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Do you like surprises? Or, are you the type of person that likes to know the details of what lies ahead? As we occupy the first days of a new year, we know that 2010 will no doubt surprise us, and we hope and pray it will be a great year of blessing to all of us here at CDOBC.

In reality, a new year is really only a change of one day as we enter the rotation of months again. But, like other dates we celebrate, a new year is often celebrated as a “*new beginning*,” or a “*fresh start*.” Just watch your television over the next month, and you’ll see all the diet and exercise commercials flooding the airwaves as millions dedicate themselves to a “*new beginning*” for their health and fitness in 2010.

What will 2010 hold for you? I’m sure some of you will make resolutions as you try and redirect an area of your life, and I’m sure some of you are “resolved” to continue doing what brought you to this point in your life. Change and surprise are part of the normal process. After all, when was the last time that life stayed constant for an entire year? For those of you who like surprises and variety, this is the “spice of life!” You look with anticipation to the coming year and what surprises await! For others, you may look to a new year—to the future—and have anxiety or worry about what the future will hold.

Well, no matter what your perspective on being surprised with life’s changes, we can all take comfort in the God who brings change—but Who never changes. I guess I’m like most of you. I like some surprises...as long as they’re good surprises! I also like my routine. Having a routine

allows me to make plans and get things done. When my routine is thrown off, I struggle with staying focused and on task. We can all be thankful that over all of these things is our sovereign, faithful God. Nothing surprises God (*although He is always surprising us!*), and nothing is ever boring with Him either! As a child of God, we get the best of both worlds. He blesses and surprises us with joy and grace we never expected, and at the same time, we can rest confidently in Him because He doesn’t change—He’s always faithful—He never forgets His promises. Aren’t you thankful that as a believer, God is in control? Aren’t you thankful that God loves you and has plans for you He hasn’t even revealed to you yet?

As we all look forward to 2010, I pray that you will grow in your faith—that you will become more mature in Christ—and that you will celebrate the incredible God we have and look forward to what He does in you...in all of us this coming year.

Blessings to you all in 2010!

Pastor Steve



From Glory to Humility to Glory

By Pastor Ken Fahl

As we think of Christmas, we picture a babe in a manger, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and angels. But, what about that babe? Who was He? Where did He come from? Perhaps if we take a look at some Old Testament passages, we will find the answers. Read Isaiah 6:1-3 and 7:14. Then read Philippians 2:5-8. An old hymn (1915), written by a new born believer named Henry Barraclough captures the whole meaning of Christmas.

The words of that hymn are as follows:

"Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe, Only His great eternal love made my Savior go."

"My Lord has garments so wondrous fine, And myrrh their texture fills; Its fragrance reached to this heart of mine, With joy my being thrills."

"His life had also its sorrows sore, For aloes had a part; And when I think of the cross He bore, My eyes with tear-drops start."

"In garments glorious He will come, To open wide the door; And I shall enter my heav'nly home, To dwell forever-more."

"Out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe, Only His great eternal love made my Savior go."

Brown Bag 'n Bible: Bring your own lunch and join us every Thursday (through the end of March) at 10:30 a.m. in the GLOW room to study the book of Romans.

Alive & Active Activities:

Baby Picture Contest and Lunch—Join us on Saturday, January 16th, at noon here at church for a potluck. Hand your baby pictures to Marietta Fahl in a sealed brown envelope with your name on it by January 3rd. More details to come in your Sunday School class.

Third Annual Ethnic Potluck— March 6th

Dear CDO Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the flowers, candy, gifts and cards received from all of you during my recent illness. They sure did brighten my days at the hospital. They brought much happiness to my stay there and made my stay much more bearable. As we all know, we have a very loving church family at CDO.

Thanks a million for your many thoughts and wishes extended by all of you.

Beryl Malott

Also— Clarence and Catherine Payne want to thank the church family for all the prayers and encouragement, food and reaching out to them during the last few months.

CDOBC Lay Leadership

Elders

Lew Backer
Al Birdsall
Tom Cetas
Jim Dover
Dale Haralson
Jim Penick
Russ Tronstad

Deacons

Brent Avey
George Ballesteros
Kyle Randels

Deaconesses

Kathie Backer
Sheryl Cottrell
Sandy Harris
Tonya Haynes
Shirley Horner
Beth Kolbuss
Amie Oetter
Beth Silveira
Leona Williams
Debra Wylie

Service

By Pastor Joseph Berko

By the time you read this I will be a married man. Many people approached me during the weeks leading up to the wedding date wanting to know how I was doing with everything. It was funny to notice the difference in questioning depending on the gender of the questioner. The women asked me this: “Are you getting excited!?” (Themselves usually sounding very excited.) The guys, on the other hand, kinda raised their eyebrows a little bit, and asked, “Are you getting...*nervous*?” Kim and I chose to write our own vows, and this question of nervousness weighed on my mind while I wrote them. Am I nervous? *Should* I be? As I did a little bit of self-analysis, I came to the conclusion that “yes,” I was nervous. Not afraid, not questioning whether this is the right choice, but yes, I had a healthy sense of nervousness. The reason? I know that I’m naturally selfish.

I love my sleep. If not for my *wellspring* of self discipline, I could very easily sleep 9-10 hours per night, maybe more. Kim wakes up at 5:00a.m. on Saturday mornings...without an alarm. I don’t know much about being a husband, but the one thing I do know, is that to be a good one will involve dying to self. That means *servicing* my wife, and putting her needs and desires before my own. That’s just the way it is—there are no secrets and no shortcuts. It needs to be a lifestyle choice, and one that I will need to make daily for the rest of my life. So simple, and at the same time, so difficult!

True love will always lead to service. If I tried to affirm Kim by telling her of my love for her but made no efforts to take out the trash, handle our finances, or romance her, I *guarantee* you that she would have some serious doubts about my affections and devotion to her (as she should!). As her husband, I should jump at the opportunity to take care of these things—ideally without being asked—in order to show Kim my love. And while it would be great if Kim were to praise me every time I fulfilled one of these responsibilities, they are *responsibilities*, and so I should do them regardless of her response.

Can I ask you a question? What are you doing to serve the body of Christ here at Canyon Del Oro Baptist Church?

Marriage and being a member of the body of Christ are two different things, but I believe some legitimate comparisons can still be drawn. Just as those of us who are married are called to love our spouses, so are ALL of us who call ourselves Christians, called to love the church...no exceptions, no short-cuts. In the 13th chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus did something that shocked His disciples—He washed their feet. It’s only a few verses after that act of servanthood that He said this: “*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” We strive to love one another because Jesus commanded it, and we demonstrate this love by following His example of service. True love will *always* lead to service. So simple, and at the same time so difficult!

I could go into more comparisons, and get into additional passages about how God calls us to love and serve one another, but I believe we all have lots of knowledge about this. What we need is some action.

I want to give out a homework assignment as we begin this new year. First, ask yourself, “How are things *really* going with serving the body of Christ here at CDOBC?” This is not the time to evaluate *others* in the body. Focus on yourself for a few minutes and write down your response. Remember, the church is made up of many different “parts” and each one has a specific place and purpose. Second, I want you to prayerfully evaluate your response, and write down 3 ideas for how you can get plugged in, or how you can better use your God-given gifts and abilities to serve the body. Third, I want you to take action and get busy! If each member of our church makes the choice to do this in the coming year, we can expectantly look forward to the promises found in Ephesians 4:12-16:

“...prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”



Are You Globally Focused?

By Pastor Scott Nichols

Making a New Year's resolution has become a time honored tradition. It's something we try to do to better ourselves, like not eating so many sweets or exercising more. Many people's New year's resolutions go something like this:

January 1st—resolution made.

January 5th—doing great on resolution, haven't missed a day.

January 6th—missed first day of resolution, that's all right...I'll pick up tomorrow.

January 15th—haven't done the resolution in over a week, but that's okay...I'll get it next week.

January 30th—Resolution?!? What resolution?

All jokes aside, New Year's resolutions sometimes can work out to be great things; things that can change our lives. Something struck me, though, in the past week about how most New year's resolutions go—they *can be quite selfish*. Some of them are all about what *we can do for ourselves*. As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, even our enemies. It would be quite a change to make a New Year's resolution that was focused on others.

Christ has called us to go and make disciples in the local communities around us (Matthew 28:19-20.) However, it does not stop there...we should be spreading our efforts beyond that to the national and the international scene. We need to be having a global and local focus: *glocal*.

Let's start this year off with a commitment to serve God throughout the year by being focused on sharing His love in the communities that we live in—with our neighbors, coworkers and our friends. This is hard, and yet, it is the closest mission field that we all can participate in. We shouldn't stop there, though. We need to make sure we are supporting international efforts, as well. This could be through praying for our church missionaries (make sure to sign-up for their email updates, if you don't get those already), contributing to them financially, or, even going and participating in a short-term missions trip. The Youth Group is trying to be locally focused as we seek to win other student's hearts to Christ here in Oro Valley. And, we are also trying to be globally focused as we are in the process of planning a mission trip to the country of Latvia in July.

How can you be *glocally* focused this new year?

Youth News

Senior High and Middle School students meet for Sunday School at 9a.m. on Sunday mornings in room 6. Senior High meets at 6 p.m. on Sundays, and Middle School meets at 6:30p.m. on Wednesdays for games, food and Bible study.

Service Project: Saturday, January 16th

Middle School Winter Camp: Friday, January 22nd to Sunday, January 24th—cost \$75

High School Winter Camp: Friday, February 5th to Sunday, February 7th—cost \$75

Valentine Bowl: Saturday, February 20th at 10 a.m.

Youth Leader Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

For details regarding Youth Ministry and events, see Pastor Scott and Sarah Nichols. You can contact Pastor Scott at snichols@cdobaptist.org or call the church office at 297-3900.

Upcoming Events



Between Time Snack Bar on January 31st and February 28th. Come and enjoy special treats between worship services!!!

Baby Shower for Breann Mauldin (Dale & Sheryl Beyer's daughter) on Saturday, January 9th, 11:00 a.m. in rooms 1 & 2 at church. Baby girl, "Charlotte," is registered at Target and Babies R Us. Bring a package of diapers to enter a drawing for a chance to win a gift basket of goodies! All ladies are invited to attend! RSVP to the church office at 297-3900.

Walk Thru the Bible—New Testament on Saturday, January 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Watch the bulletin for more details.

MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

Men Under Construction for Christ (MUCC) meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in room 2 for a study in the book of Jeremiah. Contact John Durako at 419-0535 or 219-9491 for more information.

Men's Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 a.m. in the GLOW room studying the book, Disciplines of a Godly Man.

Men's Huddle meets on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Fridays of each month at 6:00 a.m. in room 7, continuing in the study of I Samuel.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, January 5th, for both morning and evening studies. Both classes will study the book of Daniel for 12 weeks through March 23rd. The morning class is from 9:45-11:00 a.m. taught by Beth Kolbuss meeting in room 2—cost: \$5.50 for the workbook. The evening class is from 6:00-8:15 p.m. taught by Beth Moore through DVD—cost: \$15 for the workbook. You can call or e-mail Debbie Randels in the church office at 297-3900—drandels@cdobaptist.org to find out more details or to sign-up for either class.

Beth Moore Conference—"Living Proof Live" is March 26-27th at the Tucson Convention Center. The conference will be Friday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$60 per person and you will need to register on your own at www.lifeway.com or call Lifeway at 1-800-254-2022 (press 2)—seating is not assigned/can cancel up to 30 days before. We will meet early enough to carpool to dinner downtown (El Charro) and be at TCC by 6:00 p.m. Watch for more details in the bulletin!

Youth Haven Women's Conference—"Precious in His Sight" is Friday, January 29th or Saturday, January 30th, from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (check-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.) at Youth Haven Desert Ranch in Picacho, Arizona. Featured speakers and music are by Amy Carlson, Cheri Carlson and the Jacobys. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch. Register online at www.youthhaven.org or call 520-466-3093 by January 18th.

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Step-Family Ministry

This is a biblical based support group for step-parents, step-grandparents (and relatives), future step-parents and adult step-children. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 7 while our children are in Wednesday night activities. We welcome you!

College and Young Singles Ministry

Come join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a study in Ecclesiastes, "What A King's Son Has to Tell Us About Life." We are presently meeting in the home of Tom and Betty Cetas—7725 Sendero de Juana. You can contact Tom and Betty at 297-7583 or tcetas@gmail.com if you would like more information about this class.



January/February Calendar of Events

January

- 6—No Club
- 13—Double Bucks
- 20—Chocolate Challenge
- 27—Pet Potato

February

- 3—Backwards Night
- 10—Buck Store #2
- 17—Return of Dr. IQ
- 20—(Saturday) Grand Prix
- 24—No Club—Rodeo Week