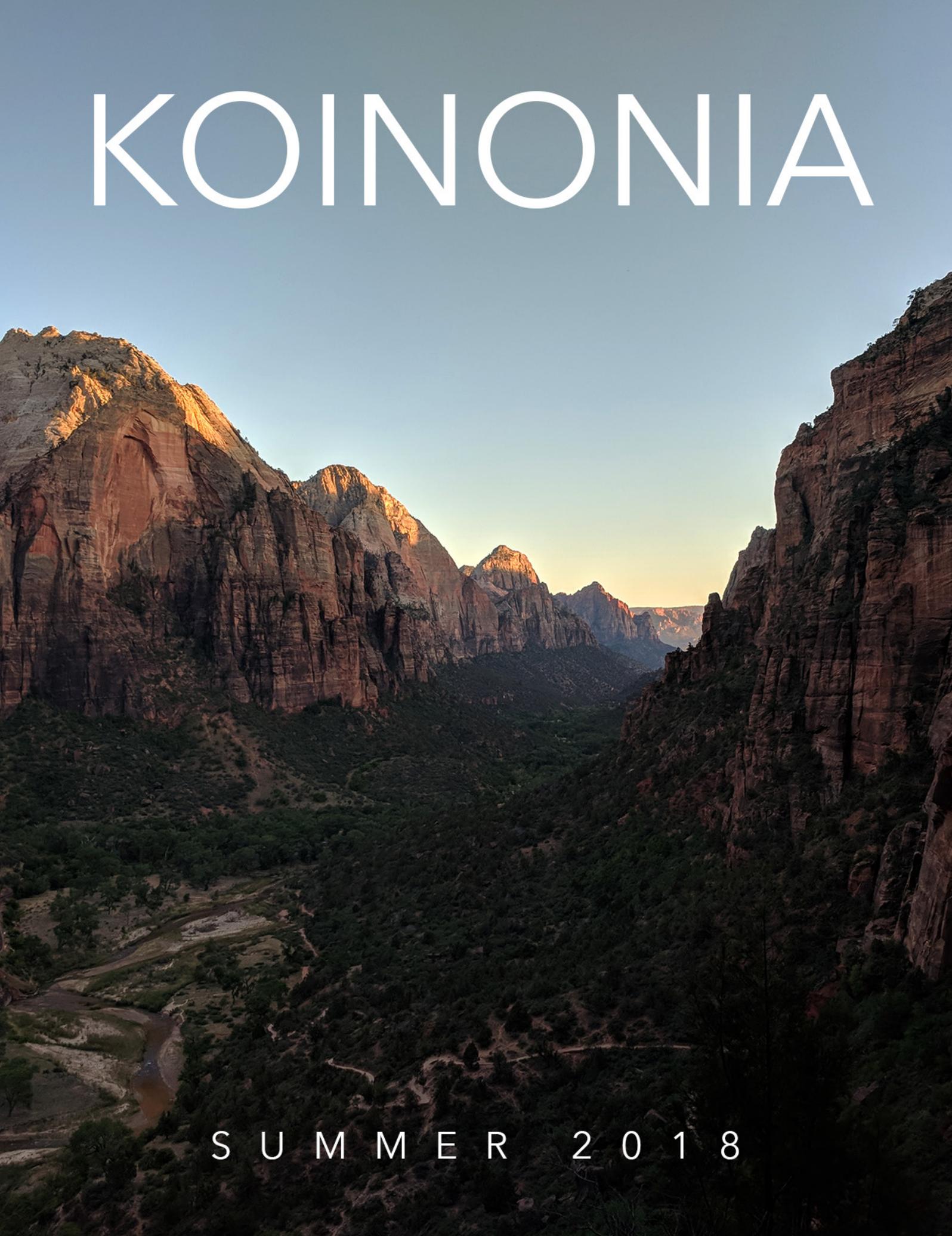


# KOINONIA



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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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# UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18-22	Youth Mission Fuge Camp
June 22	SAM Game Night
June 25-29	Vacation Bible School
July 4th	Church office closed
July 11	Cooking Class
July 12	SAM Game Day
July 16-19	Youth Operation Oasis: Joy Junction
July 18	Cooking Class
July 22	Concert: Young at Heart
July 23-27	Children's Music Camp
July 25	Cooking Class
July 27	SAM Game Night
July 29	Youth Social on Sunday
August 1	Cooking Class
August 8	Messy Game Night for Youth and New Youth
August 19	Concert: Del Norte Baptist Celebration Orchestra
August 31	SAM Game Night



## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

WOW, Summer 2018 is here and what a summer we have planned! We have so much going on all over our community. I do hope and pray that you will consider being a part of all that is taking place. Our big GOAL is to impact the lives of families right next to us in our own backyard.

We are reaching out to hearts and souls like never before. We are having community party events, prayer walking, cooking lessons, VBS, working with homeless shelters, movie days, park witnessing and worship, day hikes, numerous camps, and way too much to mention in this brief article. Please take the time to read through our magazine and see where the Lord would have you to serve.

We also need some more volunteers for our new Security Ministry. We need about 8-10 more volunteers to step up and invest in the safety and security of our church family. Our hope is that you would only have to serve 4 times a year, once a quarter. If you are over 18 and out of high school, please contact me if you are interested.

I love ya lots DNBC, and thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Pastor Brad



## A WORD FROM KEVIN

Grab Another Gear...because...Summer is Here

There was a time when I considered the Summer as a time to slow down as the church schedule changed, but as I look at the Summer of 2018 that is NOT the case. We are picking up speed as we pour our efforts into O.A.S.I.S. in the Desert. Those initials stand for:

### **Outreach Assistance (and) Service In (the) Summer**

This summer our church will offer unique opportunities to do Mission Projects in our own neighborhood and community. It is not too late to sign up and be a part. Take time to read the articles by Adam Nash & Lillian Moon in this Koinonia issue, there will be details of what is being planned.

Bible Study / Sunday School Classes use these opportunities to invite the people we minister to and meet to join you in your Bible study class. We must be about reaching our city for Jesus.

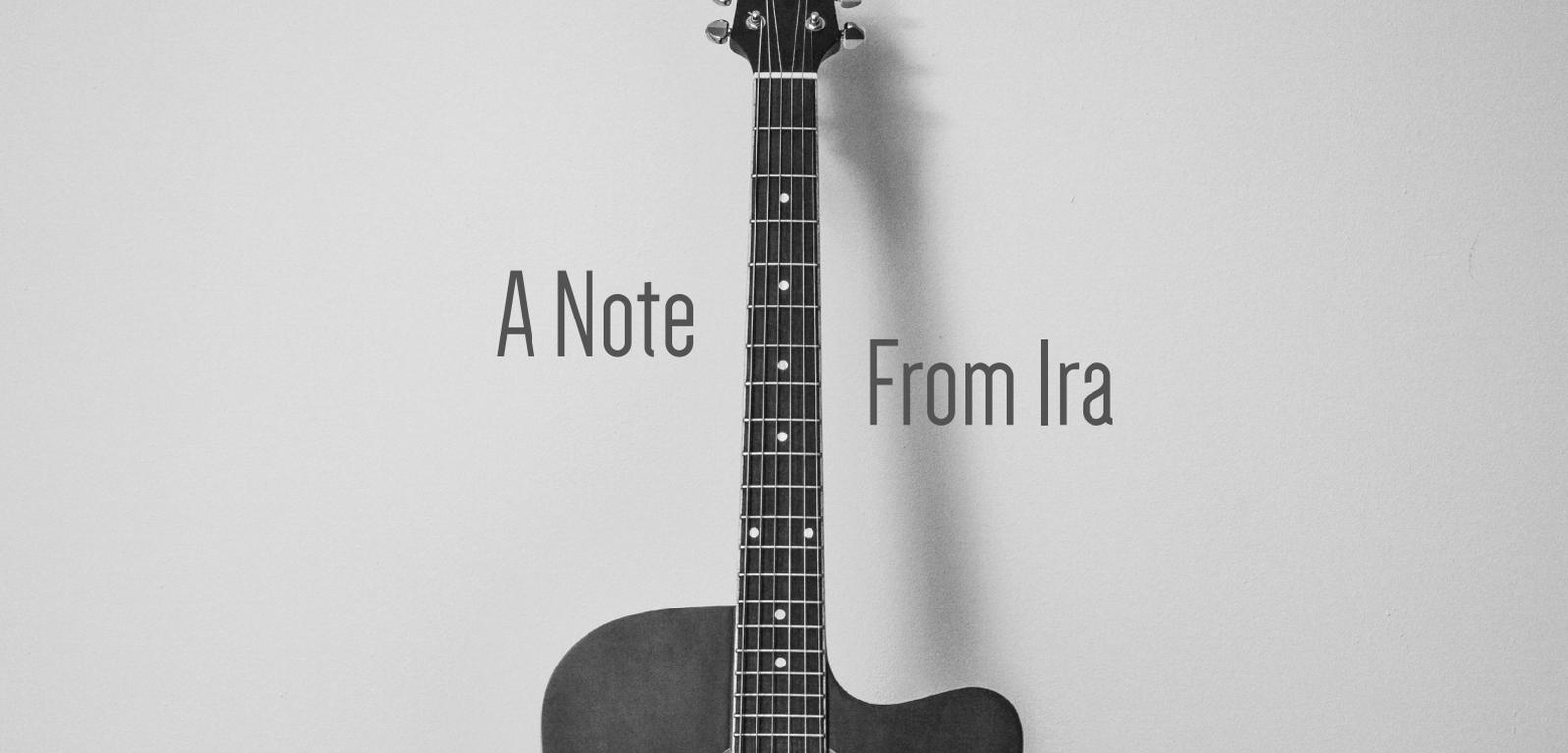
There will also be more opportunities to hang flyers on apartment doors to invite children to our Vacation Bible School. Be watching the Sunday bulletins and listen for announcements for the dates of these events.

Kevin Warner

## **AN UPDATE FROM ROY**

I can't believe it's almost summer already! This year is moving so fast. The Hispanic Ministry moves forward in unity and strength looking for opportunities to reach the Spanish speaking communities. The Bible says "the harvest is plenty but the workers are few". This is where the Hispanic ministry is focused right now, getting its members ready and sending them out to gather the harvest. I would really appreciate all your prayers as we engage in this evangelistic outreach! Looking forward to what God does through this!

To God be the Glory!  
Your servant,  
Roy Rosales



# A Note From Ira

I am so happy and blessed to continue to serve as the Worship Pastor at Del Norte Baptist Church (Jennifer and I will celebrate 11 years in September). Thank you for loving me and my family as you do. If the Lord allows, I look forward to the next 14 plus years, as we serve our Lord and Savior together. FYI, in 2032 I'll turn 67, and I hope to celebrate 25 years on staff here. As always, please know that you can call on me whenever you need me and if I can, I'll be there for you. 2018 has already been a great year for the music and worship ministries at Del Norte Baptist Church. Some of the highlights include:

1. A fabulous presentation by our Children's Choirs on May 6th. The directors are Caryn Coppedge, Sonja Nelson and Jennifer Pinkston.
2. Our Student Worship Team, led by Joy Hocker, has been leading worship on Sunday afternoons and occasionally on Sunday mornings, including our Youth Sunday/Senior Recognition Sunday on May 27.
3. Our Celebration (Adult) Choir is faithful to lead worship at 8:30 each Sunday and presented a heart-touching musical on Palm Sunday, March 25th, in both morning services.
4. Our 11AM Worship Praise Team lead worship at the NM Baptist State Evangelism Conference in February.
5. This summer our Celebration Orchestra celebrates 10 years of praising the Lord together. We will celebrate with a concert in August.

## **This Fall**

The children's choirs and Celebration Choir will begin rehearsing in August, and I hope you will either join one of the groups or at least encourage others to join one the groups. As always, the orchestra is also open to anyone who has at least 3 years of band or orchestra experience. If you know someone who might be interested in playing with us, this summer would be the "best time ever" for them/you to join us.



## A WORD FROM ADAM

The youth group had a great Spring, closing out a series on the book of John (studied out of the “Life Books”) on Sunday nights and studies on hospitality and what God expects of us on Wednesday nights. Now we have a very busy Summer ahead of us! We have a ton of events planned, as well as our regular Wednesday night Torn Curtain meetings.

Our bigger events include XFuge on Mission Summer Camp in Glorieta June 18th - 22nd. We will spend the week learning about God during scheduled quiet times, Bible studies, preaching and group discussions. Then we take that knowledge and apply it in a real world mission setting, being the hands and feet of Jesus. We also have free time and tons of fun events thrown in there.

We have our local mission trip, Operation Oasis - Joy Junction, coming up July 16th - 19th. The actual mission project will run from 10:00am - 2:00pm every day. We will be helping Joy Junction, a local home-

less shelter, with a variety of projects. The main one being setting up a garden that the residents will later work to help supply their food. After we are finished at Joy Junction each day we will have a “fun” activity planned.

We will have events sporadically throughout the Summer on Sundays. These include a hike on June 10th after the mission luncheon, a movie day on July 8th after the 11:00 service, a trip to the zoo for on July 22nd, our typical 5th Sunday S.O.S on July 29th, and a Guys/Girls Night on August 5th. As I said before, we will have Torn Curtain every Wednesday except for June 20th (Camp), June 27th (VBS), and July 4th. For this event we meet on the East lawn of the church at 6:30 and walk to Montgomery Park on Comanche, where we have a short devotional and play ultimate frisbee, volleyball, or push ball. Parents can pick their youth up at 8:00 at the park. Additionally, the student ministry has a rafting trip planned for the college and career group (18 and older only) on July 21st.

I have had a lot of questions about when our upcoming youth (students who will be in 7th grade) are able to join us. We will have a big kick off event, our Mess-tival, for our Fall activities on August 8th and that is when they will officially be youth group members. Then our fall events will proceed as normal following this event. We do have some exciting changes to how our Sunday nights are run that will be announced towards the end of the Summer.

We are looking forward to a great Summer! You can find out more details about all of these events by following the youth group on Facebook (del norte youth+) and Instagram (@delnorteyouth). We post reminders about all events on these two platforms.

**Follow DNBC Youth on Social Media:**



# An Update From Lillian

## **We have an EXCITING Summer planned!!!**

**June 25th – 29th** – “Game On” – Vacation Bible School, 9:00-12:15

Join us at Game On! For a week of gearing up for the big game. Kids will begin each day at the Pep Rally. From the Pep Rally, kids will gather at the Field House where they will be equipped to dig deep into God’s Word. Kids will learn that God has given them everything they need through His divine power. Each day kids will make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks, sing cool songs, and learn about missions.

**Saturday, July 14th** – Trip to Tent Rocks. It is a National Monument located 40 miles southwest of Santa Fe, near the Cochiti Pueblo. It’s famous for its scenic cone shaped formations made by volcanic eruptions. The trail provides opportunities for hiking, birdwatching, geologic observation and plant identification. Bring comfortable shoes, sunscreen, hat, and a picnic lunch.

**Tuesday, July 17th** – Craft Day with our talented crafty ladies at the church. The “crafty ladies” have planned an outstanding project for everyone to create on that Tuesday. A fun way to stay cool and fellowship with others.

**Friday, August 10th** – Paint and Chocolate Night for families presented by a famous, local artist. One of our local artists will teach us how to paint a masterpiece while we munch on chocolate.

**Sunday, August 12th** – Children’s Ministries Kick-off- This will be our fall kick-off for all of our children’s ministries (missions, choirs, Sunday School, and TeamKID). Come learn about what is available; play some games, eat delicious goodies.

All the activities this Summer are open to our church members and those in our community. We are offering the activities both during the weekday, weekend, day time and evening. Attending one or all of them will make for a fun Summer for you and your children. The only cost will be for the Young Lives Ablaze Camp.

Enthusiastically Serving With You,  
Lillian Moon (Children’s Minister)

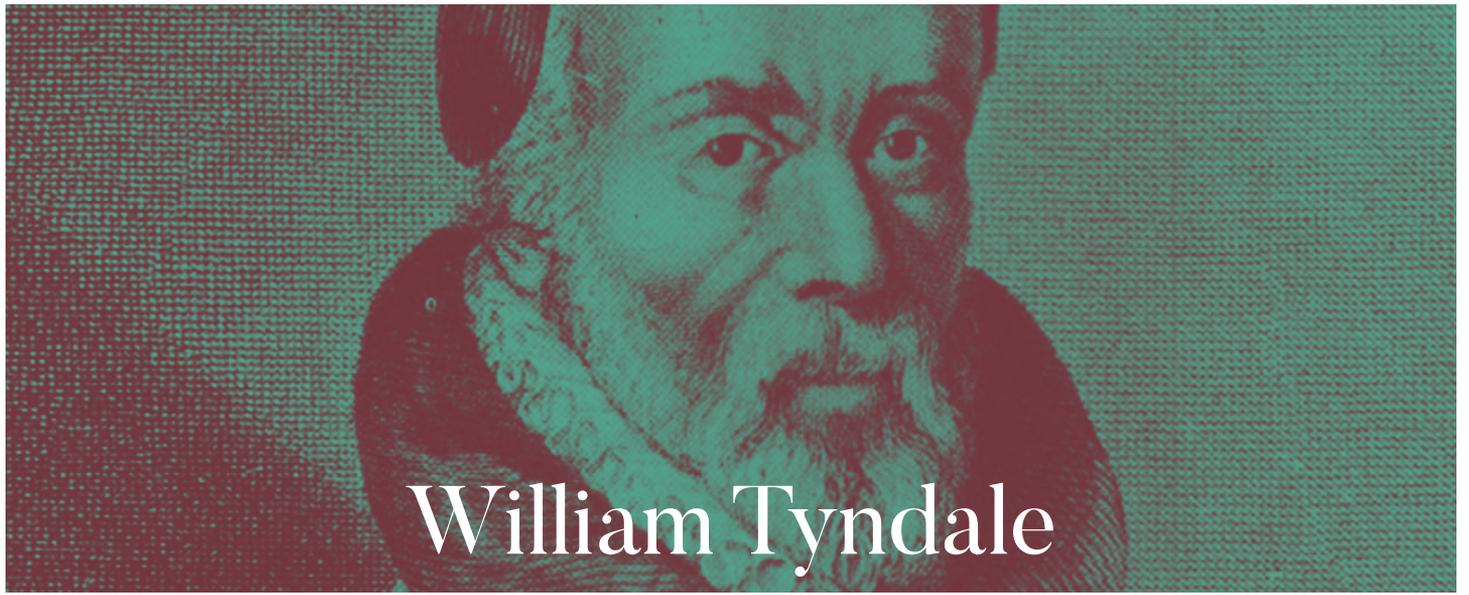


**VBS**

**JUNE 25th - 29th**

**9:00am - 12:15pm**

**Register online at [dnbc.org](http://dnbc.org)**



**W**illiam Tyndale was an English scholar and reformer who became a leading figure in the Protestant Reformation leading up to his execution for heresy by the Holy Roman Empire. Tyndale was heavily influenced by the works of Desiderius Erasmus (1466 - 1536), who made the Greek New Testament available in Europe, and Martin Luther (1483 - 1546) a seminal figure of Protestant Reformation. Although partial English translations of the New Testament were available, as well as, the officially denounced Wycliffe Bible, a Middle English translation of the Latin Vulgate, Tyndale is most well known for his translation of the Bible into English in direct opposition to the laws of the Roman Catholic Church and of England. Notably, Tyndale's translation was the first to translate a complete Old and New Testament drawn from original Hebrew and Greek texts.

While in hiding from the agents of both the church and England, using the then new technology of the printing press to widely disseminate his works, Tyndale authored many other

influential writings which included treatises denouncing unbiblical practices of the Catholic Church, extolling the principles of justification by faith and divinity of Jesus Christ, and vocally opposing Henry VIII's multiple marriage annulments. Tyndale was eventually arrested for heresy and condemned to death. It is recorded that his last prayer was for the King of England's eyes to be opened; this seemed to find its fulfillment just two years later with Henry VIII's authorization of the Great Bible for the Church of England, which was largely Tyndale's own work.

Tyndale's work and meticulous scholarship toward the formation of the English Bible cannot be understated. The famous King James translation written nearly 100 years later heavily draws upon Tyndale's work. Even modern translations including; the Revised Standard Version (RSV), the New American Standard Bible (NASB), and the English Standard Version (ESV) have drawn inspiration from Tyndale's writings.



## WORD OF THE ISSUE:

### Atonement

noun atone-ment \ ə- 'tōn-mənt \

1. reparation for an offense or injury : satisfaction - a story of sin and atonement - He wanted to find a way to make atonement for his sins.
2. the reconciliation of God and humankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ (coined by William Tyndale)



MINISTRY IN FOCUS:

# HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands is a vital ministry that has been a part of our church for over eleven years. It began with former church members, Dave Walton and Lynn Boynton, who lead the ministry for many years. When Dave moved, Ira Pinkston took over.

The ministry does exactly what it says. It brings together various able-bodied people in the church to help other people (mainly widows and single mothers) with tasks that they are not physically able to do and may not know who to trust when hiring someone to do it. The Bible clearly teaches us it is our responsibility to take care of the widow and those less able than us, and that is exactly what this ministry is here to do.

When asked about a highlight from the ministry, Ira said that getting to help Liz Boynton (Lynn Boynton's widow) definitely brought the ministry full circle for him. The ministry that Lynn helped start is now helping to take care of his wife in his absence. This may not have been the reason that Lynn saw this ministry as important enough to invest his time in, but we know it would make him extremely happy and proud. Additionally, Ira stated that while God gave us the spiritual gift of serving others, we are by far more blessed by the people we help than any blessing we could give them.

With all the highlights and joys of a ministry, also come difficulties. When asked about these, Ira said that administration of this ministry is definitely what makes it most difficult. It can be difficult to find out about the needs since people tend to not want to ask for help. However, it can also be very difficult to find enough volunteers to fulfill the needs. Additionally, there is all the communication between both parties.

In the future, Ira hopes to see so many people involved in Helping Hands that we can fulfill all the needs within our congregation and the surrounding neighborhood. Not only ministering to our own congregants, but reaching people for Christ through this ministry.

You can contact Ira Pinkston at the church if you would like more information about Helping Hands. He is always looking for more volunteers. If you have a need that this ministry could help with, you can contact Ira as well.

# Just Some Parting Thoughts

Richelle Gilsdorf



**I**n case you haven't heard yet, this June I will be moving to San Antonio, Texas to live closer to my boyfriend of over a year, Matt. The last few months have been a whirlwind of planning: resigning from my job, applying to a new one in a new state, writing and re-writing checklists of all I need to do and in what time and order (anyone who knows me well can imagine the number of lists I have going concurrently). All of this to say, this will be my last article for *Koinonia*, and after the last 13 or so years at Del Norte Baptist, I have a few last tidbits I wish to share with my church family before I leave.

**Humans are messy, and our walk with God can be, too.**

The walls of Del Norte silently watched me mature from adolescence into young adulthood, and oh!—the embarrassing secrets these walls could tell! I was precocious, academic, and anxious to boot about my future, what people thought of me, and most existentially, where I really

stood with God. I bounced between confidence and despair about the state of my salvation; I projected onto God the treatment I saw exchanged between the people around me. Where adults would not forgive each other, I believed God would one day draw a line in the sand and tell me “That’s it! No more! You clearly weren’t meant for heaven.”

But with the passing of years came the deeper comprehension of—if one ever truly can comprehend—grace. I learned over time to work harder at seeing myself the way that Scripture attests that God sees us: as the apple of his eye, the image-bearers, the ones he so destined for eternity with him that he willingly died for us to make it happen for those who would only choose to believe. And God taught me these impressions of himself through relationships with his children—the adults who took me under their wing to minister and mentor me, such as Andy and Joni Byers, Dave Phillips, Kristy Peck, Pat and Julia Gore, Carol Red, Lewis Williams, Amber Nash, and Aven Tirrel. The ways these people and so many others treated each other was a constant reminder that God is good, he is forgiving, and he is gracious to us messy, undeserving humans.

And most importantly, just as those people did not forsake or abandon me when I made stupid choices, when I hurt others, when I seemed like a lost cause... neither did God. He kept those beautiful people in my life to guide me to where I am today. May he bless each and every one of them for their faithfulness to the kingdom of God, to the church body, and to me.

## The Word of God will knock you down... and pull you back up.

Because we are messy humans on a messy walk in this world, I've learned my desperate need for God's wisdom through his Word. The more I study the Bible the more dynamic I perceive it to be. My most vivid recollection of this lesson was experiencing it in Eagle Nest, on one of our many summer youth group mission trips there to teach VBS. I was in high school and neck-deep in jealousy and mistrust of the other girls my age in the group; I was part of what Andy Byers once termed "a triangle of girls." As much as I tried to paint myself the victim of other girls' abuse, I was just as much a part of the problem.

Then one morning God brought me to Galatians 5:14-15 (ESV): "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another."

Those words pierced me to the core—that's exactly what we girls were doing. We were biting and cutting each other down with our words and looks and attitudes, and thus guaranteeing the destruction of our fellowship with each other and the group as a whole. That was the first time I understood the weight of conviction: it's a keen stabbing in the heart when God uses his word to correct. But there's a sweetness to that pain as well, because he faithfully swoops right down to build us up towards something better, something more holy and just.

We would do well to always listen. We won't, but "if we are faithless, he remains faithful" (2 Timothy 2:13, ESV). See? His Word lifts us right back up.

## Let God do His thing (a.k.a, Stop trying to control the world, Richelle)

I have diagnosed anxiety. I probably have had it my whole life. As a result, I learned to cope by controlling literally everything that I could to protect myself from surprises and unknowns... which creates more anxiety. It's a vicious cycle. Even worse, I developed a bad habit of feeling the need to control the dangers in others' lives as well.

# “God works through the messes we make.”

Nothing can cure one of that compulsion faster than mentoring teenagers. NOTHING.

As I mentored preteen, teenage, and occasionally even college students here at Del Norte (and as a public school teacher), I was often forced to watch them trudge through the same mistakes, ignore the same advice, and endure the same consequences as I had. It hurts to see someone walk into the pitfalls you've warned them about, but that's the thing about faith and this messy journey—you gotta let God do his thing.

God works through the messes we make. He could definitely work without them, but he faithfully gets down in the muck where we're wallowing and points us towards higher ground. We can't keep those we love from making the dumb mistakes we've already suffered through. We can't save people from themselves. We can love and listen and advise and pray... but we can't save. Only God can do that. And if we try to control the lives of those around us in some misguided attempt to protect them, we're robbing God of his role in their lives, and in ours. God is the preserver, protector, defender, and teacher. He uses us in those capacities, it is true, but in the end only Jesus can save us from ourselves. If that was at all untrue, the cross would never have happened.

So there you have it, three micro-lessons God has taught me during my time here at Del Norte. On a more personal note, I will miss this church dearly, and all those who cared for me and spiritually nurtured me in these first years of my walk. May God bless you all richly with his grace, love, and peace for tenderly guiding me to a deeper understanding of his nature and will. I have found a wonderful church in San Antonio with people who passionately love God and his kingdom as much as here at Del Norte. God is pushing me on, and I fearfully and joyfully go. I humbly ask for your prayers over these next months, for God's ongoing provision and peace, and that he would use me for his glory.

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

—Philippians 1:3-6

***Operation Oasis: Joy Junction***

***July 16th - 19th***

***9:30am - 2:30pm***

***Landscaping and volunteering with  
Joy Junction***

***Cost: Free***

***A variety of fun activities to follow  
each day's work - follow the youth  
group on Facebook (del norte youth+)  
and Instagram (@delnorteyouth) to  
find out details.***

## Tears of Grief

By Marilyn Little

Don't hesitate to release those tears.  
They honor your loved one of many years.  
Do not be afraid to mourn.  
It's alright to feel forlorn.  
Tears are a real source of healing.  
They validate what you're feeling.  
It's not good to keep grief bottled up.  
No one's able to avoid this cup.  
You cannot sidestep your grief.  
No matter what your belief.  
So let the tears of grief flow  
Because at some point you will know  
The tears will eventually subside.  
Listen and let your heart be your guide.  
Don't hesitate to release your tears.  
God understands you and always hears.  
God gave you tears of release.  
It's one way He grants you peace.



## 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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