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A Fresh Start for the New Year

Many people, no matter what they believe, look at January 1 as a chance for a new beginning. If the previous year was disappointing or they made significant mistakes, they imagine wiping the slate clean and starting over.

Christians know that new starts are available any time, they are not dictated by the calendar. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23)

All those who confess and repent their sin can enjoy freedom from regret and shame. They can find courage to endure through trial. Joy and mercy are available for every believer, all the time. A new year, however, inspires this kind of thought process.

1. New Resolution; Confession - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
2. Remember All the Lord Has Done - "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15)
3. Celebrate the New Year. - "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)
4. Christ Coming Closer - "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure." (1 John 3:2-3)

New Year's Day is no different from any other day as far as Christ is concerned. For the believer, however the very idea of throwing out an old calendar and starting with 12 clean pages is a poignant reminder that the pages, like our lives, quickly become messy.

New Year's Day is a day of resetting hearts, which have wandered, and of restoring the habit of turning to Christ every day for a fresh start, not in a new relationship, but in a relationship with Jesus, which is always growing.

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[*How should Christians Approach the New Year?*](#)

JANUARY 2024

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS



COMMUNION: Sandy Sills

NEXT SOCIAL SUNDAY: February 4th
Toni Gerbrandt, Sandy Seitz, and Carolyn Mackey

MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR
FOR January Toni Gerbrandt

ELDER MEDITATIONS:
COMMUNION

7 Mario Delgadillo
14 Corky Seitz
21 Chris Franks
28 Rudy Gonzales

OFFERING

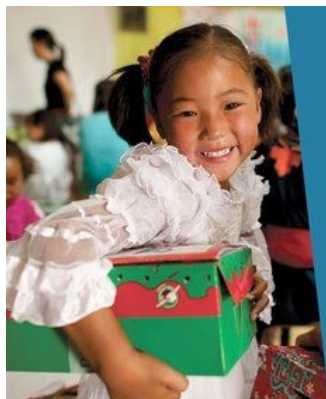
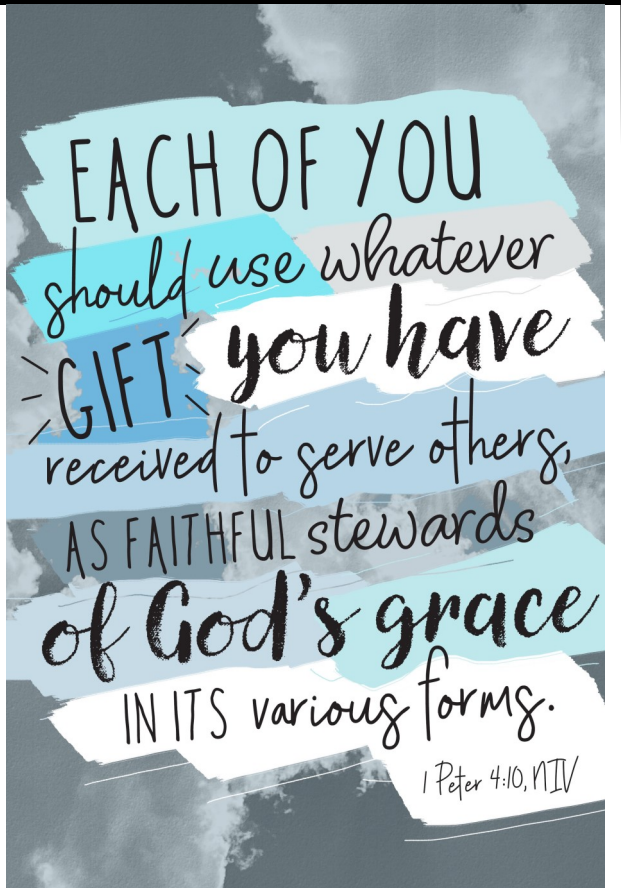
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HOMEBOUND VISITATION

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CHURCH LOCK UP

7 Rudy Gonzales
14 Bruck Tinker
21 Steve Worthley
28 Mario Delgadillo



Hats, Gloves & Scarves

"The best thing I got in my shoebox was the hat, gloves, and scarf. I've worn them for a long time and like them very much."

- Marina, Moldova



Below are the reports for the month of December 2023.

Elders:

Happy New Year! Where did the time go? Here we are, ready to jump into 2024!

December's Elders meeting main topic of discussion was the planning of Christmas Eve service. This was made very easy since Pastor Keith had provided an outline for us. We also briefly discussed Pastor search updates and at that time there was little activity in receiving new applications or inquiries. Hopefully we will begin seeing increased activity after the New Year begins. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to prayer, concerns, needs, and praises.

I was unable to attend the service at the last minute, but I'm sure your Elders did a great job as well as the Praise Team...also a big thanks for everyone involved in making The Christmas Eve Coffee Hour happen...

Folks, our Lord is working on our church family as we have been blessed with witnessing growth in our congregation, both spiritually and in the number of folks attending...this is very encouraging and a testimony of where our Lord is taking us in the future. He is faithful, all we need to do is follow...Looking forward to this new year as we follow Him! A truly Happy New Year!

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Your Elders are here for you...please feel free to contact any of us...we are here to serve.
Your servant Rudy...

OCC Updates:

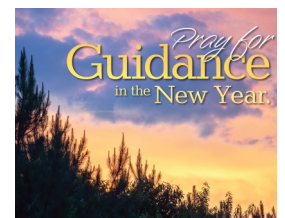
As we come to the close of 2023, we are truly grateful for all we have been blessed with. Operation Christmas Child has become a passion of DCC, and in turn, we as a congregation and family of believers have helped deliver the Gospel Message to thousands of children world-wide. Let us never forget the power of a simple gift. A few areas where OCC Tulare County East is lacking. We are in great need of several Church Relations Volunteers. These individuals would be instrumental in developing relationships with OCC and the Churches in this area that are not participating (and believe it or not, there are many). We are also in need of year round prayer volunteers. If you feel led to seek more information regarding these positions, let Chris or Darlene know.

Things to keep in mind:

1. After Christmas sales are a great way to pick up shoebox items
2. Our Spring packing party will be here before you know it (date to be determined)
3. National Collection Week is a mere 47 weeks away!

As always, on behalf of Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child, and children around the world,

THANK YOU!
Darlene and Chris Franks



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REPORTS FROM THE MINISTRIES
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Board/Stewardship:

In December's Board Meeting the Board discussed the final accounting for the Biro Mobile Home sell and will leave the balance of the proceeds from the sell in that designated fund to be allocated as needed. Valerie Toews shared that the Tithe for November was healthy and that all money from Head Start rent had been paid for 2023 as of December 13, 2023 and all utility reimbursement except for December had been received.

There was \$881.23 spent for shipping OCC boxes that exceeded donations, it will be covered by Restricted Outreach funds. Valerie shared the memorial funds growth is much better this year after moving to higher yield CDs.

NEW Business: A bid was given by M & J Tree Service to trim trees and remove the large redwood. It was decided to contact Everett and Chuck Hulsey for additional bids. The board agreed that part of the tree removal should include replacement. Further discussion on doing some of the work ourselves and removing the crepe myrtles was noted.

Corky will be contacting Everett to rekey the social hall and bathrooms, fix the deadbolt and rekey the office's west door.

OLD Business: Steve Worthley gave a brief report on the Pastoral Search Committee. Valerie Toews and Sandy Sills will be interviewing a candidate for secretary position. Valerie Toews offered to make a list of signs to help identify buildings and direct newcomers. Debbie Newton-Johnston shared pictures of New Life Community's signage. Corky Seitz met with SoCalGas to assess the stoves. The pilot lights on the stoves have been shut off and the fans turned off, saving energy and reducing heat and noise in kitchen.

Fellowship:

Thank you to Sandy Seitz and Vicki Worthley for coordinating the Christmas Caroling. DHS Madrigals and DCC carolers spread joy to our seniors in convalescent homes with the gift of song and love. Thank you to Debbie Newton-Johnston for providing pizza for lunch.

Thank you to the ladies who provided yummy treats for a Coffee and Cake fellowship before the Christmas Eve service. Christmas hugs, cards, and greetings were exchanged among the DCC family. The Christmas Eve worship service ended with the candle lighting, keeping DCC traditions alive and uniting those present as we sang Silent Night.

The Fellowship team will be putting together lunch for those attending the 2024 Calendar Planning meeting January 7th right after church. We hope people will stay and help put away the Christmas decorations.

Come join in on the fun, find ways to serve and grow in the Lord as part of a ministry team, event, or outreach project. We would love for you to join us for lunch and help us make plans for 2024!

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...To give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11



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Women's Ministry:

Our verse for sharing was on "Peace". There were nine women present. We first shared a meal and fellowship together. Next, we had an ornament exchange done in a fun way. Many laughs and oohs and awes were heard. After that, we had prayers over a prayer list. Then we took turns sharing our "peace" scriptures and responses. They ranged from being happy, the birth of Christ, to finding peace throughout times of hardship. We ended the meeting by listening to the songs "It is Well with My Soul" and "Perfect Peace".

The next meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, January 17th. Through 2024, we will be going through the book of Psalms. I hope you will join us.

Jane Chang

Men's Ministry:

The men's breakfast in December had around 14 men attend, from 3 different churches. Corey Davis, pastor of the Nazarene Church spoke about the need to have a culture of worship, not just a knowledge of Jesus. We will continue to have pastors from other churches and organizations come and speak at our men's breakfasts.

The January breakfast is scheduled for the second Saturday, the 13th. Please join us and bring a friend for great food and fellowship.

Bible Study at the Delgadillos:

We will continue bible studies at Mario and Melanie Delgadillo's home starting the 2nd Tuesday in January, that is the 9th. Bible Study begins at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have you join us.

Christmas Baskets:

We packed and distributed 20 food baskets on December 16th.

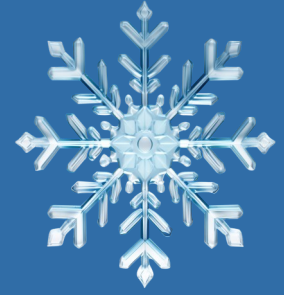
Jerry Chang

Thank you

to the Delgadillos and Changs for spearheading the Christmas Baskets
and to everyone who contributed to this outreach ministry.
Because of you, DCC was able to share Christ's Love with these 20 families.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY New Year!	2	3	4	5	6 Sewing Class 10am-1pm
7 Calendar Setting Meeting with Lunch @ 12 pm	8 Elders Mtg 7 pm ELDERS	9 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm Bible Study	10 Stewardship Mtg 6pm Stewardship Meeting	11 Pastoral Search Committee Mtg 6:00pm	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8-10am Sewing Class 10-1 pm
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm Bible Study	17 Women's Group 6:00pm Women's Group	18	19	20 Sewing Class 10am-1pm
21 Fellowship Committee Meeting @ Noon	22	23 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm Bible Study	24	25 Pastoral Search Committee Mtg 6:00pm	26	27 Sewing Class 10am-1pm
28	29	30 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm Bible Study	31			

january
BIRTHDAYS

Coming
EVENTS

- February 5th Elders Meeting
- February 7th Stewardship Board Mtg
- February 10th Men's Breakfast
- February 11th Birthday Social
- February 14th Valentine's Day
- February 21st Women's Ministry
- February 19th President's Day
- Tuesdays @7:00 pm Bible Study
- March 8-10th Hartland Man Camp

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| 3 | Sally Larralde | 20 | Sarah Tshimika |
| 11 | Ashanti Tshimika | 28 | Carla Garrett |
| | Matondo Tshimika | 29 | Bruce Tinker |
| 12 | Maggie Hanson | 30 | Carolyn Mackey |
| 13 | John Lee | | |

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Happy New Year



O SING UNTO THE LORD
a new song;
FOR HE HATH DONE
marvelous things.

PSALM 98:1, KJV