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FEBRUARY

2016

"Life in the Spirit" Weekend Seminar at Central United Protestant Church in Richland: Friday evening, February 5th from 7-9 pm (in the Fellowship Hall and Saturday morning the 6th from 9-12 noon. Childcare will be provided by RSVP. During the seminar, we will welcome our presenter, the Rev. Don Shelby who will guide us through three sessions that will include teaching and small-group processing.

Session 1 – "Much More than I Realized"

Session 2 - "Gifting's and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit"

Session 3 - "Receiving and Practicing the Gifting's of the Holy Spirit.

Small group break outs will be safe circles to discuss, explore, learn, engage in exercises of listening to God's voice, ministering to each other and experience a variety of gifting's up close and personal

Message from Pastor Ron

Our Leadership Team has been hard at work with our denominational officials to help fill the position of full-time pastor at Desert Springs Covenant Church. The Evangelical Covenant Church's district and national leadership have been a wonderful asset to us as we continue to move forward. Our DSCC Leadership Team has spent hours in diligent preparation for a new pastor. Likewise, many in our congregation have given themselves to prayer, seeking the wisdom and guidance of the Lord for our church and its leadership. I can't help but believe that the Lord is going to honor our good stewardship and heartfelt prayers by granting to us the right pastor-leader for our future.

Pastoral leadership transitions can be hard. They are difficult for a pastor and his family as they are uprooted from friendships and relationships and transplanted into a new community and church where everyone is new to them but not to each other. It is especially tough on children. I have moved my family four times across country to follow God's call to minister in a local church. I speak from experience. This will not be an easy time of transition for this family. The pastor is called and the family follows. I encourage you to be proactive in welcoming and forming friendships with his wife and children. The sooner and deeper their relationships and friendships grow in the new soil of this new place, the smoother the transition will be for this pastor and his family.

Likewise, also give them space and time to find their own footing and place in our congregation and community. Be a resource about our community and its benefits and opportunities for their children. Help them make connections. As they grow in familiarity with our community, they will become settled down and familiar with driving around, knowing where to shop, find doctors and dentists, libraries and activities for families.

This will also be a difficult time for us as congregants. There will be change to a new style of leadership. We must allow the pastor to make his own place and find his own footing as our pastoral leader. We must trust that Lord brought him to us with unique gifting's, talents and passions that will perfectly match what we need – perhaps not what we want, but always what we need! You and I will need to be open to new directions, new ways of doing things and changes to "the way we have always done things".

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MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 6TH 9:00 A.M.

We will be having a round table discussion.
How does God Nudge YOU? Please bring
your experiences to share.

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

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2016

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./Fri. 7-8:00 am

Sat., Feb. 6 Men's Ministry Breakfast 9 am

Sat., Feb. 13 -- Women's Ministry Gathering

10:00 am -- 12:00 noon

Check out our Web Site for all of the latest
Calendar information during the month



(Young adults)

Friday, January 22, was the first Young Adults bible study. We gathered for a soup supper and then proceeded to our meeting. The premise for the group is that all people have questions, especially young people, so why not form a group, ask those questions and then submit the questions to other more mature Christians to help us find the answers.

If you would like to be on the receiving end of these questions please give me your email. Otherwise, I will just browse the directory and my own contacts and fire them off in hopes of some response. The group meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at our house. If you have any concerns or questions about what is "going on" please give me a call.

412-1057 or send me an email, Carla.miller58@yahoo.com

Submitted by Carla



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

President, Frankie Meaders,, V.P. Jeri Fowler
Secretary, Phyllis Clark. Treasurer, Carla Miller
Spiritual Leader, Lisa Richart, Sun Shine, Marge
Mutch, Kim Terlson, Welcome duties,
Misty Edwards, Meals – The Women's
Leadership will meet Mon. Feb. 8th at
6:30 pm – home of Phyllis Clark

We held our "event planning" meeting on
January, 9 **Saturday, Feb. 13 will be our
Chocolate Extravaganza...10 am - noon**

Sat. March 19—Repair Bibles

Sat. April 16 – Mini Retreat

Sat May . 21 -- Tea

Sat, June 18 -- possible picnic other churches

Sat. July 16 -- Military Boxes

Sat. Aug. 20 – Sewing

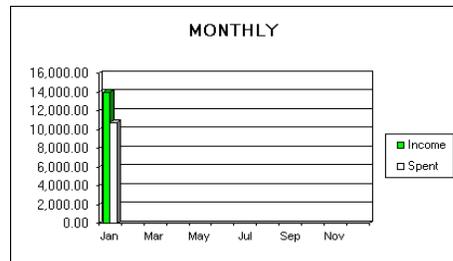
Sat. Sept. 16th -- Yard Sale

October – Retreat

Nov. – Family Fun Night

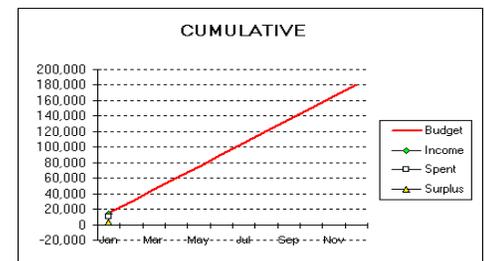
Dec. -- Christmas Party

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



Budget approved by Congregation =
Surplus = Income - Spent

For small group locations and
Information please call
Dave Guyll - 430=9373



Budget Line Represents Total Budget Spread
Evenly by Month

January Special Receipts:
\$376.00 Benevolence
84.00 C=Kids Mission Fund (Bibles)

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If we are going to welcome the future that the Lord has for us, we must be willing to surrender the past that the Lord has brought us through. We cannot hold on to the past and grab hold of the future at the same time. We can acknowledge the past, rejoice in the past and be thankful of all that happened in the past, but now is the time to move into a new place of living as a community of believers to welcome the future God has in store for us. For some of us, this will be a time of grieving as we let go of our past and what we once were as Desert Springs Covenant Church. However, if we will patiently wait upon the Lord to see what He will do, I'm confident that we will also enter into a time of rejoicing as we see the new things the Lord does among us.

All of us are different. Some people welcome change and get excited about it. Some people hate change and dread the unknown about it. As a congregation, we must recognize that we will each move into the future in a different way. We will need to give each other room to grow and accept the unfamiliar as well as rejoice at the excitement of possibilities that lie ahead. Whatever the case, ready or not, here it comes!

For myself, I look forward to what God is doing among us. I believe that the Lord is going to reward our faithfulness. Things will be different. But that is ok. Different is not wrong. It is just different. I believe that the Lord has great plans for us. But we must be willing to go where he takes us, even if it looks unfamiliar and risky. The children of Israel left Egypt, a place that while painful and depressing was at least familiar, to go to a new place. Many were afraid. Most were not excited. Some longed for the familiar bondage of the past. But God gave a command and a promise: Go and enter the place I have given to you. Be not afraid, for I the Lord your God am with you. That is a promise we can stand on today and the days ahead as we move into the place that God has prepared for us. Pastor Ron