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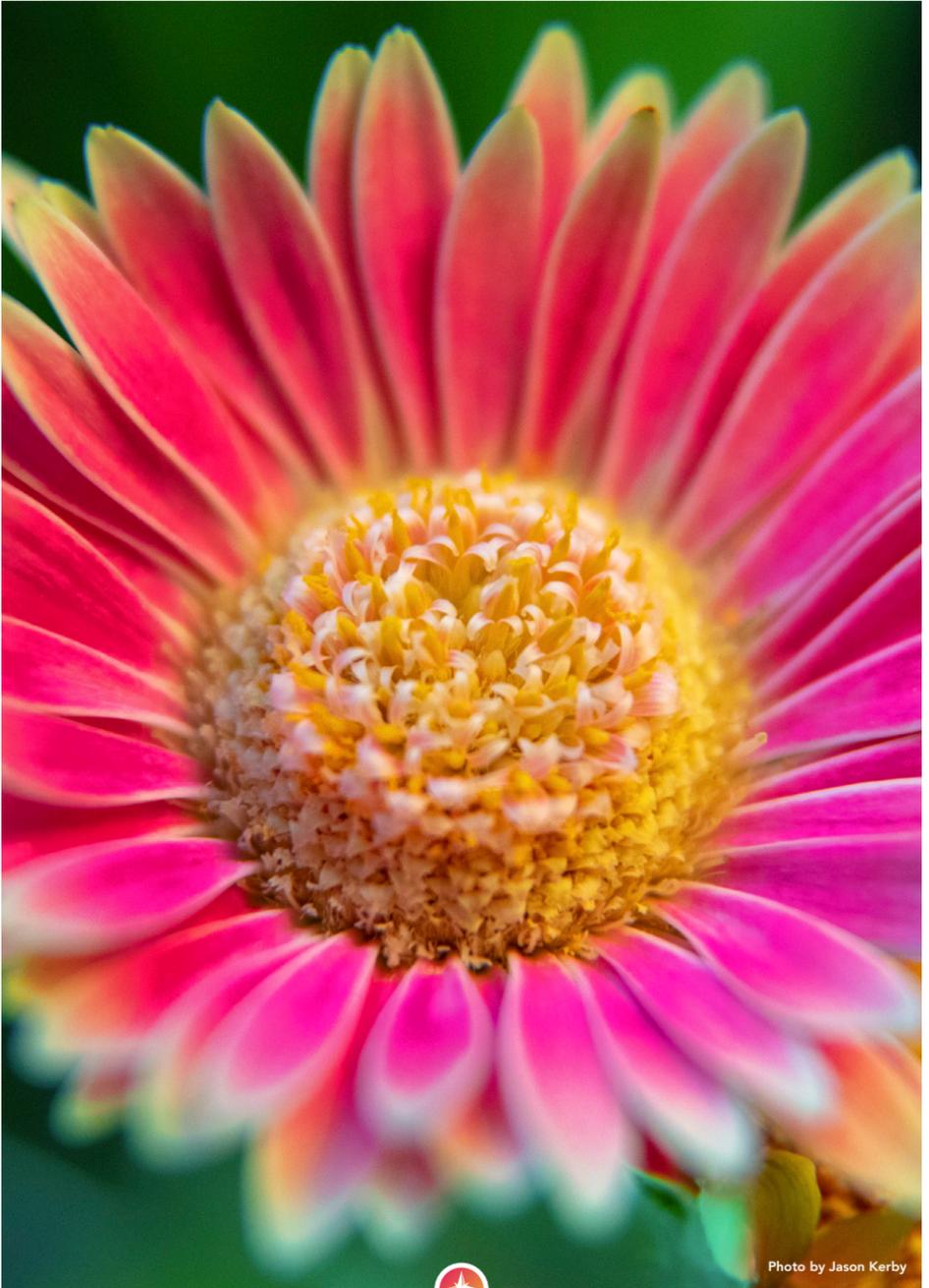


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Koinonia is a Greek word whose primary meaning is “fellowship or sharing in common.” It means that we are in agreement with one another, united in a common purpose, and serving alongside each other. It is the ideal state of fellowship, community and 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 contributing your art, photos, poetry, or an article about what God is doing in your life or ministry, please contact Michael Hickman, Adam Nash, or email adam@dnbc.org. We would love for you to be apart of Koinonia!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Ministry: The Collective	March 22nd
Youth Ministry: S.O.S.	March 29th
No Evening Activities	April 1st
Men's Ministry Retreat	April 3-4th
VBS Meal and Training	April 7th
Easter Tenebrae Musical	April 9-10th
Easter (No Evening Activities)	April 12th
Equip Women's Ministry	April 17-18th
Youth Ministry: Disciple Now	April 25-26th
Children's Ministry: Last Team Kid	May 13th
Youth Ministry: First Torn Curtain	May 20th
Youth Sunday/Memorial Day Picnic	May 24th
Memorial Day Church Office Closed	May 25th
Youth Ministry: S.O.S.	May 31st



A WORD FROM PASTOR CHUCK

What's Ahead for Sunday Morning Sermons...?

We set out in January to study some of the basic beliefs we share. We began with a look at the Bible—what it is, where it came from, how we use it. From there, we went directly to a consideration of the Lordship of Christ—who He is and what His rule in our lives means every day. Then, we focused on salvation: what it is not, what it is, and what difference it makes in our lives. The second of this two-part reflection on salvation included a look at four questions we all ask at one time or another.

In the weeks ahead we will address these distinctive Christian doctrines:

- Priesthood of all believers (yes, you are a priest....)
- The local church (its function and purpose, membership, and autonomy)
- Congregational worship (practicing “the Lord’s Day”)
- Baptism and the Lord’s Supper (everything you ever wanted to know!)
- Evangelism (the why and how of sharing good news)
- Stewardship (being the best custodian of everything you have)
- The Kingdom of God (past, present, and future)
- The centrality of the Resurrection (interestingly, this will be Easter Sunday)
- Ethics: How we ought to live/response to a few of the hot topics of our times
- A little Baptist history—how we got this way!



A WORD FROM KEVIN

GROWTH PASTOR

As you read through the articles contained in this issue of Koinonia, hopefully you get a sense of the heartbeat of Del Norte Baptist Church. Service and Ministry are hallmarks of our church family, more so than any other church where I have been on staff. Volunteerism is and has been a priority in the lives of so many of our members. It can just not be said enough, "It is a joy for me to serve here." If you are visiting our church and live in our community, I hope you will consider planting your life and using your God-given talents and gifts in our church as we follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One of our great opportunities for outreach is Vacation Bible School. We are providing training for those who are willing to teach and work in V.B.S. on Monday, March 16th at 6:00pm. That evening begins with a meal. Then on Tuesday, April 7th the State VBS Team will be back at Del Norte Baptist to give you the most up-to-date information and training for this year's Vacation Bible School. We also begin with a meal that evening at 5:00pm. We will host our Vacation Bible School from June 22nd to the 26th. (calendar that date)

EASTER

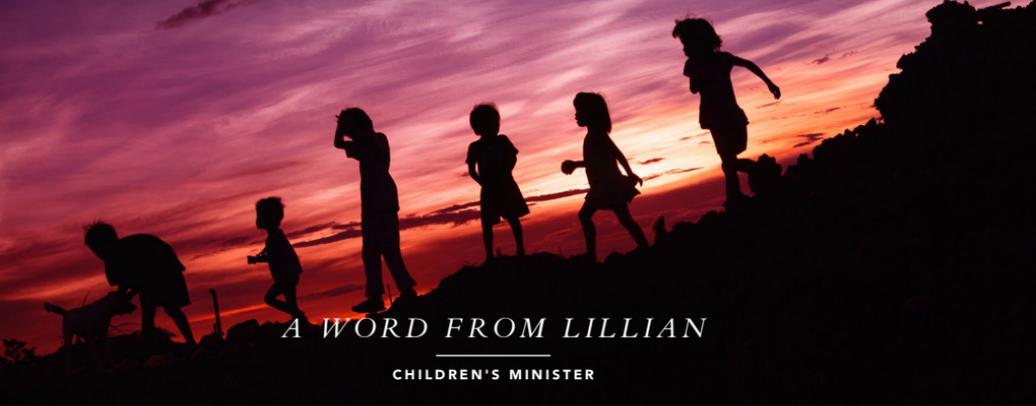
This year Easter falls on April 12th. This has always been a day when vast amounts of people plan to attend church. It is the perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends to attend Worship Services with you. We will have available cards you can give out to people you know and meet that show our special Easter Activities. Be one who not only welcomes visitors but invites them to attend as well.

BIBLE STUDY

"In our prayers, we talk to God, in our Bible study, God talks to us, and we had better let God do most of the talking." - Dwight L. Moody

Our main Bible Study classes meet from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. We aim to have a variety of classes and teaching styles with the hope that everyone will find a group that feeds him/her, ministers to the needs of the members, and gives opportunity to grow in their friendship with one another and their "fellowship" to the Lord Jesus Christ. Allow me to encourage you to make an effort in finding a class that fills those things for you.

Kevin Warner



A WORD FROM LILLIAN

CHILDREN'S MINISTER

What a pleasure it is to serve alongside each of you. We have so many wonderful volunteers that work tirelessly in the Children's Ministry. Through Sunday School, Missions, Choirs, TeamKID, tutoring, apartment ministry, Christmas Camp, and Vacation Bible School we are able to build relationships and teach our children about God's love.

The next few months have various activities that will keep us busy.

March 21st

Young Lives Ablaze – 9-3 at Eastern Hills Baptist Church, \$30 if paid before February 24th

March 29th

5th Sunday Extravaganza during the Sunday School hour in the Dining Hall

April 7th

Teacher training for VBS 6-8, with dinner provided at DNBC

May 3rd

Children's Choir Program -6:30

June 8th-12th

Young Lives Ablaze Camp at Inlow, \$100 paid by April 1st

June 22nd -26th

Vacation Bible School 9-12:15 "Concrete and Cranes, Building on the Love of Jesus"

If you have any questions about any of these activities please give me a call. My number is 453-8121.

Enthusiastically Serving With You,

Lillian Moon



VBS

June 22nd - 26th

Teacher Training
April 7th

A WORD FROM ROY

HISPANIC PASTOR

It's been cold! I love the amount of precipitation we have gotten lately. The Hispanic Ministry moves forward, looking for ways to minister to those who are in need. Whether it's a physical or spiritual need, we're there. I pray God continues to work through us, as we seek to be His hands and feet.

Looking forward to the warmer weather and everything God has in store for DNBC. Many blessings!

Your servant,
Roy Rosales

A WORD FROM IRA

WORSHIP PASTOR

We are already in high gear preparing for our Spring worship activities. Please plan to attend our “Easter Musical” at 7 PM on Thursday, April 9 or Friday, April 10. A second “big presentation” is our Children’s Choirs as they present their musical “The Kingdom Connection” on Sunday, May 3, 6:30 PM.

Why did I put “Easter Musical” in quotes? For the past 8 years we have presented our “Easter Musical” on the morning of Palm Sunday, one week before Easter Sunday. This year we are going to change that up a little. We will be presenting our Musical on Thursday and Friday evening, just before Easter Sunday. I truly hope you will put this on your calendar today and will think about whom you should/could bring with you. Both evenings’ presentations, by our Celebration Choir and Orchestra, will be the same program, so pick the better evening and bring your family and friends.

The Easter Musical is entitled “Tenebrae: Jesus, Light of the World.” The designers of the musical have this to say about it:

For centuries, believers gathered as the sun set on Good Friday. They gathered to recall those hours of darkness that covered the world at the crucifixion of the Son of God. This worship service, called Tenebrae, from the Latin word for darkness, was a time of quiet reflection. Light came into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, only to be scorned, rejected, scourged and crucified. And so, the service was marked by the use of many candles, which were

gradually extinguished as the story of His coming and His cross was retold.

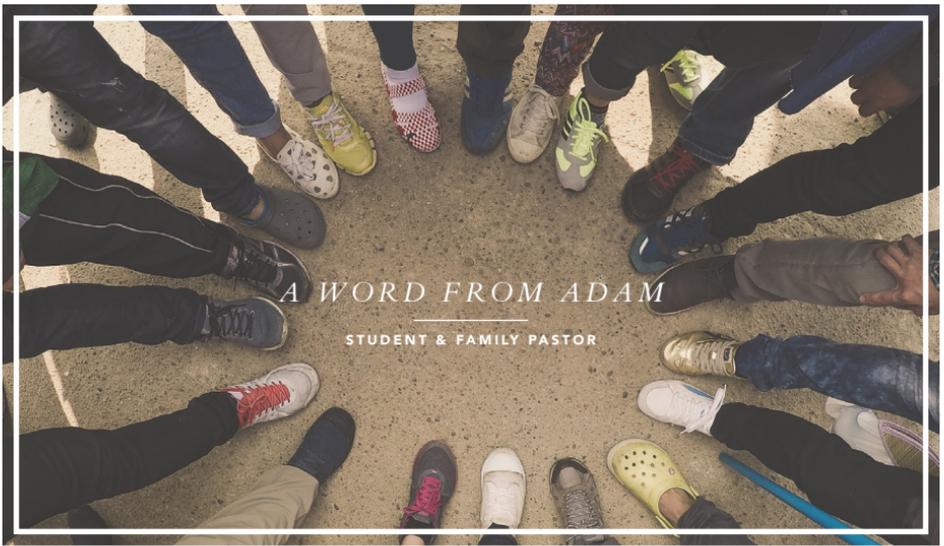
Those gathering, of course, believed in the resurrection. They knew that Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day. And yet, they found tremendous comfort and deep worship in the simple service of reading Scripture as the room around them slowly grew darker and darker. The tradition was that the service would end as the final moments on the cross were remembered, and then the last candle extinguished. In silence, the worshippers would leave the church building, not saying a word until they had returned through the front doors of their homes.

We invite you to rediscover the depth of meaning and blessing such an evening brings. Like the ancient Tenebrae service, this is not an evening of spectacular effects or exhilarating songs of praise. The music and the readings, like the evening, are simple. In that simplicity, though, the story we all know so well, of a babe in a manger and a man on a cross, touches something deep inside each of us.

In the growing shadows, you can hear that still, small voice that whispers, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of the life.” (John 8:12)

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

Your fellow servant,
Ira Pinkston



The student ministry started off the New Year by talking about, and reflecting on, passages that call us, as Christians, to alleviate suffering and help those that are hurting. While reading these passages we looked at the lives of six different missionaries from around the world that have found unique ways to serve. These individuals discovered things that break God's heart and then worked as hard as they could to fix whatever was wrong.

From floating balloons with the story of Jesus written on them into North Korea, to adopting thirteen Ugandan orphans as a twenty-one year old, the students got to know some of their Christian brothers and sisters from around the planet that live out the Gospel by looking around and seeing what needs to be done. This study was done in hopes that the students would learn to see things as God sees them, and when they see things that break God's heart, attempt to fix them.

Currently, the student ministry is talking about the importance of freedom. The world often sees the life that we as Christians live as restricted by rules, going to church, and an oppressed worldview. However, we as Christians should be able to talk about freedom more so than anyone, because we know the freeing love of Jesus Christ. We understand that the restrictions in the Bible are not arbitrary, nor are they God's attempt at keeping us from

having fun, but they are divine guidance for keeping us from the things that would steal our freedom.

Our next series will be entitled, “We Are” taken from Colossians 3:11-14:

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

This series will help the students understand that “We Are” the church; “We Are” united by Christ; “We Are” to help one another, forgive one another, and love one another.



WORD OF THE ISSUE

Doxology

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1. a short hymn of praise to God

The word doxology is derived from the Greek word *doxa* meaning “glory” and the suffix *-logia* meaning “saying.” Therefore, any song, saying, or expression of praise that ascribes glory to God could be considered a doxology. Although this word does not appear in scripture, many of these “glory sayings” can be found within it. For example, Paul ends his letter to the Romans with this doxology:

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Romans 16:25-27)

Other examples include: Romans 11:33-36, Ephesians 3:20-21, 1 Timothy 6:15-16, 2 Timothy 4:18, Hebrews 13:20-21, and Jude 1:24-25.



I feel bad for Ebenezer Scrooge—his name is forever identified with stinginess. True, Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* made Scrooge famous for his miserly hoarding and disdainful neglect of the needs of people around him. But give the guy a break—by the end of the story, after the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future were through, Scrooge was a changed man. Old Ebenezer discovered, thankfully before it was too late, that bighearted giving was worth more than all the money he could amass. Scrooge should be the poster boy for generosity!

There is a Bible story with a similar theme. We have a little softer view of Zaccheus, mostly due to the song about him that we learned in Sunday School.

He was, after all, a wee little man. But the fact remains: he was despised because he cheated and robbed his countrymen at the behest of the hated invaders, lining his own pockets at the same time. But it wasn't ghosts who came to Zaccheus—it was Jesus—and the outcome of the story is the same: the guy totally changed and couldn't wait to start giving away his stuff.

Now, I would never compare you and me to either Scrooge or Zaccheus! We are not those guys! But I do love stories with happy endings—and both of these stories end on a grand note that is instructive for us, which is the point. Ebenezer and Zaccheus learned a thing or two about generosity because they had seen a thing or two. I don't know about Ebenezer's faith, but after Zac-

cheus had lunch with Jesus, he was never the same.

In fact, the deep and abiding truth about generosity that touched these guys' lives is reflected in the words Jesus often shared with those who could hear Him. He spoke at length about loving your neighbor as yourself (Mt. 22:39); not worrying about what you will eat or wear but desperately desiring the kingdom of God (Mt. 6:24-34); freely giving because you have freely received (Mt. 10:8); losing your life for His sake so you can really find your life (Mt. 10:38-39; 16:24-25); being first last and last first (Mt. 20:16); giving sacrificially (the widow's mite, Lk. 21:1-4); and, giving is more blessed than receiving (Acts 20:35).

Generosity is a concept worthy of our attention. The world notices when Christians give time and energy and money freely and gladly. Churches grow when members practice generosity that reflects the generous nature of God. Lives are changed when the gospel message is shared as a grateful, uninhibited response to an infinitely generous God.

Generosity is not a compulsory thing—it is not merely giving a tithe (although tithing is an excellent, desirable discipline for Christ-followers.) Generosity is an open hand with a bright smile. Generosity arises in us precisely the way it did in Zaccheus: after we have had lunch with Jesus, we cannot wait to start giving our stuff away.

“Generosity not a compulsory thing”

A generous giver (or as Paul describes him, a “cheerful giver”) is one who has experienced first hand that he cannot out-give God—but still wants to take on the challenge! Paul writes about this very thing in II Cor. 9:6-8. What we

do with what we have, including time, energy, money, hugs, smiles, encouraging words—says a lot about our confidence that our future is in good hands. Such confidence makes generosity easy. One more thought: generosity has a surprising two-way result—it powerfully touches the recipient; and, it deeply touches the giver. When we are rich in love, generous in doing good, and liberal in giving (Paul describes generosity with these words in Rom. 12:6ff), other people will be lifted up. At the same time, these actions change us: our priorities shift and our stuff becomes a little less important. Consequently, we become less encumbered with the weight of this world. Life becomes richer, laughter comes easier, healing and renewal come more readily to our soul. I suspect this is at least part of what Jesus meant when He said that if you really want to save your life, if you really want the riches of His grace and peace, if you really want to find yourself, you will “lose your life for His sake” (Lk. 9:23-25).

There are so many ways to be generous: you can freely give forgiveness and gentleness...help and encouragement...time...money...whatever you have at your disposal. Through your church you can improve the lot of a little kid by volunteering in church, tutoring at school, packing food. You can happily support missions causes that are both near and far.

So, church family, what are you known for? Do those who know Del Norte church know a generous, self-sacrificing people? Has your time with Jesus changed you so much that you can't wait to start giving away your stuff?

Just think: you might become the poster church for generosity!

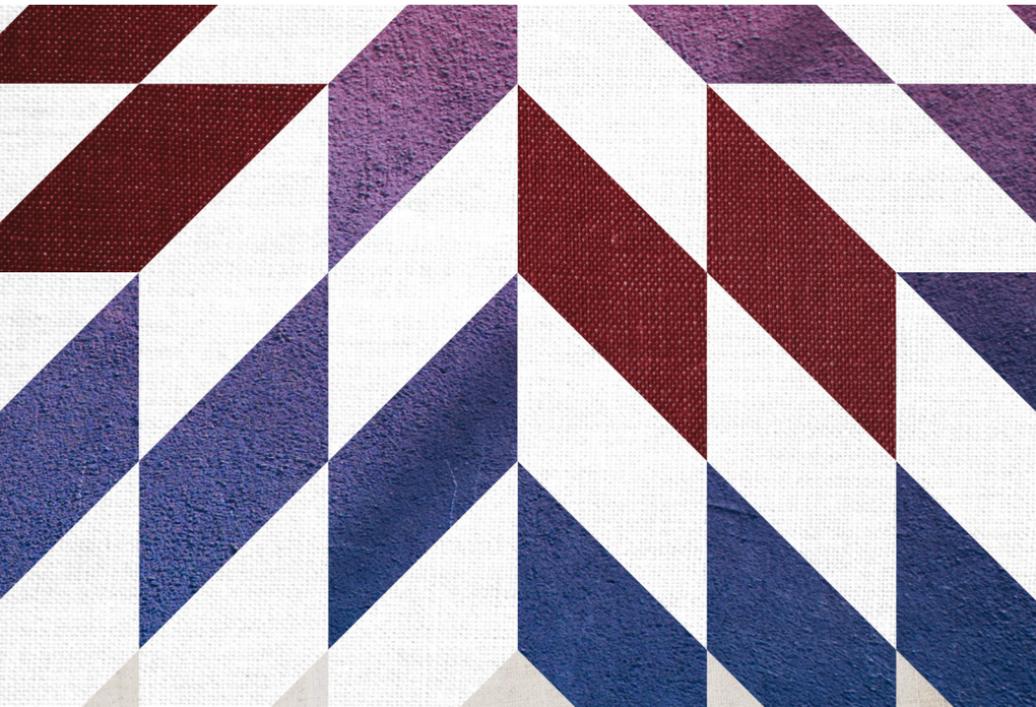
I'm so thankful to be on this part of the journey with you....

Pastor Chuck



Ministry in Focus:

Quilting Ministry



If you have attended one of our Student Sundays in May, then you know how special the Quilting Ministry is to our church. Barbara Gary and Shirley McConahy began the ministry in 2004. They simply announced that they would be teaching people how to make a quilt in one day. Bill Bayes went to that first class and was hooked. They quickly decided to keep the group going. However, it was not until around the third year of the quilting class that they began making the quilts for the graduates.

The purpose of the ministry is two-fold. One purpose is, of course, to teach quilting. They have people at a variety of skill levels that attend the classes, as well as both members and non-members of DNBC. The second purpose is what you have witnessed on Student Sundays and that is to make quilts for the youth that are graduating high school. These quilts are meant to be a “thank you” gift to the students for their faith and time in the church, as well as something by which they can remember our church. Each quilt that is given to a student has a label with the student’s name, school, year of graduation, a Bible verse, and a message thanking them for their faith and attendance.

When asked about a highlight of the ministry, Bill said that, of

course, he looks forward to the graduation ceremonies each year when the students receive their quilts. He also fondly recalled being able to give his four grandchildren quilts through this ministry. Additionally, he said that it is always an answer to prayer when he hears how people cherish their quilts.

While every ministry has highlights that we celebrate, they also have some difficulties. When asked about those, Bill mentioned that the people in the quilting class provide all the material for the quilts themselves, which can be costly.

The ministry is always willing to receive donations of fabric. The classes are free and everyone is welcome, however you do need to bring your own sewing machine and fabric. It is also helpful if you have some basic sewing knowledge. The meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00am. Each meeting opens with prayer and a reminder that this work is being done for the Lord. Additionally, while the class does focus on making the quilts for the graduates, members can make quilts for themselves as well if there is time.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry in any way you can contact Bill Bayes through the church.



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