

KOINONIA

SPRING 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, Joy Pinkston, 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

WORSHIP: This is a great time for reflection on one's spiritual life and the desired goals that God leads toward. Our first calling is to worship and serve God above all else, and next to think of others before ourselves (Matt. 22:37-40). We grow spiritually when we consistently practice the disciplines that God has given to us. Worship is the foundation to spiritual health and vitality. If we neglect worship of the Lord, it is inevitable that our love for Him is going to grow dim, our commitment to the other spiritual disciplines will become weak and sporadic, and our attachment to His family will be loosened. Worship of the Lord is essential.

Our gracious Lord calls us into a dynamic and living relationship with Him that is to be enjoyed everyday, no matter the circumstance or situation. Each

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moment is an opportunity for private worship in the depths of our longing souls. As we go through each day, Jesus desires to walk with us, helping us to see the world from His perspective. He eagerly awaits our conversations with Him that He may impart the wisdom for handling life's complications, the strength for daily trials, and the joy that comes from knowing that He, the creator and sustainer of all things, goes before us.

In addition to those moments of private worship, it is essential that we join with other believers in God's family for corporate worship as well. When we come together to publicly lift our praise to God, we share a witness to the world around us that our Jesus is worthy of our worship, and that our church family, His family, is deserving of our support and devotion. When we worship together we say to our community that Christ's mission is now our mission to the world.

Now is the time to renew your commitment to daily, private worship and to weekly, corporate worship of our Lord Jesus Christ. Experience the difference that worship can make in your life.

In His Service, and Yours,
Pastor Bob

SPRING SCHEDULE

Peru Mission Trip : March 11-19

Young Lives Ablaze: April 9

Quilt-In: April 15 & 16

Missions Recognition Service: April 17

Good Friday Service: April 22

Easter: April 24

Church Bible Drill: April 27

OMI: May 21

Children's Choir Program: May 22

Youth Sunday: May 29

Church Picnic: May 29

Lomo Saltado

(beef perubiyá fajitas mixed with french fries)

- 2 pounds thin steak
- 1 tbs red wine
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 4 tomatoes, cut into strips
- salt and pepper
- 2 med onions, cut into strips
- chopped cilantro
- 1 tbs vinegar
- 5 potatoes, cut into thin strips
- oil

Cut steak into thin strips and marinate in wine for an hour.

Sautee the garlic in oil and add the steak. Continue frying until the steak is cooked. Drain some of the juice and save. Add the chopped tomato, salt and pepper to the pan. Cook for a few minutes. Add the onion, cilantro and vinegar. Cook a few minutes more and then add the juice from the meat.

In a separate pan, fry the potatoes in hot oil. Add the fried potatoes to the meat.

Serve with rice.

Papas a la Huancaína

(Potatoes with Huancaína Sauce)

- 10 medium potatoes
- 1 pound of cheese (white “Fresco” Mexican cheese works ok, but you could use Feta cheese for a “stronger” flavor)
- 2 small hot peppers (yellow aji mirasol, “Peruvian Aji Amarillo” or “Peruvian chili”). Can be found in the TALIN supermarket
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 garlic clove
- 8 saltine crackers
- salt and pepper
- lettuce
- 3 hard cooked eggs
- black olives (peruvian olives)

Cook and peel potatoes and allow to cool.

In a blender, blend the cheese, peppers, milk, oil, garlic, crackers, salt and pepper. The sauce should be fairly thick; add crackers if not thick enough, add milk if too thick.

Lay a bed of lettuce in a serving dish and place the potatoes on top. Cover with the sauce. Cut the hard boiled eggs in half and place on top of the potatoes. Add black olives if desired.

This dish can be served slightly cold.

Have you ever done VBS motions with 300 other adults, or thrown Big Apple Adventure frisbees all over the auditorium?

Have you ever played violin with a group of children, or taught people to play piano?

Have you ever given out awards to local high school students, or spent time learning about drug and alcohol abuse with a group of young adults?

Have you ever played instruments with a group of music teachers, or met with art teachers from all over the city?

These are just some of the things that people will come to our church building and do in 2011, and none of those are even our church’s activities. Those are just what some of the different groups that use our church facilities will be doing while they are here. In fact, by the end of January there were 30 different groups, outside of our church, that were scheduled to use our facilities, and almost a dozen of them are non-religious in nature. In fact, with the exception of holidays, there are only 65 days in the entire year where there is not something scheduled at our facilities. And of those 65, 63 of them are days where our church office is open. That leaves 2 days in the entire year where there is not something going on at our building. And that didn’t include the parking lot that we have groups using everyday for schools and meetings that are nearby. So the next time you walk into your Sunday School class, be amazed that it looks the same as it did the week before. Chances are there has been a group that had some kind of a gathering in that space, and there’s a chance that this is the only church building that the people who had that meeting will step foot inside of.

PERU MISSION TRIP



Every year for the past few years Del Norte Baptist Church has sent a group of people on a medical mission trip. This year is no different than the previous years, but the destination is different. This year, Del Norte will be sending people to Cajamarca, Peru to minister to the local people from March 11-19. The primary purpose of this trip is to provide a medical clinic to the people, distribute medicine, reading glasses, nutritional info and a thousand New Testament Bibles. There will also be a team there to work with children, using activities to share the Love of Christ with them. In addition to that, there is also a construction team that will minister to the city.

Please pray for the following people as they devote this week to ministering and blessing the people of Cajamarca, Peru.

Medical Providers

Elaine Fisher, Dr. Carol Red, Dr. B.J. Davis, Mary Li

Translators

Karen Gorelick, Becki Glenn, Judy Hoffman, Debbie Mask

Pastors

Sherlock Vargas, Hector Belmonte

Children's Workers

Julia Gore, Jennifer Pinkston, Anna Lee Shelton

Reading Glasses and Seeds Distribution

Luz Vargas, Pablo Vargas, Mirian Vargas

Helpers and Construction Team

Henry Acton, Pat Gore, Ira Pinkston

Pharmacists

Raul Arreola and Richard Gomez

Pharmacy Helpers

Wynona Ratliff-Davis, Mary Gomez, Tara McElwain

Nutritionist

Armida Belmonte Stephens

Church Remodel: A Work in Progress

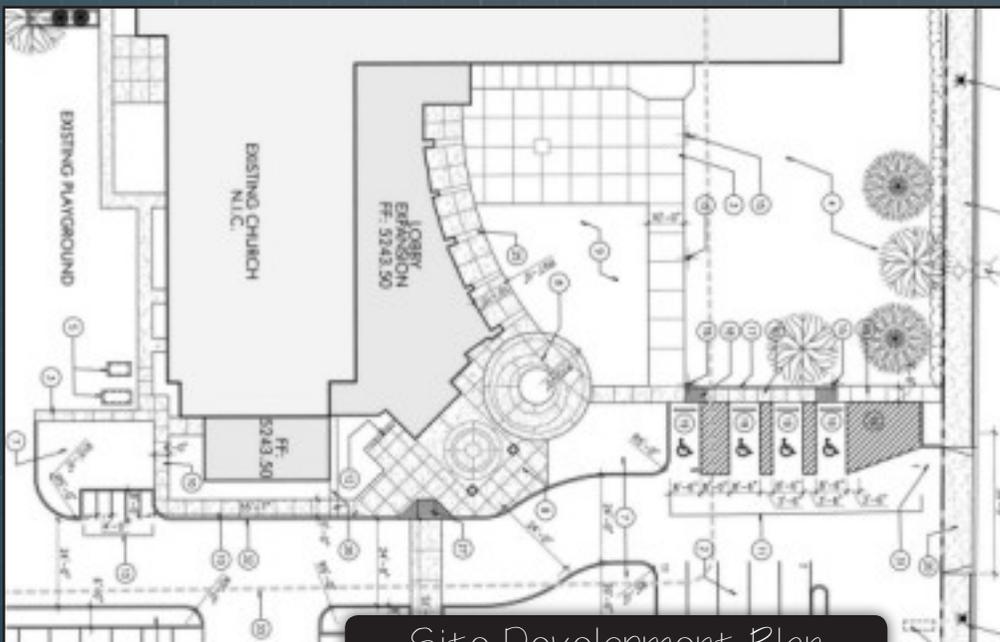
The work continues. To the right is an illustration of what the new entrance might look like. As the overall design of the auditorium remodel and new entrance continues to develop. A new phase of the project has been completed. The Design Committee has recommended and the Church body has agreed to hire a Construction Manager.

Jeff Hawkins of The Hawkins Group will be contracted to be the Construction Manager of the remodel and addition project. He will work as a liaison between the Design Committee and the people that will perform the work to ensure that the project is completed successfully and on budget.



Entrance Facade

The pictures on this page are small representations of plans that are actually 3 feet by 4 feet in size. The picture below is the proposed Site Development Plan. Weller Architects has submitted this plan to the City Planning Committee for Administrative Amendment. The city will work with Weller Architects to make sure that all the city regulations are met. The City has many requirements that they will add to the plan.

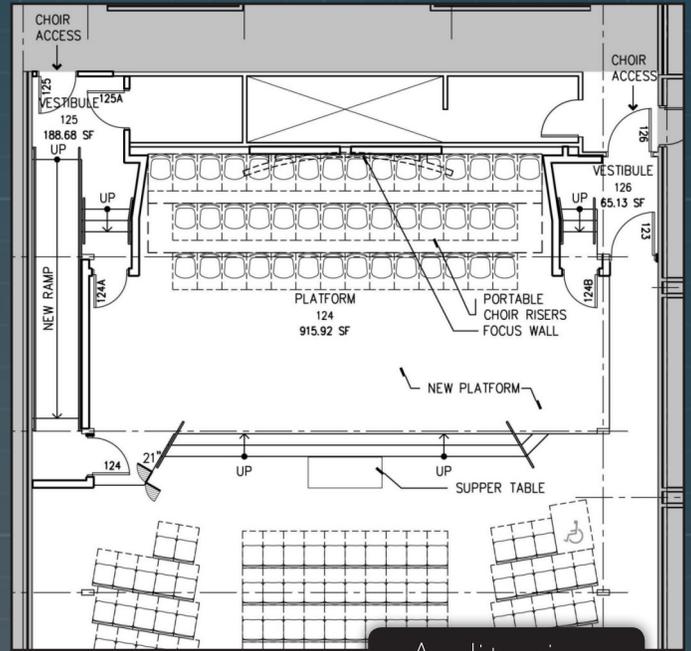


Site Development Plan

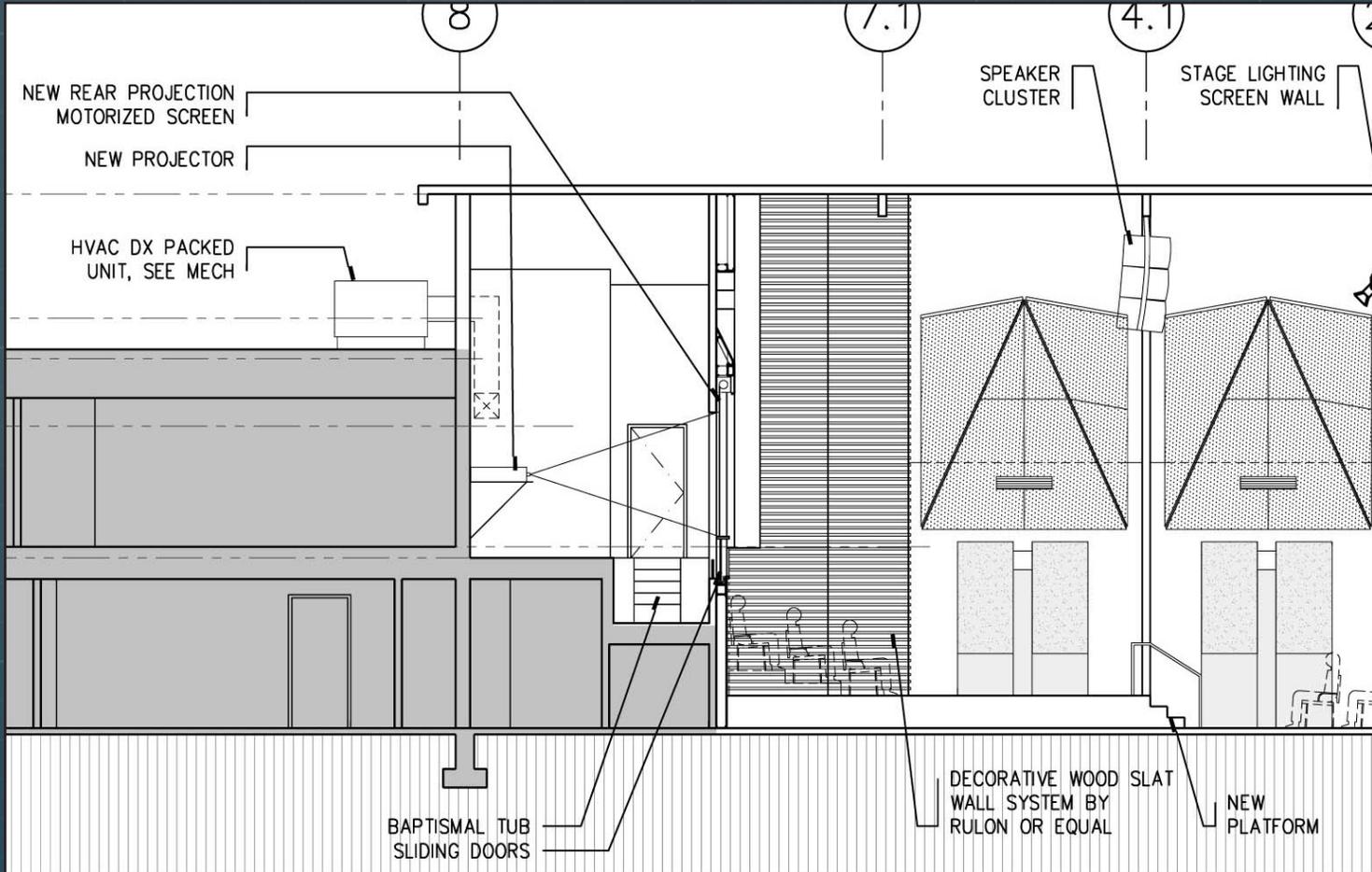
These will include lots of things in the area of hydrology such as proper drainage on the site and having adequate piping to both supply water to the building and to get sewage away from the building. The city will also require designated parking for motorcycles, bicycles, and handicapped spaces, as well as a minimum number of overall parking spaces. There will even be a certain number of trees and plants that will need to be put in.

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These illustrations are plans for the auditorium. Great consideration is being taken in the design of the auditorium remodel. A wheel chair ramp has been added to allow access to the stage. There have been discussions on where to place things like projectors and screens. An acoustician and a theater designer have been brought in to help us produce the best sound quality we can. There are a lot of people working very hard to make this project turn out great. Continued prayer and enthusiasm will go a long way in helping to make this a positive change. To the right is the tentative schedule for the project, and please note that it does say tentative, there are still a lot of details being worked out. There will most likely be points within this project where we will have to move our worship services outside of the auditorium, and our church staff has already been hard at work trying to figure out the best alternative. So be on the look out, things should start moving on this remodel before you know it.

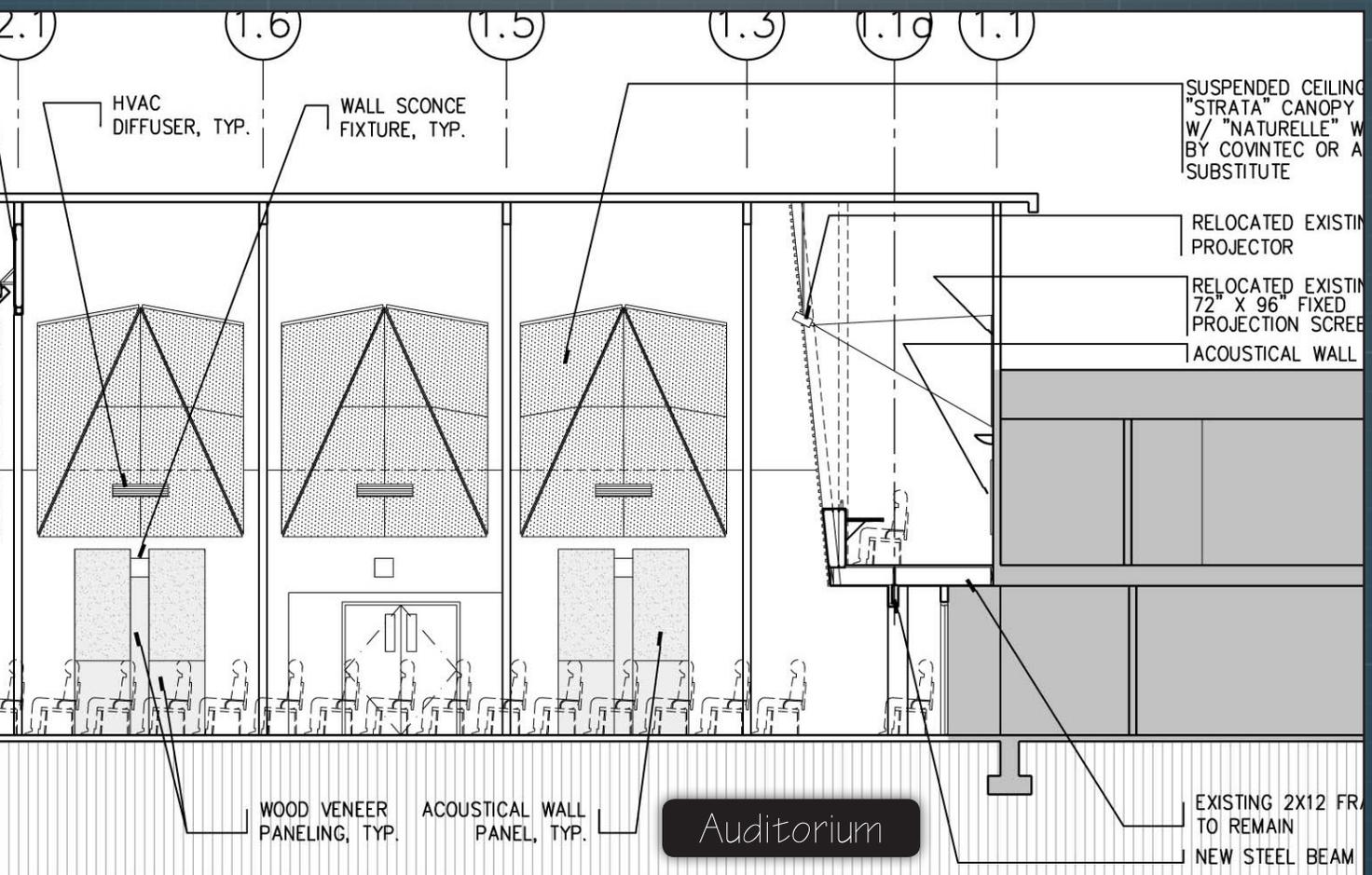


Auditorium



Tentative Schedule

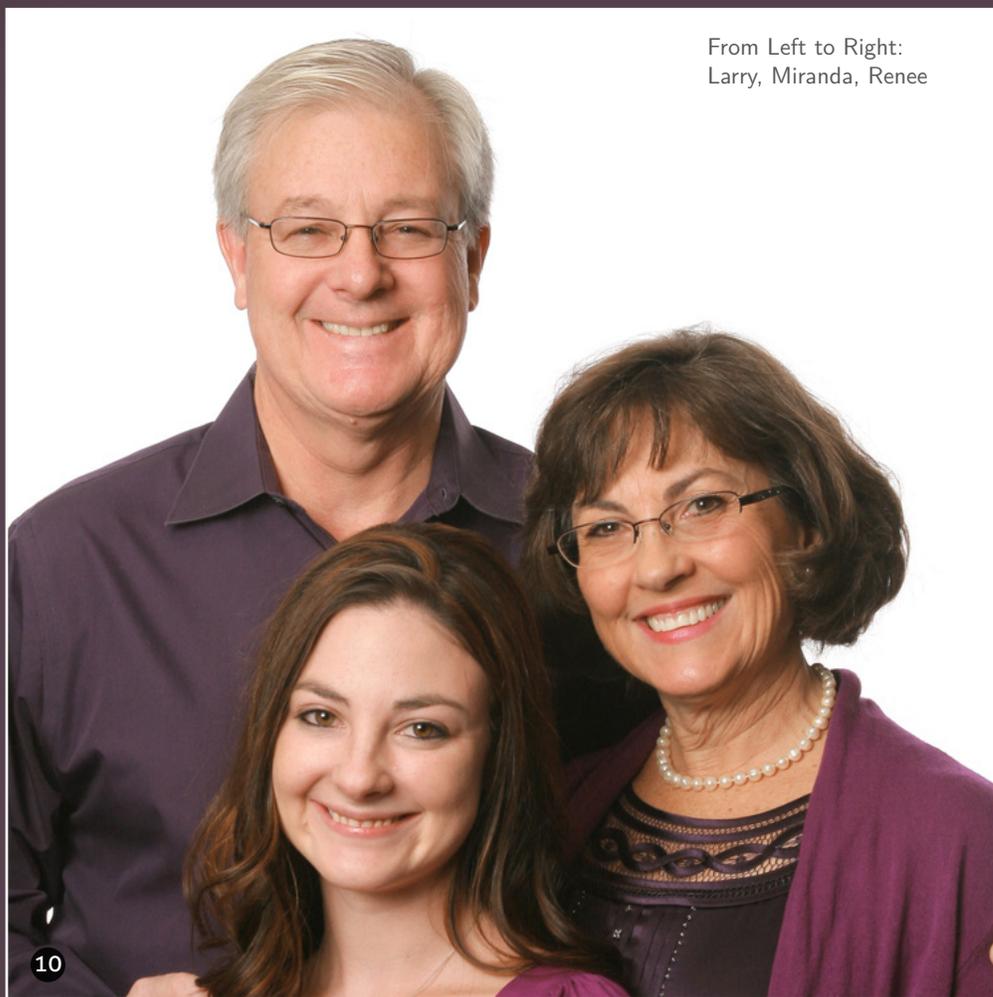
Complete Construction Drawings 100%	March 18th, 2011
Submit to city for Building Permit	March 21st, 2011
Construction Manager (CM) to bid project (Start)	March 21st, 2011
CM to bid project (End)	April 20th, 2011
CM to submit Guaranteed Maximum Price	April 21st, 2011
Start construction	April 25th, 2011
Complete construction (6 to 8 months)	Nov. 18th - Dec. 31st, 2011



Meet the Budagher-Marshalls

As you may have read at the beginning of this publication, Koinonia is all about fellowship. And in order to have fellowship with each other, we need to know each other. While a resource like our new pictorial directory can help you to put a name with a face, we wanted to take things just a little further and give you an introduction to some of the families in our church. Maybe they go to a different service than you do. Maybe they sit on the opposite side of the auditorium, and you just never have time to make it over there during the welcome time. Perhaps one of the families we feature will be someone you are very close with, and you could have written the article for us (by the way, anyone interested in doing that, please talk to us), but whatever the case may be, we hope you'll enjoy it, and we hope you enjoy getting to know the Budagher-Marshall family in our first family feature.

You may recognize them from their work in the melodrama, or VBS, or perhaps they were in the welcome room to give you bread one Sunday morning. There are plenty of ways you may have encountered Larry, Renee or Miranda. While they have only been members of our church for a few years, they have actually attended Del Norte for over a decade, and it's hard to find anyone that lives closer to the church than they do. Larry, who is also involved in ministry as a Gideon, was born in Kansas, but eventually found his way to the land of enchantment. Both Renee and their daughter Miranda were born right here in New Mexico, and for now there's no signs of them going anywhere, as Miranda is a pre-med student at the University of New Mexico. So the next time you see one of them handing out bread or dying on stage, hopefully you'll feel like you know them a little bit better, and hopefully these family features will just be the beginning of us all becoming a more united body of believers.



From Left to Right:
Larry, Miranda, Renee



Food From Heaven



Often people read over the church calendar and wonder what some of the events listed there are. It's very ironic for them to look at the word "Manna" and ask "what is it?", because that is literally what the word means. Manna was one of the things that God used to sustain the people of Israel as they made their way out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. It was a way that God literally fed people. And with that idea in mind, on

the first Friday of most months, our student ministry gathers together to do the same thing; feed people. There's nothing fancy, they typically make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, gather everyone up and head downtown to try and find people that could use one. Some nights they turn back halfway through their route and head back to their cars because they've run out of sandwiches. Other nights they hope to find a few more people in the parking lot as they leave because they haven't quite handed them all out. Regardless of how many people they are able to give a sandwich to, none of them can remember a time when they didn't encounter people grateful for something as simple as a friendly face and a PB & J. So, watch the church calendar for the next Manna, and join our students as they go and bring a different kind of manna to people who really need it.



TUTORING



The wonder of learning is something that children have to learn to love, and that is what the Tutoring ministry of Del Norte Baptist Church aims to do. Every Wednesday afternoon, there is reading, writing and math tutoring available to children that attend Governor Bent Elementary School. On average there are fifteen students and fifteen tutors that are there ready to learn and teach.



After school, the children meet and have a snack together, and play outside for a few minutes. Then the children go inside and do a group activity that is focused around language arts and math. Each child works one-on-one with their own tutor for about an hour and forty-five minutes, and then before leaving they come back together to wrap up the day with another group activity.



The Celebration Orchestra

An element of the early worship service on Sunday mornings, that was introduced around two years ago, is the Celebration Orchestra. It is composed of a wide range of instruments, from the flute to the tuba, and also includes piano and organ. Del Norte is one of five Baptist churches in the whole state of New Mexico that has an orchestra.

The Celebration Orchestra accompanies congregational singing in the first service, and also provides occasional special music. A major undertaking for the orchestra has been to accompany some of the holiday productions in the past couple of years, the most recent being the Christmas musical during December of 2010.

Kaitlyn Hickman, a senior at Eldorado High School, enjoys what the Celebration Orchestra has to offer and has been a member since it was first established. She says, "I like that I can praise God through music and playing my violin."

The Celebration Orchestra is open to anyone who has had at least 4 years of band or orchestra experience. They meet for rehearsal on Sunday afternoons.



The Deacons of DNBC

Here are your Deacons for 2011. These men are here to assist the Pastor and staff in serving the church body. You can find them leading Bible studies, helping with baptisms, serving Lord's Supper, and serving all over the church in whatever ways they are gifted. The Deacons at Del Norte do not act as a Deacon Board, they are here to act as servant leaders, not to have a place of authority within the church. Once elected they serve a three year term, after which they rotate off for at least a year. But whether they are rotated off or currently active, the Deacons of Del Norte Baptist Church are willing to serve wherever and whenever they are able.



Jason
Kerby



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Acton



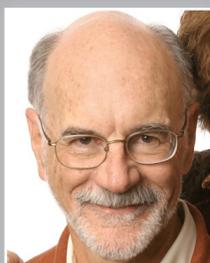
Charlie
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Mike
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Stuart
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Pat
Gore



Jim
Gary



Hugh
McLean



Rusty
Shaffer

Be A Part of VBS

In our world of instant connections and constant communication, what an awesome opportunity we have to help kids know that God wants them to encounter Jesus and experience a life-changing connection with Him. During this year's VBS – "Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect" – kids will have a chance to discover that faith and life do connect. They will hear about people in the Bible who step out in faith and connect with Jesus Christ. But in order for them to hear, we need people to tell them, and that's where you come in. We need workers. We need people willing to teach, willing to help with crafts and recreation, music and missions. We just need people that know that Jesus loves them, and want kids to know that He loves them too. So talk to Lillian Moon, our children's pastor, or fill out the sign-up form in the bulletin, and allow your faith and life to connect with that of a child this summer at the Big Apple Adventure, June 13-17.



Association VBS Training: March 31st
VBS teachers meetings: April 11th & May 16th @ 7pm



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Worship Service Times

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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in Christ and reach others for Christ