November 2012

WHERE THERE’S NEITHER GREEK NOR JEW,

MALE NOR FEMALE,

DEAF NOR HEARING.

WORSHIP PLACE AND TIME

We have a temporary home to worship and study until we find a permanent home. Our services are at Center of Grace on 520 S. Harrison in Olathe. Our Sunday services begin at 10am and children’s church is provided.

We have Children and Adult Bible Study classes on Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 7:30pm, except for the 2nd Wednesday of odd months (rooms are not available). On those nights we will go to Evergreen Nursing Home for a devotion, fellowship and food.

On Thursdays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm we have our Wisdom of the Ages Bible Study for those 55 year old and older. We meet at Evergreen Nursing Home at 11875 S. Sunset Drive., Suite 100 in Olathe.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests may be sent to jarbuchholz@gmail.com. Please include your name, the person you are requesting the prayer for and what the prayer is for, examples: Marriage & Relationships, Finances & Employment, Grief, Health & Healing, Depression & Mental Health, Surgery (include date), Child/Youth, Spiritual Guidance, Hospice/End of Life, Cancer, Addiction & Recovery, Hospitalization, Unspoken or Other (please specify).
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Dear DICC Family,

It is that time of year where the pastor of the church talks about tithing, giving, and donating to the church. It is a necessary duty of the pastor although it is very uncomfortable and no one likes to ask for money! But the reality is……it is my duty as a pastor to ask for money again and again no matter how uncomfortable it makes me.

We do have a budget set to be able to run DICC in a productive way and to be able to meet the needs of our church family and to be able to do community outreach in order to meet the needs of the community and in order to share the Good News. Pastor Jacob works many, many hours each week on fund raising efforts to help with our budget but he is not able to collect enough to meet the budget demands, therefore it is so important for our church family to be giving each week or each month to our offering. Our offering is only a small portion of our budget but our church would not be able to survive without our offering.

Our goal is to collect $700.00 each week at worship. We should be able to meet this goal with the number of attendees we have. It is okay that some give more and that some give what they can. But the key to a successful offering is that everyone is giving something no matter how small or how big. Each year the number of attendees grows, our goal increases by $50.00 to $100.00. Our financial goal has not increased in over a year even though the number of attendees is growing, but I hope to increase it soon as more and more people are giving.

Also, in order to help Pastor Jacob better, would you also consider becoming a monthly supporter to Deaf International in addition to giving to our offering? We are looking for donations of $25.00 or $50.00 or $75.00 or $100.00 or more each month to try and meet our budget. The budget covers the costs of building rent, supplies, C.E.U.’s, insurance, staff, events, curriculum, books, conferences, worship supplies, youth education, children’s education, adult education, guest speakers, and numerous other expenses that enable a church to be a church. Would you also please give Pastor Jacob a list of names and numbers of friends and family or organizations that you feel would share our vision of having a Deaf church here in the K.C. metropolitan area and would make a pledge to giving us a monthly donation? Pastor Jacob can contact them for you.

All the dreams and visions we have as a Deaf church can be realized with continuous prayers, donations, and a commitment to all of us working together. We are doing amazing God-led work for the Deaf Community and their families. It is beautiful and amazing to see how God really does use us all to complete God’s work. I love serving with all of you and I love getting to know you all more deeply as we move forward together in making DICC a safe and fun place to worship, serve, and reach out to the deaf world with the Gospel.

May God Bless You Richly With Your Giving,
Pastor Debbie
Dear Church Family,

Earlier this month, one of my sermons explored the topic of the role of God in the midst of suffering and natural disasters. From catastrophes as horrific as the Holocaust to weather systems that wreak havoc on our cities like Hurricane Sandy, one often wonders where God is or whether God has the power to intervene and put an end to the chaos.

In my sermon I explained that the Biblical writers struggled with the same question and developed an array of answers to try to understand the relation between God and our own negative experiences. We too are part of that same conversation to understand the world around us. Nevertheless, in my sermon I encouraged us to not stop at the question of, “Why?” As in, “Why have these horrible events taken place?” While we still have every right to mourn and question our suffering, we also have the ability to move on to the question of, “What?” Meaning, “What can I personally do in response to tragedy to alleviate pain or make the world better in some small way?”

If you would like to read the sermon in full, you can do so at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uIVJPVBw_UfpHqfTVej9ldNW1ljZtZcEqQoR2usx14c/edit

Moreover, this coming Tuesday is Election Day. I encourage everyone to remember that there is no one right way for Christians to vote. There are going to be reasons to celebrate and mourn no matter who is in office! However, we can rest assured because we have a leader who reigns over us in Christ who, unlike our earthly leaders, is able to understand our needs on a personal level and provide for us. Christ is completely well-suited for the job and will never need to be reelected.

Another sermon of mine analyzing Christ’s work as our eternal high priest in contrast to the work of our human officials can be read here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w1xj1BXa1Awz8ewhgPuHCwpWyg7r4F_rQy8O02KSTxF/edit

Finally, in our Wednesday night Bible Study we are exploring the Prayers of Jesus in the Gospels. We have noted that while Jesus followed many of the prayer customs of Jewish religious tradition, there are several deviations including Jesus’ constant reference to God as his, “Father,” an Aramaic word of endearment typically used by children to refer to their dads. This reference is not found in Jewish religious literature and highlights the unique relationship between Jesus and God! Yet, we too are made children of God through Christ’s work to reconcile us with God. Some food for thought: How is God like our earthly fathers? In the Ancient Near East, to refer to a god as a father was to highlight the god’s mercy and life-giving powers which are typically matronly characteristics in our culture. We are also able to understand God as our mother, so how is God like our earthly mothers? What are the limitations of using these human relationships to understand our relationship with God, especially if we do not have good relationships with our earthly parents?

God Bless,

Pastor Jacob
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Employment/Finances**
- Mael Simpson - Employment
- Joni Wise - Employment
- John Kingsley - Employment

**Health/Surgery/Hospice**
- Melody McInTosh (Drei McIntosh) – Heart Surgery
- Lynn VanSurksum - Back pain
- Rose McCormick - Health
- Janice Conrad (Nicole Conrad) - Health
- Betty Dodd (Jennifer Wilson) - Brain and Spinal Cancer
- Lisa Simpson - Cancer
- Robin Hilbert - Health
- Eva Johnson - Health
- Robert Garrison - Health
- Barbara Simpson (Mael Simpson) - Peace of mind
- Kenneth Simpson (Mael Simpson) - Kidney problem
- Barry Santens - Diabetes complications

**Unspoken**
- Nicole Conrad’s church in North Carolina
- VanSurksum family
- Trevor Johnson
- Mael Simpson and Rachel Simpson
- Maxine Mortenson (Kristen Johnson)
- Kristen Johnson and family
- Jennifer Wilson

**Others**
- Jake Wise (Wise family) - Protection and safety in Marines
- Ben Bunch (Mael Simpson) - Protection while in Army
- Natural disasters all over the USA and world

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AT: jarbuchholz@gmail.com

Please let the Pastor Jacob know if there are any changes to your prayer request(s) or when you want your request to be removed from the list.
Sunday Snack Schedule

Below is the list of people who have signed up to bring snacks. Thank you for volunteering!

November 4-Linda Young
November 11-Joni Wise
November 18-Gini Brodie
November 25-Cindy Vaughn

If you are not able to bring snacks during your assigned week, please contact someone else to switch dates.

FELLOWSHIP AT EVERGREEN COMMUNITY-SECOND WEDNESDAY OF ODD MONTHS

Fellowship with the residents at Evergreen Community (Jo.Co. Nursing Home) is a big success, so we want to continue that fellowship with them on a regular basis. Too much time goes by in between holidays and they appreciate us coming to them. We will fellowship with them again on every second Wednesday of the odd months from 6:30-7:30pm. This means that the adult and children classes will meet at Evergreen to fellowship with the deaf residents there. Please bring snacks to share with everyone.

Remaining Dates in 2012: November 14

Jr. Club 3:16 and Club 3:16

Jr. Club 3:16 is for grades 3rd-5th and your youth group. Club 3:16 is for 6th grade-freshman in college. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the gym behind Center of Grace. Our next gathering is on October 14th. We always need help with beverages, snacks, and paper products for our hungry youth. Please bring them to our morning services on the days they meet. Cash donations are accepted.

Dates Are:


November Birthdays

Franklin Crespo, Sr. 1st
Elijah Buchholz, 2nd
Steve Collins, 9th
Tiffany Waltrip, 12th
Chris Brodie, 16th
Kalina Johnson, 17th
Jess Brodie, 19th
Valerie Hanson, 24th
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