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November 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I know that God is working at Desert Springs. I am certain that he is hearing our prayers and I am convinced that he is also answering those prayers.

This year your leadership team felt we have come to a place where we can begin the search for a full time pastor. Our financial Obligations, primarily due to our mortgage, mean at present we lack the giving to support a full time pastor. We began looking for ways to achieve the necessary funds and learned that the Northwest Pacific Conference of our Evangelical Covenant denomination has a plan which they have used with other congregations. They will in essence allow us access to the equity in our church building to use these funds to supplement what may be lacking in payroll obligations. This plan has them doing the preliminary candidate search limiting it o only pastors who they believe are gifted as revitalization. This term may put off some who feel it implies we are dying which we do not believe to be the case but we do know that we are in a critical place where the congregation’s average age has increased and we are not (yet) adding new younger people. This does not mean we are a stagnant church but it does mean that we have a challenge ahead. We need a shepherd of the flock, a visionary who can guide and direct efforts that will grow the body while not diminishing or changing the unique aspects about us.

To this purpose the church on Sunday mornings and the individuals who gather for a payer time on Sunday evenings along with individuals at all times have been praying for a full time pastor. We have been praying that God will guide and prepare and direct the right man to us and we must rejoice even when the answer is “Wait”. We were told that two different men were considering our situation and while I cannot deny I hoped one of them was our man, both have been directed elsewhere. So we continue to thank God for his provisions, for the gift of a very able pulpit in Ron, for financial stability, for the opportunity to use the building to further an additional congregation in the House of Hope and we hope and pray that the NWPC people will be sensitive to God’s guiding them to the right man.

Thank you for continuing to trust in God’s leading of this church and for the trust you place in your leadership team to guide us while we wait. In the meantime, I would encourage each of us to use the gifting God has provided to further His kingdom by loving and serving others. Remember, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME and ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD.

Your Fellow servant in Christ, Dave Gyll



Before you go to bed Saturday night remember to “fall back” by setting your clocks back one hour.

Operation Christmas Child. Check our Web site For more information.....Boxes will be due at the Church on Sunday November 15. Boxes can be picked up in the Narthex with a list of items

HOME GROUPS

Tues. Group 6:00 p.m Dave & Leanne Gyll
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...

Dave Gyll ,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

**EVERYONE IS INVITED
BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS
TO
FAMILY FUN NIGHT MON. NOV. 23
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Soups, Breads, Desserts
Jingle Bell Theme**



and lots of fun crafts!

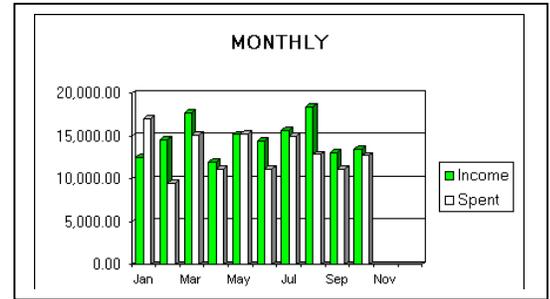
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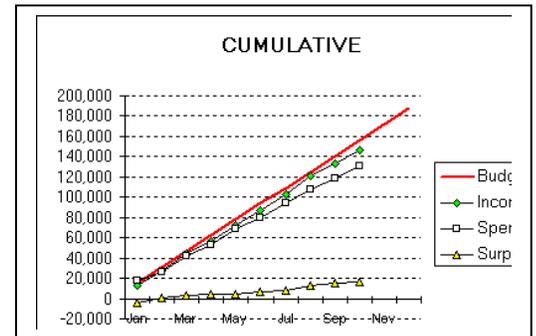
Pastor Appreciation
Ron and Dan
Thank you.



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



Budget approved by congregation – 187,415



Budget Line Represents Total Budget Spread
Evenly by Month

October Special Receipts

90.00 Benevolence Fund

79.00 Kids Mission Fund

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

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. Nov. 7 – 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Mark Richart **will be bringing a message.**

Mon. Nov. 9 – Women's Leadership Team meeting 6:30 pm –home of Phyllis Clark

Wed. Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day

Sun. Nov. 15. Christmas Child Boxes due

Monday, Nov. 23 Family Fun Night 6-8 pm

Thursday, Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING

Our Women's Mini Retreat was held on Sat. Oct. 17th
A time of fun and fellowship and learning about
"Filling Our Cup" and our hearing about our *"Jail Ministry"* where we collected books of instruction and comfort for women who are having problems.



On Sunday November 18 House of Hope
Invited us to share a "Harvest Festival"
With them....worship service and a
Bountiful pot luck following. Notice the
Clock "Harvest Time is Near"

November Additional Newsletter article page three.

The power house of any church is the prayer life. It is where the life of the Holy Spirit is fed and taken in to give strength and wisdom. After cleaning the temple of things that robbed and distracted worshippers of the true purpose of gathering to honor God, Jesus said, "My house will be called a house of prayer."

It takes great faith to wait upon the Lord. We often want to act and do things on our own based upon our own understanding. Prayer is the humble recognition that God's ways are not our ways. His timing is not our timing. The discipline of praying together as a church body is our united recognition that we are God's people. It is the humble acknowledgement that we must look to him to fulfill his purposes in us.

I deem our Sunday evening prayer time our most important event of our Sunday gatherings. We have already seen the Lord answer prayer for our congregation as well as for individuals we have prayed for and over. Part of our prayers has included our future as a congregation and the leading of the Lord for a full-time pastor.

We learned this last week that the two individuals who were praying about our congregation have felt led of the Lord to go to other places to minister. This in itself is an answer to our prayers! By faith, we believe that as we prayed for them the Lord directed them for their benefit and for ours. (After almost 30 years of ministry I have learned the hard way that you do not want to go someplace only to wish you had stayed where you were, or have stayed where you were and wished that you had gone!) Spirit directed obedience is essential in prayer! Don't pray if you don't intend to obey! Often answered prayers require a step of faith on our part.

Our step of faith as Desert Springs Covenant Church is to continue to pray and believe that God is still preparing the right person for us to lead us into our God ordained future. God's character and nature revealed in Scripture tells us that it is to "prosper and not harm....to give hope and a future" (Jer. 31:13). We may not be fully aware of them, but the Lord knows the plans he has for us. He will show us what they are in good time. We only need to "come....pray....and seek" with all our heart. He promises to reveal himself and his plans to us as we wait upon him.

In the meantime, we will continue to serve and minister to those he gives to us. We will continue to take advantage of opportunities to share his love and hope with our community, family and friends. And we will continue to encourage one another in the faith journey he has set out before us. In the end, we will celebrate him and the great things he has done by declaring, "Look at what the Lord has done! It is great and marvelous in our sight".

Pastor Ron

Kelly and I want to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and tokens of love you have shared with us this past couple weeks for Pastors Appreciation Month. We cherish you. I am humbled to serve alongside you as your interim pastor. It is a joy of mine to bring you the Lord's Word each week. I am so appreciative of those on our Leadership Team, the Elder Team and others who lead and volunteer in our ministries. I am proud to call you friends and co-laborers with Christ!

Pray for lots of rain and snow in the mountain regions of Wa., Oregon & California



Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

