



KOINONIA
DESERT SPRINGS COVENANT CHURCH

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A number of years ago, one of my families favorite animated movies was “The Lion King”. It is a story of a young heir to the throne who believes a lie about himself and loses his true identity and thus himself as well in the world. It is not until he remembers who he came from and who he really was, regardless of past mistakes and recklessness, that he is able to take his rightful place in the world and fulfill his mission and purpose—his reason for being.

It is a crazy shaman-type baboon that knocks some sense into him. With a long pointy finger, he asks, “Who are you?” In the face of his past, the pain he carried and his lost identity he really didn’t know. It was not until he saw the image of his father that he realized his own identity.

There is a beautiful picture from Scripture there: We are all made in the image of God but have lost our identity. We will not find it until we take a deep hard look into the nature and character of God. There we will find the image of the First Born and in him we will find our identity.

The rest of this spring and through the summer we are exploring our identity. Too many of us, myself included, have limited our identities by our failures, inabilities, losses, hurts, habits and hang-ups. The apostle Paul reminds us that those are part of our past—things we “once” were. Now we are new creatures, adopted children, children of light, co-heirs with Christ and so much more.

Fix your eyes on Jesus, the image of the Father, and you’ll discover not only your truest identity but also your mission and life purpose. You were born for so much more than just living an ordinary existence!

Pastor Ron

As a way to improve communication at DSCC, each ministry will be assigned a Leadership Team representative. The Ministry and Leadership Team contact for each is listed below:
 Youth Group – Jason McCollum
 Home Groups --Dave Gyll
 Community Garden – Beth Bodeau
 Sunday School – Mary Garber
 Men’s Ministry – Merle Fowler
 Women’s Ministry – Carla Miller
 Music Ministry – Al Akerson
 House of Hope – Mark Richart
 Benevolence – Mark Richart

**POT LUCK
 SUPPER**
 Saturday May 2
 5-7 p.m.
 Sponsored by the
 Small Groups
 Everyone invited...
 fun, fellowship,
 even a game. Get
 acquainted.
 Bring a dish to
 share.

**DESERT SPRINGS
 COMMUNITY GARDEN**
SUNFLOWERS
SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2015

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

The children of DSCC and House of Hope as well as children of our gardeners are invited to help in planting the sunflower border around the west, north and east borders of the Garden.
 An assortment of bee’n’butterfly friendly flowers will be planted across the south side of the garden.

Acacia Bodeau is in charge of the Sunflower Border and she welcomes any and all who are willing to come and help in this project.

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



A note from Frankie....I just want to thank all of the ladies who joined us for a walk through the Garden this last weekend. We had 17 women who were such a blessing to one another. We were so inspired that we are planning another retreat next year to be at the same location (The Vista Hermosa Retreat House – Fishhook Park Rd) THANKS also to Frankie Meaders and Pat Wright for leading us in our six sessions (Seasons Of Life” and all of the little extras they did. THANKS also to the gals who provided and prepared breakfasts, lunches, dinners, desserts....everything was wonderful



CALENDAR FOR MAY 2015
CHURCH: 10:00 a.m. CHILDREN’S S.S. 10:00 a.m.
SUNDAYS: 6:00 P.M. Prayer at church
TAE KWON-DO Sat. 3:00 p.m. – Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
YOUTH Wednesday 6:30- 8:00 p.m.
Small Groups: Check with Dave Guyll or your leader
Sat. May 2 – Men’s Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Sat. May 2 – Garden Workday – planting Sunflowers 9:30-1:30
Sat. May 2 - Pot Luck Dinner 5-7 p.m. at church
Sponsored by Small Groups...all congregation and friends invited.
Sun, May 10 MOTHER’S DAY
Sat. May 23 – Women’s Ministry Tea and Hat Extravaganza 10 a.m.
Mon. May 25 – Memorial Day
Sun. May 31 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK after Worship

SATURDAY MAY 23 - 10:00-12:00 A.M
TEA AND HAT EXTRAVAGANZA.

Come, bring friends and family,,,,,, be encouraged and inspired....and do wear a fun hat.....any hat you want.....your choice, vintage or elegant, crazy or classy.

Our speaker for the tea will be **KELLY ALMBERG**
How can you help? We are looking for table hostesses or co-hostesses to decorate their own table for 6-8 guests with spring décor, dishes, napkins, cups and saucers and a centerpiece. Silverware will be provided. (we also have cups and saucers at the church if you would like to use them). Each table will be different.....your own design. Can't be a table hostess??...but would like to come...call, Frankie, Phyllis or Marge.

BRING: SOME SCONES FOR YOUR TABLE AND TO SHARE.
 Hope to see lots of ladies.....young and older having fun.



A crowd of 45 people attended the Dedication of the Garden and the unveiling of the new sign. It was a day of sunshine, broad smiles, sharing of the dream – the journey – the goals, laughter, fellowship and refreshments.

The Tri city Herald ran a photo and brief statement about the event in their Friday paper, which attracted attention and brought a number of people out to sign up and to get information.

To all who assisted in making this event a success, on behalf of the Garden committee and MG mentors, I extend our thanks and Appreciation.



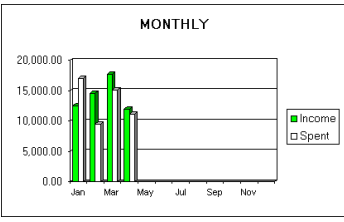
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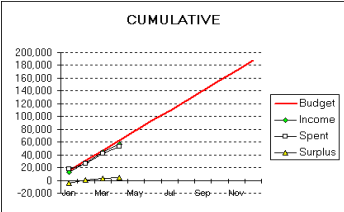
The Garden is dedicated – open – growing – underway. It is a dream that is slowly coming to fruition. Thanks to one and all that have assisted with donations of time, physical labor, words of encouragement and finances. Of the 20 raised bed gardens, 13 are assigned – 3 to DSCC people, 1 to an H of H family, 9 to people in the community and 1 is a one crop planting to benefit all of the gardeners. We have 6 more raised beds available. There will be four trellises for cucumbers, green beans and other vining vegetables, small fruit as well as eight flat ground plots for corn, pumpkins, summer squash and winter squash. Some people are involved in the flat ground plots and not in the raised bed area.

Overheard on Sat. 25 April, in the garden. New planters....they began to talk and I overheard the man saying to the woman..."Well, if you'll plant some mustard, I'll plant some chard – and we can share with each other, can't we?" WOW I know that my immediate reaction was to smile and send up an arrow prayer of thanks! THAT is what this is all about. Building relationships. Caring about others. Sharing. Get to know those who are participating. We are multi-generational, multi-ethnic able-bodies and disabled. As the gardeners plant seeds to harvest...let US plant seeds to harvest for Christ.

Income from Financial Secretary's Records. Spent from Bank Account Statements (No outstanding checks)



Budget Line Represents Total Budget Spread Evenly by Month
April Special Giving
 1,500.00 HOH Joint Occupancy Fee
 277.00 Benevolence
 100.00 Debt Reduction
 49.00 Kids Mission



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