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A Message from Pastor Ron

Successful musicians have a trained ear. They can hear a note or tone. They have trained their hearing to pick up keys and scales as they are played. They know when a key change is made in a song or piece of music. They have learned to hear beat and rhythm.

It takes a long time to develop a trained ear but most everyone can do it. Very few people are really tone deaf. Most who think they are actually only have untrained ears. They cannot really pick up notes, keys, beats or rhythms. However, with time, they could train their ear to hear them.

It is the same with our spiritual ears. We must train our spiritual ears to hear the voice of our Heavenly Father. Many people say they do not experience God leading them or speaking to them. It may be that they have not trained their spiritual ear to listen and recognize God’s leading or prompting. Our Heavenly Father does not often speak directly and audibly. Nor does he often physically act to direct our plans. It takes an act of trusting faith to accept a subtle prompting, nudge or inner voice is actually that of God’s spirit communicating to us. It is faith that chooses to recognize them as such and faith that chooses to give thanks and recognition to God for such loving interaction. As an aside, you may want to note that is Scripture where god had to speak and act most loudly and directly it was most often in judgment for lack of faith and for disobedience!

How do you develop a “listening ear” or an ear trained to hear the Lord speak? What can you do to fine tune your heart to pick up any nudge of His Spirit? How can you be sure that you will be obedient to the leading and prompting of the Lord? Let me suggest a couple things:

1. The devil will not tell you to do righteous things for the right reasons. If it is a godly, right thing to do for the right reason, accept that it is from the Lord.

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Sat. July 18.....work day at church....a great big THANK YOU to those who participated in each area...in the heat...mowing down weeds on the property and along Rd. 100.... THANKS to those providing super good refreshments.

Dave Gyll, Moderator, Dave Hurley, Vice Moderator, Al Akerson, Clerk, John Clark, Financial Secretary, Beth Bodeau, Treasurer
 Leadership Team: Mark Richart, Jason McCollum, Nolan Wilcox, Merle Fowler

(Pastor Ron's message continued)

2. Your selfish, prideful nature will not tell you to do righteous things for the right reasons. If it does not satisfy a selfish need or urge and has no benefit to you, accept that it is from the Lord.
3. Learn to listen through the filter of God's word. God's message does not change. You can confirm any perceived message by searching the Scriptures to find it confirmed there.
4. Act out of simple trust and faith. Sometimes the Lord is tuning our spiritual ear through obedience to the smallest prompting and subtle nudging. Be faithful in these small acts and the Lord will give you greater awareness which will bring greater bold obedience.
5. Remember that the point is to be obedient regardless of the outward results. Do not think you misheard and misunderstood the Lord just because you didn't get the response or result you thought you should have gotten. Your goal is to hear and obey. The results are up to God

Finally, act in trusting faith and give the thanks and glory to God. Never take credit or assume the credit for something the Lord has done. Humility acknowledges the Lord. "The greater the need the greater the dependence upon hearing from the Lord. In this season at Desert Springs Covenant Church may we all develop a trained ear to hear and bold heart to obey!

Women's Ministry News

Saturday, July 18 we had a great time of fun, fellowship Packing 19 boxes for our Military. Thank you John Clark for doing our mailing!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 'EVEREST' Aug. 3-7 5:30-8:00 p.m.
See our Web page for all information..sample of music, VBS Registration...*Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power.* Registration accepted up to starting time.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2015

CHURCH: 10:00 A.M. CHILDREN S.S. 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY: Prayer Gathering 6:00 p.m.
TAE-KWON-DO: Mon. & Thurs. 6:00 p.m. Sat. 3:00 p.m.
YOUTH GROUP: Wed. 6:30-8:00 p.m.
MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP: Wed. 7:00- 8:00 a.m.
SMALL GROUPS: Please check with Dave Guyll or your Group leader.
Sat. Aug. 1 : Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Monday Aug 3 through Aug. 7 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
Tues. Aug. 11: Leadership Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 15: Women's Ministry Gathering 10-12 a.m.
Fri. Aug. 28 Wedding rehearsal
Sat. Aug. 29 Wedding
Sun. Aug. 30 5th Sunday Pot Luck (theme: **Camping Inside**)
Bring food with a "camping" flavor

Coming events: Women's Ministry Yard Sale-Sept. 19
(need furniture to sell)
Men's Retreat – Gormley - Oct. 2-4



Men's News

Sat. Aug. 1 - 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
Mark has offered to bring a message for us and possibly some fresh fruit (that's code for apple fritters)

Men's Retreat to Ghormely

Men the count down is on for the retreat. You have until August 20 to get \$102.00 per person to Mark Richart. Thanks.



The financial report is not listed as it comes out the last day of the month and I wanted to get this mailed out...so you can check in the Narthex later for the information or I will send it separately.

Thank you to all who donate to the "jar" Proceeds go to help defray the cost of supplies.

Be sure to check out our Web Site...lots of up-to-date info.
Also...we have a church library...lots of good books.