

Thank You Reba and Dick Harden

The SAM group, Senior Adult Ministry, just finished a fun trip to Ruidoso and Capitan. The trip was organized, as usual, by Dick and Reba Hardin. Dick and Reba announced on this trip that it would be their last trip to organize. When asked how many trip and miles they had gone over the years they replied, "too many to remember and thousands of miles". Many states have been covered on these trips.

At the conclusion of the trip a card of appreciation, signed by all on the bus, was given to Dick and Reba. One of the comments written was echoed by all. "We have been blessed by your service and we pray those blessings back to you in the coming years." Our heartiest thanks to Dick and Reba for all they have done for the SAM group over the years.



WORSHIP PASTOR

A Note from Ira

Missions are on my mind as I write this. Our youth will be in Eagle Nest June 26 through July 2. We have 3 Del Norte people going to Candy Kitchen to help with VBS July 19 through 23. We are planning a medical mission trip to Peru in March 2011.

Where can you plug into missions? We have many opportunities right here in ABQ. Just ask your Sunday School director or me where you can serve.

We are having a Missions Fundraiser Lunch on July 11, at our conference center. It will begin after Sunday School and continue until 12:45. Make plans to stay and eat hamburgers and hotdogs and desert. Suggested donation is the amount you would have spent if you ate out.

Also, we are still looking for a place to store yard sale items, in anticipation of a mission fundraiser yard sale in October. Let Ira know if you have an empty space where we could store the items until October.

Ira

Would you like to receive your Messenger via email?

Send your email address to:

delnortenewsletter@yahoo.com

With "MESSENGER EMAIL" in the SUBJECT line.

World Hunger Emphasis

During July we will have an emphasis on World Hunger. It will be a time of offering and raising awareness about hunger in New Mexico, the United States, and around the world.

But is hunger a problem in the United States?

Yes. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that in 2005, about 11% of American households did not always have enough food for each member to have an active, healthy life. This is referred to as 'food insecurity' and New Mexico ranks second in the nation with the percentage of its people who live with food insecurity.

It is easy to look at statistics until they overwhelm us. *But what can we do?*

1. **Pray** for those who are hungry and those who minister among them
2. **Learn** about hunger ministries and partner with them. Become informed about hunger issues locally and globally.
3. **Involve** your family and neighbors in hunger ministries.
4. **Promote** giving in your church to benefit world hunger ministries.

The World Hunger offering we are taking during July will be used 3 ways:

- The World Hunger Fund of the Southern Baptist Convention divides the money this way: 80% goes to the International Mission Board for use by missionaries to meet emergency food needs as well as for ongoing projects such as water wells, nutrition and agricultural programs. 20% of the funds go to the North American Mission Board for use by local food pantries and feeding ministries. There are several such projects in New Mexico. All of the money given to the World Hunger Fund goes directly to feed the hungry. Nothing is taken for administrative or promotional costs.
- Central Baptist Association (of which we are a part) supports several feeding ministries and is not able to keep up with the requests for funding.
- Del Norte Baptist Church has several people involved in hunger ministries and projects. We would like to have funds available for these ministries and others that need to be started.

Consider prayerfully what you can do and be ready to bring your Bread Bank on July 25th.

Your Missions Committee

DEL NORTE MESSENGER



Did You Know

As most of you know we have just finished Vacation Bible School here at Del Norte.

Behind the scene there was approximately 504 hours of preparation - that's 12.6 weeks of work put into drawing, painting and hanging the murals used to promote the Bible School, as well as the mural backdrop used during the week of the school. Jason Kirby put in countless hours building from scratch, the covered wagon used on the stage for Bible school. Thank you to everyone who made VBS a success.

CASA Popcorn and Movie Day

July 13th

Conference Center

1-3PM

Movie is "Taking Chance"

"Del Norte Baptist Church is a united body of believers committed to grow in Christ and to reach others for Christ."

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Please submit items for August's Messenger by July 23, 2010.

Limit articles to 250 words.

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Mark your calendars!

The church will be doing a pictorial directory this fall. Pictorial Directory dates - November 5, 6, & 7 and November 12 & 13. Watch the bulletin and newsletter in future months for more information.



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Birthday America

Galatians 5:1(NIV) *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

It is natural for those of us who live in the United States to take our liberty for granted. We've never known anything else. For this reason we think it can never be lost. That's where we would be wrong. I've shared the following before, but it bears repeating to remind us that liberty is fragile. Around 1770, Scottish lawyer and historian, Alexander Fraser Tyler supposedly wrote:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse (generous benefits) from the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the results that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back again into bondage."

We believe that liberty is protected by our Constitution. It is! Our forefathers adopted a Constitution which clearly spelled out what rulers could and could not do. The rights of the people were safeguarded in this way. The Constitution was to be the highest authority of government. But some today believe the Constitution is an ancient document with no relevance to the modern world. One of the greatest threats to liberty today is the way the constitution is being flouted and its powers diminished. When we began allowing judges to disregard the original intent of the Constitution and make it say whatever they want it to say, we placed ourselves in jeopardy. The Constitution no longer protects us.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, remember that it is up to us to protect "liberty and justice for all."

In His Service, and Yours,
Pastor Bob



YOUTH PASTOR

The most interesting thing sometimes about trying to write an article for the newsletter is that you have to predict the future to a certain extent. For instance, it is my guess that you are reading this article on July 4th, the first Sunday in July. However, I am writing it on June 9th, almost a month in advance. Now normally it's not quite that early, more like the 20th,

but June's a busy month so I had to get it in there while I could. So by the time you read this many of our students will have helped with VBS twice and a couple of them three times. We will have just gotten back from Eagle Nest a couple days ago, and while I would love to be able to tell you all of the awesome stuff Jesus did while we were on our trip, I can't, because we don't even leave for another 2 weeks, let alone experience the whole trip. So I will just say that I am trusting that we will have an awesome trip, and if you'd like more details, I would love for you to ask our students about the trip and give them a chance to share with you with they learned, because I promise that even though they are going to teach VBS, they'll be the ones who come away learning. Also, thank you to all of you who prayed for us this last week, and I hope that you'll be praying for all of the students going to camp this month.

We've been enjoying our time of SNL out at the park so far this summer, and I hope you will come join us sometime for that. During the month of July our park schedule looks like this:

- July 10th – Stardust Skies Park
- July 17th – Loma Del Rey Park
- July 24th – Loma Del Norte Park
- July 31st – Heritage Hills Park

Once again, we meet at 6pm on Saturday nights, enjoy some worship and brief devotional time, and then have a good time playing ultimate frisbee, volleyball, basketball, whatever the case may be that week. For a complete list of the entire summer, and for maps of the parks you can check out the church website (dnbc.org), the youth bulletin board, or watch for those weekly youth announcements in Sunday School. I think that's about it from me, remember to pick up your Bags of Hope the first Sunday of every month, and have a good one.

Andy B

Single Adults Fellowship

The Single Adults at Del Norte Baptist Church get together on a regular basis each month. They will meet on **Friday, July 9th** from **6:30 – 10:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall / Dining Room at Del Norte Baptist's main building. Look for the cars on the back side of the building. Any questions? Call: Heather Martin at **259-3231 or 888-9789.**



GROWTH PASTOR

Going & Sowing

Sunday, July 4th Services.

Will be a day to celebrate God & Country.

Here is the Schedule for the day:

8:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Coffee, Orange Juice & Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

9:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service & Patriotic Musical

10:30 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Study

Begin thinking now about who you will invite to join you on this day of encouragement as we celebrate the 234th Anniversary of America's independence.

O.M.I. Men's Event

(only males invited) on Saturday, July 10th

This event is an effort to reach men who are not regularly involved in our church. We want men to know that church attendance and Bible study are not just for women & children. We need all men who are actively involved at Del Norte to bring Men & Boys to this event. Tickets are \$5 each to cover the cost of the meal and the Door Prizes. Please consider buying some extra tickets for your friends and bring them with you. We start at **5:00 p.m.** with a meal and a variety of Competitive Events in which everyone can participate. We have a retired Marine who will be our keynote speaker. Bring your sons, nephews, grandsons, brothers, neighbors and friends. The program will conclude by **9:00 p.m.**

In His Service,
Kevin Warner

Reminder

Del Norte Crafters will take the month of July off, but join us on Friday August 6, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. as Judy Williams teaches Painted T-shirts and we plan our annual tea scheduled for August 20, 2010. For more information call Barbara at 298-7080.

Del Norte Quilters will not meet in July. The Daytime quilters will resume Aug 12 with the newest quilt project Shadowbox. The evening quilters will meet on August 16 and continue working on the Row Quilt. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us as we enjoy the Art of Quilting. For more information, call 298-7080.