



**KOINONIA**  
**DESERT SPRINGS COVENANT CHURCH**  
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**December 2015**

Message from Pastor Ron....

- 1) Pastor Ron is co-leading another mission trip into the Copper Canyon of Mexico next spring to go serve the Tarahumar (Raramurl) Indians. There are a few openings on the team for anyone interested in joining. They would join the rest of the team from Central Church, Richland, to fly to El Paso, TX, cross at Ciudad Juarez. Mexico, drive to Creel and then into the Canyon to be at the school for a few days. The dates will be April 22-May 1. We will be finishing up the last two apartments for teachers who go into the canyon to teach Tarahumara children. You will need a U.S. Passport. The cost of the trip will be between \$1,500-1,800 (air, hotels, travel, meals, food distribution and building supplies). Any level of willingness and ability to work with your hands is appreciated. It will be three-four days of very dirty work. Living conditions while in the canyon are very rustic. Must be able to sit in a vehicle for a long period of time traveling very bad roads. Must really like Mexican food and not have many, if any, food allergies or problems as making dietary allowances is very difficult. Must be flexible and willing to deal with unexpected changes. Must love to meet new people and like to try new things. If you are interested, let Pastor Ron know before mid-December. If you have any questions about going, don't hesitate to ask. He can share his experiences and the pictures he has of his tips down there.
- 2) **Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm.** Pastor Ron needs people who are able and willing to read parts of the Christmas story. If you are interested in being a reader, let him know. You will need to be at the church at 6:45 pm Christmas Eve to find your place and to receive final instructions.
- 3) During Advent we will be considering the coming of Christ, not just the first coming, but his continual coming into our lives as we travel life's road. He is always "standing at the door knocking" and seeking an invitation to come into our lives and have fellowship with him. When was the last time you renewed your invitation to him to come into your life? How have you invited Christ to come in to your life to, once again, be Savior and Lord? The way of a true disciple of the Lord is one of constantly seeking, surrendering, and submitting to His will and way. The greatest gift we can give to God is our life. It is the sacrifice He takes the greatest pleasure in, more than money, time or our talents. In return, He gives us back our lives transformed by the power of His Spirit to be set loose into the world to do His works. *He who seeks to save his life will lose his life. But he who loses his life for my sake will find life" (Luke 17:33)*

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**A NOTE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

The last day to deliver tithes and offerings for credit as received by the church in 2015 is Sunday December 27. These funds will be formally recorded after the service and deposited in the bank next day as usual.

Please no post-dated checks and no exceptions.

*Thanks John Clark*



**GENTLEMEN OF DSCC & HOH**

December 5<sup>th</sup> is our next Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Andy will be bringing food for thought and the soul

Randy will bring something good to eat (thanks Frankie)

Merle will be out of town.

Thank you to all who provide our Sunday refreshments after church and for our wonderful POT LUCKS

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

**HOME GROUPS**

**Tues. Group 6:00 p.m Dave & Leanne  
Guyll 356 Col. Pt. Dr. Rhld**

**Dave: 430-9373 Leanne: 430-9374**

**Wed. Group: Bible study - 9:30 AM home  
of Al & Elaine**

**Home Group 6:30 pm - 3226  
W.Sylvester St. Pasco**

**Al: 845-4798 Elaine: 547-0059**

**Thurs: Group 7:00 p.m.**

**\_\_\_Mark and Lisa: 430-7942...**

**CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER**

Worship 10:00 am Children's S.S. 10:00 am

Tae Kwon Do: Mon. & Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Sat. 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday Eve. 6:00 pm** - prayer at church

Men's Accountability Group Wed. 7-8:00 am

**Sat- Dec. 5 – 9:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast

**Sun., Dec. 6 –** Women's Leadership Team meeting directly after worship.

Mon. Dec. 7 **Pearl Harbor Day**

**Sat. Dec. 12. Women's Ministry Christmas Party 10 am to 12 noon at church  
Girls Scouts**

**Sun Dec. 13 1 – 4 pm - Christmas Potluck**

**Sun. Dec. 20 - Mission Bags due**

**Monday Dec. 21 - WINTER BEGINS**

**Thurs. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Svc. -7:00 pm**

**Fri. Dec. 25 Christmas Day**

**Thurs. Dec. 31 New Years**

**Women's Ministry**

**Christmas Party**

**Sat. Dec. 12 – 10 am – Noon**

Come join us for a special Christmas Celebration....

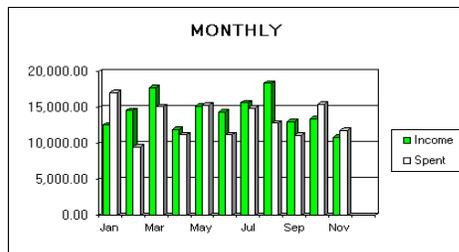
Bring: a Christmas ornament to exchange...under 10.00

Two dozen cookies...(one to share at the meeting and the other to make a special donation to a designated location.

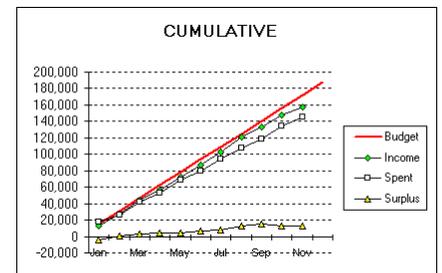
All women of the church are invited...bring a friend and young girls are welcome



Income from Financial Secretary's Records  
Spent from Bank Acct. Statements (No Outstanding Checks)



Budget approved by Congregation = 187,415  
Surplus = Income - Spent



**November Special Receipts**

- 109.00 Benevolence
- 107.00 Kids Mission Fund (Bibles)
- 20.00 Missions

Budget Line Represents Total Budget Spread Evenly by Month

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT.....was held ....NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>  
FUN – FELLOWSHIP- CRAFTS-FOOD**

Attention all who love to celebrate the season  
A Christmas social for all home group attenders  
(and those who don't attend but still like to enjoy a get together)

Sunday, December 13 from 1 -4

Christmas potluck

At Mark and Lisa Richart's

white elephant gift exchange, singing, games and fellowship

We will be assigning food dishes as people RSVP

Call [leanne 509-430-9374](tel:509-430-9374) or email at [guylls@me.com](mailto:guylls@me.com)

Let us know if you will be attending and if you would like a ride



The Bible is full of God's requesting to be let into our life. Our life is so much better when we seek his good rather than what we think is "good". God has a different definition of what is good for us than ours. So, he invites us to let Him come into our lives to teach us His "good" ways:

- "How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You To dwell in Your courts We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple." (Psalm 65:4)
- "The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth." (Psalm 145:18)
- "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:1-3, 6, 8-9, 12)
- "Return, O faithless sons, I will heal your faithlessness. Behold, we come to You; For You are the LORD our God." (Jeremiah 3:22)
- "But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." (Joel 2:32)
- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30)
- "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1)
- "Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [read more.](#) let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." (Hebrews 10:29-22)
- "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8)
- "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let anyone who hears this say, "Come." Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life." (Revelation 22:17)

This Advent Season will you accept the Christ's invitation to "come"? Bring what you have. Come as you are. Receive the Christ, the new born King! May the gift you receive be a renewed mind, a re-fired passion and refreshed spirit!



Many thanks to all of you for lovingly packing 50 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Remember to pray for the boxes to reach out around the world with the love of Jesus. And pray that your box will be a blessing and encouragement to a child far away, and that he or she will come to know Jesus.