

THE HERITAGE HERALD

I know God won't give me more than I can handle. I just wish God didn't trust me so much. Vol. 21, Is.5

A Letter From Paul

I read it, and I didn't like it. I felt it was correct, true and right, but that didn't make me like it more.



The topic: **Mission Statements.**

The reasoning—Mission Statement need to be eight words or less. Most mission statements, according to Kevin Starr in the *Harvard Business Review*, are "awash in jargon and marble-mouthed pronouncements." **Ouch!** That's a little close to home for me—he's stopped preaching and started stepping on my toes! Starr goes on to say any enterprise needs a short statement, no more than eight words long, that includes "Verb, target, outcome."

Can the DHC come up with something like that?

Eight words?!?

Eight words. Wow! Preachers are wordy, (at least this one is). Don't these mission statement folks know that? **Yes, they do. That's why the guideline was set: eight words.**

After complaining to myself, I set off and started emailing ideas to folks: a phrase here, a word there. In Bible Studies, phrases and styles were discussed. Suggestions and ideas came back, "I like..." "We need to..." Brilliant phrases, filled with lofty words, were shared and then thrown in the recycle bin. **Eight words was the mantra. Verb, target, outcome, was the goal. I kept thinking to myself and praying to God... KISS: Keep It Simple Servant!** Here are some of the thoughts and phrases.

The Verb: do we embody, share, live, or live out? The target is implied in these—everyone—but it also is God's grace/love and justice. The outcome, then, becomes God's inclusiveness.

Our Mission:

To embody God's love, justice, and inclusiveness.	To share God's grace, justice, and inclusiveness.	To live God's grace, justice, and inclusiveness.
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Well, there are some examples. All fit in the eight word ceiling. *Most say it in seven!* I'd be curious to see what your opinion on all this is. What do you think? Which one(s) do you like best? **Why?** My favorite is ... (you have to give me yours first—I asked you first!) *Check out page 6 for more comments about this subject.*

I want us to choose something that best shows how God is with us and best represents us so that we can start to advertise it in print and spoken word. I want our youngest kids to memorize it and for it to be on the tip of the tongues of all our members so that when people ask you, "what does your church believe?" You can know an answer and feel good about your answer.

Shalom, Paul

P.S. Send your input to Jim Fuller, Verlin Pietz or me. Thanks! :-)

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Paz de Cristo Report

We served a large crowd: 198 people, 296 plates of food. Our hotdogs, chili, salad, fruit and drinks certainly were a hit as they ate and ate. Thanks to our help:

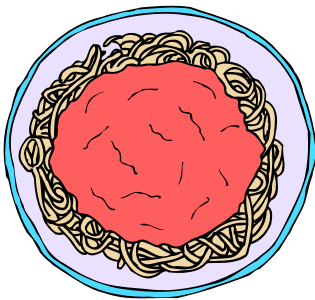
Colton, Whitlock 4, Mary, Verlin & Meira,
Laurel & Alexandra, Nancy, Maynard, Chris & Eric,
Don, Dennis, Joyce, Warners, Pam, Jill and me.

Love, Jean

Our Next Opportunity to serve at Paz
is **SUNDAY, June 5th!!**

Food Donation for Month of June

Spaghetti Sauce



One of our goals in bringing food to Paz is not just to bring whatever is leftover in our cupboards, but supply them with what they need.

Paz does food boxes on the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays of the month plus the 4th Saturday.

This month, they need us to be a bit saucy...or at least bring some spaghetti sauce.

It's a NEW LAW...

For those who serve at Paz on a regular basis, you will need to get a *volunteer's food handler card*. We will have a study sheet and study sessions in June to help everyone who wants to regularly help out with that ministry. But, everyone (who helps out more than 4 times a year) will need to get one. Contact Wendy Whitlock for study session times and dates.

It's about Mission:

To embody, share, live, live out God's
Grace / love,
justice, and
inclusiveness.

So, how are you demonstrating this mission?

Desert Heritage Women

DHW had a lovely lunch together at Crochaw's restaurant on May 10th. We were pleased that Monica Casey was able to join us as well as Pastor Paul. There were 12 in attendance. After lunch, we returned to the church and finished work on the banners and quilts. We will resume our regular meetings in September. We pray that everyone will have a safe and happy summer. - DHW

Banners for the Sanctuary

Thank you to Desert Heritage Women for the beautiful banners which now hang in the church. They are a result of many long hours of work and sharing of talent from DHW. They look magnificent! We love the design, the teamwork and the results! **Thank you DHW!**



Worship in the round

This summer we will worship in the round.
Communion will be by intinction. - Worship Ministry.

Bible Study each Wednesday 6:00pm

Come join us as we study and explore God's presence and love in our lives. Everyone is invited to join us!

Thank you Choir!

Thank you to each member for singing:
Emily & Dan Phares, Wendy, Paul, Michael, Nathan & Ruthie Whitlock, Laurel North, Karen Kirkland, Susie Anderson, Bonnie Lehmann, Don Reimer, Jim Fuller & Don Janiszkeski, Terry Womacks & Bill Garnett, Brandon Anders, Darrell Walklin, and Ryan Dugan.

A special thank you to **Mary Wagner** for all of her leadership and teaching—she makes it all possible!

Thank you also to our volunteer director, **Nathan Whitlock**, who gets us in and out on time and puts a smile on our face!

There's room for more! Join us this fall as we make a joyful noise once again!



To be the church God calls us to be we've got to have a heart, a brain and some courage; sometime we have to look at things in a new way.

If you or a loved one are entering the hospital, please take a moment and telephone the Church office at 480-969-5631 or Pastor Paul's cell, 480-242-6697. In prayer, please remember these people and their families:



Monica Casey, Gerry Dillman, Dan Dugan, Ed Hook, Skip & Shirley Hughes, Art Gilmore, Dot McCown, Bob Montgomery, Don Pew, Camille Pietz, Margie Sanders, Maynard Schneck, Mary Short, Joanne Spotten, Al & Mary Thomas, Paul Whitlock, UCC Conference Minister John Dorhauer, DOC Regional Minister, Denny Williams

New Members!

Welcome to our membership Dennis Pestel. He officially joined us on May 15, 2011. Dennis lives at 424 W. Brown Rd., # 208. Mesa, 85201. His phone is 480-580-5612.

Welcome to Rev. Jill Borden, who officially joined us at DHC. Her address is 730 N. Harmony Ave., Gilbert, 85234. Her phone is 480-633-3380.

That makes 16 since September! Wow! Good things are happening...or should we say, God things are happening.



Prayer Support Ministry

A new ministry is being formed to lend support through prayer for our church, our pastor, our staff, and any other needs of the congregation. All are welcome to join. There are no meetings to attend, we will simply gather each Sunday after worship and pray. The congregation will be invited to join us at that time to lend support or to bring any special prayer requests that they did not want to share during Joys and Concerns.

We feel it is important for Paul & the staff to know they are being held in prayer each Sunday and to ask for God's guidance as we seek the direction our church is to take.

You may simply join us on Sunday. If however, you wish to be a member of this ministry or if you have any questions, please contact Terry Womacks at 480-970-7708, twomacks@cox.net.



*I wish there was some wonderful place,
In the Land of Beginning Again;
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
and all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never be put on again.*

- Louise Fletcher Tarkington



From our Peace Statement:

"No one will be denied into the full life, leadership and ministry of the church due to color of skin, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, language or status."

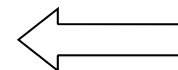


Report for 2011

April 21	71 (M. Thurs.)		
April 24: 45 + 128	Rec.:	\$ 53,000.35	
May 1:	72	Exp.:	\$ 45,025.84
May 8:	87	Bud.:	\$ 45,367.69
May 15:	87		
May 22:	85		



Camp: \$ 4,822.62
Camp need: \$ 3,413.00



*Great job in fund raising for camp!
We have covered our costs plus we will start 2012 with a surplus! Wow!
God is doing great things at DHC!*

Stewardship Thoughts for 2011

From a bumper sticker:

***If you love Jesus, tithe.
Anyone can honk.***



If you love Jesus, keep his commandments.

Really keep them.

Don't just say you love Jesus - words, like horn beeps, come easily.

It's the follow-through that's more challenging.

But when we love Jesus,

when we embrace what he calls us to and take it as the structure, the framework for our lives,

we will live more fully and freely than ever before.

Jesus said, **"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."**

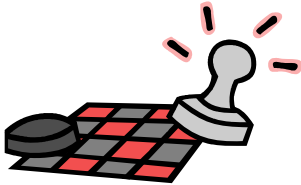
Game Night...
Friday, June 17th



6:30pm

Everyone is invited to come. Bring a board game or just bring yourself and enjoy playing games with others.

Questions? Call **Joyce Lowe** at 480-241-1824 or **Dennis Pestel** at 480-580-5612



Happy Birthday!
On **Sunday, June 12,**
wear red to celebrate
the Spirit of God
blowing through
God's people on the day
of Pentecost,
the Church's birthday!



**WEAR RED on
PENTECOST!**



Calling
all guys...
Sunday,
June
12th

at 5:00pm

All our guys are invited to come and join us this exploratory group. Bring your ideas. If you are interested in a men's fellowship, this is the group for you.

Questions? Dennis Pestel at
480-580-5612

Congratulations to our Graduates

Congratulations to our graduates: **Nickie Greene, Alena Pittman, and Nathan Whitlock.** *All three have blessed this congregation in so many, many ways!* God has done, is doing, and will continue to do great things in their lives.

Here are some of the words Pastor Paul shared with them (and the congregation) Several years ago, Kent M. Keith, then a 19-year-old college student, looked at the injustice in human dealings and responded with a list of what he called "The Paradoxical Commandments." He published them in a little booklet for high-school student leaders. There's a good chance you've heard these before because once published, they were passed from one person to another and have since circled the globe. They even hung on the wall of Mother Teresa's room in Calcutta. That's because they speak to us who often face injustice as we endeavor to love our neighbors as ourselves. Keith wrote:

People are illogical, unreasonable and self-centered. *Love them anyway.*

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. *Do good anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. *Succeed anyway.*

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. *Do good anyway.*

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. *Be honest and frank anyway.*

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. *Think big anyway.*

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. *Fight for a few underdogs anyway.*

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. *Build anyway.*

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. *Help people anyway.*

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. *Give the world the best you have anyway.*



Board Splinters...



Those in attendance:

Verlin Pietz, Krystol Reece, Maynard Schneck, Anita Joy, Karen Kirkland, Paul Whitlock, Laurel North, Mary Finnegan, Mary Thomas and Jean McColgin

- The board approved the proposed changes in the Bylaws. The changes will go before the congregational at their meeting which is set for Sunday, June 19th.
- Discussed the June 18 graffiti abatement project (see page 7) and the what to do with the leftover sabbatical money which is designated for mission. Have any ideas? *Share them with Verlin Pietz or Pastor Paul.*
- Accepted and approved the slate of deacons and junior deacons from the nominating committee. They will be voted on at the congregational meeting.
- Worship reported that the sanctuary will be in the round during the summer starting with Pentecost on June 12.
- Worship also reported that we will be doing communion by intinction (coming forward) every Sunday for the summer months.
- Congregational Meeting will be June 19th after worship.

Have you noticed all the visitors at church recently? Walk up and talk with them. Share the good news about DHC! The most important sermon preached to visitors is not by Paul but by you.

For more info about the *Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, look up their website: www.disciples.org

or go to the Arizona Region's site: www.arizonadisciples.com

For more information about the *United Church of Christ*, look up the website: www.ucc.org

or go to the Southwest Conference's site: www.uccswc.org

Don't forget to check out our DHC webpage: www.dhcmesa.com

MINISTRY

If you're doing it just well enough to get by,
it's a job,

If you're doing it to the best of your ability,
it's a ministry.

If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with
other activities, it's a job,

If you're committed to staying with it,
even when it means letting go of other things,
it's a ministry.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you,
it was a job,

If you stayed with it even when no one seemed to notice,
it's a ministry.

If you do it because someone else said it needs to be
done, it's a job,

If you do it because you are convinced it needs to be
done, it's a ministry.

If it's hard to get excited about a job,

It's impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

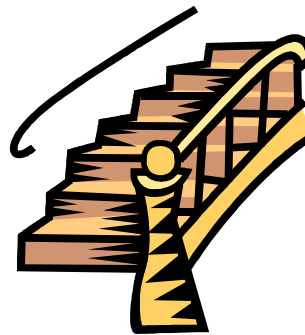
People may say "well done" when you complete your job,

The Lord will say "well done" when you complete your
ministry.

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Higher Ways

By Linda Allen



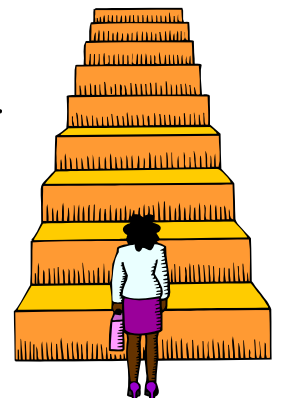
We would take the easy path,
the lower trail, where we could
journey without thought or
care for you—without concern
for brother or sister.

But, Lord, you call us to a
harder place, where the incline
is steep, the air thin, and fewer

travel. You call us to a more
excellent way.

For you dwell not in the easy, nor
in the well-traveled,
but your glory soars above us and
we catch but a glimpse following
where you lead to be like him to
dwell in you.

For your ways are higher
than ours.



It's about mission...

more thoughts on mission statements

Allen Jaszcar, president of **“The Information Source”**, a business planning, consulting and research service in Southern California, defines a mission statement as *“a written, **easy-to-remember** sentence, short list of bullet points or paragraph illustrating a business's goals and purpose.”* He says, *“It has one common function: to guide you and your employees in making critical decisions that **affect the direction of your company.**”*



Lucie Perkins writes: *“I am always amazed at those **carefully word-smithed, elaborately displayed mission statements that have nothing to do with the reality of the life of the church that crafted the statements.**”*

There often seems to be a huge disconnect between what we know we ought to be about and how the church really lives.

*Years ago I served a church in the far West that, even though it had great main road exposure, could be reached only by winding through a residential neighborhood. Helpful signs gave directions to those seeking the church. However, the final sign as people entered the church parking lot was **'Dead End.'**”*

Jaszcar asserts that every company needs a mission statement, although companies, both new and existing, often struggle to write them. *“A mission statement can be a **very strong motivational statement for staff and employees and can also be a strong marketing and branding tool to customers.**”*

Among the **best examples of mission statements** that hit the mark, Jaszcar says, is Disney's: *“To make people happy.”* He asks, *“Would anybody argue that Disney accomplishes this? Do you think it sets the tone and environment for its employees? Do you think customers agree? I think the answers to all these questions would be a resounding **yes!**”*

Another standout Jaszcar mentions is 3M's mission statement: *“To solve unsolved problems innovatively.”* He explains that 3M developed Post-it Notes because NASA was looking for a means to stick messages to surfaces indefinitely while still being able to peel them off easily.

According to Jaszcar, *“One 3M engineer spent quite a bit of time getting 3M to market this product commercially.”* He rhetorically asks, *“Do you think his motivation was partly driven by this mission statement?”*

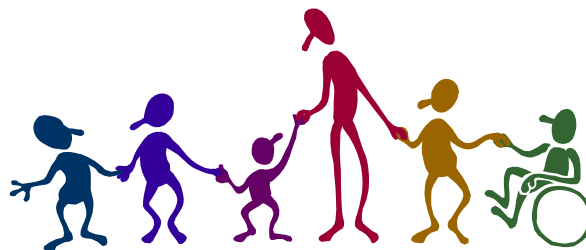
At Desert Heritage Church, we are about...

Grace-giving,

Open and affirming, and

Doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God.

Where **all of God's children are welcomed.**



Whoops! Try, try again! There wasn't enough time to organize our planned outing, so we changed the date. Hope you can participate this time.



Desert Heritage Church Sabbatical Mission Project Information

What: Graffiti Abatement Project

Where: Sells, Arizona, on the Tohono O'odham Nation Indian Reservation

When: Saturday, June 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will depart as a carpool from DHC at 6:00 a.m. **NOTICE THE NEW DATE!** Lunch will be provided in Sells following the project.

Who: You!

Who are the people we will be helping? The Tohono O'odham Nation consists of 28,000 members that reside in Southwestern Arizona. It is the second largest reservation in the State of Arizona.

Where is the Tohono O'odham Nation, and where is Sells? The reservation runs roughly from Casa Grande to the Mexico border (and stretches along 75 miles of the international border!), and from Ajo to Tucson. That's a huge area, so we'll be assisting them with their "capital" or headquarters, which is Sells, located an hour southwest of Tucson, or 1 & 1/2 hours south of Casa Grande.

What will we actually be doing? We will be applying paint to areas in the Sells community that have been vandalized with graffiti. The more people we have, the more areas we can tackle by spreading out! We are providing the Community with resources to make this happen. Youth members of the Tohono O'odham Nation will be joining us.

What benefit does this provide to the people of the Community? If not immediately removed, graffiti sends out the message that "no one cares" about the area. Pride in a community may decrease, businesses may suffer, the graffiti may attract more crime, and neighborhoods as a whole can deteriorate. Ignoring graffiti gives the impression that it is acceptable and invites more graffiti, littering, and loitering. The more quickly, however, that graffiti is removed, the less likely that other negative elements in the community will fester.



For more info talk with Rebecca Robinaugh!



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9:00am Adult Sunday School
10:00am Worship & Children's Church

Return Address Requested

June Youth

Items of Interest

- A big, big, big **"Thank You"** to **Janet Reeves**, aka, our **"Cookie Lady"**. Janet heads up our cookie ministry with Kino. Thank you Janet for you ministry all school year!
- Are you **interested in helping out with our children's ministry** that takes place Sunday mornings? **No long-term commitments; no contracts to sign; just love working with kids.** Talk with Laurel North about our Christian Education. She'll be glad to receive your help. Her email is: alisgranny02@yahoo.com
- **VBS** this summer will be **July 11—15th, 9:00am to 12 noon** with the celebration on **Sunday, July 17th where the kids take over the 10:00am worship!** Want to volunteer or register your kid (grandkid), talk with Laurel North or call the church office.



Camp!

11 campers have registered for camp. They will be attending June 26 through July 1. Please keep them in your prayers. Families of campers need to call the church office for carpool information.

<u>CCF</u> Colbie Cripe, Trevor Dugan, Ali May North, Warner Robinaugh	<u>Chi-Rho</u> Katherine Churchill, Maddie Cripe, DJ Robinaugh, Ruthie Whitlock	<u>CYF</u> Summer Anderson, Will Churchill, Brandon Dugan
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Campers love receiving letters from home! **You will need to send mail early in the week or even the week before** to make sure they receive it before the end of camp!

Please include
Attn Line for
specific camp!

Home

DOC—Camper Name
Camp Pinerock
1400 Pine Drive
Prescott, AZ 86303

Attn: CCF or
Chi Rho or
CYF Camp