WHERE THERE’S NEITHER GREEK NOR JEW,

MALE NOR FEMALE,

DEAF NOR HEARING.

January 2013

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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You can find DICC's monthly newsletters, online sermons, contact information, schedules and more on DICC's website. Don't forget to like us on facebook, Deaf International Community Church, where we post sermons and event information. DICC’s website is: dicommunitychurch.org
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Dear DICC Family,

As most of you already know, we have a Bible study group that meets on Wednesday evenings at Center of Grace, for adults and children. The teens are meeting with the adults. Our lessons are either from the Bible or from books. Pastor Jacob and I take turns teaching every eight weeks.

We are now studying from the book “Life Together”, written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. It is a wonderful book about living a life of community amongst fellow Christians. I chose this book because it is my goal to help the family at DICC to live better lives with their families (immediate and extended), with their church sister and brothers, and with the people in the world. It is a good book that instructs us on how to love God and love our neighbor.

If you have not been coming to Bible study on Wednesdays, please consider doing so. Sunday sermons do feed us but I feel we need something in the middle of the week as well. Bible studies are a means for fellowship, dialogue, learning, sharing, asking questions, and expressing our ideas. There is so much to learn and two days (Sundays and Wednesdays) are not enough time to learn all we need to learn. Worship, study, meditation, prayer, fellowship, and serving enable us to grow spiritually thus helping us to become closer to God and closer to our neighbor. But…..we need all of these in order to grow into the person God desires us to be.

Check out our newsletters, bulletins, announcements, and calendar of events and find a Bible study you can commit to in 2013 and start reaping the rewards of studying the Bible together.

Pastor Debbie
January 2013

Happy New Year! As you probably know by now, it’s already 2013 and the world hasn’t ended! This past December I preached about the Mayan Apocalypse and other end of the world predictions. End of the world predictions are often accompanied by doomsday accounts of how the world is getting worse and Christ’s coming will be preceded by natural disasters and wars. As a result, every time there is a tragic event in the world or a story in the news of moral indiscretion by a prominent leader, people point to the event as evidence that the end of the world is near. The sermon analyzed Mark 13, known as the little apocalypse, a text that is often used to understand end times. The sermon pointed out that Mark 13 is actually talking about a very specific event, the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple in 70AD. Jesus was telling his disciples that all of the religious and political institutions that people relied on would eventually fall: the temple would be destroyed and later even the Roman Empire would fall, but the Word of God would last forever. Therefore, Jesus was saying, don’t trust in these institutions for salvation and DON’T think that their end means the final end, because in verse thirty-two Jesus shifts to talking about the actual end when Christ comes again. Here Jesus says NO ONE, not even Christ, knows when THAT day will be except for God. Jesus tells a story about a man leaving his house and putting his servants in charge of the house until his return. Jesus describes how the servants need to be constantly doing their duty because they don’t know when the owner of the house will return. Consequently, we too should be constantly doing the work of God—working to improve the world—rather than passively waiting for the end of the world, and therefore neglecting the world, when we have no idea when Christ will actually return. The text of the sermon can be read here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YST53zvIah_Ifi5kmVqZYjPbreTmTKsHtHO1ztguKHU/edit

On December 23rd, we celebrated the Christmas season with an ASL Christmas Cantata based on the 12 Days of Christmas. There is a legend that the Christmas song was used by persecuted Christians to secretly teach Christian doctrine. For example, the 10 lords-a-leaping were meant to signify the 10 commandments and the 4 calling birds were meant to represent the 4 Gospels. Whether the story is true or not, it still carries an important Christmas message: God gives us gifts in lavish abundance. More than we could ever need. The cantata taught the Christian meaning behind each day in the song through ASL poems, ASL stories, skits (one by the children and one by the youth!), responsive readings, prayers, songs, Scripture reading, a meditation, and an old-fashioned Christmas carol. It was a fun program and is definitely worth your time to watch if you missed. It is on our youtube channel, DICommunityChurch. The link to the video is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0siqhWNzJhg

I’m looking forward to another wonderful year with my church family!

God Bless,

Pastor Jacob
Prayer Requests

Employment/Finances

Mael Simpson - Employment
Joni Wise - Employment

Health/Surgery/Hospice

Melody McIntosh (Drei McIntosh’s Mother) – Heart
Lisa Simpson - Cancer
Robin Hilbert - Health
Barry Santens – Recovering from recent surgery
  *Kathy Marchand-Hip
  *Sharon Arnold-Heart and Pleurisy
  *Franklin Crespo-Hospice

Unspoken

Kristen Johnson and Family

Others

* Mael Simpson and family on the passing of Mael’s father

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Please let the Pastor Jacob know if there any changes to your prayer request(s) or if you want your prayer request to be removed. We will leave prayer requests on for one month unless notified otherwise.

*New Additions
**Sunday Snack Schedule**

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

January 6th: Kristen Johnson

January 13th: Laura Waltrip

January 20th: Cindy Vaughn

January 27th: Etta Maelzer

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

**Fellowship at Evergreen Community**

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 for 2013:

Jan 9, March 13, May 8, July 10, Sept 11, Nov 13

**Club 3:16 and Jr. Club 3:16**

Jr. Club 3:16 is for grades 3rd-5th and our youth group. Club 3:16, is for 6th grade-freshman in college. Our gatherings include Deaf and hard-of-hearing youth from all over the KC area and include games, pizza, and a discussion. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the gym behind Center of Grace. 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.

Remaining Dates for 2012-2013:

Jan. 13 & 27
Feb. 10 & 24
March 10 & 24
April 14 & 28

**January Birthdays**

Josh Brodie, 1st
Amonte Patterson, 1st
Gregory R. Morrison, 5th
Trey Johnson, 7th
Rachel Taylor, 10th
Laura Waltrip, 10th
Pastor Debbie Buchholz, 10th
J.T. Wise, 11th
Vicki Drummond, 14th
Sanual J. Brock, 14th
Robert Arnold, 17th
Robin Hilbert, 17th
Chloe Kurz, 20th
Greg Shoemaker, 29th
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