

KOINONIA

WINTER 2011



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

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A Word From The Pastor

Let me share five ways to be a responsible Christian:

1. God wants us to be a member of a local church. This is the purpose of fellowship. Following Christ is not just a matter of believing—it is also belonging. We are meant to live in relationship with each other (1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 2:19).

2. God wants us to model His character. He wants every believer to grow to be like Jesus Christ. This is the biblical definition of spiritual maturity (1 Pet. 2:21). First Timothy 4:12 gives specific areas in which we are to model Christ's character. "...set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." Maturity is not measured by one's learning, but by one's lifestyle.

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3. God wants us to be ministers of His grace. He expects us to use the gifts, talents, and opportunities He gives us to benefit others. First Peter 4:10 says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." Every believer should be involved in ministry.

4. God wants us to be messengers of His love. Once we become a Christian we become God's messengers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, 19 "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." Remember, there are only two things we cannot do in heaven that we can do on earth: sin and witness to unbelievers.

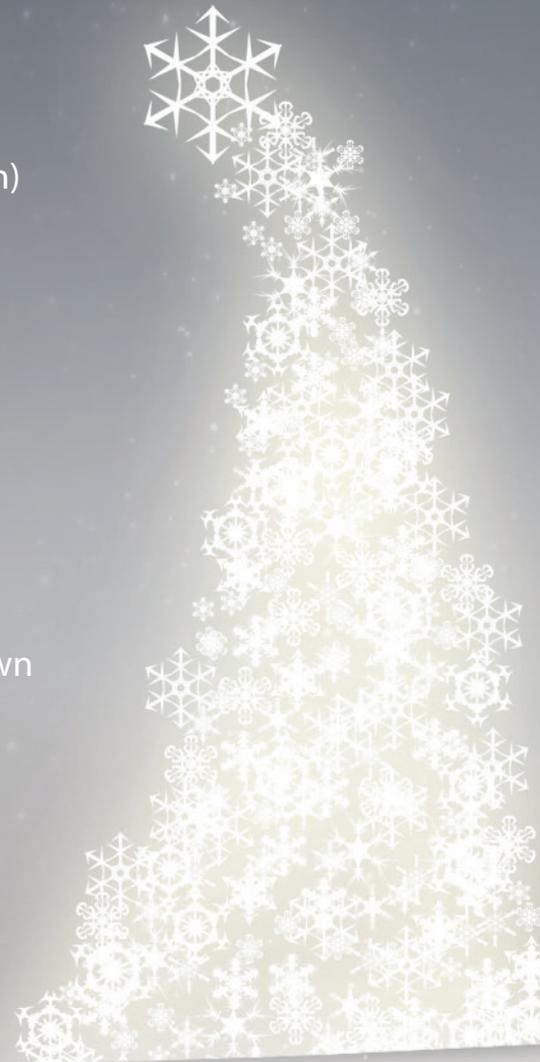
5. God wants us to magnify His name. Each of us has a personal responsibility to worship God. The Psalmist wrote, "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together." There is an inborn need in every human to worship. If we don't worship God we will find something else to worship. When we do this we sin against God.

I'm so thankful to be your pastor.

In His Service, and Yours,
Pastor Bob

Winter Schedule

- Dec 2 – Christmas Camp, YAMS Christmas Party
- Dec 4 – Children & Youth Choir Program
- Dec 9 – Adult 7/8 Christmas Party, Adult 6 Christmas Party
- Dec 10 – Sole-2-Soul, Adult 5 Christmas Party
- Dec 12 – Library Christmas Party
- Dec 13 – CASA Christmas Program @ FBC Abq
- Dec 16 – Singles Christmas Party, 12 Hours of Christmas (Youth)
- Dec 17 – Adult 4 Christmas Party
- Dec 18 – Adult Christmas Program
- Dec 21 – Church Office Open House
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Services
- Dec 25 – Worship Service @ 10am
- Jan 27/28 – Deacon's Retreat
- Jan 29/30 – Hispanic Evangelism Conference
- Jan 30/31/Feb 1 – State Evangelism Conference @ Hoffmantown
- Feb 5 – Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb 10/11 – Melodrama
- Feb 12 – 1st Steps Class
- Feb 17/18 – Melodrama



Christmas Programs

Christmas is a wonderful time to experience beautiful music and so much of that music reminds us of the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There are several special opportunities in December, at Del Norte Baptist Church, for you to attend worship services where the music is totally centered around the celebration of Christ's birth.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 4, our children's and youth ministries will present their Christmas program. Our preschool, lower elementary, and upper elementary choirs, along with our Youth choir will provide the entire morning services. The services will be at 8:30 and 11 AM and will be identical in content. Please come a little early as we expect to pack out the Conference Center at both times for this great presentation.

Two weeks later, on Sunday morning, Dec. 18, the Adult Choir will present a Christmas Musical offering entitled "The First Noel: Born is the King" at both 8:30 and 11 AM. This musical will take up about ½ of the hour and will be followed by a wonderful message from our pastor.

Because our renovation in the Worship Center will not quite be complete we will have two Christmas Eve Services in the Conference Center. So, you will be able to choose one of two times, 4 and 5:30 PM, on Christmas Eve to attend a special time of worship. It will include awesome music and speaking about the night that Christ was born.

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year and we will have only one activity at the church that day. We will have one worship service at 10 AM. This service will be different than the Christmas Eve service.

We hope you will make plans now to be at all our worship services in December and that you will bring your family and friends with you.

We have a goal for our services in December: In each service we want God to be worshiped by all people who attend: those who know Him well, those who are not as close as they once were, and those who do not know Him.

Pray with us that our goal will be met, to His glory.

Children's Ministry

December is such an exciting month!

God loves us so much He sent His precious Son to earth just for us!

In turn we are blessed to be able to show this love to others.

And during this season we have two awesome opportunities to do just that.

Friday December 2nd is Children's Christmas Camp.

Children from birth up through 6th grade are invited to come from 6-9 for food, fun, crafts, games and the "real" Christmas story.

This is such an outstanding way to begin the Christmas season.

The camp is free and is open to all children in the area.

Last year there were close to a hundred children that came.

So please invite those that you know and consider coming to work on that night.

Saturday December 10th is our first Sole-2-Soul event.

We are working with Payless Shoes to purchase at least 100 pairs of shoes to give to children in our neighborhood.

The dining hall will be decorated and we will be serving snacks and getting to know the families as they come by to pick out shoes.

There are several ways that you can be a part of this event, from giving toward the purchase of shoes, to helping decorate, to being there to welcome families as they come in to our church.

We think this could become a great annual thing that we do for our community.

To find out more about either of these events or to sign-up to help with them, or about any of our children's ministry activities,

Please talk to our Children's Pastor – Lillian Moon



small groups

by Richelle Gilsdorf

In early August, the Student Leadership Team (SLT)—a group of six high school and college students at our church that meet with Andy to plan activities for the youth—met to discuss, among other things, a need for change in our current model of Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Traditionally, the youth class would cover a certain passage of scripture and then discuss it; the new idea involved taking that scripture and applying it on a much more personal level, and in a format outside of the Sunday-morning routine. As a group, we agreed that the unity and fellowship we experience in the youth was something too special and important to be confined to Saturdays at SNL or Sundays in Bible study or Mosaic. What good is the “life together” if it’s a life only possible on the weekends?

Thus, Small Groups was born. This new time of fellowship and Bible study takes place on Wednesday nights from 6:30 until whenever the individual groups feel like they’re finished. Led by Andy and various students of the Student Leadership Team, we discuss a passage of scripture (currently, the book of Philippians) which Andy gives a message about during the Bible Study Hour on the Sunday morning preceding the Wednesdays that we meet. During Small Groups, we explore how what we read about in scripture applies to our lives, or how we should apply it. Since these groups are “small” (hence the name) and much more personal than the large group of youth on Sunday mornings, it gives students a chance to really talk about the struggles, experiences, and triumphs of their own lives, and connects those in the group on a much deeper level of support and fellowship. We make memories, encourage each other, look to scripture for support, and above all else, we pray. Though we consider this semester to be a time of experimentation in regards to Small Groups, the meetings are, thus far, a success.

One clear benefit of Small Groups, aside from the personal level of interaction, is the honesty that emerges. So much of the time, we as church members meet with our “church friends” and talk about “church things” and try, as hard as we possibly can, to hide our faults. Despite that we worship a Savior who died to free us from our “slavery to sin”, as Paul says in Romans 6:20, we still struggle as Christians to be honest about our day-to-day temptations, failures,

and short-comings, as if admitting to these will somehow suggest that we’re not fully committed to following Christ. We get so wrapped up in obeying the rules, playing the part even when it doesn’t feel honest, and saving face, so to speak, that we create the illusion of being “fine”. Small Groups allows students, who are under so many social, family, and academic pressures almost every day, to bring their struggles out into the open with friends and fellow Christians with whom they feel comfortable. Once the struggles are out in the open, they can be addressed, and most importantly, prayed for.

I’ve mentioned prayer twice now, and for a very specific reason. Having been in the youth almost all of high school, I know how scary and strange it feels to pray in front of other people, even your peers. Last spring, Andy led a class in Mosaic called Prayer Group, in which various students met only to pray for each other, for our upcoming mission trip, and for our church. At first, I sounded awkward and hesitant, searching for the pretty words without making it obvious that I was. By the end of it, I’d pretty much overcome my fear of praying in front of other youth, realizing that it wasn’t for them—it was for God.

We’ve carried the idea of Prayer Group over into Small Groups, and we spend a good portion of each meeting just giving prayer requests and then praying for each other. The honesty aspect has come into play here as well, at least for my group; the very first meeting, the girls admitted to each other that “we really don’t know how to pray.” We started from there, and we’re still learning.

In the end, Small Groups is continuing ideas of *koinonia* and the “life together”. Andy, in a weekly letter he sends to the leaders of Small Groups, stated, “When you look it [*koinonia*] up, you’ll see words like fellowship, participation, sharing, and contribution. It is that word that is at the heart of the idea of the Life Together, and it is that idea that is behind why we do these small groups.”

To sum it all up, we’re growing—as a group of students and as young members of this body of Christ, we’re learning how to live as family; to love, encourage, and aid each other through our individual walks with Jesus. He’s doing amazing things, and we’re excited for the future.

Missions

At a recent Missions Team meeting, some members of the staff were invited to come in and discuss both the current mission work and future direction of the mission activity of Del Norte Baptist Church. To give everyone a better understanding of Del Norte's involvement in local and state wide missions we listed the following activities that members of Del Norte are currently involved in:

- Albuquerque Rescue Mission - Adult 6 is taking the lead in helping Albuquerque Rescue Mission feed the homeless.
- Mission VBS to Candy Kitchen a culturally isolated region of the Navajo reservation.
- Youth mission trips to Eagle Nest to help with VBS and other projects
- Joy Junction - Adult 2 has helped out with activities at Joy Junction
- School Supplies and Back Packs to students at Governor Bent Elementary and recently to McKinley Mid School
- Sole to Soul - A shoe ministry at Christmas
- English as a second language (ESL)
- Helping Hands which offers handyman services to people outside the church
- Baptist Builders
- Baptist Disaster Relief
- Campers on Mission
- Hispanic Church work
- Melodrama – an outreach to the community and profits are given to charities and to Del Norte's international mission efforts
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Christmas Camp
- Del Norte's building is made available to the community
- Diaper Drive
- Bags of Hope
- Manna – Youth activity of preparing and giving sandwiches to the homeless
- Children's Mission Organizations: Mission Friends, CIA, GA's
- Vacation Bible School



Activities that members of Del Norte have been recently involved in national or international mission efforts are:

- Medical mission trips to Nicaragua and Peru
- Disaster relief on a national level
- International disaster relief
- Mission trip to Romania
- Mission trip to Panama
- Three annual Mission Offerings given for missionaries and mission efforts – the Harry P Stagg State Missions Offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for IMB, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for NAMB
- World Hunger Offering
- A percentage of the general offering goes to the Cooperative Program that supports Southern Baptist missionaries.

It was discussed how to help all the members of Del Norte understand the extent to which we are involved with missions. The Missions Team wants to extend opportunities to everyone to become involved in a mission effort. One of the ideas was to have a Mission/Ministry Fair. It was decided that the fair should take place in the newly renovated auditorium. So we are planning the fair during 2012, possibly around the time that all of our activities are restarting in the fall. The fair will showcase the mission and ministry activities at Del Norte and give people a chance to sign up to work in those efforts.

The mission team was also tasked with the development of a church wide strategy for missions at Del Norte. The hope is that not only would all of our members be involved in missions, but that we as a church would exhibit a missional lifestyle, and that missions would simply be a part of who we are, and not just something that we do. If you have an interest in getting involved in missions, please prayerfully consider some of the activities listed here and also plan on attending the Mission/Ministry fair and signing up in one of the many activities.



Little House *on the* Dairy

or

No Sense Crying Over
Spilt Milk Because All
Those Tears will Make it
Look Like Skim

From the creative team that brought you “The Pinky Finger Murders” comes another absorbing tale filled with action, suspense, and corney jokes.



written and directed by Kevin Wanrer

February is fast approaching and with it comes the time for our annual Dinner Theater Melodrama. This will be the 9th year in a row we have produced the show as a means of inviting your friends and neighbors to an evening of entertainment.

The ticket price will remain the same they have been for the past three years: \$15.00.

The production this year is entitled “Little House on the Dairy” or “No Sense Crying Over Spilt Milk Because All Those Tears will Make it Look Like Skim.”

Charles and Caroline Jingles are trying to eke out a living at their dairy on the eastern plains of New Mexico. Their situation is challenged by the evil rancher, Baron Landry, who has his eye on the Jingles’ land and water well. A new territorial Marshall has been sent to keep the peace and restore law and order to the town of Pecan Grove. But soon a notorious gunfighter arrives in town. Danger, intrigue and loads of laughs are in store for the audience members.

Our cast has been practicing since October and they are raring to get on stage to bring a smile to your face.

Mark Your Calendars Showing on:

**February
10th**

**February
11th**

**February
17th**

**February
18th**

Tickets go on sale Sunday, January 1st, 2012 after the Worship Services.



It has now been several months since the remodel of the auditorium and construction of a new entryway began, and as you can see from the photos, it is progressing quite well. It is still expected to be completed sometime in early 2012. Be sure to watch the worship announcements for more updated photos of the progress.





Old Fogey

by George Norwood

Old fogey, set in my ways, hardheaded (very, as my family can attest to). These are adjectives that describe me and I must admit, I am not too proud of them. Several years ago, I decided that I did not like contemporary music in our worship service. I just made up my mind that I could/would not worship in that manner. Well, my attitude changed considerably several months ago during the Youth Sunday worship service. Admittedly I had grandchildren participating but I had made up my mind that I would at least “try” to enjoy it.

After the service started, the guitars, drums, the singing, etc., began, I silently wept. Before me were several youth of our church worshipping our Lord. They could have missed the service that morning for so many reasons; but they were there worshipping. At that moment, I had to ask myself, who was I to judge their hearts in the manner of worship that they preferred? Who am I to judge any Believers heart when and how they worship? I must accept the manner of worship as long as God is Glorified. Henceforth, I will.

We should be so proud of our youth. During the summer months they go to various city parks, set up their music machines, and sing praises to Him. They are not ashamed to do that, not knowing

what, if any, reception they will receive by those in the neighborhood or park. They go to worship Him. Some in the church may not know that the youth on one Friday night a month, prepare a small sack lunch and take them to distribute to the homeless down town. First St. and Central is not a desirable location, but that is where they go. If one of the recipients wants to talk, the youth talk to them. If they want to pray, the youth pray with and for them. How many adults do that? I don't. The youth are involved frequently in making Bags of Hope for members of the church to purchase and then we can pass them out to those homeless standing on the corner at various intersections. In most cases, those people are appreciative. Also, the youth are responsible for the idea and subsequent publication of Koinonia.

I have been outspoken many times in support of our youth. We need to continuously pray for them and support them. The very future of our church depends on it.

I must admit, I still like the old hymns. Their message was significant in me coming to know the Savior. However, the newer music I am sure is responsible for many of our young coming to know the Savior. What can be wrong with that?

Missing Members

by Bill Bayes

Where were you on the night of November 6, 2011? Sounds like an intergration doesn't it? Not at all, just a plea. A small number of us were at the business meeting to discuss the proposed budget for 2012. While it was probably the most important business meeting of the year, we almost lacked enough members to have an official meeting. Next year's budgets includes some significant cuts, and people asked questions about why there was a lack of interest in giving to provide the ministries and keeping Del Norte Baptist solvent. We could not answer those questions. However, we could clearly see this same lack of interest represented by the attendance of the meeting itself. Business meetings

are not usually real exciting, but important decisions are made for all of us by a very small group. I would encourage all members to make a stronger effort to be involved in the business of Del Norte Baptist. I feel that as we reach for the fulfillment of our commitment as Christians, we will be more compelled to give of both our time and our monetary resources.

Thank you,
Bill Bayes

Bread Ministry

Our mission is to greet visitors and welcome them to Del Norte by giving them a bag containing information about our church and a loaf of homemade bread. We have had a huge variety of breads from traditional to pumpkin, zucchini, chocolate chip, apple, and cranberry. The type of bread is entirely up to the baker. Each baker is assigned a Sunday and they prepare three to four loaves of bread. We have a team of eighteen bakers, but are in need of several more. If you are interested in this ministry, you can call the church office at 881-9711 or call Kristi Hickman at 299-8073.

Del Norte is thankful for each baker and their service and gifts to this ministry.

Angel Rolls

1 pkg. dry yeast	1¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup warm water	1/3 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. sugar	1 cup scalded milk
2 egg whites	3½ cups flour, divided
¼ shortening	

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add 1 Tbsp. sugar and shortening to hot milk. Add yeast and 2 cups flour; blend well. Set aside for 30 minutes. Beat egg whites until light and fluffy. Add to other mixture. Add rest of the flour that has been sifted with salt and 1/3 cup sugar. Let stand 1½ hours. Knead and make rolls. Let rise 30 minutes. Bake at 400 degrees until browned. Remove from oven. Grease tops of rolls with butter.

Montaree Glazener

Fry Bread

4 cups flour
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1½ cups warm water
2½ Tbsp. shortening

Mix first 4 ingredients. Work shortening in and add water. Mix well. Make dough balls and rub a small bit of oil over the dough. Let stand, covered with plastic wrap for 20 minutes. Roll out and deep fry in hot oil.

Sonja Nelson

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Spanish Service - 11:00am, Sunday

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in Christ and reach others for Christ