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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RON

Desert Springs Covenant Church is on the cusp of a new adventure with the Lord. We just had the joy and privilege of entertaining Pastor Leo and Michelle Anderson. Their brief visit afforded us the opportunity to meet them, get to know a little about them and hear their hearts for the Lord and His Church. They also got to see and hear a little about us as a congregation and as individuals.

A lot of prayer and attention to details has gone into preparing for this visit. The Leadership Team and Elder Team has served this congregation well in their careful consideration of all that goes into calling a pastor. The Evangelical Covenant Church's district officials have been a valuable resource to us. I truly believe that God will honor our prayers and the desire of our hearts for His leading through a pastoral leader. Therefore, I also believe that there is a bright future ahead for Desert Springs Covenant Church.

I want to encourage you embrace the future the Lord has before us. Yes. Change can be filled with uncertainties. However, we can be confident in the goodness and love of the heavenly Father to provide for us what we need. He knows what we need before we do.

The problem is that what we think we need and what God says we need is not always the same! To avoid ending up wrestling with God over what we want and think we need versus what He in His goodness and love provides for us, I want to encourage you to:

1. Surrender your expectations for the future and be willing to embrace whatever it is that God brings our way in terms of changes and doing things differently through our pastoral leader. Unmet expectations can lead to disappointment that feeds our fear and anger. Instead, expect it to be different. In the wilderness, Israel came to very unfamiliar terrain that was not anything like what they were expecting. Yet they had to get through that to get where God was leading. Still, they longed for the familiar past even though it was bondage. Some of them rebelled and paid an awful price. Those that waited patiently upon the Lord received a reward.
2. Surrender your personal preferences and humbly welcome the "new" of what the Lord may bring. All throughout the Bible the Lord is always doing "a new thing". Blessed are the people who recognize it and welcome it. Those who do not recognize it and fight it often get left behind as did those in the Old Testament and also when Jesus came to proclaim the kingdom. Around Mt. Sinai some in Israel's camp had an idea that things should be done their way. They rejected the leadership God appointed and rebelled against God's leading. It was a catastrophe for all involved. Those that humbled themselves to the Lord's new work and direction received blessing and protection.
3. Boldly embrace our new future and work with others to make it successful. Like the children of Israel looking into an unfamiliar future called The Promised Land filled with challenges that seemed larger than them, the Lord called upon them to "be bold and full of courage for the Lord your God is with you." We do not need to fear what lays ahead with the Lord on our side. We just need to follow and walk forward!
4. Bravely stand alongside one another to encourage and support one another to believe that where we are going is better than where we have ever been. In Israel's sojourn, the negative report of a few turned the hearts of the many against what God was trying to do for the Israelites to bring them out of a wilderness into a future full of promises. Those who chose to put their faith in God's promises and follow Him were rewarded with seeing their future fulfilled. (continued on Page 2)

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

I am excited about what lies before us as a congregation. It is rooted in my firm belief that God is good and intends to lead us into a future full of promise and potential. Will there be challenges to our trust in the nature and character of God and His good will for us? Will there be difficulties that test our resolve to follow the Lord? Yes! It is all a part of the journey to build our faith up in the Lord as individuals and as a body of believers. One day, we will look back and exclaim to one another, "Look what the Lord has done! It is great and marvelous in our sight!"

Pastor Ron



**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. March 14 at 6:30 pm – home of Phyllis Clark  
Sat. March 19—Repair Bibles Project

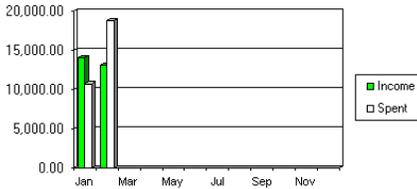


Inside and out.....  
 Sat. March 5- 8 am – 2 p.m  
 Gals and guys & kids too



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

MONTHLY



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

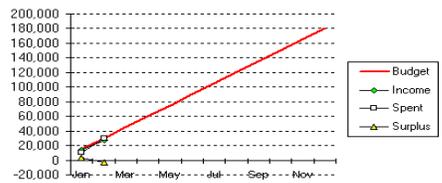
February Special Receipts:  
 74.00 Kids Mission (Bibles)  
 82.00 Benevolence

**CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2016**

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
 Worship 10:00 am Children's S.S. 10:00 am  
 Sundays 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting at church  
 Tae Kwon Do: Mon. & Thurs. 6:00 p.m.  
 Sat. 3:00 p.m.  
 Men's Accountability Group Wed/ & Fri 7-8 am  
 Youth Group meets second and fourth Friday each month at the home of Carla Miller  
Sat., March 5 Men's Ministry Breakfast 9 am  
Sat. March 5 Work/Clean-up 8 am 2:00 pm  
Sunday, March 6 immediately after worship  
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
VOTING ON PASTORAL CANDIDATE  
LEO ANDERSON  
 Sunday, March 13 – Daylight Savings Time begins -- Women's Ministry Gathering-Bible Repair  
 Saturday, March 19 - 10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Friday, March 25 – Good Friday  
Sunday, March 27 EASTER-Easter Egg Hunt

Budget approved by Congregation = 180,650

CUMULATIVE



Budget Line Represents Total Budget Spread Evenly by Month

**LETTER FROM DAVE GUYLL, DSCC MODERATOR**  
**YOUR ATTENDANCE ON MARCH 6 IS CRUCIAL!**

This past weekend, attendees of Desert Springs Covenant church participated in several meeting venues to get to know Pastor Leo Anderson and his wife Michele. Leo is candidating to become the next pastor of Desert Springs Covenant Church.

Immediately following the service on March 6, there will be a congregational meeting where the DSCC members will vote on whether to approve Leo as our next pastor. The church bylaws require 66 2/3% of the Active Members to vote YES to allow us to make the offer to Leo and Michelle. Votes must be made in person so an active member who does not attend the meeting is in essence casting a NO vote.

The Leadership Team and Elders of DSCC are unanimously endorsing Leo and Michele Anderson to be our next Pastor. Please come to DSCC on Sunday to cast your vote. Please contact myself or any of the Leadership Team if you have question  
 Sincerely, Dave Guyll, DSCC Moderator 430-9373.

EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES: Please check our Sunday Bulletin and our Web Site for details for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. We will be having our famous "Easter egg Hunt" ....more details for that event too.



## SPRING TIME means GARDENING!



We've already had Master Gardeners and MG trainees preparing the garden and raised beds for the 2016 season. Soil amendments have been added, weeds & remnants of last fall's crops are disappearing as the clean-up continues. The Garden this year will have three Co-Lead MG Mentors: Dan Tourangeau, Andrew Au and Sharon Hickman. I will continue to oversee administrative duties, coordinate activities, and in general serve as Garden Coordinator.

The *biggest* challenges lie ahead for us:

- connecting with people throughout our neighborhood,
- encouraging them to sign up to garden and  building relationships with them.

Consider what role YOU might be able to play in this ministry outreach endeavor. **Green thumbs** are not a pre-requisite! A desire to minister to others is the key! THIS is where your help is needed!

If you are interested in assisting on any level, if you are interested in being informed about workday schedules & plans, or if you would just like to be "in the loop," please, email me at [DSComGarden@aol.com](mailto:DSComGarden@aol.com) – and we'll add you to our emailing list.

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