

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

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| September 28th | Sam Game Night |
| June 24-28 | VBS |
| June 30 | VBS Celebration/Youth S.O.S |
| July 4 | Church Office Closed |
| July 5 | Isotopes Ballgame |
| August 4 | Event for Courtyard Apartments |
| August 7 | Youth Messtival |
| August 11 | Children's Ministry Kickoff |
| August 18 | Regular Fall events begin |
| August 21 | Student EXP Night |
| August 30-Sept. 2 | Labor Day Camp Out |

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A WORD FROM THE STAFF

As we enter into the Summer months, we, as a staff, are excited to see what God will do through Del Norte Baptist Church!

In the following pages you will read about all the wonderful events we have planned within our various ministries. We hope that you will take time to not only read about these events and stay informed on what we as a church are doing, but also to pray about what your role should be to partner with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at DNBC in service to the Lord.

There are so many amazing opportunities to get involved at our church, and we truly hope you will prayerfully seek out places and events with which to volunteer.

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.

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



What a great year thus far, musically speaking.

Our Celebration Choir and Orchestra presented, twice, a beautiful Easter musical entitled “My Easter Story” on April 14. The Choir and soloists sounded fabulous, and the message from the choir, soloists and the narrators was clear: Each Christian has an Easter story to tell. It is the story of their being resurrected to new life; a new life in the Lord. We become “dead to our old selves” and we are “raised to a new life” with God at our side. But, to me, the most musical and most inspirational part of the program was the Celebration Orchestra. Let me tell you why I feel this way. I have been directing instrumental ensembles in large churches, continuously, for 28 years, and our orchestra is clearly the best sounding one, by far. We are blessed beyond measure with such high caliber instrumentalists.

Our Easter/Resurrection Sunday services were well attended, and we experienced God’s love and mercy together as we worshiped Him.

Our Children’s Choirs presented their Spring Concert on Sunday night, May 5. The preschoolers did a super job presenting songs about the Fruit of the Spirit, and the 1st-6th graders presented a musical about finding the way to God, through Jesus Christ. The musical explained for us the “Roman Road,” which is a simple way, using the book of Romans from the Bible, to explain how people can begin their relationship with God. The “Road” includes Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8 and Romans 10:9. We are so blessed to have Caryn Coppedge, Sonja Nelson, and Jennifer Pinkston to direct these choirs. And I dare not forget their assistants: Suzanne Rex, Amelia Nelson, Lillian Moon, Sharon Williams and Beverly Key. Each year our children do a great job, and we hope to increase the number of kids this coming year. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to bring their children to our choirs, which will start again in August.

One last thing: as we find ourselves, temporarily, without a Senior Pastor, my prayer is simply that each member of Del Norte Baptist Church will continue doing the “Good Work” for which God has called them.

As always, please feel free to call on me if I can help in any way.

Your fellow journeyman,
Ira Pinkston

Summer Activities

Each year as we approach the Summer months we “shift gears”, so to speak. There are plenty of activities, but they take on a slightly different form compared to those we offer during the school year.

June

We are planning for an outreach project to reach children in a nearby apartment complex. A Prayer Walk was conducted in April as we asked God to open the doors and allow us to have a Fun Day Event, including an inflatable water slide, Jump House, and snacks or food for the kids. When we met with the apartment manager, he was thrilled to partner with us. He gave us the day and place we wanted, one week before VBS in June. He even offered that we can plan other events in July and August. God opened that door, and we thank Him and give Him all the praise.

We will need multiple volunteers in order to make this event safe and successful, so please watch the Sunday bulletins for more information as we get closer.

July - Take Me Out to The Ball Game

On Friday, July 5th we have a Church-wide Outing as we go to the Isotopes Baseball game that night. Tickets are going fast but we can get more if there is enough interest. We have received a reduced rate of \$12.50 for seats on the 3rd base side of the field. The regular price for these tickets is \$16.

PRAYER REMINDER

Please remember to pray for our Pastor Search Committee as they work toward finding the next Senior Pastor for our church. It is quite possible that the Committee will receive more than 200 resumes of prospective pastors. It is an enormous job to work through all of that in order to find God’s man for Del Norte Baptist Church.

You can also encourage these folks verbally when you see them at church by just saying, “I’m praying for you during this time.”

Kevin Warner



Children's Ministry Update

Summertime is here! What a great time to get some extra rest, spend time with friends, and enjoy this awesome world God has given us.

We have a busy, fun-filled Summer planned.

June 24th-28th is Vacation Bible School from 9:00-12:15. "In the Wild, Amazing Encounters with Jesus" is our theme. VBS is open to children of all ages, (2's – 6th grade). Sunday, June 30th, will be our Vacation Bible School Celebration during the 11 o'clock service.

Saturday, July 13th, is our trip to El Morro. El Morro is located about an hour west of Albuquerque. It is a U.S. National Monument that preserves the remains of a large prehistoric pueblo. It became a landmark where many centuries of explorers and travelers left historic inscriptions that survive today. We meet at the church at 9 AM and travel together to this historic site.

Friday, August 2nd, will be our Second Annual Paint and Chocolate Night. Come eat, visit and paint a beautiful picture taught by our most talented artist in residence.

Sunday, August 11th, will be our Fall Kick-Off for our children's activities resuming for the school year (missions, choir, and TeamKID.)

Each of these activities is for children and families. If you have any questions please feel free to call me, 881-9711.

Enthusiastically Serving With You,
Lillian Moon



that Torn Curtain will not meet throughout the Summer, so please be sure to check social media for those.

We are kicking off our “Sunday Afternoon Adventures” June 9 with a movie and game day in the youth room. Additional Sunday Afternoon Adventures will include a pool party, a trip to the Zoo, and hiking. These events take place directly after the 11:00 service and end times will vary.

We will also be going to Mission Fuge camp June 19-23. The theme this year is “Restored”, focusing on how, when we surrender our lives to Jesus, God restores our relationship with Him and helps us navigate in this broken world. Additionally, we will have Supper on Sunday (SOS) on June 30th.

The College, Career, and Young Adult Group will also be meeting on Sunday evenings over the Summer for “Faith, Food, and Films”. A time for us to enjoy a meal, Bible study, and movie together.

The youth group kick-off for the fall activities will be our annual Messtival on August 7.

For up to date information on all of these events, please follow Del Norte Youth on Facebook (delnorteyouth+) and Instagram (@delnorteyouth).

Thanks and God Bless,
Adam Nash

Student Ministry Update

Spring has flown by and now we are headed into a very busy Summer. The youth group has a full calendar of events. We have already begun our Torn Curtain meetings on Wednesday nights. We meet at the church at 6:30 and then walk over to Montgomery Park for games and a devotional. Parents pick their youth up at the park at 8:00. Youth need to be sure to come to the church first. If there is inclement weather, we will stay at the church in the youth room. There are a few dates

An Update From Roy

The weather is getting warmer, and the kids are getting out of school. This means one thing: Summer is right around the corner. I am looking forward to it. 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 for ideas that will be effective in reaching the lost. Love being part of this wonderful church.

To God be the Glory!



DNBC Community

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Del Norte Men's Ministry



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Labor Day Campout

August 30 - September 2





CHANGE

BY AMBER NASH

Transitions. Change.

Just those words make me cringe, if I'm being honest. I don't deal well with change...at all. I'm the person that likes my "usuals". I enjoy going to the same restaurants and ordering the same food. I like going to the same Wal-mart and making the same path through the store every time. I even like watching the same shows over and over again. I have about five meals that I can cook on repeat, and I don't have a lot of motivation to learn new ones, because that would mean changing what I do. To say that I am a creature of habit would be an understatement.

Needless to say, when change happens it doesn't always bring out the best in me. I get angry, sul-
len, and I even tend to lash out a bit. And I'm not even talking about big changes, although all of
this is definitely true for those. However, I tend to not cope well with small changes either. I mean
after all, why even make plans if you're not going to follow them?!

However, I have discovered, as I'm sure you have too, that change is inevitable. I'm sure you've heard the old saying, "the only thing that stays the same is that everything changes", and as cliché as that is, it definitely seems to be true at times. We all face new and changing aspects of our life - new jobs, changes within our job, moving, changes to our family dynamics, changes with our health, loss of loved ones, and so much more. We can fight change all we want, but it's unavoidable.

I would like to say that I've learned to embrace change over the years and that I've become a "go with the flow" type of gal, but that is simply not true. However, I have learned to appreciate change, because in my experience, times of

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transition tend to be invitations to cling all the more closely to Jesus. When everything else is changing, He is the one constant, the steady, unchanging God of the Ages.

If you're like me, change brings about fear...fear of the unknown. It causes me to feel like I just can't quite get my bearings, like I can't get a grip on things. I'm a planner (like, an insanely detailed planner), and it's hard to plan out the future when you are unsure of what is happening in the present, much less what is to come.

However, we are told in Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." This is not a suggestion, or even just an encouragement, this is a command. We are to be strong and courageous. We are not to let fear control us or discouragement get the best of us,

and we are to rest in the knowledge that God is with us wherever we are, whatever we are going through.

Additionally, in Jeremiah 29:11 we are reminded that God knows the plans He has for us and that they are plans that will give us hope and a future. This is a truth that we can trust in during times of transition. However, a friend recently pointed out that the following verses are equally important. Verses 12 and 13 read, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." So, of course, we know that God has plans for us and that we can trust in those plans even when we have no idea what the future holds. However,

we also see guidelines on how to trust in Him during those uncertain times. We are told to call on Him, to pray to Him, and then we are promised that He will listen. He will not dismiss our fears, our

concerns, and our worries. We are promised that if we seek Him with all our heart, if we allow ourselves to trust in our unchanging God more than we fear our changing circumstances, then we will find Him, and we know that in Him we find comfort, peace, and consistency.

Our church is going through a time of change right now. People we love have moved. People we love have gone on to be with the Lord. You may be hurting. You may be scared. You may be unsure of what the future holds for you and for our church. Let me encourage you to put your trust in the One who heals hurting hearts, the One who calms fears, and the One who knows the plans He has for our future and the church's future. I can not tell you what is to come for DNBC, but I can tell you that it is in God's hands, and when you rest in that truth there is peace beyond understanding.



PATRIOTIC PRAYER

BY MARILYN LITTLE

DEAR GOD, PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP ON US
ALTHOUGH WE VIOLATE YOUR TRUST.
WE MUST VOTE OR LOSE THE RIGHT
TO SUSTAIN OUR COUNTRY'S MIGHT.

OUR FREEDOMS ARE GUARANTEED BUT NOT FREE
AND MUST BE SHOWCASED FOR THE WORLD TO SEE.
WE WORSHIP, SPEAK AND DISSENT WITHOUT FEAR.
NO WONDER IMMIGRANTS WANT TO COME HERE.

WE OBSERVE OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG WAVE
AND THEN REMEMBER ALL WHO GAVE
THEIR FORTUNE AND SOMETIMES THEIR LIFE
TO PROTECT ALL OF US FROM STRIFE.

PLEASE MAKE OUR LEADERS WISE
TO DO RIGHT IN YOUR EYES.
WITHIN THE WORLD LET US STAND TALL
TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL.

HELP US BE OBEDIENT TO YOU
TEACHING OTHERS TO OBEY YOU TOO.
DEAR GOD, PLEASE GRANT SUCCESS AND PEACE TO OUR LAND
SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE IT IS BY YOUR HAND.

WE MUST COMPLETELY SURRENDER AND OBEY
AS YOU DO NOT WANT IT ANY OTHER WAY.
WE MUST PLEDGE TOTAL ALLEGIANCE TO YOU.
NOTHING LESS THAN ALL OF OUR LIFE WILL DO.



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
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