

KOINONIA

SUMMER 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 introduce us to a word we do not often use. The word is "cognition." Funk and Wagnall's Standard Desk Dictionary defines it this way:

cog-ni-tion (kog nish' n) n. 1. The act or faculty of knowing or perceiving. 2. A thing known; a perception.

[At the tomb, Mary] turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus...She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Raboni!" (which means Teacher). John 20:14 & 16.

[On the road to Emmaus] Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him...Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him... Luke 24:15-16, 31.

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[On the shore of the Sea of Galilee] Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus...Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" John 21:4 & 7.

For three years these people had known Jesus well. Their cognition of him was as a teacher and close friend. But the resurrection had changed things and, as a result, they "did not realize it was Jesus." Today, just like then, people who know a great deal about Jesus may not truly realize who Jesus is. Why is that?

In these Bible passages they all needed a new cognition...a re-cognition of who Jesus was. Only after he spoke to them did they come to know Jesus was more than just a good teacher or friend. The resurrection proved that Jesus was indeed God and the Lord of all creation. Jesus still "speaks" to the hearts of people today who are willing to hear and respond to him. He desires to give all a re-cognition that all might truly know him as Lord and Savior.

Just as he spoke to your heart and the spark of re-cognition occurred in your spirit, Jesus gives us the privilege and joy of helping others to experience a re-cognition of him in their hearts. Everything changes on the day we recognize Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord.

In His Service, and Yours,
Pastor Bob



Summer Schedule

June 13-17: Vacation Bible School

June 25-July 1: Youth Mission Trip

July 11-15: Worship4Life & Missions Camp

July 18-22: Boys Camp

July 25-29: Children's Music Camp

August 7: Concert & Ice Cream Fellowship

August 14: Red Bible Day & S.S. Promotion
& Preteen Retreat

August 19: Crafts Tea Party

August 21: Fall Kickoff

August 28: Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Banquet

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 both now and from the Bible who stepped out in faith and connected with Jesus Christ. And we want all of our kids to have that opportunity, as well as their friends, and those kids that live on your block, or your grandkids, or your co-workers kids. We would love to see all of those and more this year at VBS, and remember to tell them one of the best parts, that it is all free. Registration is already open, and you can do that online at www.dnbc.org, or see someone in the children's area to get a registration card to fill out.



VBS is June 13 - 17

Torn Curtain

There is a very interesting part of the crucifixion story that is often overlooked. In the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke it mentions that at the moment Jesus died the curtain of the temple is torn in two from top to bottom. This event signifies the tearing down of the border between us and God. It is the moment where God ceased to dwell in the temple, and could begin to dwell in us, His people. It is with this in mind that on Sunday nights, all this summer, there will be Torn Curtain happening all over the city. The past couple of summers our students have done SNL – the Saturday night worship and fellowship time – outside, and this year they are continuing that, but with a few added changes. One is obvious, the name is changing, so don't look for SNL on the summer calendars, look for Torn Curtain. But the other big change is that Torn Curtain will be on Sunday nights instead of Saturdays, beginning at 6pm. As you can see from the schedule to the right they will be meeting at a different park every week. Things begin with some worship, and a short teaching time, followed by a game of Ultimate Frisbee, knock-out, or volleyball. So, pray for our students this summer as they go and take Jesus out across our city, and if you find yourself with some free time on Sunday evenings this summer, don't be afraid to go and join them, they'd love to have you worship with them.



Torn Curtain

Schedule

June 5 – Montgomery Park

June 12 – Loma Del Rey Park

July 3 – Loma Del Norte Park

July 10 – Stardust Skies Park

July 17 – Conchas Park

July 24 – Academy Hills Park

July 31 – Sister Cities Park

August 14 – Heritage Hills Park

August 21 – Civic Plaza

Worship.

What is worship? Is it simply the gathering of people on Sunday? Is it the portion of the morning worship service that has singing and praying in it? At a former church, I remember a church member saying: I really got nothing out of the worship, but the Pastor's sermon struck a chord. Another person told me: I wish we would just do away with the sermon and just have worship.

The word worship is usually used in context of a god, idol, or deity, but in its essence, it obviously could be ascribed to anything or anyone.

We can worship anything. What do you worship? This can easily be determined by considering those things that receive large amounts of your time and attention. For example, how much time do we spend in our pursuit of money. Most people who have not retired already spend 40 hours a week doing something that will allow them to live in the most comfortable life style possible, now and when they retire. That's a lot of work for something that is very important to us. Consider human relationships: When a guy falls in love with a girl, does he not spend every moment in her presence or at least thinking about her? Those things to which we ascribe worth and value can become what we worship most.

If we can worship the money that allows us to live like we want to live, then surely we can worship our God with the same excitement and drive. I believe you can analyze the effectiveness of your worship of God by considering how much you desire to be in His presence. Not just His presence when you die, but every minute of the day. How often do you go to Him in prayer? How often do you spend time with Him reading the Bible? Does the time you spend listening to music, surfing the Internet, or watching TV improve and deepen your relationship with God?

Currently, the Scripture that I am trying to live out in my everyday life is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: 16 Always be joyful. 17 Never stop praying. 18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (NLT)

For this to work I have to live each moment of my life in an attitude of prayer. I must never stop praying (NLT), pray continually (NIV), pray without ceasing (NASB), pray all the time (Message), be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly] (Amplified).

I am praying that Del Norte Baptist Church will be a unified body of believers who seek God in all things.

In Christ,
Ira Pinkston

Meet Anna Lee Shelton

I was born in Aztec, New Mexico and raised in Oklahoma and Missouri. My father was a Baptist Minister. At Oklahoma Baptist University I met my future husband, Keith Shelton. We were blessed with Karen (Gorelick), Steven, Richard and Lisa. Keith and I felt a call as foreign missionaries. We were appointed to serve in Peru in October of 1965. We arrived on the field in July 1967, after attending language school in Costa Rica. Keith was director of the seminary in Trujillo which is 350 miles north of Lima and I was a wife, mother, piano teacher at seminary, and involved in the local church. In September, 1974, Keith was diagnosed with cancer in his leg and we returned to the states for surgery and chemotherapy. During our time in the states, we were Missionaries in Residence at Grand Canyon College in Arizona and later Keith was Director of Missions for the Central Association in Phoenix. Keith received his doctorate from Golden Gate Seminary just 17 days before his death.

After Keith's death I was reappointed to Peru as Mission Hostess and arrived on the field to find that I had also been elected Mission Treasurer. Quite a learning experience as I had never had one accounting class. I was in charge of the Mission Apartments, the Mission Office Building, a secretary, and I was a single mother. Just before Lisa turned 16 we returned to the states. I moved to Albuquerque in 2001.

In 2004, the mother and brother of the Director of the Keith Shelton School of First Baptist Lima came to Albuquerque. They shared about a fire in the Keith Shelton School and God placed a burden on my heart. I wrote 325 letters asking for money to rebuild the school. God blessed with a collection of \$17,314.73 and the opportunity to return to Peru in January, 2007, to see the work begin. I returned to Peru in December, 2009, to see the completed work with an additional \$2500 which was used to put a ceiling in the facility.

I was blessed in 2011 to be a part of the missionary team from Del Norte that went to Peru. I was also blessed to see my good friend Juan installed as the Pastor of a small church on the Pan American Highway and had the opportunity to visit three of our Baptist churches that do not have a missionary member. God has blessed me through the years with the privilege to serve Him.



PERU MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS



by Pat Gore

On March 11, 2011, Del Norte Baptist Church's mission team left Albuquerque for Cajamarca, Peru. Our travel took us first to the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia. There we spent most of the day waiting for our 6:30 PM flight to Lima, Peru. We arrived in Lima at 11:30 PM. Our in country flight to Cajamarca would not leave until 5:30 AM so we had to camp out in the airport or as the Peruvians would say aeropuerto. We were all so excited that only a few of us got any rest at all. While the Albuquerque contingent was resting in the Lima airport, the other members of the team were also arriving in Lima. By the time we boarded the flight to Cajamarca we were 25 strong. We arrived in Cajamarca, which is a city in northwestern Peru about 8500 feet above sea level. Although, Cajamarca is at 8500 feet, about 1500 feet higher than Taos, NM, it is only 7 degrees south of the equator. So the temperature does not vary much, about 75-78 degrees in the day and 42-46 at night all year long. The vegetation reminded me of San Diego, California, similar plants and many eucalyptus trees.



Our base of operation for our mission activities was a small compound about 10 miles south of the Cajamarca's main plaza. Villa Milagro, village of small miracles, grew out of Southern Baptist foreign mission work. Former Southern Baptist foreign missionaries Larry and Joy Johnson bought the properties and continued their work in the area after their retirement. For approximately 11 years Villa Milagro has been assisting and facilitating mission teams from US churches. Based on our experience, we would say they are very good at supporting, encouraging, and facilitating groups without getting in the way of the ministry experience. Villa Milagro has many ongoing ministry activities – church starting, pastor and leadership training, drilling water wells for communities in the surrounding area, supporting Monte Sion Baptist Church, building, supporting and staffing a new medical clinic, providing cottage industry work for graduated students for the state supported orphanage, building roads, and providing medical mission trips along the Amazon River in the jungle area of Peru. We were very fortunate to have discovered Villa Milagro. We have Anna Lee Shelton and Wynona Radcliff to thank for their suggestion.



For me one of the hardest parts of the mission trip was deciding to go. It helped that Julia had committed to go. So, I had to determine if I could sort out my responsibilities at work, decide to give up limited vacation time, and commit the resources to pay for the trip. Once the decision was made, I was able to work through all the challenges reasonably well. When you leave your familiar surroundings, there is always a certain amount of trepidation. Not knowing the language or many of the customs of Peru was a concern, but I was fortunate that the majority of the mission team spoke Spanish, although there are many differences among people of different nationalities, there are also many similarities. The Christians we met in Peru have the same spirit and attitude as Christians here in the US. The universal Church became very evident to me as we interacted with the Peruvian Christians.



Our day started at 6:00 AM when we would get up and get ready for breakfast and our morning devotional. By 9:00 AM we loaded the trucks and vans with the medical supplies and were on the road to one of the many locations where we would conduct the medical clinic. Depending on the location and the available time we would conduct the clinic until late into the afternoon. After supper we would divide ourselves up into two teams and attend evening services at one of the many mission churches in the area. We would be back at 10:00 PM and ready for bed. Although the days were long, there was an enthusiasm that helped to energize us. Monte Sion Baptist Church provided us volunteer help for each day we were in Cajamarca. They helped us to organize and communicate with the people who would come to the clinics. These volunteers were also at all the evening services, leading music, leading the worship services, providing the audio-visual equipment, and working with the small mission congregations. Our evangelists brought the message, but the Peruvians were active participants in the services. The Peruvian Christians worked as diligently and conscientiously as we did and that made for a wonderful experience.

We ministered to a large number of people which was very satisfying, but we also developed friendships and a camaraderie with those Peruvian Christians we worked with that helped me further understand the rich tapestry that makes up the universal Church.

“Count your blessings, name them one by one!” Reflecting back on the mission experience in Peru, many blessings come to mind. Stepping off the plane in Cajamarca, the lush landscape greeted us! High in the Andes Mountains, God’s creation was once again revealed! What a blessing! Doyne Robinson , Nancy de Diaz, and the staff of Villa Milagro were most gracious and hospitable hosts. Our every need was anticipated, our accommodations were comfortable and clean, and the food was absolutely wonderful! What blessings! Welcoming us with smiles and warm embraces were the Peruvian Christians. Their joy and love for the Lord was so evident in their worship and the way in which they helped at our clinics. What blessings! Boundless energy, multi-talented (one doctor played the saw!) , smart, funny, generous, kind, loving, encouraging, and amazing are just a few adjectives that describe the incredible Missions Team. Each person served with a willingness and an enthusiasm that reflected their love for the Peruvian people and for the Lord. What blessings! Working with the children of Peru was priceless. These little people were beautiful beyond words, both physically and in their sweet spirits. Being able to show Christ’s love to Peruvian children was the greatest blessing of all! Thank you, Lord!



Check Out Our Library

This July our church library will celebrate its 20th anniversary at its present location. And in those 20 years, the library staff has done so much to achieve its goal of being an effective resource center for our entire church family. Among the more than 7,000 items in the library there is quite literally something for everyone. There are resources for teachers and leaders to find guidance and new ideas. There are books and studies that can help the hurting and sick to find comfort and solace. There is even a recently added Spanish section to serve our Spanish speaking congregation. The list could just keep going and going.

But did you know that our library ministry is not just limited to here at the building? In addition to offering all those items to anyone who wants to come into the library, our library staff also offers to deliver those same resources to any of our homebound members. All you have to do is contact the library team and they will be more than happy to arrange that. And that's not the only outreach of our library ministry. They also send duplicate copies of items to smaller churches in our local area, and to churches in Arkansas, Wyoming and Montana. In fact they have shared books with the International Mission Board for pastors and seminaries, so our library literally reaches people around the world. So when you have a chance, stop by our church library and check out what they have to offer, but also take a moment and thank the folks who work in there for the ministry they do, and don't forget to wish them happy anniversary on July 21st.



Library Hours

Sunday

8-8:30, 9:15-11:00, 4:00-6:30



Tuesday

9:30-12:00

Wednesday

6:00-8:30



Thursday

1:00-3:30





Library Staff. From left: Charlene Lennox, Floyd McFarling, Betty Kopecky, Bonnie McFarling, John Laun, Fran Allen

Pineapple Casserole

- 2- 20oz cans drained pineapple chunks
- 2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 6 Tbsp self rising flour
- 1 cup Ritz cracker crumbs
- 1 stick melted butter

Grease 2 quart casserole dish. Preheat oven to 350°.

Mix the drained pineapple and cheese together. Combine the sugar and flour and mix with pineapple mixture. Place in casserole dish and top with the cracker crumbs. Pour the melted butter over the top and bake for 30 minutes. Serves 6 to 8. This makes a good side dish for ham.

Fran Allen

Bakers One Bowl Macaroons

- 1-14oz pkg Angel Flake Coconut (5 1/3 cups)
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 6 Tbsp flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 4 beaten egg whites
- 1/4 tsp vanilla

Heat oven to 325°.

Mix coconut, sugar, flour and salt in large bowl. Stir or fold in stiffly beaten egg whites, with vanilla added, until well blended. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto lightly greased and floured cookie sheet. Bake 20 minutes or until edges of cookies are golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheets. Cool on wire racks. Makes about 2 dozen.

Betty Kopecky 13

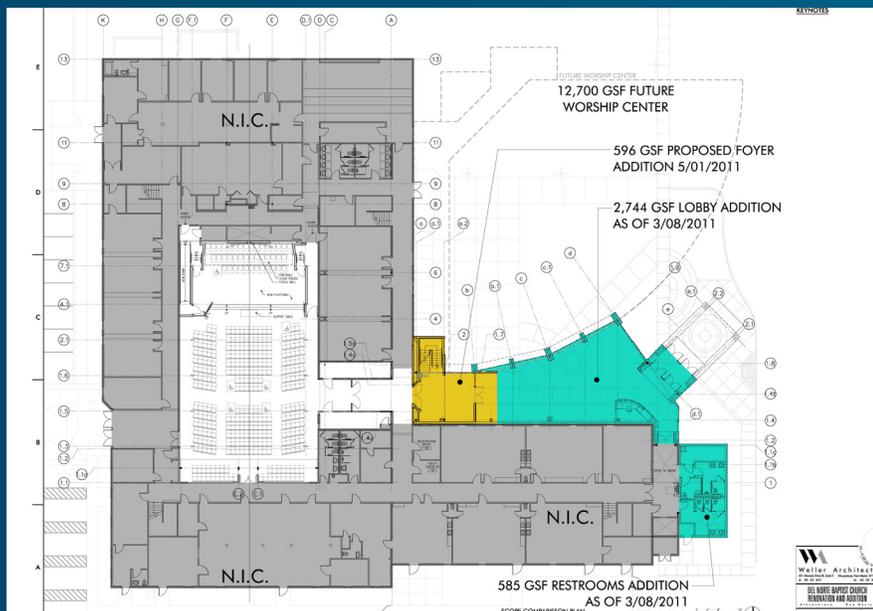
Church Remodel: A work In Progress – Update

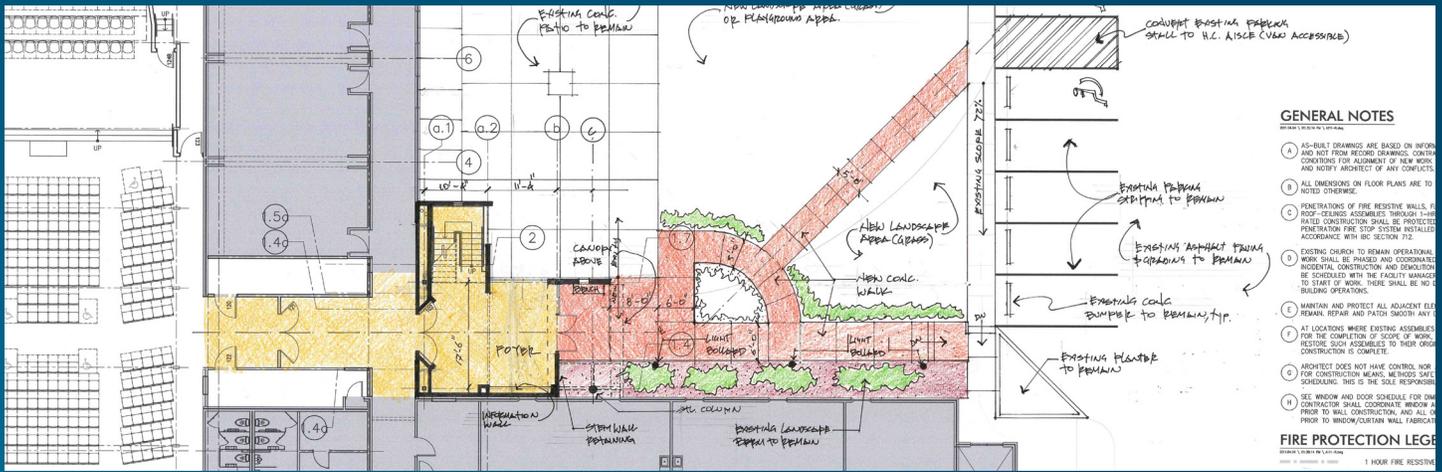
You have probably noticed that it is May and there has been very little construction on the building. In fact, the only thing that has happened so far, are the changes to our baptistry area, which were completed by the Helping Hands ministry and some of our staff. They did a great job, and helped cut down our costs by getting that part of the project done.

As for the rest of the project, there have been some big changes. As the remodel team and Weller Architects were working through the cost estimations, they found out that they were about \$800,000 over budget. A lot of the overage had to do with city requirements, especially in the parking lot. As an example, we were being required to put in a retaining wall to insure proper drainage of the area. These, as well as the added bathrooms on the east end, were major factors in putting the cost out of reach.

The remodel team worked with Weller architects, and also got together with the finance committee and church staff. During that meeting the committees and staff agreed that the sanctuary remodel should be the focus of the project, and in a business meeting on May 1st, the project change was accepted by the church body.

There are still plans to make the doors on the east patio the main entrance to the church. However, the entrance has been reduced from 3350 square feet to around 800 square feet. The bathrooms that were planned for the end of the east wing have been removed. There will be a new landscape feature to help direct people to the new entrance. The entrance will still have a large, attractive, two story facade with the stairs





leading to the second floor. There are also plans to repair some of the stucco around the church to help the new entrance fit in. In the illustration to the left, the sections in blue will no longer be added. The section in yellow will be the new entrance to the church. There will still be a passageway to the sanctuary from that main entrance.



And so, the project moves forward. The construction documents will be tentatively completed around the end of June. The project will go out for bid in July and depending on how long the financing takes, the construction could start around the end of July. There are big changes coming, it is going to be exciting to see how this project turns out.



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Spanish Service - 11:00am, Sunday

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in Christ and reach others for Christ