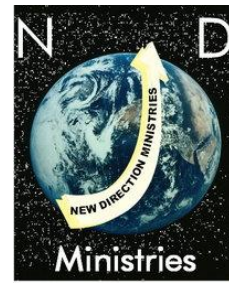




The VOICE of New D'



You will laugh;
you will cry as
your heart
reaches for the
sky!

What the Critics
are saying...

“..This is a great
play it’s a real
holiday treat!”

“An engaging
story with a great
cast”

“Best holiday day
show in town
don’t miss it”

“Something the
whole family will
enjoy”

“A Must see
event!”

Christmas Calling

An inspirational original, very funny, hip, thought-provoking, engaging, family-friendly holiday production

This annual winter production is written by a lifetime resident of Yuma and is directed by Robert L. Cameron, a professionally trained actor and director who studied with the late great Lee Strasburg. Robert is also a Yuma native. The Play will take place Saturday, December 18 at 7:00pm followed by an afternoon matinee Sunday, December 19, at 2:00pm

This production will be held at 1700 S. 1st Avenue in Central Yuma. This annual production has a wide appeal to many of the yearlong residents of Yuma County. It’s also a favorite of many Yuma’s winter visitors. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under by calling (928) 782-0803 or online at <http://t.co/pDlhSoW>

When you hear the sound of loud laughter you’ll know it’s Christmas Calling



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Inspiration from the Pastor's Desk



Understanding and Accepting God's Will

Two of the most difficult things for the believer to do are to understand and learn to accept God's will gracefully. The mere fact that we are living organisms we are in constant motion and forever from conception to beyond the grave going through changes. Changes and transitions come in many sizes, shapes, and ways and time etc.; some changes are welcomed, some changes are more difficult to embrace or accept. We must recognize changes in physical growth, finance, family, friends, and employment, community, church and too many areas to name....let us not forget nothing happens to the believer without God's knowledge and permissive will. Therefore, when we pray let us pray even as Jesus prayed as he faced the most difficult hour in his earthly ministry, "Not my will but thine be done." (Luke 22:42)



Jan Baugh, editor

A Li'l Bit from the Editor

O Christmas Tree

It seems that recently people are up in arms about President Obama wanting to change the name of our National Christmas tree to a Holiday tree and others are trying to ban us from saying 'Merry Christmas'. I usually don't get on a bandwagon about such things but this year I decided to do some research. Have we forgotten where the idea of a Christmas tree came from? Was there one at the manger scene when Christ...the TRUE meaning of Christmas was brought into this world? Does the Bible speak of a Christmas Tree? If you find it, show me because I am a little befuddled.

If we look throughout history we will find that many cultures have worshipped or celebrated trees. Egyptians brought date palm leaves into their homes to symbolize life's triumph over death. Romans celebrated winter solstice by exchanging gifts and decorating their homes with greens and lights. The English Druids used holly and mistletoe as symbols of eternal life and placed evergreen branches over their doors to keep evil spirits away.

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Deadline for articles for The Voice of New 'D' is the last Sunday of the month. Email them to the church office or to me at jnbaugh@aol.com. Remember, we are better together

New Direction Ministries Christian Education Department Update & Announcements

Christian Education

The Christian Education ministry here at New “D” is comprised of the following areas:

- Sunday School Department
- “Two for Tuesday” Bible Study
- Discipleship
- Academic Improvement Ministries
- Scholarship and College Prep
- Seminars and Workshops

Christian Education Staff

Christian Education Director:

Evangelist Michelle Thomas

Sunday School Teachers:

Adult Men: Elder Matthew James
Adult Women: Evangelist Michelle Thomas
Jr.High/High School: Deacon Chris Becks
Juniors: Evangelist Jackie Denton
Primary: Vacant
Nursery/Kindergarten: Sister Suzanne Reyes
Bible Study: Pastor Donald K. Barrett
Discipleship: Evangelist Lina Cameron

Academic Improvement Ministries (AIM):

Evangelist Michelle Thomas
Evangelist Pauline Cameron
Sister Dawn Shuman
Sister Suzanne Reyes

Sunday School Department Update:

The Winter Quarter (December, January & February) has begun. The Fall quarter study on the book of Ephesians was a tremendous blessing. This quarter we will be moving to the Old Testament books of 1 & 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles.

The theme for the Adult lessons this quarter is “**Questions of Truth and Consequence**”.

During the month of December the lesson theme is “**Does My Character Count?**” (1 Kings 1:1-11:43 & 2 Chron. 1:1-9:31) and are as follows:

- December 5th What Money Can’t Buy (1 Kings 1:1-4:34 & 2 Chron. 1:1-13)
- December 12th Why Prayer Deserves Priority (1 Kings 5:1-9:9 & 2 Chron. 2:1-7:22)
- December 19th Worship the King of Kings! (Matt. 1:18-2:23)
- December 26th Where compromise Takes You (1 Kings 9:10-11:43 & 2 Chron. 8:1-9:31)

Remember Sunday School is every Sunday from 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm. There is a class for every age group. You don’t want to miss this power hour of God’s Word.

“If you know your Bible the Sunday School needs you...if you don’t know your Bible you need the Sunday School...everybody, everybody needs Sunday School!”

Academic Improvement Ministry (AIM) Update:

AIM is held Saturdays from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. If you need homework assistance, tutoring, math skills, reading and writing improvement, AIMS is here for you. For any questions contact Michelle Thomas 246-5486.

Bible Study Update:

Two for Tuesday is going strong. Don’t come to Bible study alone...bring someone with you. Tuesday night Bible study is a wonderful time of Bible enrichment taught by our very own Pastor and an opportunity to fellowship with your New D family. Bible study starts promptly at 7:00 pm every Tuesday night. Hope to see you there!

How to Deal with Negative Stress

The holiday season while widely viewed and displayed in the media as an extremely happy and exciting time, full of cheer and lots of hustle and bustle. In reality is a very stressful for time for many people, including the Saints. As children of God we must remember being stressed and full of anxiety should not be a way of life for us. The Bible clearly instructs us as believers not to worry about anything.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).

Listed below are some suggestions that may provide some help with dealing with the negative stress that we find ourselves sometimes experiencing.

- Have a daily time of prayer and Bible study wherein you give your negative stresses to the Lord as you learn to wait upon Him to bring solutions.
- Have a prayer partner with who you can share some of your challenges.
- Rearrange your schedule to make it more manageable.
- Eat a balanced diet.
- Slow down and smell the flowers.
- Develop a hobby or two. Relax and have fun.
- Exercise frequently.
- Plan ahead and do not procrastinate.
- Accept people for who they are.
- Set realistic goals and priorities.
- Downsize if need be.
- Be content with what you have.
- Have a sense of humor.
- Enjoy serving the Lord regardless of the task.

Keeping stress from stressing us out is up to each of us. It may not be easy, but in the power of the Holy Spirit each believer can do it (Adapted from Paul R. Bawden, *All Stressed out? Gospel Herald and the Sunday School Times*, Winter Quarter 2010-11).

CHRISTMAS

At Christmastime we like to share
Our gifts with those we love,
But how much more we ought to share
God’s gift sent from above.

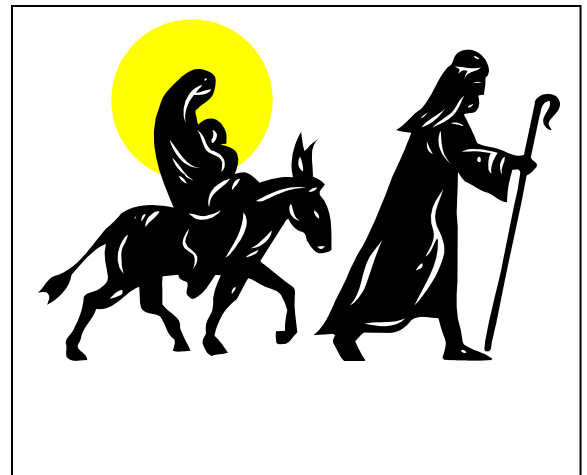
Christ did not come for us alone,
Or for a privileged few;
He came to give His life for all
That man might be made anew.

‘Tis strange how we can think
Of gifts and Christmas trees,
And think as little of the lost
In lands across the seas.

For us to squander all our store
On those who have no need,
And fail to share God’s gift
Is very wrong indeed.

For God so loved the world He gave,
So we must learn to give
Our money, talents, and our prayers,
That dying souls might live.

Since Christmas is a time to share,
Let’s give ourselves anew,
That heathen souls in lands afar
May hear the gospel true.
Author Unkown



“WOMEN OF DESTINY’S CORNER”

Meeting Dates for DECEMBER 2010 are cancelled due to the busy Christmas schedules. Please have a blessed time this holiday season with your family and friends! Stay tuned to your emails! We will resume a normal schedule in January.

I encourage all the Women of New Direction Ministries to come and join the fellowship with your Sisters. We have really been enjoying the Bible Study and the Artistic Fingers with classes including cooking, scrapbooking, and pampering etc...Mother Denton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TO ALL THAT SHARE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

THEME FOR DECEMBER: “WOMEN OF DESTINY MAKING A DIFFERENCE “

JUDE 1:22 - "and of some have compassion, making a difference".

Secret Sister's ask yourselves these questions: How much compassion do I have? How much of a difference am I making in this world? Do I encourage people? Do I share Christ like I should? Do I care for people's needs? Am I a blessing to others? I trust I can be a woman that makes a difference.

Christmas Holiday Party

Don't forget our Christmas Holiday Party after the Sunday afternoon production of New 'D's play, Calling Christmas on December 19. Everyone that wants to participate is asked to bring a meat and vegetable and dessert. Also bring a white elephant gift of nothing over \$20.00 if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

See page 7 for the official invitation...

Candy Bar Fudge

6 Snickers candy bars (2.7 oz each)
3 Cups sugar
¾ cup butter (no substitute)
2/3 cup evaporated milk
2 cup (12 oz) semisweet chocolate chips
1 jar (2 oz) marshmallow cream
1 t vanilla

Line a 9 in square pan with foil. Butter the foil and set pan aside.

Cut candy bars into ½ inch slices and set aside.

In a heavy saucepan bring sugar, butter and milk to a boil over medium heat. Cook and stir until candy thermometer reads 234° (soft ball stage) about 3 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Stir in chocolate chips, marshmallow crème and vanilla until smooth. Pour half into prepared pan.

Sprinkle with candy bar slices. Top with remaining chocolate mixture and spread evenly.

Let stand at room temperature to cool. Lift out of pan and remove foil. Cut into squares. Makes about 4 lbs.

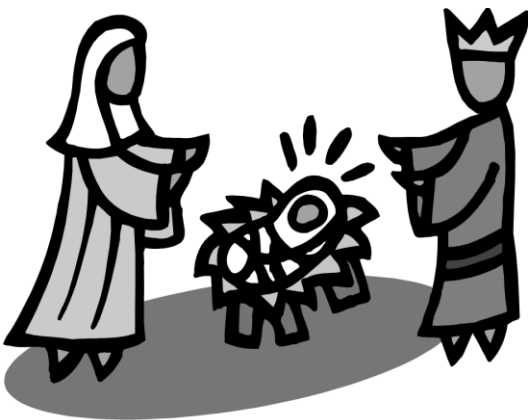
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Our modern day Christmas tree evolved from the German/Scandinavian tradition of bringing an evergreen into their homes to show their hope that spring was soon coming. It is said that Martin Luther himself began the tradition of decorating the tree to celebrate Christmas. In about 1500, he was walking through a moonlit snow covered woods and was awestruck with the beauty of the shimmering branches. He went home and set up a fir tree in his home to share the story with his children. He decorated it with candles which he lit to honor Christ's birth.

The Christmas tree tradition as we know it probably came to the US with German immigrants, but this custom spread rather slowly. The Puritans actually banned Christmas altogether in New England. In 1851 I am told a Cleveland minister nearly lost his job because he allowed a Christmas tree in his church. Boston schools stayed open on Christmas Day until 1870 and students were expelled if they stayed home. Can you imagine that? America has come a long way in their Christmas celebration, 'tis true.

I am not saying I would like us to change the name of our National Christmas tree or succumb to not being able to express our religious beliefs, but I am saying I think we need to pick our battles. I would like us to show the light of Jesus in our lives and live more peacefully with our fellow man. Personally, I will continue to wish everyone a Merry Christmas because that is what I believe. I will continue to give gifts, decorate, etc. because that is showing CHRIST'S love in me for those around me. No one can stop me from that any more than they can stop me from praying for them.

With that off my chest, I am now wishing you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and may God bless you and yours!



Christmas Acrostic

C is for the Child born that night to be our light. (John 8:12)

H is for holy is His name. (Rev.4:8)

R is for rejoice with gladness & joy. (Luke 1:14)

I is for Immanuel, God with us. (Is.7:14,) John 1:14)

S is for the star that led the Wise men to Him. (Matt.2:2)

T is for the truth & grace that was sent our way. (John 1:14)

M is for Mother Mary laying Him in swaddling clothes in the manger. (Luke 2:7)

A is for angels singing songs of joy. (Luke 2:14)

S is for salvation.

Author Unknown

A LETTER FROM YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER!

The following words come from the heart of God.

After all

God loves you, and He is the Father you have been looking for all your life. This is His Love Letter to you!

My Dear Child, You may not know me, but I know everything about you. (Ps 139:1)

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. (Psalm 139:2)

I am familiar with all your ways. (Psalm 139:3)

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. (Matthew 10:29-30)

For you were made in my image. (Genesis 1:27)

In me you live and move and have your being. For you are my offspring. (Acts 17:28)

I knew you even before you were conceived. (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

I chose you when I planned creation. (Ephesians 1:11-12)

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book.

(Psalm 139:15-16)

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. (Acts 17:26)

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)

I knit you together in your mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)

And brought you forth on the day you were born. (Psalm 71:6)

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me.

(John 8:41-44)

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. (I John 4:16)

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. (I John 3:1)

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. (I John 3:7)

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. (Matthew 7:11)

For I am the perfect Father. (Matthew 5:48)

Every good gift you receive comes from my hand. (James 1:17)

For I am your provider and I meet your needs. (Matthew 6:31-33)

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Because I love you with an everlasting love. (Jeremiah 31:3)

My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. (Psalm 139:17-18)

And I rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

I will never stop doing good to you. (Jeremiah 32:40)

For you are my treasured possession. (Exodus 19:5)

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. (Jeremiah 32:41)

And I want to show you great and marvelous things. (Jeremiah 33:3)

For if you seek me with all your heart, you will find me.

(Deuteronomy 4:29)

So, Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart.

(Psalm 37:4)

For it is I who gave you those desires. (Philippians 2:13)

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine.

(Ephesians 3:20)

For I am your greatest encourager. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles.

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. (Psalm 34:18)

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart.

(Isaiah 40:11)

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. And I will take

away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. (Revelation 21:3-4)

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus.

(John 17:23)

For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. (John 17:26)

And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. Jesus died so that

you and I could be reconciled. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you.

(I John 4:10)

I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love.

(Romans 8:31-32)

If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. (I John 2:23)

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again.

(Romans 8:38-29)

When it's time for you to Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. (Luke 15:7)

I have always been your Father, and will always be your Father.

(Ephesians 3:14-15)

My question is....Will you be my child? (John 1:12-13)

I am waiting for you. (Luke 15:11-32)

With Love, Your Father,

Almighty God



Christmas Holiday Party

New D' You know! You don't know?
Well Read on...

The New Direction Ministries Annual Church Christmas Fellowship Party will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 5:00pm (Following Sunday Service)

As you may now be aware, that day we will be having the afternoon matinee of Christmas Calling. Therefore, this party will be our annual Christmas Production and a cast celebration party all rolled into one.

This New D' Christmas Party is open to New Direction Ministries members, regular attendees, friends and well-wishers. We will have fun, food and fellowship. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish to share we want to have loads of food and a very festive environment so bring a dish that will feed 12-15 individuals.

We will also be having a white elephant gift exchange so if you choose to participate please bring a gift valued at \$20.00. Also come ready to celebrate and appreciate the cast.

It has been a great year at New Direction Ministries Church and the best is yet to come. Well New D' now you do know. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Donald Lawrence Encourage Yourself lyrics

Lead

Sometimes you have to encourage yourself
Sometimes you have to speak victory during the test
And no matter how you feel
Speak the word you will be healed
Speak over yourself
Encourage yourself in the lord
Oooohhh oohh

Choir

Sometimes you have to encourage yourself
Sometimes you have to speak victory during the test
No matter how you feel
Speak the word and you will be healed
Speak over yourself
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Lead

Sometimes you have to speak the word over yourself
The pressure is all around but God is present help
Oh the enemy created walls but remember giants they do fall
Speak over yourself encourage yourself in the lord
Oh as I minister to you
Oh I minister to myself
Life can hurt you sooo
Till you feel there's nothing left

Choir

No matter how you feel
Speak the word and you will be healed

Vamp 1

Speak over yourself (repeat 4

Vamp2

I'm Encourage(repeat 4
I'm Encourage(Repeat till the end)

Lead

Speak over yourself encourage yourself in the lord
Oooohhhh ooooohhhhh

Submitted by Fred Barron



New Worship CD

Now you can enjoy our very own praise and worship team in your car! Our music ministry has recorded a compilation of praise and worship songs that will surely aid you during your daily life.

This new CD was recorded with our Pastor Barrett in mind. After such positive feedback we'd like to take this opportunity to offer this gift to you as well for a **donation of your choice**.

See Sis Dawn Shuman to get your copy
TODAY!

2 for Tuesdays

Be sure to join us for Bible Enrichment Studies each Tuesday at 7pm. Bring a friend or neighbor and make it '2' for Tuesday! It is the BEST Bible study in Yuma and THAT is not a stretch!



Reflective



Moments on Ministry

As Ministry Leaders we cannot afford to underestimate the value of biblical fellowship. God says in Hebrews 10:25 *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.”*

We must each realize that in this verse God is mandating us to be faithful partakers of biblical fellowship. We must attend church consistently, for in so doing we affirm to the world that we are indeed the disciples of Christ. In attending church we set forth the example of discipleship, for disciples willing following the mandates of their master.

As Ministry leaders when we are in our place at the time of worship it allows us to hear from God as well as be strengthened and edified by his word. This is key for leaders, because as leaders we are constantly pouring out, therefore worship is our time to be poured into. Upon this reflection, if you find you have not made church the priority it should be in your life, take the following steps:

1. Recommit yourself to obeying God in the area of biblical fellowship.
2. Commit yourself that, except you are physically incapable (i.e. not in town or ill) You will be at church EVERY Sunday for the rest of the 2010
3. Each Sunday you attend church, come in anticipation, expecting to hear from God and be strengthened in your faith

Thanks for sharing this ministry moment with me.

Opportunities for Worship

Sunday – Sunday School:	12:45 pm
Sunday – Worship Service:	2:00 pm
Monday - Intercessory prayer:	6:30 pm
Tuesday – Bible Enrichment:	7:00 pm

Preparation for Worship

Tuesday – Men of Valor	5:45 pm
Thursday—Women of Destiny	7:00 pm
❖ WOD meets 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays of each month	
Saturday – Kids Club:	2:00 pm
Saturday – Teen Activities:	4:30 pm
Saturday – Choir Rehearsal:	6:00 pm

New Direction Vision Statement

The goal of New Direction Ministries church is to be an inclusive ministry, esteeming Jesus Christ as Lord, taking a holistic approach to meeting the needs of the total person. A ministry of excellence, committed to reaching our entire community, while remaining faithful to a doctrine rooted in sound biblical teaching.



Got a
Prayer
Request?



**Fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer box in the foyer.
Every Monday night at 6:30pm we hold an Intercessory Prayer here at New D.**

New Direction Ministries Worship Center

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