



The Voice

DaySpring Christian Center
November 2013

Calendar of Events

11.19.13
International
Thanksgiving Potluck

11.29 – 12.1.13
Marriage Retreat

12.14.13
Christmas Prayer
Breakfast

12.22.13
Christmas Service

Are you a Church Member?

- By Ki Hughes

We all have an idea of what we think it means to be an active church member; however, in our recent book study, as a church, we found that our misconception could destroy the church as a whole. In God's house, we have to be functioning members that are actively engaged in the Christ-life experience. Think about your own body for a moment. What inside of or apart of you does not work? Prayerfully, everything is working as it's intended, but if anything were not working what would happen to your health and your ability to function? What would be your mindset? Perhaps, you're thinking that things from inside your body would affect the outside, making it hard for you to do things, stay healthy or feel in good spirit about your life. Well that's the same battle we face when church members of Christ's body aren't active and thriving. We are each individual parts of ONE body – Christ's body. Every person has an essential and significant role to play in keeping Christ's body (his church) healthy. As we do what God has purposed in our hearts, we essentially take on the role of doing our active duty to ensure the body stays running to its fullest potential.

This is key, because how we care for God's house and maintain its health will translate into how we treat our own physical homes. Being a church member isn't just relegated to the walls of the church building, it is supposed to spill out into our streets, hearts, and homes! Our acts of worship are a constant reminder to all, especially our families, that God's

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PASTORAL THOUGHT

The privilege of church; in the bible days the persecution of church people had to have been incredibly scary. The hatred of the believer was a common practice among the unregenerate, from the feeding them to dogs, to the hanging believers on crosses and being burned alive. Being a Christian or association with a believer was grounds for great penalty, so of course church was out of the question.

Church was mostly the meeting together in secret assemblies. As was the case in (Hebrews 10:25;26.) Where even in the midst of persecution, believers were told to not give up from going to the assemblies.

What does that say about us today? Let me ask us all a quick question. So what are your reasons for not attending church again?

Pastor Charles

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Finance Team

H.U.G. Team

(hospitality, usher & greeters)

If interested in serving, please see or contact Ministry Director, Ki Hughes at 323.608.9586 or md@dayspringcc.org.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

November 3rd - November 17th

DaySpring will be donating canned and boxed goods to the City of Gardena Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. If you would like to give, please leave your canned good donations in the bin located in the entryway of the church.

Are You a Church Member? Continued

healthy body is what will keep our home in order. Bringing our family to church establishes the mindset for future generations to prioritize the health of God's body. Praying together, worshipping together, and making Christ a permanent fixture in your house is laying the foundation for our children and families to fall in love with Christ and become active, healthy church members themselves.

What kind of church member do you want to be? We pray that you consider the health of all those you affect in making your decision. The type of church member you turn out to be will demonstrate whether you're helping or hurting the body of Christ. Keep Christ's body healthy; be an active, functioning and useful church member. In Jesus' name, AMEN!



Hello Family,

I hope everyone is having an awesome week. As a church we read the book "I AM A CHURCH MEMBER", by Thomas S Rainer. This was another phenomenal read. If you haven't read it please see Tinaya Hughes and get your book ASAP. This book opens the eyes of the typical "Church Member" and broadens our knowledge of what a church member should really be.

I want to recognize Jacob and Charmill Vega, and Darla Gilmore for becoming a part of the [DaySpring](#) family. We encourage you to continue to come and fellowship with the body of believers at DaySpring. **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!!!!!!**

This month's **highlighted** member is fairly new to [DSCC](#), but is a very hair-rific young lady. Her name is Shantika Wilson aka Shan...Here's her testimony.

Thank you Jesus! My soul shouts. You are awesome! I am so glad to be a part of the body of Christ. It brings me great joy to

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MEMBERS CORNER continued



know that I belong to a great and awesome church. DaySpring has aided my family and me in getting back to God. As I sit here writing these words, I'm so excited about what God is doing for my

family and me. My membership here has catapulted me into an awesome new beginning. A dimension of complete and utter eagerness for God's word. Before coming to DaySpring, I was absent from church for some time. It was really important to me to find the right place to be.

During this time away from the church, I was drifting further away from God.

A good friend Tinaya Hughes invited me to DaySpring. I attended a few times; I knew that this was where I needed to be to grow my spirit and knowledge of God. However, I toyed around a few more months.

One day I made up my mind that I was not going to let anything or anyone keep me from God. I became a member. Because of that faith-filled jump, my daughter followed right behind me and made that same leap to membership here. That in and of itself was a great testament to what God was doing through this church. The experience of expository preaching enabled her to learn to apply the biblical teachings to her life. Pastor Charles' desire to truly educate God's people is phenomenal. His diligence, obedience and robotic nature to the scriptures (lol) are truly what we need as the body of Christ to whole-heartily flourish as Christians. In parting, I love my church and I love my entire church family.

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"I AM A CHURCH MEMBER" Book Review

In October our church read and participated in group discussions on the I AM A CHURCH MEMBER book. Here are some testimonials on how the book enlightened a few of our members on what it means to be a Biblical church member.

Chapter 2 on being a unified church member really stood out to me. Especially the part where it talked about gossip, because I know that gossip can ruin a church. One of the reason I kept coming back to the church and finally joining this church was people seemed to be unified and all on one accord.

by Ernie Kelly

Chapter 1...I will be a Functioning Church Member. This book made me stop and think about what kind of church member I am and there are certainly areas where I seek to improve. It also challenged me to consider my attitudes and responsibilities as a member of our church. I am responsible for being the church member I was created to be...to love and serve my church.

by Fou Nu'u

Mainly where it talks about church being unified. When one body part rejoices, the entire body rejoices. When one member is strong, it strengthens the whole body. Those points come from the book of Corinthians.

by David Daniel

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1 Corinthians 12:12,25-26

¹² For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

²⁵ so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

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I AM A CHURCH MEMBER continued

Well I like Chapter 2 where it talks about unity of church members and how important we need each other for accountability and encouragement. You never know what the next person is dealing with. You can be going through the same thing. That is why our Pastor encourages fellowship and also our church is strong as a unit. We all have a job to do. No matter what it is, it's important. Example, if that screw isn't screwed on properly, the unsaved or unchurched can't open the door to come in the sanctuary.

- by *Tinaya Hughes*

Chapter 3... I am a church member, and I will not let my church be about my preferences and desires. I had to read that chapter more than once because it was something that I needed to learn to do. I found myself looking at all the things that I thought needed changing like the music was too loud or the people were not friendly enough. I was too demanding. I was inwardly focused. I wanted to be served, and wanted things done my way. The bible says, "I am supposed to be last not first" I am supposed to serve instead of seeking to be served. Jesus said we must be last of all and servant of all. Philippians 2:5-11 says, "Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus". He humbled Himself, and He became obedient to the point of death-even to death on the cross. We are to be servants, we are to be obedient. We are to put others first.

by *Tanya Bryant*

The whole book was an eye-opener for me. It enlightened me to the fact that I am more than just a member at church. I am part of the Body of Christ and it's important to display love at all times and to keep unity within the church. I realize that a healthy church is love. My favorite chapter was the one that talks about two men from the same church meeting up for breakfast. One member express his desire to leave the church because the Pastor did not run the church the way HE wanted the church to run. This member didn't understand what all the Pastor is obligated to do as head of the church. If he truly understood the pressures that a Pastor has, he would have called the Pastor asking him "what can I do to help".

by *Cecilia "CeeCee" Smith*

UPCOMING EVENTS

"INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK"

Tuesday, Nov. 19th @ 7:00pm

DaySpring Counseling Room

Don't miss our International Thanksgiving Potluck, as we celebrate the diverse cultures in our church and give thanks for everything the Lord has blessed us with. To sign-up to bring a dish, please see Faye Maretic 310.750.8777 or Fou Nu'u 562.200.9455.

"REVIVE, REPLENISH, RENEW MARRIAGE RETREAT"

Friday, Nov. 29- Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013

Ayres Hotel & Suites Costa Mesa

Less than ONE MONTH until our upcoming Marriage Retreat. It's not too late to sign-up to attend. Come refresh and restore your marriage.

REGISTRATION INFO:

Cost.....\$280.00 Per Couple

EXTENTIONS

Sign-up By.....11.8.13

Pay By.....11.22.13

MAKE PAYMENT:

at www.dayspringcc.org or mail to PO Box 3505, Gardena, CA 90247. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Contact Misty Copeland at 310.853.8477 ext 0, or email retreat-info@dayspringcc.org

WILL YOU HELP SPONSOR A COUPLE?

Save marriages and end divorce. Give HOPE. Donate at dayspringcc.org > On-line Giving > Marriage Retreat, or during offering. Please write "Marriage Retreat" on the envelope.

"CHRISTMAS PRAYER BREAKFAST"

Saturday, Dec. 14th @ 8:00am

Hometown Buffet | Gardena, CA

\$20 Adults, \$7 Children Under 12

DaySpring is having our third Annual Christmas Prayer Breakfast. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship, enjoy a good meal and most importantly unite in prayer. For tickets see Mrs. Linda Griffin or contact her at 323.819.5923.