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Ever since the fall of humankind in the Garden of Eden we have wrestled with our penchant to be independent from God. All of us wrestle with trust and faith in God and our living as if all of life depended upon us. Someone rightly noted that while most Christians say they believe Biblical truths, most also live as atheists in practice—as if God did not exist. *Ouch.*

The letter that James wrote in the New Testament challenges us. It is the most practical letter of the New Testament. James was challenging Christians who were Christians in name only—in their doctrinal statements—but not in practice. The practical things of life such as how we treat the widow, poor and orphan as well as how we talk and what we talk about or what we do with our resources is a bigger statement of faith than any creed we have written down or can recite.

Knowing what you believe is important. Knowing how to live out that belief is just as important. I believe that the Lord is calling Desert Springs Church to live genuine lives of faith that are anchored in Biblical truths and expressed in practical actions. Let us each one commit to being the answer to "thy kingdom come, thy will be done". And let us commit as a group to seeking together what that means for us as a church. May the world around us know that we are his disciples!

Pastor Ron

Whew....It has been busy summer for the Leadership Team! And it isn't slowing down yet – nor does it show any signs of slowing down in the near future! We praise God for the amazing answers to prayer that we are witnessing! **God is good---all the time! All the time ----God is good.**

We have continued to dialogue with AT&T about their interest in placing several antennae on DSCC property. Our latest meeting with them, allowed us to go over the contract and tweak, edit, change it line-by-line as necessary to reflect what we feel is in the best interest of DSCC. Those changes in the lease option agreement are being presented to AT&T for their review. Please, be in prayer for the LT and officers and Ron as we continue to move forward with this. Specific details about the contract will be given to the congregation at the Special Congregational Meeting on 21 September immediately following the Worship service at which time the congregation will vote to accept or decline the contract.

Also, on the agenda for the Special Congregational Meeting will be discussion about *House of Hope Church* and their use of DSCC facilities for worship, prayer, teaching, youth groups and prayer services. This Ukrainian Pentecostal Church came to us, to ask if we could assist them with a place in which they could gather for worship, etc. The Leadership Team, officers and Ron felt led to offer September as a one month trial run....to see how well/if the schedules of both churches can "mesh" and to see if there is adequate space to meet their needs...and to determine what impact their use would have on utilities, etc. We will be voting on the 21st about any longer term arrangements that may be under consideration.

Fourteen DSCC members, a teacher from Chiawana HS, and Bill Dixon, a Master Gardener, met together on Monday, 25 August for an information meeting about the possibility of beginning a community garden on our adjacent lot. It was an enthusiastic group and "Desert Springs Community Garden" is off to a good start. (continued)

Beverly Eads, Moderator, Nolan Wilcox, Vice Moderator, Marge Mutch, Clerk, Beth Bodeau, Treasurer, Al Akerson, Financial Secretary, LEADERSHIP TEAM: Stephanie Bradbury, Dave Gyll, Pat Wright, Jason McCollum, Mark Richart

A campaign to raise awareness, interest and funds has begun. The immediate goal is to raise funding to construct 20 raised beds (each one being 4'x8's12" in late October. We will be targeting Broadmoor apartments and Silver Creek Apartments (both located near Rd. 100 on Chapel Hill Blvd.) to see if people living in the apartments would be interested in planting the raised bed gardens. Students in the Agriculture Dept. of Chiawana High School are also being invited to participate and help this project. Master Gardeners will partner with us in providing some assistance with the construction process as well as providing mentors for those who have no garden or insufficient garden knowledge. Pray that God would use the garden as a ministry outreach to the community and to some of the Chiawana students:

Please, continue to keep Desert Springs Covenant Church and our future in your daily prayers. It is truly exciting to see God's hand in the myriad of activities happening at DSCC. Pray for the home church groups that will be resuming within the next few weeks, pray for the youth program and confirmation classes as they are undergoing some changes; pray for those within our congregation who are struggling with, health issues, financial difficulties, relational problems, and spiritual battles. As the church becomes more pro-active in ministry outreach, the evil one is not hesitating to assault from every angle possible! Do pray a hedge of protection around DSCC and its members! Blessings2all, Beverly.

Women's Ministries: We had a wonderful time at our August Women's Meeting. Maria Cardenas demonstrated to an enthusiastic group of women how to make homemade tortillas. Then we enjoyed our fellowship while munching on our tacos with all the fillings.

Our next activity sponsored by Women's Ministries is the annual church yard sale—planned for September 20, 9A-2P. So clean out your garages and plan on joining us @ the church. Each person is responsible for setting up and selling at their table. Money goes to the Women's Ministry treasury projects, and supply scholarships for the annual retreat. Helpers needed to set up tables 7:30 am.

Planning meeting: Mon. Sept. 15 at 7P at Phyllis Clark's 11 Jasmine Ln.. Pasco. We would love to see more people attend and join our Women's Ministry Leadership tem. Thanks...Phyllis and Lisa

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Worship and Children's Church Sundays
10:00 A.M.

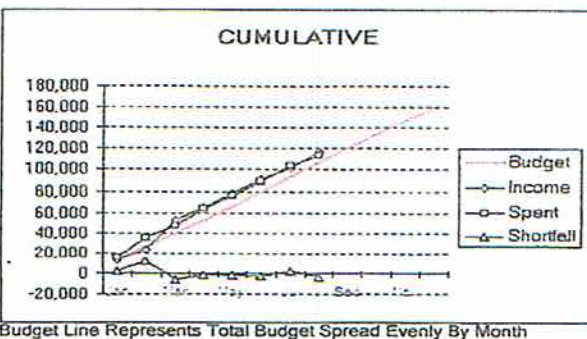
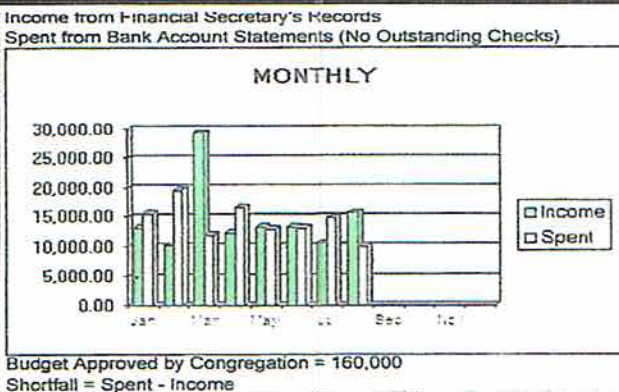
Mondays: Tae Kwon-Do 6:00-7:00 pm
Sunday Evenings: 6:00 pm prayer at church

Small Groups:
Please check with Dave Guyll or your Small Group Leaders for your September meetings.

Friday, Sept. 19th FREE MOVIE
"FACING THE GIANTS" 7:00 pm

Coming: Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale
Saturday, November 15 9 am-2pm...Contact
Veronica Meaders 366-3979

Please check the Sunday Bulletin for other activities and dates this month



A heart full of "thank you" to all of the members and friends of Desert Springs Covenant Church for your prayers, support, loving care, kindness, and services to Marge and family as we live through Don's leaving us to be with Jesus. We PRAISE GOD for His promises and as Don's last comments were: "It Is Good"

- August Special Gifts**
- 153.80 from VBS for Kids Water Fund
 - 101.21 from Offering Coins for Kids Water Fund
 - 150.00 for Community Garden Beds
 - 75.00 for John Flores Wedding of Aug. 2nd
 - 62.00 for Benevolence