

# The Voice

June 2014 Newsletter

## *Mark Your Calendar*

• **Sun., 6.8.14 @ 11a**

Pastor 3<sup>rd</sup> Yr. Anniversary Service

• **Sat., 7.26.14 @ 12p-4p**

Church Picnic

Arthur Lee Johnson Park

1700 W 170<sup>th</sup> | Gardena 90247

• **Sun., 8.17.14 @ 11a**

Friends & Family Day

## BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Feed His sheep. (John 21:15-17)
2. **True.** Hebrews 13:17 instructs us to obey and submit to godly leadership, as they watch over our souls and will give an account to God for everyone they shepherd.
3. **True.** Pastors are referred to as Shepherds, the church body as the flock, and individual church members/believers as sheep. (1 Pet 5:1-4, Acts 20:28)
4. **False.** Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to preach the Word, not what people wanted to hear. (2 Timothy 4:2-5)
5. **Truth, truth.** Apostle John was filled with joy to see his church members obeying truth (the Word). Apostle Paul was "amazed" that his church members started following lies of false teachers that promoted a different gospel than what he preached.

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## *Portrait of a Pastor*

By Ashley Smith

The role of a pastor is a divine calling that requires a firm understanding of God's word and an unmatched commitment to God's people. The meaning of the word pastor is "one who tends, or feeds the flock" and can also translate as shepherd. Let's take a closer look at what it means to be a shepherd:

### **Shepherds are Rescuers**

Sheep get lost easily and can be totally unable to find their way home without a shepherd to guide them. The unregenerate man has no natural instinct to find our way when lost; we need a shepherd to lead our souls to safety. A pastor can do this by leading the lost toward Jesus Christ.

### **Shepherds are Feeders**

Sheep are undiscerning about what they eat. Without the guarding eye of the shepherd they would eat poisonous plants. We as people are the same. We are not inclined to feed our souls the best nutrients all the time. The pastor is able to help us nourish our souls by feeding us pure, untainted biblical truth.

### **Shepherds are Protectors**

Sheep are easy prey. They aren't fast, strong, equipped with claws or sharp teeth. They need a protector to survive predators. A pastor guards their sheep from going astray and protects them from those who seek to lure them away and ravage them. "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God ... I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you not sparing the flock (Acts 20: 28-29)."

### **Shepherds are Leaders**

God entrusts church leaders with the responsibility of directing the flock; consequently, it is important that pastors lead an exemplary lifestyle in order to provide and example of obedience to God's word. "An overseer therefore must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled respectable ... not addicted to wine ... not a bully but gentle ... not greedy (1 Tim 3:2-3)."

When a pastor is faithfully doing God's work with righteous conduct, the response of the flock is imperative to his continued success. It is critical that we continuously and intently encourage and pray for our pastor. We should also follow the instruction and correction they provide from God's word, "obey and submit to your leaders, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account (Hebrews 13:17)." This does not mean we should blindly go along with any pastor's instruction, especially if it is not in line with the bible; however, when you have a humble pastor who teaches the bible with accuracy and integrity you should follow with a sweet spirit of obedience to God's word.

# Member Spotlight

Hello DSCC!

This month the **highlighted** member is our very own **PASTOR CHARLES GRIFFIN III**. He is a TRUE man of GOD!  
Below...some of our DSCC members express their gratitude to Pastor Charles:



**Ernie Kelly**

"I like that he teaches what's **IN** the **BIBLE** and not his own interpretation of it, and how he has inspired the church to be a **GOD** fearing and loving church. That's one of the reasons I joined. Congrats Pastor!!!"

**Geo Galvan**

"Congrats on your 3rd year of pastoring. Thanks for keeping and showing me the right path which means a lot! I'm honored and truly blessed to be a part of DaySpring!"

**Charles Copeland** "Thank you Charles and DaySpring! You're such an awesome person

and we are such an awesome church! Appreciate you!"

**Marcellette Fowler**

"DSCC is the **BEST** church ever! Pastor Charles is one of the reasons I joined. Congrats on your 3rd year pastoring and hope you have many more."

**Nicole Hicks**

"Pastor C!! First, **THANK YOU!!** You have always shown and taught us **GOD'S WAY**. I'll always be thankful to you for all the hard work and efforts you've put in for educating us. You're not only my pastor, but a friend, philosopher and guide all molded into one person. Thanks for always supporting me and being my guide and mentor. I appreciate you and my DSCC fam forever!"

**Jessica Chavez**

"Thank you Pastor! Your diligence continues to enrich our lives through your encouragement, wisdom and knowledge of **GOD's** message. As you strive to raise and lift

our awareness of the word, we can consciously make a collective effort as a church to help our world become a better place."

**Cynthia Davis**

"The day of my visit I was hurting and struggling. I introduced myself and asked Pastor to please pray for me not knowing if he will ever see me again. His prayer gave me strength and joy to trust in **God's** word. To me he's a godsend because he exhibits love, joy, goodness kindness and faithfulness."

**Carmie Real**

"Happy Anniversary Pastor bless you and thank you for your prayers that **GOD** healed me through your help in prayers. I **LOVE YOU**"

**Melanie and Nia Ford**

"Happy Anniversary pastor we love you"

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## Happy 3rd-Year Anniversary Pastor Charles!!

Keep fighting the good fight, stay in the race, and keep the faith. Your crown awaits you~

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**

### BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers found under the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page 1.

1. What did Jesus tell Apostle Peter to do three times in John 21?
2. **True or False:** The Bible teaches that church members/believers should obey and submit to their Pastor/elders/leaders.
3. **True or False:** The Bible often refers to Pastors as Shepherds.
4. **True or False:** In 2 Timothy 4:The Apostle Paul instructed Pastor Timothy, to preach what the people wanted to hear, because he was a young and new Pastor.
5. **Fill in the blank.** According to 3 John 1:4 and Galatians 1:6-9, a church member can give a Pastor "great joy" if he/she lives by and obeys the \_\_\_\_\_, or cause a Pastor grief for failure to adhere to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word that is taught to them.

### ANOUNCEMENTS

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**CHURCH SERVICES: Sundays 11am | Bible Class- Tuesdays 7p**

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