra presented a Christmas Musical entitled the Hope of Christmas. The narrators, soloists, choir, and orchestra were exceptional. The Real Reason for the Season was proclaimed in a beautiful way.
- A wonderful experience for all happened at the annual Christmas Eve service. This service included an extremely diverse musical program as well as an exceptionally meaningful time with Pastor Kevin's Christmas message.

CHURCH WIDE

- Men's Ministry Breakfast: We had nearly thirty men at our last event, including four guests.
- Throughout December and January we were blessed to see multiple salvations, baptisms, and members join the church!
- The Melodrama was a great success this year. We raised \$7500, which is \$1000 more than we raised last year. The money will be split between our church mission fund and the East Mountain Cowboy church.



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)



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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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