

JANUARY 2025

*THE PURPOSE OF DESERT SHORES
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO
SHARE THE LOVE AND SAVING GRACE OF JESUS
CHRIST WITH EVERYONE, THROUGH GOD'S
POWER, MAKE DISCIPLES WHO LOVE GOD.*



“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations” Matthew 28:19

The Beacon





January Events:

January Birthdays

1/3
 Julie Hobbs
 1/5
 Rob Sturms
 1/7
 Kathy Watner
 1/8
 Martha Lyman
 1/14
 Gary Lutz
 1/15
 Kimberly Kearns
 1/16
 Hilli Ramelot
 Lois Little
 1/19
 Joyce Heddens
 1/20
 Marie Flippin
 1/21
 Billy Earnest
 1/25
 Carrol Snow
 1/26
 Carol Bacchi
 Dorinda Berge
 1/27
 Diane Dale
 Kathie Richardson
 1/29
 Martin Pezely
 1/31
 Claudette Konigsmark

January 7th
 Children Workers Meeting
 1pm

January 8th
 AST meeting
 4pm

January 11th
 Women's Fellowship
 Bring your favorite Soup
 11:30am

January 15th
 2025 Planning meeting
 3pm

January 31
Wade Hammond Concert
Dinner

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Weekly Events:

Sunday 9:00am Sunday School
 9:00am Faith Builders Class
 9:00am Titus Women
 10:30am Worship Service
 2:30pm SunRidge Village
 Monday 5:00pm Choir Practice
 5:00pm Creation Series
 6:00pm Praise Team practice
 Tuesday 9:00am Prayer Team
 10:30am Davis Place
 1:00pm Silver Creek
 2:30 Joshua Springs Memory Care
 3:00pm Joshua Springs
6:30pm Men's Bible Study
 Wednesday **8:00am Men's Bible Study**
9:30am Women's Bible Study
6:30pm Bible Study - Galatians
 Thursday 6:30pm Family Game Night
 Last Thursday of the Month
 1:30pm Legacy
 8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study
 Friday 8:00am Men's Bible Study
 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
 6:30pm Movie Night
 Last Friday of the Month
 Saturday 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 First Saturday of the Month
 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Serv.

January Anniversaries

5th
 Bob & Nancy Horn
 15th
 Bert & Trish Owens

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

**"THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT PRAYING IS THAT YOU LEAVE A WORLD OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DO SOMETHING, AND ENTER GOD'S REALM WHERE EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. HE SPECIALIZES IN THE IMPOSSIBLE. NOTHING IS TOO GREAT FOR HIS ALMIGHTY POWER. NOTHING IS TOO SMALL FOR HIS LOVE."
CORRIE TEN BOOM**

SENIOR MINISTRY

This is the schedule. Please look it over and see what time slot would work for you.

Sunday at 2:30 at Sunridge Village
Tuesday at 10:30 at Davis Place
Tuesday at 1:00 at Silver Creek
Tuesday at 2:30 at Joshua Springs -Memory care
Tuesday at 3:00 at Joshua Springs
Thursday at 1:30 at Legacy

Interested? You may want to join us at a service and make a new friend (or friends), sharing Jesus and filling a void in their day.

Please contact **Rick Bickman** at 928.444.4504 or **Karen** at 928.201.7879 for more information.

COME PRAY WITH US!

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by **prayer** and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

*“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go.”
Abraham Lincoln*

Our Prayer Meeting is at 9:00 on Tuesday Mornings! Please join us!

If you have any requests or praises you can email them to Ljineitz57@gmail.com
Or text them to 928.201.8924

SIMPLE WAYS TO BE A BLESSING!

Items needed for the BLESSING BAGS:

Water
Toothpaste
Vienna Sausage
Tuna Kits
Soap
Pack of napkins and utensils
(Can pick up at Smart & Final in individual packs)
Combs
Assorted Toiletries
Fruit Cups

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AND KEEP ON PRAYING FOR THE WORLD'S CHILDREN

Christmas shoeboxes have been filled and taken by truck to California for shipment around the world. Millions of shoeboxes will go to millions of children in more than 100 countries. Many of these children have never before received a present or heard the true meaning of Christmas until they open a gift-filled shoebox from a person like you.

PLANTING GOSPEL SEEDS IN GHANA

On the day of the event tractors transported containers filled with shoebox gifts to the mountaintop.

"We want to reach kids with these shoebox gifts. This is the first time these children have been presented with the Gospel," said George Gumah, an Operation Christmas Child International field representative.

Children in the village were thrilled to receive so many gifts in their shoebox – a tangible expression of God's love for them.

GREAT JOY IN MEXICO'S JUNGLES

Las Tres Haustecas region, along the Gulf coast in Mexico, is hard to reach and isolated from much of the country. Many residents still speak the native language and worship indigenous idols.

Earlier this year, however, local church leaders and volunteers introduced the Gospel to a crowd of eager children through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Upon receiving a gift, the children heard about Jesus' love and sacrifice for them. Many for the first time.

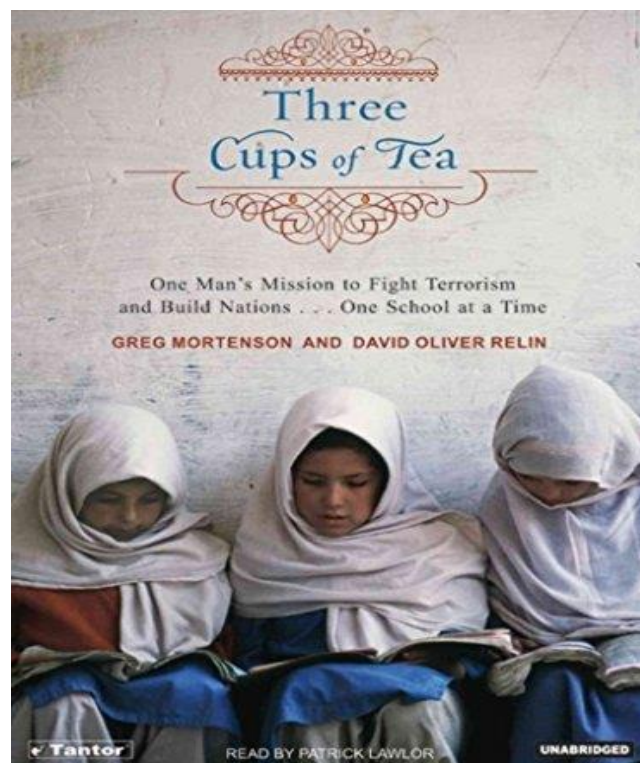
'I saw a lot of joy and happiness as the children were receiving a gift from the Lord, the gift of the love of God,' said Ramon Hernandez, a local pastor.

If you want to see pictures, read stories and view videos of the Christmas shoeboxes being delivered to kids around the world, go to: Samaritanspurse.org/occ. At the bottom of the page, under the column labeled ABOUT, choose The Journey of a Shoebox, To the Ends of the Earth, Latest Stories, Videos and other FAQs. Thanks to God that we are given so many ways to bring joy to the earth.

Also, many thanks to those who donated extra items to help fill boxes. Many cuddly stuffed animals and other gifts are on their way.

Everyone has been very generous. Each box cost \$10 to handle and ship. Also, each child receives a study book to learn about Jesus. Your financial donations help meet these needs. Besides the \$10 some included with shoeboxes, you made a fabulous outpouring of generosity in checks and cash to support Desert Shores contribution to Christmas Child shoebox shipping and study books. God has touched everyone's heart. And, we in turn, can reach out and touch the hearts of children who will learn of the love of Jesus.

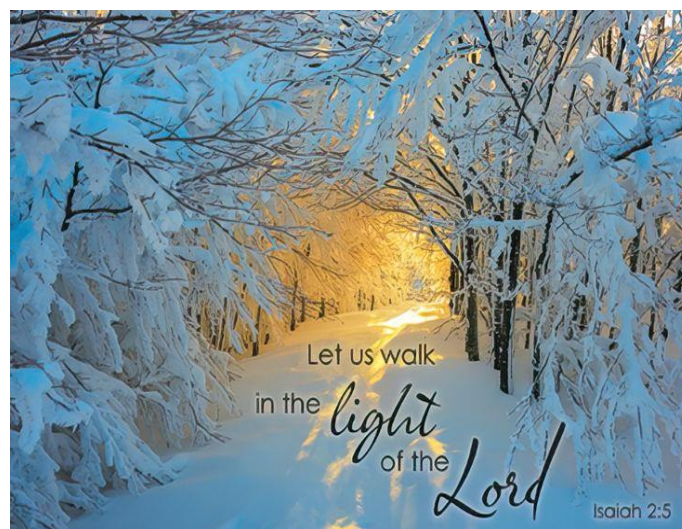
BOOK REVIEW



At first glance, I thought this book was going to be a missionary story. I love missionary stories! It's definitely not that, but throughout the pages, I could see God moving in not only the authors life, but in the children receiving new schools. This is definitely a book worth reading. The main take away from this book for me was that one person can make a big difference,

You can find this book in our church library.

By Kathy Cole



SANDWICH MINISTRY

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who will be making sandwiches for the folks experiencing homelessness. Not only are our volunteers continuing, but there were more new volunteers this time!

The new schedules are ready for pick up! If you have not received yours, please check with Kaye in the office, or look on the bulletin board just outside her office. Please make a reminder for yourself so you don't forget your sandwich dates.

Anyone who is not making sandwiches is encouraged to consider bringing water or snack type food items whenever you can. Anything you bring in will be greatly appreciated. God bless!!!

Help!

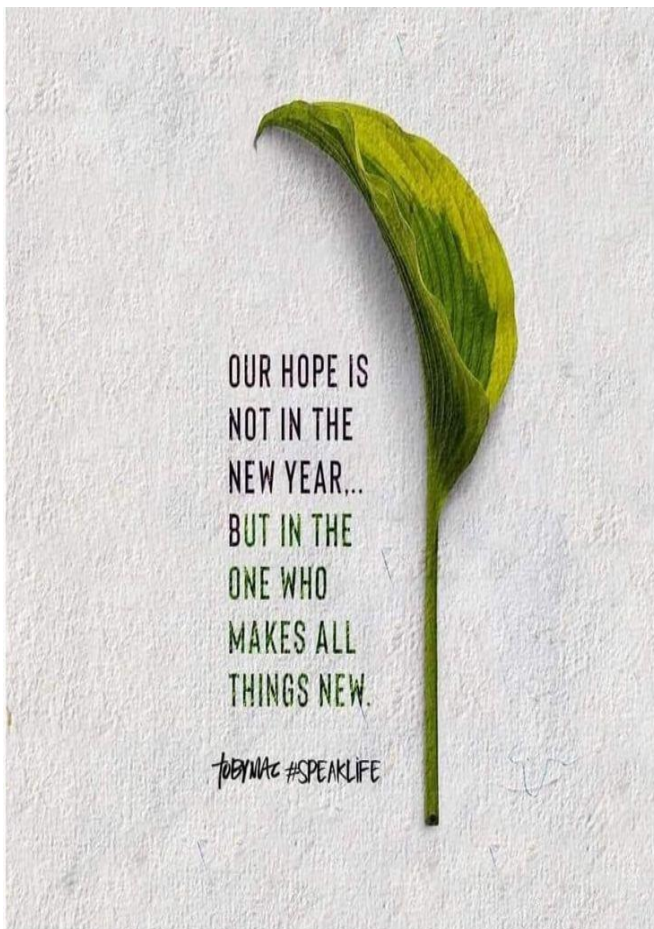
Online Worship is Exploding!



Over 4,750 people viewed our worship services on YouTube during 2024. The Christmas cantata alone had over 200 views.

This is the fastest growing ministry our church has, and we want you to be part of it. Production needs are growing, and Brandon will give you all the training you need.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the office and let Brandon know. You must be willing to commit long-term because of the training involved.





TENACITY

(Today's devotion from "My Morning Walks with God, Vol. 2." Available on Amazon)

On my walk one morning in early January, I saw one lone leaf clinging tightly to the barren branch of a very large oak tree. All the other leaves of that tree (every single one) had fallen several weeks earlier, but that one tenacious little leaf just kept holding on to life. It was a moment of inspiration for me. It not only captured my attention... it spoke to my spirit. It was the perfect illustration and definition of the word TENACITY... a character trait that I sometimes lack in my life.

Here's the dictionary definition of the word TENACITY: The quality or fact of being able to grip something firmly. Do you have TENACITY? Are you able to hold on tightly and firmly to the things that you believe, and the things that are most important in this life? Or, when things get difficult, do you tend to take the path of least resistance, and just give up and succumb to the struggle? Can you hold on tightly to your beliefs and convictions even though everyone else around you has surrendered theirs to be accepted by this world? It's easy to hold on to your convictions when you have the support of others around you, but what about when you're all alone, and there's no one to cheer you on?

Now, eventually, that one tenacious leaf was going to fall to the ground and become compost. It would be naive of me to think otherwise. But just for that moment in time, it remained on the tree, clinging to its source of life, not concerned that it stood alone... not concerned that all others had released their grip. In doing so, it spoke to me and motivated me to hang on even more tightly to my life source, my Heavenly Father, even when I see others around me letting go. I am determined to be more tenacious than ever. I am determined... I'll not release my grip!

John 15:5 (KJV) I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.'

Colossians 1:11 (NIV) Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.