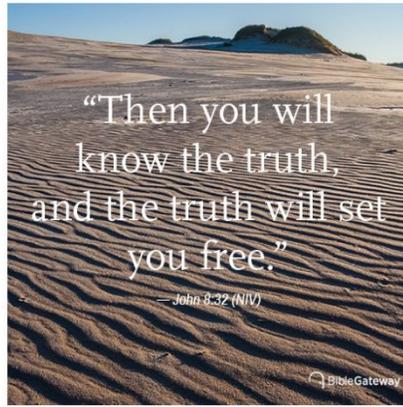




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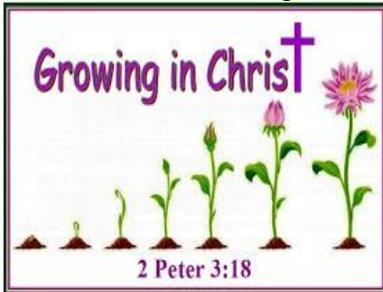
THE PURPOSE OF DESERT SHORES COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO SHARE THE LOVE AND SAVING GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST WITH EVERYONE, THROUGH GOD'S POWER, MAKE DISCIPLES WHO LOVE GOD.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of the Lord (II Peter 3:18)

Over this year, you are going to hear me speak often about this verse. You are going to hear me relate the book of I and II Peter to this idea of growing as a follower of Christ. I want to encourage you to examine how you are looking at your relationship with the Lord.

Is it one that is growing in the understanding of His love for you? Do you understand that His grace is sufficient to redeem anyone from their faults, sins, or failures? Growing in grace does not mean that we don't sin or that we have a casual or permissive attitude towards sin. Growing in grace reflects an understanding of how sufficient God's grace is in our lives. God's grace is demonstrated in the situations we face every day.



I believe that growing in God's grace should be reflected or evident in our dealings with one another. Do I desire to see God's grace received in those who have offended or hurt me? Am I willing to be a conduit for God's grace to be experienced by someone I consider an enemy, irritant or nuisance? Of all that places that God's grace needs to be demonstrated it should be in the church among his people.

It is also my hope that we will show this attitude of grace with the lost and share with them how God's grace has changed our lives. Maybe I should say “how God's grace continues to change our lives”. I hope you understand the perspective I am trying to convey regarding growing in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If we have personally experienced this grace, we will desire to live and grow in this grace. We can't grow in this grace without being involved in an intimate relationship with God and applying His knowledge. As always, I encourage you to be involved in a study of God's Word. I hope that I am challenging you in your walk each week during the message. I hope there is someone in this body that is encouraging you and helping you to see and understand more about who God is and how he desires you to handle the situations of life. I hope that you are drawing away and spending time alone with God. Talk with Him. He is listening and wants to show you how you can grow in the grace and knowledge of who He is and how much He loves you.

Sincerely,

In the Grace and Knowledge of the Lord, Pastor George

From Your Deacon Team

I Hope the Devotions from The Sermons of Charles Stanley Will Bless You Like They Have Me.

WHY DO MANY OF US who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior still feel defeated and struggle with sin? One reason may be that we have never grasped exactly what took place on the cross. Instead of living in our new identity in Christ, we're still seeing ourselves as hopeless sinners with no power to change.

To understand what a drastic transformation took place at salvation, let's see what God says about who we once were without Christ.

SPIRITUALLY DEAD. We weren't simply the "walking wounded"; we were actually dead in our sins and powerless to make ourselves alive or able to relate to God.

DESERVING HIS WRATH AND JUDGMENT. Our sins not only put a barrier between us and God but also made us enemies destined for His righteous condemnation.

HELPLESS AND HOPELESS. Nothing we could do would make us acceptable to God. We couldn't even turn to Him in repentance without His Spirit's intervention. But God loved us! What an amazing thought-that the perfect, holy God would show rebellious sinners love and mercy. He sent His Son to rescue us by bearing our sins and suffering the divine wrath we deserved. Now all of us who believe in Christ and accept His saving work on our behalf are raised from spiritual death to eternal life.



The barriers that once kept us alienated from God have BEEN REMOVED IN CHRIST. We no longer have to live defeated by sin because we have the Spirit's POWER to live in accordance with our new identity in Christ. God's grace is sufficient not only to save us but also to transform our lives.

Love You In Christ And Your Servant Manuel Rojas

Joyce Larsen has been asked to do a biography or two each month for the Beacon. So, please send your story to Joyce Larsen at joylrs@msn.com or call (928) 234-5793. What do you most want to know about your church family? E-mail your ideas to Joyce. If you don't send a bio, then Joyce will be calling you. If there are no bios waiting to be shared, she will start interviewing by using the church directory (alphabetically). Let's get to know each other better

From the Prayer Team –

Week after week; year after year we have a faithful handful who come to pray for our church family and for our country. We are thankful to God that He has blessed us with this prayer. We are also thankful to those who ask us to pray. We serve a Who hears and answers prayer. Thank you to all who stand with us



ministry of Powerful Creator in prayer.

Please fill out the 'tear-off' part of the weekly bulletin and give it to Saturday night or Sunday morning worship. We will see your will pray. Please write legibly so we can read your prayer needs.

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John & Lynda Neitz for the Prayer team

Mission: Dignity

Mission: Dignity exists to provide financial help to retired pastors, their wives or widows and some lay people. All money received goes to the recipients. Nothing is used for administrative or other expenses.

Please consider a gift to Mission: Dignity in any of the following ways:

- 1) Through the church offering (designating Mission: Dignity in the memo line of a check and on the envelope)
- 2) Mail gifts to: Mission: Dignity GuideStone Financial Resources SBC
5005 LBJ Freeway, Ste. 2200 Dallas, TX 75244-6152
- 3) Make an online donation at MissionDignity.org



Here is a recent note of thanks sent to Mission: Dignity from one of the recipients:

Recipient Frances Simpson sent a note this week in response to a survey (Mission: Dignity) had mailed. Her husband was a pastor for almost 30 years in Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia.

"Thanks for checking on me. I think I can make it on what I have. I will soon be 77 years of age but still know how to watch my money. I ended the month with \$4.00 and that's better than zero! Thank you, Father God. May He bless you!"



Blessing bags from God.

Syl & Leroy Lobato have stepped forward in the Blessing Bag Ministry. Let us also step forward and help this wonderful ministry.

Blessing bags are in the foyer. Please take some to give to the homeless standing on the corners around town. The bags include soap, shampoo, toothpaste, water and snack bars. We need more toothbrushes with covers. A package of three toothbrushes with covers can be found at Dollar Tree next to Safeway for one dollar. This has been a very successful mission and we really appreciate your support.



*Donations
Welcome*

Remember, keep blessing bags handy in your car

Hello Everyone!

March is already here. That means Spring time will be here this month. With it now being March, we are already looking ahead with great excitement for the many wonderful things for the Children and Youth of our Church family.

In J.O.Y. Afterschool Dr. Seuss will be loose the month of March! The J.O.Y. children will be partaking in a month of fun activities that involve the many wonderful books of Dr. Seuss. March is national Dr. Seuss month and it will be a great month to encourage our children about the importance of reading. With that our Bible Verse of the month will be Isaiah 40: 8, which says "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Praise God that His word is forever and there is no greater book than the Bible itself, which is the very breath of God.

I am excited to announce that reenrollment has begun for the J.O.Y. 2019-2020 school year. May it be everyone's prayer that all if not several of our amazing children return to J.O.Y. next school year along with many new children as well.

Please be in prayer for our Youth. We are looking to start a Sunday night service for Youth on our Church campus. Our goal is to launch it Sunday, April 28. 2019

On March 30 there will be a children's expo. It is entitled "Kiwana's Kids Expo" and it will be from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Part of Trane Street will be blocked off for this awesome event. Our Church family will be having a booth sharing information about the amazing ministries or Church family is blessed to have for our Youth and Children.

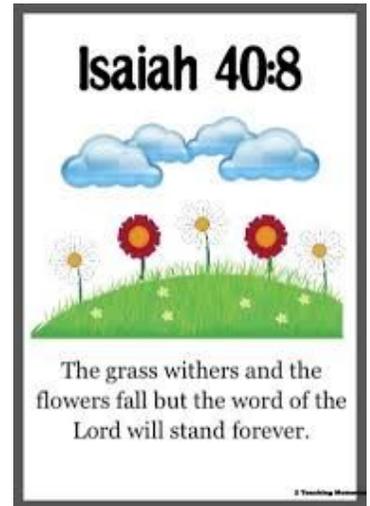
Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 7. That will be the night of our Children's Easter Cantata. It will be at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. Our children and puppet friends are working hard to get ready as we celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On a personal note I wanted to share a praise report. As many of you know I have been blessed to be a part of Online Bible College and have been enrolled in the Biblical Studies program. I am blessed to say that as of Thursday, February 21, 2019 I completed 39 courses to complete the Biblical Studies Program for Online Bible College

Online Bible College (OBC) has done more than give me a deeper knowledge of Biblical Studies. It has blessed me to grow deeper than I ever thought possible in my Sanctification in my walk with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and through God's grace given me the ability to better teach and equip others with the Gospel. I will be indebted forever for this truly amazing and wonderful gift God has given me through OBC. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you everyone for your time. I pray and hope you all have a wonderful and blessed March.

Love in Christ, Timothy Sprenkle (Children's/ Youth Director)





Sunday	09:00 am	Sunday School Classes - Bldg. "B"
	10:00 am	20-minute Fellowship – Bldg. “B”
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Bldg. “A”
	03:00 pm	Sunridge Village Service/Men's Singing Group
Monday	10:00 am	Men’s Singing Group – Davis House
	11:00 am	Men’s Singing Group – Silver Creek Manor
	05:00 pm	Choir practice - Bldg. "A"
	06:00 pm	Praise Team practice – Bldg. “A”
Tuesday	09:00 am	Men’s Singing Group – Joshua Springs
	09:00 am	Prayer Team – Bldg. “B”
	10:00 am	Men’s Singing Group – River Gardens
Wednesday	08:00 am	Men’s Bible Study – Bldg. “B”
	09:30 am	Women’s Bible Study – Bldg. “B”
	10:30 am	Men’s Singing Group - Legacy (2 nd Wed each month)
	04:30 pm	AST Meeting - second Wednesday of each month
	06:30 pm	Bible Study – Bldg. “A”
Thursday	10:00 am	Joshua Springs - Service
	02:00 pm	Legacy - Service
	03:00 pm	River Gardens – Service
	06:30 pm	Family Game Night (last Thursday of each Month)
Friday	08:00 am	Men’s Bible Study – Bldg. “B”
Saturday	08:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 1st Sat. of month
	03:00 pm	Movie Night – last Saturday of the month
	06:00 pm	Contemporary Worship Service
Mar 2nd	08:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Mar 4th- 8th		Pastor, Tim & Dr Rob - gone for Conference
Mar 5th	01:00 pm	Missions Meeting
Mar 9th	09:00 am	Women’s Fellowship (Continental Breakfast)
Mar 13th	04:00 pm	AST Meeting
Mar 17th	12:00 pm	after service -Potluck, Birthday, St Patrick’s
Mar 22nd	09:30 am	Trustee meeting
Mar 28th	06:30 pm	Family Game Night
Mar 30th	03:00 pm	Movie Night – “Different Drummers”

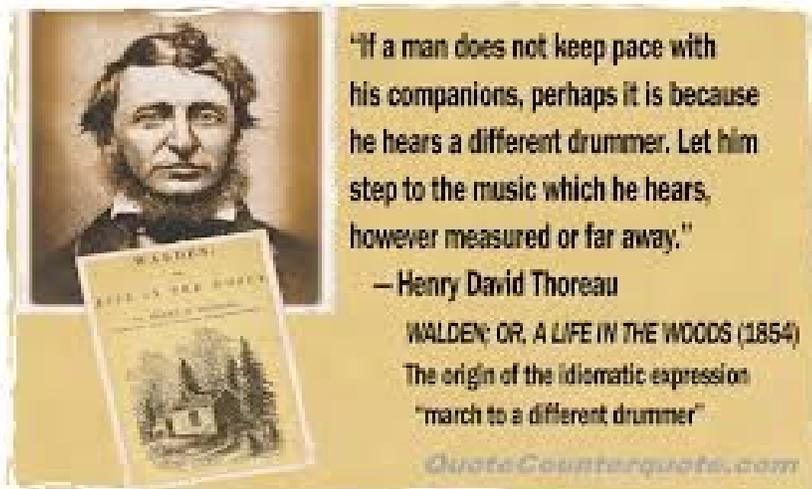
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MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, 3/30/19
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



David is growing weaker with muscular dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair when he befriends Lyle, who's increasingly hyperactive. They both become convinced that with faith and willpower, Lyle can teach David to run! As one tries to give the other his extra energy, they learn life's transcendent, painful lessons. Based on a true story.



My name is Hannah and I was born in Montana in 1943. That makes me the original Hannah from Montana. Our family had seven children of which I was the youngest. Our mother introduced us to the Bible at a very early age. To her it was the direction book of life. I was in my forties and was studying Psalm 139 I read that God knew me when I was "knitted in my mother's womb" and I realized he was talking about me. Until that time life had been very irregular and the road rocky. I needed to repent of my sin and turn my whole life over to him.

When I was 13 my mother started teaching at a one room school and I lived there with her. On a cold snowy night my mother tied a rope around my waist and sent me to the pump to get the water for the classroom. The snow was blowing and drifting and the rope was the only way I could find my way back to the building. (Conrad loves that story) Another year we were in Northern Montana close to the Canadian Border. My mother was teaching in a small town at the edge of the "Rocky Boy Indian Reservation". All of my friends were sons and daughters of chiefs and other dignitaries of the tribes. On cold winter nights we watched the "Northern Lights" dance across the sky.

I graduated from Helena Sr. High and went on to marry the grandson of a pioneer family that had settled a homestead in Helena Valley in the late 1800's. We were married in the Methodist Church in Butte, Montana on a cold (-20 degree) day. The family tradition that my husband brought into our marriage was alcoholism.



Four years later we moved with three small children to the big metropolis of Portland, Oregon. My husband went to work in a Steele Foundry where he was employed for thirty years. During that time, I was very busy learning to be the type of wife the Bible taught about. I raised the now five children we had and was the local scout leader, Sunday School Teacher, laundress, housekeeper, cook, seamstress, runny nose wiper and etc. you get the idea. After ten years I wanted something important to do so I went to work in the insurance industry I did all of the above and full-time work. Then I had to add in schooling to be successful at my job. They don't use the Bible for instruction in the business world. But I did drag my children off to church most Sundays. The Lord still knew me and remembered me because in 198? he answered my prayers. My husband stopped drinking and accepted the Lord as his savior and God changed the Head of our household.

I attended "High Venture Institute of Christian Counseling" and did my internship in foster care group homes while attending classes. Then after raising my five children and being freed from my co-dependency I decided to go to college and God opened the doors for me to attend Warner Pacific College in Portland Oregon and I obtained my BA degree in 1992. After going through the process of getting Social Security Disability we retired to a lovely log cabin in Montana. Five years later my husband of 40 years died. Six months later my niece invited me to come to teach at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center. I taught Junior High and High School for six years before I retired. The month I retired in 2007 I met Conrad Watts who was a widower, five months later we were married. In the book of Job, it says God saved the best for last and I understand.

I have (living in Oregon, Idaho, Florida, Washington State and Montana) 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. If you want to see Pictures, I have a few on my phone just ask me. Desert Shores Community Baptist Church is my current and present family.

PARABLES

— TRUTH HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT —

Jesus spoke prophetically about the course of the present age. In Matthew 13, He provided insights to His followers as to what the course of the present age would be like up till the time of His *second* coming. Jesus provided these insights in the form of parables.

The word *parable* means “a placing alongside of” for the purpose of comparison. A parable is a teaching tool. Jesus often told a story from real life—involving, for example, a woman who lost a coin, or a shepherd watching over sheep, or a worker in a vineyard—and used that story to illustrate some particular spiritual truth.

By taking such a story and “placing it alongside” a spiritual truth, Jesus helped His followers to understand His spiritual teachings more clearly. As an example, His story of the good shepherd helps us to understand that Jesus watches over us and guides us, just as a shepherd watches over and guides sheep.

Jesus and His parables are among my favorite stories. But they are more than just stories, they are truths of the word of God. Yes, in story form, but made so we need to read and see what he wants of us in our walk with Him.



In Him, Editor Ernie



When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid. And bring so much happiness just as they did. I want to pay back all the joy they've provided. Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited! When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

I'll write on the walls with reds, whites and blues. And I'll bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes. I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out. I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout! When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

When they're on the phone and just out of reach. I'll get into things like sugar and bleach. Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head, When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

When they cook dinner and call me to eat. I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat, I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table. And when they get angry, I'll run if I'm able! When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

I'll sit close to the TV, through channels I'll click. I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick. I'll take off my socks and throw one away. And play in the mud 'til the end of the day! When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh. I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes. My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping.

And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"