

The Voice

Monthly Newsletter of DaySpring Christian Center
March 2014

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MADNESS



This month we will focus on increasing fellowship amongst our church members, with hopes of becoming a more unified body. To get us there we have some fun activities planned that will help us get to know each other outside of the church walls.

We have events planned during the month of March. Our first was on the 2nd of March. As a church, we went to the movies together to see "The Son of God". We enjoyed each other's company while experiencing a movie that depicted the life and death of Jesus Christ. It was AWESOME!

Here is the information for our next fun-filled activity that will promote genuine unity within our church:

GAME NIGHT

We will play tons of games, from Taboo to Wii sports, and of course feast on some great food. This will be a potluck so please bring a dish. Also, if you have other games in mind please bring them, the more the merrier. Children are welcomed to join us. Please see Tinaya Hughes or Nicole Hicks, for address information and to sign-up for the potluck.

GAME NIGHT Info Cont

Date: Saturday March 29, 2014
Location: The Hughes residence
Time: 6pm

Nicole Hicks and I (Tinaya Hughes) are your Membership Services Team. As such, we interact with the church and its members to make sure needs are met, visit the sick (our Pastor does this also), and we answer any questions you, as a member, may have. We also coordinate New Membership class, weddings, baptisms, child dedications, and maintain important membership records.

As fellow servants of Christ we strive to serve the members of DaySpring Christian Center, in accordance to the words written by the great Apostle Peter, "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart," 1 Peter 1:22



Mark Your Calendar

- 3.09.14....."GOD vs Evil" Event | 11am
- 3.15.14.....W.O.W. Ministry Fellowship | 4pm
- 4.12.14....Breaking Bread with DaySpring | 3:30pm
- 4.13.14....Prayer Walk

Answers to Church Membership Trivia on Page 3

1. **Doctrine/teaching, fellowship, prayer, breaking bread.** See Acts 2:42
2. **False.** Each Christian is given at least one spiritual gift that can be utilized in church. See 1 Cor 12:4-7, 12, 27; Rom 12:3-8
3. **Body.** See 1 Corinthians 12:27
4. **Giving.** See 2 Corinthians 8
5. **False. Church membership is Biblical.** See Acts 2:37-47; 1 Pet 5:1-5; Heb 13:17, 10:24-25; 1 Tim 5:17

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

H.U.G. (hospitality, usher & greeters) Team
Prayer Team

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

Serving with a Purpose!

by Ki Hughes



Serving people isn't always a task taken with a smile. It seems that it's used as an attribute of someone who has gotten over on you. In God's kingdom, this can't be farther than the truth. Serving under God's authority, in His kingdom is actually a privilege. It's something to rejoice about and be totally grateful for. Our service to one another in this regard is our sharing in the Christ-like experience. We get a chance to have our hearts tuned and inadequacies removed from our inherent selfish nature. This is a blessing when we consider it fully. God loves us so much that He will accept us as we are but loves us that much more that He won't leave us that way! Our serving each other plays a key role in that fact.

As one member who has had his own bouts with accepting help and the service of others, it is refreshing to know that the genuine love of Christ when mixed with His people can produce a sincere care and concern for me in a practical and tangible way. This in turn helps to release the chains that have been in my heart and mind about people's motives and intentions when it comes to real help.

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God will use our availability in serving one another to help sanctify and purify our hearts. The things that we can't see, can be the things that hold us back from truly giving God our total heart and dedication.

Serving other members and others in general 1) removes the focus off ourselves and puts it on someone else 2) It allows God to work on opening and cleansing the heart of the person you're serving and 3) it gives God room and availability to renew and replenish you by having someone serve and meet your needs by His will. It's the ultimate plan to bring us all closer and into intimate relationships with one another, as He wants to have with us.

Think of it like this, we'll eventually all be with each other for eternity, so take it as an opportunity to get accustomed to being there for your brothers and sisters, as Christ continues to show you an eternal example through His life and even until today. See the spiritual benefits of serving one another; they'll help you to be served in the areas where God's completed cleansing work should be accomplished in your heart. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

"GOD vs Evil"

Sunday, March 9th @ 11am

DaySpring Christian Center

Join us for DaySpring's 3rd Annual, Defending the Faith event. This year our topic is "GOD vs Evil". Invite your skeptic friends, family members and co-workers to hear a thought-provoking message from our favorite apologist, Greg Koukl.

"W.O.W. Ministry"

Saturday, March 15th @ 4pm

The Wilson's Home

The women of W.O.W. (*Women of the Word*) Ministry would like to invite all ladies to join us for our monthly fellowship. Come hang out with fellow sisters in Christ, and get inspired, encouraged and equipped to live a victorious Christian life. For the address and to RSVP (**by 3.13.14**), please contact Shan Wilson at 323.945.0508.

"Breaking Bread Event"

Sunday, April 12th @ 3:30pm

YMCA-Gardena | 1000 W. Artesia Blvd., Gardena, CA 90248

TICKET DONATION: \$10

The H.U.G. (*Hospitality, Ushers & Greeters*) Ministry invites you to join them for a fun-filled event of fellowship, food, games and more. Don't miss out. Get your tickets by contacting Cecilia Smith at 323.810.6594. This event is for all ages.

Christian Fellowship

by Ashley Smith

Fellowship is a familiar word often used in church circles to describe spending time with other believers. Nowadays we use it to describe a range of interactions among believers from worship services to having meals together, and even though fellowship oftentimes involves fun and entertaining activities, it should reach far beyond socializing. Fellowship is a great New Testament concept that is vital to a Christian's spiritual health, and in order for our fellowship to thrive, we must have a clear understanding of what it means.

Christian fellowship springs from our common fellowship with God, "...our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3). Our faith in Jesus Christ bonds us together as the church, and our fellowship with each other is the manifestation of our spiritual connection through the Holy Spirit. The word "fellowship" comes from the Greek word koinonia. Koinonia is a complex word that has such depth and richness that it cannot be adequately expressed in a single English translation. It holds the idea of joint participation, sharing, giving and receiving. It has also been translated as "partnership", and "communion". There is an implication of action and mutual contribution in the word koinonia; therefore, Christian fellowship should result in an incredible unity among believers.

Also, fellowship should bring about spiritual growth. Too often fellowship can become superficial and limited to banal and hastened post-worship service mingling, lacking authentic character and love. We should not be fearful or fake with each other. Our goal is to provide encouragement to keep the focus on Christ, His desires and goals for us. As iron sharpens iron, in true Christian fellowship we should sharpen one another's faith and stir one to exercise that faith in love and good works (Prov 27:17, Heb 10:24).

Furthermore, we should aim to fellowship with one another as often as possible, not only when prompted by formal church activities or reminded by church leadership. It is invigorating and exciting to evangelize and share our faith with others, but the walk can be hard and it is in discouraging times another believer can provide the encouragement to move forward. Most importantly, our fellowship should bring glory to God. Our display of love and support to one another should influence lost souls to become a part of the fellowship with Christ and His body of believers.

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1. What were four characteristics that made up the first church in Acts 2?
2. **(True or false)** Only certain people are given spiritual gifts and required to serve in ministry at church?
3. According to 1 Corinthians 12, the church is referred to as the _____ of Christ?
4. Apostle Paul commended the church members of Macedonia for the faithfulness in _____, which serves as a great example and model for us to follow.
5. **(True or false)** Church membership is NOT in the Bible, but is a man-made tradition. Therefore, I don't have to be a member of a local church.

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