



May each day
bring Blessings of
Gratitude, Joy,
Sunshine &
Laughter
to us all.



~ REFLECTIONS ~ September 2025

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~ Rev. Dr. Douglas Schoonover ~

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PASTOR'S CORNER

September starts with Labor Day this year. Fall can officially begin. Starbucks and Peet's have already started their pumpkin spice offerings, and the football season has kicked off already.

Spiritually, we are also moving into a new season. Since the beginning of Summer, there have been events going on in the world, our country, our state, and in our own community that we should be lifting in prayer on a regular basis. As I shared during worship on August 24th, I am going to give you an outline to be able to pray for these events on a regular basis. If we commit to become a **praying church**, God will honor that commitment and we will start seeing change happen. Again, prayer isn't about us, it is about God. We get out of his way so that he can move and create the change needed. Our prayers signify that we are listening to God and acknowledging our dependence upon Him. **Dallas Willard** defines prayer this way: *Prayer is conversing, communicating with God. When we pray we talk to God, aloud or with our thoughts. In the nature of the case, prayer almost always involves other disciplines and spiritual activities if it is to go well, especially study, meditation, and worship, and often solitude and fasting as well.*

This will be a longer than usual **Pastor's Corner**, because what I am sharing with you will be an outline that you can use to ignite your prayer life and enable you to be part of a change that is guided and directed by God. I will be sharing the outline adapted from our **Book of Common Worship**. It comes from section five, which deals with our **Mission to the World**. We will mix times to **praise** God with times of **lament (to mourn deeply)**. You can choose the various prayers depending on what is going on in the world around you. Each section has a prepared prayer for you to pray, and then there will be a chance at the end of the prayer for you to pray for specific events that you feel are important to lift in prayer. I pray that this outline will bring you a sense of focus for your prayers as well as providing you a deeper connection with God and his creation around you.

DCPC Prayer Outline

In Times of Disaster

God of compassion, keep vigil with us this day. We grieve for the dead and pray for the wounded. We watch and wait with those who seek news about loved ones. We remember those who serve others - rescue workers and police officers, nurses and physicians, and volunteers of every kind. Fill them with your breath of life as they bind up the brokenhearted, heal bodies, and bury the dead. Enfold us all in your tender care as we entrust our lives to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please pray the school shooting in Minneapolis on 8/27/25; floods; hurricanes; etc)

PASTOR'S CORNER - CONTINUED

During a National Crisis

God of ages, in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search your will and see it clearly. If we have turned from your way, help us to reverse our ways and repent. Give us your light and your truth to guide us; through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of this world, and our Savior. Amen.

(Pray for the division we have in Washington, D.C.; uncertainty about the economy; immigration; war; racial tensions; etc.)

In a Time of International Crisis

Eternal God, our only hope, our help in times of trouble: show nations ways to work out differences. Do not let threats multiply or power to be used without compassion. May your will overrule human willfulness, so that people may agree and settle claims peacefully. Hold back those who are impulsive, lest desire for vengeance overwhelm our common welfare. Bring peace to earth, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Savior of us all. Amen.

(Ukraine and Russia; Israel and Gaze (Palestine); China; etc.)

For the Community Around Us

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family, take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love, and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and peoples may live in harmony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayers for DCPC and AGC; Discovery Bay; Brentwood and surrounding communities; California; etc.)

I pray that you use this as a guide to help you start a consistent prayer life, praying for the world, our nation, our communities, and our church and schools. This is just a start. If you would like to know more about the **Book of Common Worship**, I would love to talk to you more about it. Let this Fall season start here in September with our focus being upon God and our relationship to Him through prayer.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 	1 Church Office Closed  12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	2 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	3	4 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	 National Food Pantry Day	6 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting
7 Grandparent's Day Worship Service 10:00 a.m. <i>Communion</i> Congregational Meeting Following Service 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	8 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	9 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	10 	11 AGC Spirit Day  9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	12	13 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting
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14 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	15 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	16 3:00 p.m. Session Mtg.  7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	17	18 9:15 a.m. AGC Chapel Service	19  5:00 pm - 7:00 pm AGC School Patio	20 8:30 a.m. AA Meeting
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28 Chapel Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Men Only)	29 12:15 p.m. Al-Anon Mtg. 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	30 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting				

Missions

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: www.deltafoodpantry.com 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

Serving 120 - 150 families weekly.

September Focus

**Canned Meat
(Spam, Corned Beef, etc.)
& Tortillas**

- 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!



Children's Ministry

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.dcpfamily.org/sundayschool>

For more information contact the Church Office at:

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





Be a Part of the LEGACY!!!



Our Growing for God Building Campaign is about more than just buildings. It is about a ministry vision that started over 20 years ago. A vision of children learning about God in an environment filled with love and compassion. A school that would meet the educational needs of children for years to come. A church growing with those families and meeting the spiritual needs of the community around it. And with our new buildings, the legacy will continue and grow even stronger. We would love for you to be a part of this. Please click on the link and watch a video that takes you on a journey. A journey of faith. A journey of God's blessings. We pray that you will be a part of it. Please share this with all your friends.

<https://www.dcpfamily.org/building>

We just celebrated our 35th Anniversary as a church. What impact will your giving have 35 years from today? What impact will new families bring to our church and our community? We already have AGC Alumni returning as staff to the campus, paying it forward. Students are graduating from college and contributing in big ways to the world.

Be a part of the EXCITEMENT!

Hall of Fame \$500
Bronze Level \$1,000
Silver Level \$2,500
Gold Level \$5,000
Platinum Level \$10,000
Premier Level \$25,000

Donations via, Check, Cash, or QR Code
Make checks payable to DCPC -
memo "Growing for God Building Campaign"

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*If you want a personal tour of the campus call
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2ND ANNUAL

BLESSING OF THE PETS



Saturday



**OCTOBER 25TH
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**DELTA COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRONT PARKING LOT**



DCPC CHURCH & AGC SCHOOL RUMMAGE MARKET

Saturday, October 25, 2025

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

1900 Willow Lake Road



Enjoy a BBQ hot dog lunch with all
the fixings, chips, drink and cookie

10:30 am – 1:00 pm



Proceeds to benefit AGC building fund



**Please bring your items to
DCPC's Multipurpose Room
Thursday, Oct. 23, and Friday, Oct. 24.
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Please sort items into labeled boxes or bags by price -
\$10.00, \$5.00, \$1.00, 50 cents, 25 cents.

Kitchen Items	Tools - Hand and Electric
Yard Equipment	Lighting Fixtures, Lamps
Small Furniture	Small Kitchen Appliances
Curtains, Decorative Pillows	Throw Rugs
Craft Items, Sewing Machine	Framed Pictures, Frames
Toys, Games	Sporting Equipment
Camping Equipment	Books
Table Clothes, Napkins	Holiday Decorations
Jewelry, Purses	Vases, Knick-knacks

Questions call or text Mary Anderson 775-501-9303

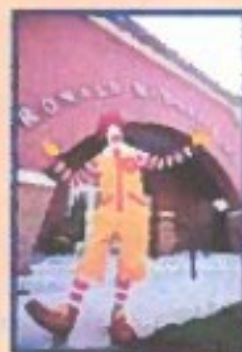
(Please no large furniture, chemicals or cleaning supplies, cosmetics, computers, monitors, printers, TVs, boats, vehicles, trailers, RVs, medical equipment, clothes, large appliances, tires, cribs, rusted items, car seats, broken or dirty items.)

NOTE: Left over items will go to the Delta Community
Christian Food Pantry's Free Market.



BYRON DELTA LIONS CLUB

WE COLLECT PULL TABS!



BDLC Ronald McDonald Pop Top Project

Our Mission:

Join us in making a difference! Simply collect pop tabs from aluminum cans, bag them, and bring them to a general meeting. Alternatively, you can arrange drop-off with BDL Kathy Doty at (925) 980-6696.

How It Works:

The tabs you collect are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. They recycle these tabs to help fund housing for families whose children face extended hospital stays.

How You Can Help:

Spread the word! Encourage family, friends, neighbors, and organizations to pitch in and support this incredible cause. Every contribution helps provide comfort to families during challenging times and helps protect the environment, too!



GIVE
Blood

BYRON DELTA LIONS CLUB
BLOOD DRIVE

SEP 10TH
11AM-5PM

SAINT ANNE CHURCH
2800 CAMINO DIABLO
BYRON, CALIFORNIA

THE NEED IS CONSTANT.
THE GRATIFICATION IS INSTANT.

redcrossblood.org | **1-800-RED CROSS**
Karen Bouslog - kbouslog@yahoo.com **925-250-9242**





**We're fighting something
we cannot see!**

Delta Shadow Boxers

Parkinson's Support Group

1st Wednesday each month

(except July)

Merrill Gardens

2600 Balfour Road

Brentwood

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This Parkinson's support group serves the Delta area of Contra Costa County (Antioch, Pittsburg, Oakley, Bethel Island, Knightsen, Discovery Bay, and Brentwood).

Please contact the coordinator to confirm the time and offer your contact information for subsequent communications.

Contact: Sue Schnittker 925 550-2756; saresa@comcast.net

We are fighting something we cannot see! Our goals are 1) Stay Social, 2) Stay Active, and 3) Stay Informed. Come join us.

RECYCLING

We are in **need** of a new person or persons to be our **recycling coordinator(s)**.
If you feel called to help the church & environment, please let the church office know.

Please still bring your bottles and cans.

August: \$108.52

Thank you Jim & Noah McKenzie

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!

