



**KOINONIA**  
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**JANUARY**

**2016**

**Message from Pastor Ron**

We enter another new year that holds great promise, potential and possibility before us. If you knew that anything you did for God this next year couldn't fail, what would you attempt? If you could be certain that come this next year's end you could be a different person in some way, what would you seek to change about yourself? If you could confidently ask your heavenly Father for anything this next year knowing he will grant it in his time, what would you ask for?

Most of us have trouble seeing our future through eyes of faith that sees God's goodness, faithfulness and power at work for us. Our culture has passed on to us a jaundiced outlook that casts a skeptic pall over everything we foresee in the future. Our ability to see any potential for God to work and be triumphant is clouded by disappointment and despair that our news and media outlets feed us. We have a short-sighted view of the past and what God has done throughout human history and an even shorter-sighted view of the future to see what God can do bring change.

With apologies to Charles Dickens and his famous line that begins "The Tale of Two Cities" – it is NOT the best of times, but NEITHER is it the worst of times. Human history has had darker hours than the ones we face and, yet, the Church remains strong and the kingdom continues to advance. Imagine, for a moment, the magnitude of proclaiming a new kingdom during the time of the Roman Empire. The early disciples must have thought there was no hope for real change except in their small enclaves. But then the work of the Lord through His Church continued and an empire was turned upside down.

Before the Great Awakening in England and America, many thought the Church in England was dead and the Church in America would follow its decline. Rationalism had seemed to make the Christian faith obsolete and unnecessary. Church corruption and failure had reinforced the idea of its irrelevance to the masses. However, God had other plans. In answer to prayers of a faithful few, He sent a series of spiritual revivals that not only turned a nation around spiritually, but also used them to launch the great missionary movements of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Many historians credit those revivals with saving Great Britain as well as what became the United States of America.

There are many places in the world today where the Church is heavily persecuted: northern and eastern Africa, India, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, and many other places. However, instead of the Church shrinking and withdrawing, the Church is advancing. In some places, it grows at such a rate that no one can keep track of it. Pastors and leaders cannot be trained fast enough! Where pastors and leaders are martyred for the faith, their positions are quickly filled by others willing to lay down their lives. (continued page 2)

On Sun, Dec, 13 a Christmas Pot Luck for the small groups was held at the home of Lisa and Mark Richart. Open invitation to the church.  
 ....**food, fun, fellowship and a "white elephant" gift exchange.**



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**

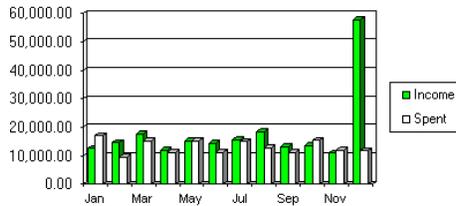
**Al: 845-4798 Elaine: 547-0059**

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

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

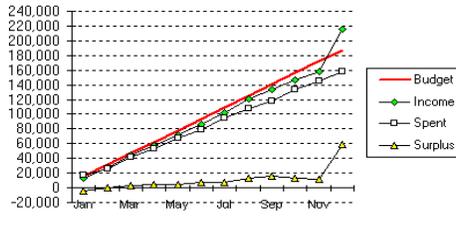
Income from Financial Secretary's Records  
 Spent from Bank Acct. Statements (No Outstanding  
 Checks)

**MONTHLY**



Budget approved by Congregation =  
 Surplus = Income - Spent

**CUMULATIVE**



Budget Line Represents Total Budget Spread  
 Evenly by Month

**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. Jan. 9, Men's Ministry Breakfast 9 am**

**Sat. Jan. 9, Women's Ministry meeting 10:00 am**

**- noon ---- planning and elections**

**Sunday, Jan 31, ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Sunday, Jan. 31, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck**

**BOTH AFTER WORSHIP**

[Check out our Web Site for all of the latest](#)  
[Calendar information during the month](#)



**WOMEN OF DESERT SPRINGS**  
**COVENANT CHURCH**

**YOU ARE INVITED SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**

**10 A.M. - NOON**

**OUR ANNUAL PLANNING AND ELECTION**

**MEETING**

**Come and share your comments –**  
**Ideas for the coming year.**

**Refreshments will be provided by the**  
**Women's Leadership Team**

**December Special Receipts**

**40,000.00 Nelse & Norma Petermann Memorial**

**1,135.00 Christmas Fund**

**85.00 Benevolence**

**56.00 Kids Mission Fund (Bibles)**

**17.50 Sale of Baptismal Font**

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So, as you look into the future, I challenge you to see with eyes of faith at what God can do in your life, your family, your work place, your community, your country and your world. We do not need to be afraid of the future and what it may bring. The Creator who holds all things in His hands sits enthroned above us all. He rules and reigns and will bring about His purposes. So, we can trust him – in good times and bad times – to bring about everything for our ultimate good and His glory. He will not be defeated. He will never be surprised. Even now He is bringing all things together.

I encourage you to 1) Take ahold of the promises in His Word for your life and those you influence. Dig into the Scriptures to discover all His promises for you as an heir, son/daughter and partner in His kingdom; 2) Believe that He is good and is for you and not against you and will work all things for your good and His glory regardless of how they may appear to you at the time; 3) Pray with complete faith and trust that He is both willing and able to accomplish His promises in His Word for you and those you influence. You can do this by writing them down and keeping them with you to think about and repeat to remind yourself of what He will do for you; and 4) Throw off doubt and fear when it seeks to overtake you. If you must, turn off those “ news” sources that feed your fear, anger, doubt. Focus upon what God says about His plans and purposes for you and the world. If we want a different world to live in and leave for our children and grandchildren, let's begin to see and say what God does about it.