

# 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.

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# A Word From The Pastor

As we enjoy our newly remodeled Worship Center, this is a good time to remember why we are here. You might call these “Foundations for a Healthy Church.”

## 1. Understand that the Church belongs to Christ.

*Matthew 16:18(NKJV) ... on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

Our church, and every Christian church, is here for one reason—Jesus Christ. Del Norte Baptist is His. Our purpose is to be Jesus Christ to our community and world.

## 2. Be united in purpose.

*1 Corinthians 1:10(NKJV) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

The key to harmony in our church is for us to be united in purpose—all of us working together through our varied ministries to share the love, ministry, and salvation of Christ with our community and world.

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## 3. Major on the majors.

*Philippians 3:13(NKJV) ...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.*

The more focused we become the more impact we will have. To be effective we must concentrate on our purpose and not wear ourselves out by trying to do too much.

## 4. Clarify our purpose to all new members.

*Ezra 10:4(NKJV) Arise, for this matter is your responsibility. We also are with you. Be of good courage, and do it.”*

Explaining who we are and what is our purpose to every person who wants to join our congregation will help ensure their understanding and cooperation when they join.

## 5. Continually evaluate.

*2 Corinthians 13:5(NKJV) Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.*

We must always ask, “Are we doing what God intends for us to do?” Next we must ask, “How well are we doing?” The only way these questions can be answered is by understanding what our purpose is.

In His Service, and Yours,  
Pastor Bob

# Upcoming Events

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April 8 – Easter Services and Praize & Graze

April 14 – Young Lives Ablaze

April 25 – Church Bible Drill

April 29 – Missions Recognition Service

May 4/5 – State Bible Drill

May 6 – Young at Heart Choir in Concert

May 13 – Children's Choir Program

May 19 – O.M.I. (Only Men Invited)

May 27 – Youth Sunday & Church Picnic

June 11-15 – Vacation Bible School





## MUSIC AND WORSHIP AT DEL NORTE

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We are so excited to be back in our newly remodeled Worship Center.

For all practical purposes the room is brand new. The walls, stage, entrances, doors, sound system, lighting system, carpet are all new. We have one of the most attractive worship spaces in New Mexico.

Our first services in the new room were held Sunday, February 5, 2012. the following groups have already led us in worship in the new space: The Celebration Choir and Orchestra, our Youth Mosaic Choir and Bailamos Dancers, King's Kids choir and bucket group (4th-6th grade), Sonshine Music Makers (1st-3rd grade), and Las Campanillas (handbells).

We also were proud to have a professional Christian Ballet Company present a ballet based on the story of Corrie Ten Boom's "The Hiding Place." The platform was large enough for the entire troupe to be on stage at the same time. The feedback from the audience has been so positive and exciting and we look forward to many other groups who will use our new facility to share the message of Christ.

## FUTURE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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You will not want to miss our Easter Sunday morning worship services. Our Celebration Choir and Orchestra will present a 60 minute Easter musical entitled "Eyes of Faith: Seeing and Believing the Messiah" during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship times on April 8. This would be a great opportunity to bring your "unchurched" friends and neighbors to church with you. So put Easter Sunday, April 8 on your calendar and begin inviting people now.

Our Children's Choirs; Joyful Musicians, Sonshine Music Makers, and King's Kids, will present a fabulous "End of the Year" musical presentation on Sunday, May 13 at 6:30 pm.

The Young at Heart Choir will be singing a concert for us as well, on May 6th, so join us for that as well. Our great Youth group will lead worship on Sunday morning, May 27. This service will include an opportunity to acknowledge and pray for our graduating seniors.



What do Peru, Iraq, London, cooking, football and Goldfish crackers all have in common? Missions programs for 3 year olds to 6th grade!!!! Every Sunday afternoon from 4-5 pm boys and girls learn how we can share God's love with the whole world. We "travel" around the world learning about the missionaries that serve, children that live in those countries and food and games they play. Occasionally missionaries from our own church come and share their experiences with the kids. This makes those far-away place become real to the children. What a wonderful way to put hands and feet to what they are learning during Sunday School. If your child is 3 years old to 6th grade, we would be blessed to have them join us.

Mission Friends is for boys and girls 3 years old-kindergarten  
CIA is for boys 1st-6th grade  
GA's is for girls 1st - 6th grade



The Deacons of Del Norte Baptist Church are here to assist the Pastor and staff in serving the church body. They act as servant leaders within the congregation. They make hospital visits, check-up on some of home-bound members, and lead out in many areas of our church. Here are your deacons for 2012.



Wade Peck



Stu Gorelick



Steve Medley



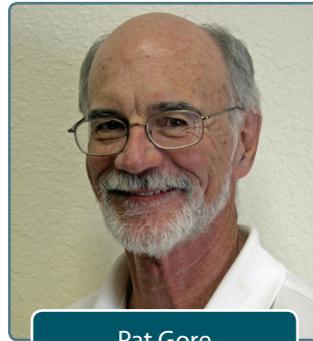
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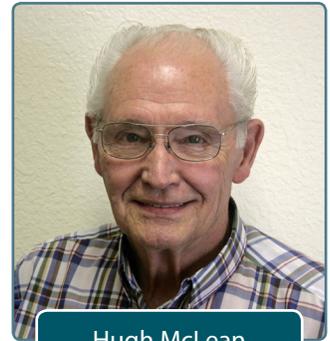
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Pat Gore



Hugh McLean



Henry Acton



Charlie Key



Adam Bergstrasser



Bertha Solomon



Grace Bruce



Gladys Davidson



Lewis Williams

Have you ever wondered who gets your Sunday School records ready for you to fill out, or who goes over them after you have filled them out? Have you ever thought about how all that stuff gets packed into your bulletin every week, or how you can almost always find a sharp pencil in the chair back in front of you? These are just a few of the things that our office volunteers help out with. They spend about half a day in the office, answering phones, helping out with different things like those mentioned above, and having some fun with our staff. So the next time you pull that pencil out to fill in your sermon outline, remember our office volunteers, and thank them for the way they serve our church family. Our current office volunteers are pictured above, and if you'd like to join in this ministry, please give the office a call sometime.

# O M I

(Only Men Invited)

O.M.I. 2012 will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 and will start around 5:00 p.m..

We are pleased to be hosting Lloyd McPeters as our speaker. Mr. McPeters was a referee for the National Football League from 1993-2000. This is always a great night of fun, food and fellowship for the men and boys of our church. Watch the church bulletin for more details as we get closer to the event date.





Amazing Wonders Aviation  
Vacation Bible School  
June 11th-15th

When you were a kid, did you ever discover an old trunk or box filled with memorabilia from another era? Did your imagination start to soar? What if that box was filled with an old bomber jacket, a pilot cap and goggles, old flight logs, photos of the inside of a 1930's airplane cockpit, and a journal filled with exciting stories and amazing facts? Maybe the pilot flew all over the world and was able to visit some of the most spectacular natural wonders. Then, it hits you! Those natural wonders are just as breathtaking and amazing today as they were generations ago....and so it the One who created them.

"Amazing Wonders Aviation" (VBS 2012) begins at a vintage aviation airstrip. Kids will take off each day from the Worship Rally Hangar and fly to some of the world's greatest natural wonders as the encounter an awesome God and His amazing power.

The first step each day will be bible Study at Victoria Falls. This giant wall of water in Africa is also known as "The Smoke That Thunders". In the awe-inspiring setting, kids will explore the Bible and discover more about our Awesome God and His amazing power over nature, circumstances, sin, death, and life itself!

The journey continues as kids travel to learn about Mission Under the Northern Lights, create Crafts at the Great Barrier Reef, move to Music at the Matterhorn, explore fun Recreation at the Grand Canyon, and stop for a few Snacks at the Paricutin Volcano,

Be sure to get your reservation for this exciting journey, June 11-15. Online registration opens April 1st, and worker sign-ups are already well under way. If you have any questions or would like to help out with VBS talk to Lillian Moon, our Children's Pastor.

# 12 Hours of Christmas

By Richelle Gilsdorf

On the night of Friday, December 16th, the streets of Albuquerque weren't as quiet—or empty—as you would expect between the hours of ten and seven a.m. From a caravan of five cars came the tinkling of Christmas music and insane laughter, occasionally accompanied by one or two snores. As this mini-parade of vehicles traversed Albuquerque throughout the night, various shopping centers caught strange footage on their parking lot cameras: approximately twenty-five teenagers and adults emerging from these five cars to gather in a circle (or asymmetrical blob, as it were), join hands, and close their eyes. Someone would speak, and then, fast as their shivering, highly-caffeinated, sugar-pumped bodies could move, they'd all dash back to their cars and steal off into the night, the only trace of their presence the three minutes of haunting parking lot footage.

Sounds kind of creepy, right?

Well, what if I told you those kids and adults were members of our church youth group? That the circle and joined hands were the outward signs of love, and that instead of some illegal, late-night cult activity, you were witnessing a city-wide marathon of prayer? And what if I told you that this was the first night of these kids' winter break, that there were probably Christmas parties and get-togethers they skipped to come spend time with Jesus and pray for their schools, pastors, and even complete strangers all night long?

Impressed? Curious? Confused?

Welcome to this year's 12 Hours of Christmas Party with our youth here at Del Norte Baptist. Though this highly-anticipated, annual Christmas party is often full of hours of worship, broomball, games, and more sugary, high-calorie snacks than you can count, this year we decided to change things up, due to both the ongoing construction and our growing emphasis on rekindling prayer in our Christian walk. Acts 1:14 (NIV) mentions how the first disciples were "all joined together constantly in prayer," and the entire book of Acts shows numerous incidents in which the disciples merely gathered in fellowship to pray. It seems only appropriate that we, as modern disciples of Christ, do the same, be it holiday-time or not.

This year, we started the 12 Hours off with Manna, one of our favorite youth activities in which we make peanut butter

and jelly sandwiches and then walk around downtown handing them out to the homeless. This was followed by prayer at UNM, the Baptist Student Union (BSU), Highland High School, Uptown Shopping Center, and the Winrock and Coronado Malls. At each location, we would gather in some semblance of a circle, and one student or adult would pray for the people who come through those areas every day. We prayed that they would come to know the redeeming love of Jesus Christ, and that God would use us to spread this love to them. We drove to the schools of each student in the youth group, and prayed that they would have the courage, strength, and determination to be like "moons" in their schools, reflecting the light of God's love. Throughout the night, we also visited the houses of our pastors and leaders, huddling in the middle of the street for warmth like penguins, and whispering our prayers so as not to wake the neighbors.

We also spent time in our Conference center worshipping, and then later, playing ping-pong at the church. We had an amazing time, growing closer to and making memories with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Whether on the west side, the heights, or downtown, we were joined in prayer for this city within which God has specifically chosen to place us.

To me, one of the most remarkable parts of this experience was the idea that we were awake and actively seeking God while the rest of the city (or the majority of it, anyway) was fast asleep. It was incredible, and such a comfort to think that even while we sleep, God is working in the world—that He never sleeps, and never needs to. It seemed so personal to be with God in the silence of the night, knowing that He was standing there between us in every parking lot, in each car—that He was laughing when we laughed, listening attentively as we prayed, and basking in His own awesome glory as we sang to Him. And all the while He was tweaking each of our hearts, reminding us of why we need Him more than any gift. More importantly, He was convicting us that this world—our city—needs us to do our jobs as Christians, and share His love each and every waking hour, even if that hour comes at 3 a.m. In the end, it's the only thing that matters.

And besides, what better gift could we have hoped to give or get on Christmas?



# Elephant Stew

- 1 large elephant
- Brown gravy to taste
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 2 rabbits, optional

Cut the elephant in bite-sized pieces, this could take a while. Place in a huge pan and cover with brown gravy. Salt and pepper the stew pieces. Cook over a kerosene fire for about four weeks at 465 degrees. Makes 3800 servings. If more guests are expected, two rabbits may be added. Do so only if necessary, however, as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

# Stuffed Camel

- 1 whole medium-size camel
- 1 whole large-size lamb
- 20 whole medium-size chickens
- 12 kilos rice
- 1 cup palm oil
- 2 kilos pine nuts
- 60 hard boiled eggs, peeled
- 1 kilo pistachio nuts with shells
- 110 gallons of water
- 5 lbs black pepper
- Salt to taste

Preheat large broiler or gas flare. Skin, trim, and clean camel, lamb, chickens and boil until tender. Cook rice until fluffy according to package directions. In a large skillet, heat palm oil, add nuts, and sauté until browned. In a huge bowl, mix  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the pine nuts with rice, reserving the rest to be used for garnish. Stuff the chickens with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the eggs and the rice mixture. The remaining eggs will be used for garnish. Stuff the lamb with five of the chickens and some rice. Stuff the camel with the lamb and some more rice. Broil in a large oven or near the gas flare until brown. Spread the remaining rice on a very large tray and place the camel on top. Place the rest of the chickens around the camel. Garnish the rice with boiled eggs, almonds and pistachios. Season with salt and pepper. This recipe serves a friendly crowd of 80 to 100.

Holly Lindsey

You can find these and plenty of “real” recipes in our church cook book. They are available in the office or in the East Foyer during the months of March and April for a cost of \$5. The money raised will go toward sending our kids to camp.







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Youth Service - 6:00 pm, Saturday

Traditional Service - 8:30 am, Sunday

Contemporary Service - 11:00am, Sunday

Spanish Service - 11:00am, Sunday

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