

Dinuba Christian Church

A small church doing great things!

The love of God



is a dwelling place
where my heart
can find its home.

God's love has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

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ON TRACK

February 2023



Pastor's Message

**When the
church is in unity**



**The devil doesn't stand
a chance for victory!**

1 Corinthians 4:20 ²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of . . .

Power!

Let us nurture the spirit of unity that is strong among us now! We are the Family of God, and united together we shall do awesome things that our Awesome God would have us to do!

Victory in Jesus!

Pastor Keith

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GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS



COMMUNION: Sandy Seitz

NEXT SOCIAL SUNDAY: February 11th
Toni Gerbrandt, Sandy Seitz, and Carolyn Mackey

**MEALS ON WHEELS COORDINATOR
FOR February**

**ELDER MEDITATIONS:
COMMUNION**

4 Bruce Tinker
11 Steve Worthley
18 Mario Delgadillo
25 Corky Seitz

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

4 Bruce Tinker
11 Steve Worthley
18 Mario Delgadillo
25 Corky Seitz

OFFERING

4 Corky Seitz
11 Chris Franks
18 Rudy Gonzales
25 Rudy Gonzales

CHURCH LOCK UP

4 Corky Seitz
11 Chris Franks
18 Rudy Gonzales
25 Rudy Gonzales



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

February Item of the Month for OCC Shoeboxes

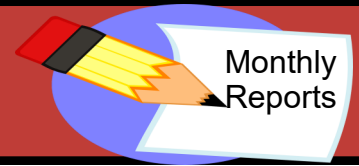


Accessories

Accessories can be on the more practical side-sunglasses, watches, headbands to keep hair out of the way or toward the more fun side like jewelry. As a child accessories can make one feel special and cool! You could also send kits for girls to make their own jewelry!

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REPORTS FROM THE MINISTRIES



Below are the reports for the month of January 2024.

Elders:

Greetings DCC family ! January's Elder's meeting was very productive, it was a blessing to have all Elder's present and ready to move forward in the direction our Lord leads us all. We opened with a scripture reading.

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

Words we can all cling to and work to achieve. The main topics discussed were the continuation of the Unity prayer and starting a memory verse for each Sunday. It was agreed by all to move forward with both. The Unity prayer is a blessing to bring us together as the family we are and the memory verse will reveal more of God's Word to us.

We ended the meeting in prayer, prayers for all in need and praises for all the blessings our God has provided.

Folks, our Lord's blessings have been very evident in this first month of the new year. The number of our church family has been increasing. We have welcomed Cynthia Rankin as our new secretary. We continue to thank Valerie Toews and Sandy Sills for all of their hard work and devotion to our Lord and how much they serve this body of believers . Also appreciated are the Delgadillos for hosting a bible study and Geraldine Gerbrandt for hosting a bible study and leading Sunday Bible study...and Jane and Jerry Chang for leading Women's and Men's Ministries...I mention all of this, because of these folks love for our Lord and love for those around them...and the urgency to get Our Lord's message out to all...such as is done by Operation Christmas Child which is led by Darlene and Chris Franks...all is done out of love...something to think about as we enter February...and we are flooded with the word love and what it means...1 Corinthians 13:13

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Have a great February ! Keep us in your prayers and remember we are here to serve you...love you all.

your servant...Rudy

OCC Updates:

Exciting news for our Operation Christmas Child Central Valley East Team. Ginger Pierschbacher (our former Logistics Coordinator in Visalia) is now our new Area Coordinator. This position was previously held by Sally Smith. Which means Sally has been promoted, as well. She is now Regional Area Coordinator overseeing Central Valley East, Central Valley West and Kern County. Such exciting news, as this means our team continues to grow with the end goal of sharing the Gospel with more people than ever before. Our team is still in need of Church Relations members, as well as more members of our Prayer Team.

We should have firm GO (Gospel Opportunity) box totals within the next few weeks to share. In the meantime, start thinking about how you can participate in our Spring Packing Party April 20th or 27th. We are also in need of ideas for fundraising.

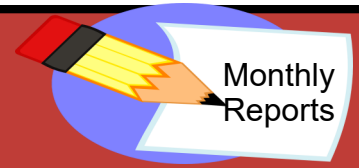
On behalf of Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child and children around the world,

Thank you. Darlene and Chris Franks

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Board/Stewardship:

The Board met on January 10th. Valerie Toews reviewed the financial reports and shared that the Restricted Outreach year End Balance increased by \$1700. The 2023 budget year ended with income \$11,000, the board moved the money to the Contingency fund, as the 2024 budget projected expenses exceeds projected income.

The Board tentatively set aside \$7500 for OCC shipping and supplies out of the Restricted Outreach funds. The board has asked the OCC committee to provide a budget outlining expenses. The Board suggested that we ask for congregational support and look at fundraising to help with costs.

Other new business included Liability Insurance renewal and the expectation the costs will go up by \$500. Corky will be reaching out to Head Start regarding inquiry for additional office space.

Valerie will be doing some research into Venmo and/or ways to accept donations online.

Old business, still looking for additional bids to trim trees. Valerie is still working on church signage. Cynthia Rankin has been hired as church secretary. The claim on stolen van was being processed. (Since the meeting the van was recovered and the insurance is reviewing the damage to the van and the garage for payment)

Fellowship:

The Fellowship committee met January 21st . The Birthday Social was moved to February 11th, instead of the 4th because of YFC event. Toni, Gerbrandt, Sandy Seitz , and Carolyn Mackey will be the hostesses and have a plan in place. Fellowship Committee will be providing coffee and goodies before church on the alternate months that don't have birthday socials. Dates will be March 3rd, May 5th, July 7th, and September 1st.

The Frank Mello funeral and luncheon will be held March 9th. Church will provide fried chicken, ham and rolls and ask for volunteers to make salads and dessert. Sandy will reach out to the family to confirm their plans.

Next Fellowship meeting will be March 10th, agenda items Easter Breakfast, April Birthday Social, OCC Packing Party, and Cleaning and organizing kitchen and store room. We will try to get floors professionally cleaned before Mello funeral.

Easter Breakfast will be 9-10 am, the menu will be breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit and juice. Committee members will be decorating individual tables and helping with food. Sign up sheets will be posted for those who want to help. We will be asking church members to donate treats (candy, small toys, plastic Easter eggs) for Easter goodie bags instead of doing an Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be left at the office or at church, we will have a basket. Jane Chang will be getting an Easter gift to hand out to our members and guests.

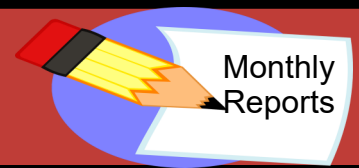
OCC Party might be changed to April 20th instead of April 27th. The committee will provide spaghetti, salad and bread. The Fellowship committee is looking for ideas to help fundraise to cover the cost of supplies and shipping for OCC. Anyone with ideas we would love to hear from you.

There was a brief discussion about providing a Pastoral Candidate lunch for a meet and greet, when we have news from the Pastoral Search Committee. This item was put on the committee's to do list.

We would love for you to join us and share your ideas and talents! *Sandy Sills*

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Women's Ministries:

We had a wonderful meeting January 17th. We had an amazing group of 16 ladies, and 1 man (Pastor Keith) who came during soup time, which was made by Geraldine. Tasty! After the eat and gab time, we enjoyed 2 fun games. One included unwrapping lots of cellophane wrap to find the treasures within. The other game involved filling a missing word from a line in a hymn or praise song. Both games were focused around our theme for this year, **PSALMS**.

This meeting was a brief introduction of our upcoming study of Psalms. Psalms is known as the heart of the Bible. Not only is it the center of the Bible, it also shares the heart of compassion. King David went through many trials and tribulations, but yet his heart always turned to the Lord.

The Psalms is a compilation of songs, praises, and poems. Through the upcoming year we will be going numerically through the book of Psalms. Before next meeting, the goal is to read through Chapters 1 - 18 and let the Spirit guide you to find a verse that speaks to you. At the next meeting, share this verse and share why the Lord led it to you. Please bring your Psalms notebooks to take notes on what will be shared.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm Bring a friend.

Blessings to you, *Jane Chang*

Men's Ministries:

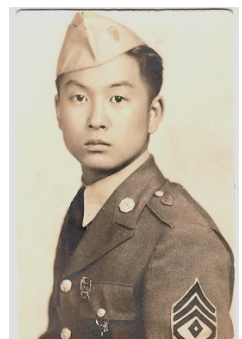
The January Men's Breakfast was cancelled so the men could attend the Town Hall Meeting on Fentanyl that was held at New Life Community Church on the second Saturday. Members who attended were educated by the speakers who shared staggering statistics and information and moved by the stories of shared.

The next Men's Breakfast is February 10th 8:00 - 10:00 am. All men are invited. Please bring a friend. The food and fellowship are awesome.

In March there won't be a Men's Breakfast as the men are going to Man Camp March 8th - 10th at Hartland Christian Camp. Information is available. Watch for additional information in the bulletin. Cost for the camp is \$243. If you need help with the camp cost, don't let that stop you. Talk to Jerry Chang or call the office, the church has funds to help.

"Tribute to a Japanese American Member of Dinuba Union High School's Class of 1942"

Join American diplomat and the University of Southern California's visiting senior fellow, **Matthew Asada** for a slideshow presentation about his grandfather Mark Asada, Jr. and four generations of the Asada's in California. The journey takes us to the National Archives in Washington, DC and the Tulare County courthouse as he explores the family history and what happened to 20 acres of farmland in Dinuba, California.



**Hosted by Alta Historical Society at Dinuba Christian Church 355 E Saginaw
Monday, February 19th, 2024 at 2:00 pm**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Sewing Class 10am-1pm
4	Elders Mtg 7 pm 	6 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm 	7 Stewardship Mtg 6pm 	8  Pastoral Search Mtg 6:00pm	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8-10am Sewing Class 10-1 pm
 11 January/February Birthday Social Souper Bowl of Caring	12	13 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm 	14 	15	16	17 Sewing Class 10am-1pm
18	19 President's Day 	20 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm 	21 Women's Group 6:00pm 	22  Pastoral Search Mtg 6:00pm	23	24 Sewing Class 10am-1pm
25	26	27 Bible Study@ Delgadillo's 7pm 	28	29		

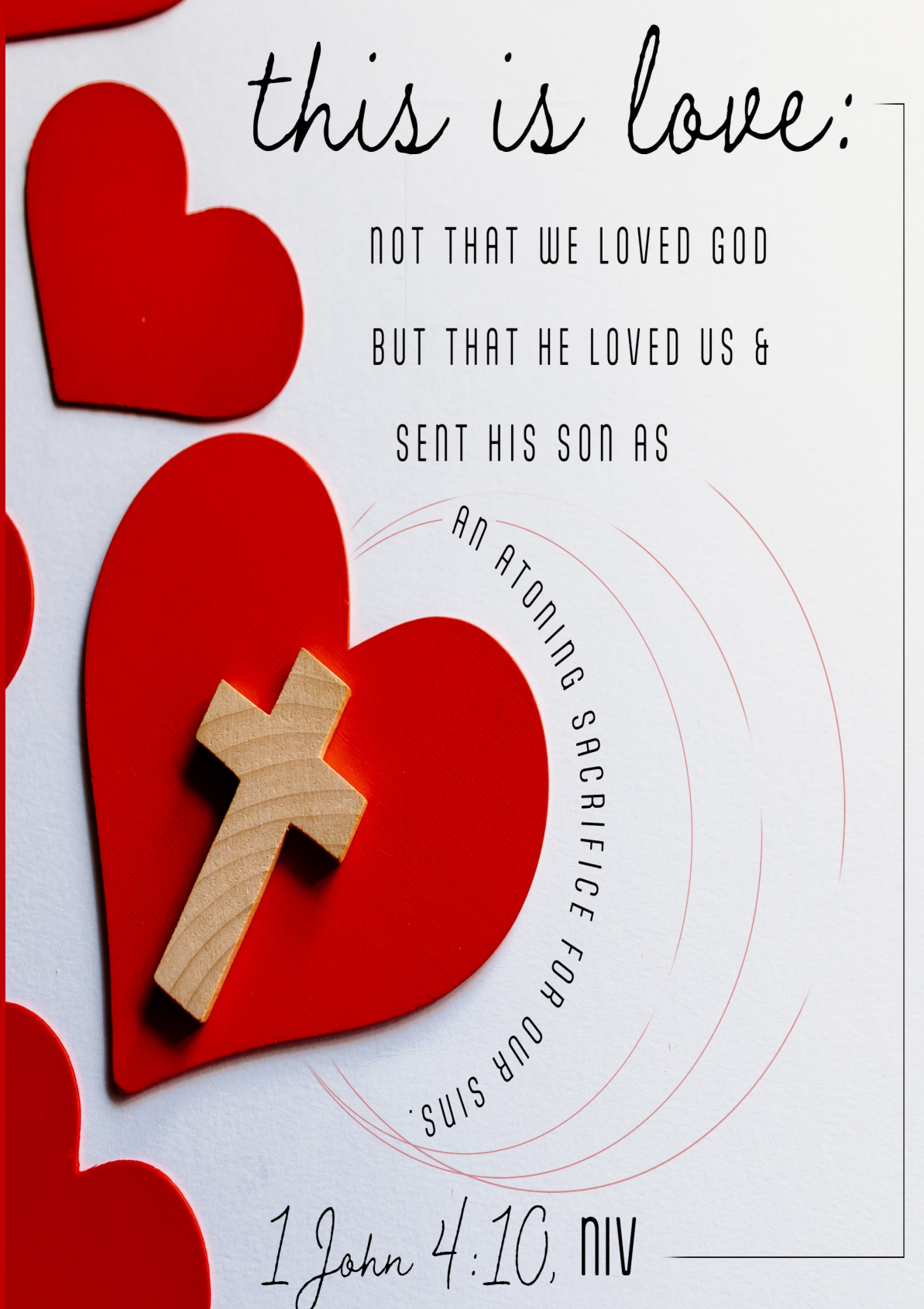
February Birthdays

- 3 Lexie Preheim
- 6 Mario Delgadillo
- 14 Cindy Cuevas
- 18 Michelle Larralde
- 23 Vicki Worthley
- 24 Michael Rubiaco
- 27 Stephanie Ahumada



Coming Events

- March 4th Elder's Meeting
- March 7th Pastoral Search Commi.
- March 8th- 10th Man Camp
- March 10th Fellowship Mtg.
- March 13th Stewardship /Board Mtg.
- March 20th Women's Ministry
- March 21st Pastoral Search Comm.
- March 24th Palm Sunday
- March 31st Easter Breakfast
- Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm Bible Study



this is love:

NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD
BUT THAT HE LOVED US &
SENT HIS SON AS

AN ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS.

1 John 4:10, NIV