









 REFLECTIONS ~ January 2024

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year! We are hitting the ground running in 2024 with lots of new ministry opportunities in store.

Our church theme for 2024 is **In God We Trust.** Our trust in God will be seen in everything we do this year, and it will start with our **Growing for God Building Campaign.** Larry will be busy with our contractors getting the ground ready and foundations poured for our new buildings. Mobile Modular has completed our buildings and are waiting to install them. Please pray for Larry and the construction team as we move forward with our new buildings.

We will be trusting in God this year as we continue to grow our church family. Our worship attendance grew in 2023, and we are going to trust God to reach out to more and more people in 2024. One of the Scriptures that we will be focusing upon to do this will be from Paul's letter to the church in Galatia.

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

"9.) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10.) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Finally, it is my prayer that 2024 is a year of **discipleship** for DCPC. Greg Ogden, in his book "Discipleship Essentials-A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ" defines a disciple as: **"one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us."** (Pg 24) "Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping the disciple to teach others as well." (Pg 17).

As we trust God in growing our church, we will need to make sure that we are growing ourselves. Our campus will be growing physically, our worship will be growing physically, and the resolution we need to make for ourselves is that we will grow spiritually in 2024.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

January 2024 Scripture Readings

1/7/24 Psalm: Psalm 29

N.T. Reading: Acts 19:1-7 Sermon: "Which Baptism?"

1/14/24 Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Gospel: John 1:43-51 Sermon: "How Do You Know Me?"

1/21/24 Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Sermon: "Going Fishing"

1/28/24

Psalm: Psalm 111 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Sermon: "Authoritative Teaching"





SUNDAY	MONDA	Y TUESDAY	WEDNESD	AY THURSDA	Y FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Church Off Closed	fice	3	4	5 National Bird Day	6
7 Worship Service 10:00 a.m <i>Communio</i> Unhanging the Green Following service	n of s	9 3:00 p.m. Board of Deace Meeting	10 4:00 p.m. Food Pantry Mt (Fellowship Hal	g. AGC Chapel Service	12	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	15	16 3:00 p.m. Session Meeting	17 AGC Spirit Day "Western"	18 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	19	20
21 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i>	22	23 AGC Orientation Night 6:00 p.m. DCPC Sanctuary	24	25 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	26	27
28 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting Following Service	29	30	31		Fla New	ppy Year



Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Be the hands and feet of Jesus; volunteer with Delta Christian Community Food Pantry! Our mobile food pantry delivers groceries to families in need at 3 locations on Tuesday mornings, 52 weeks a year. Whether you can help once a week, or once a month, at one location or all three, you can be a part of this great ministry. We set up at the following times and locations each Tuesday:

8:30 a.m. - St. Anne Catholic Church
9:30 a.m. - Calvary Christian Church, in Knightsen
10:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, on Bethel Island

Come check us out! See our website for more information: <u>deltafoodpantry.com</u> or call Jenny Rodrigues at 925-625-2651

"For I was hungry and you fed me" Matthew 25:35

Would you like to help the Food Pantry?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- 1. Egg Cartons NO flats please.
- 2. Rubber Bands To fasten egg cartons closed.
- 3. Plastic Grocery Bags Flattened please.
- 4. Zip Lock Bags quarts and gallons.



Please drop any items off in the Food Pantry Container Located in the Church Narthex

Thank You,

Jenny Rodrigues Missions Elder







Delta Christian Community Food Pantry

Distribution of food on Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. - St. Anne Catholic Church, Byron 9:30 a.m. - Calvary Church, Knightsen 10:30 a.m. - New Covenant Church, Bethel Island <u>Serving 120 - 150 families weekly</u>.

January Focus Canned Tuna, Chicken or Salmon Canned Fruit or Vegetables

- Food, clothing, & household goods
- Self-help resources
- Donations of food & money are appreciated!
- Donated items can be placed in the container located in the narthex of Delta Community Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are welcome!







Come join us every Sunday for Sunday School,

following Children's Story Corner. Sunday School is more than just learning. We begin with a prayer, then work on an activity unique to each week's lesson. The children are engaged with a weekly Bible verse, and discussion. They get to create a work of art incorporating the verse, and then close the activity with prayer.

To stay up to date and learn more about our Sunday School program, check out our church webpage at:

https://www.dcpcfamily.org/sundayschool

For more information contact the church office at:

(925) 634-0184 or deltachurch@dcpcfamily.org



Growing For God Building Campaign Pledge Card



Please make checks payable to: DCPC Building Campaign Memo line: 1005 NCBF

Donations are tax deductible. Tax ID # 94-3107859

Questions? Please contact: The Church Office at (925) 634-0184 or deltachurch@dcpcfamily.org Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

What will you pledge?

Monthly \$_____
Quarterly \$_____

Annually \$_____

One time pledge of \$_____

Name:_____

Email:_____

Telephone #:



RECYCLING



Judy & Brian Gibson are recycling for the church.

Please bring your bottles and cans.

December: \$153.65

Total for 2023: \$511.80

Below is a list of what they can recycle:

- Plastic Water Bottles/Plastic Soda Bottles/Gallon Water Jugs (remove lid, crush bottle, replace lid)
- Soda Cans / Beer Cans (Crush)
- Glass Beer Bottles / Glass Soda Bottles

It must say CRV-California on the item.

- No plastic milk bottles or SOUP CANS!
- No wine bottles.
- PLEASE!!!! Separate bags for plastic, glass, and aluminum cans.

Drop your recycling off any time! The bin is located next to the garbage cans in front of the patio.

> Thank you!!! Judy and Brian

