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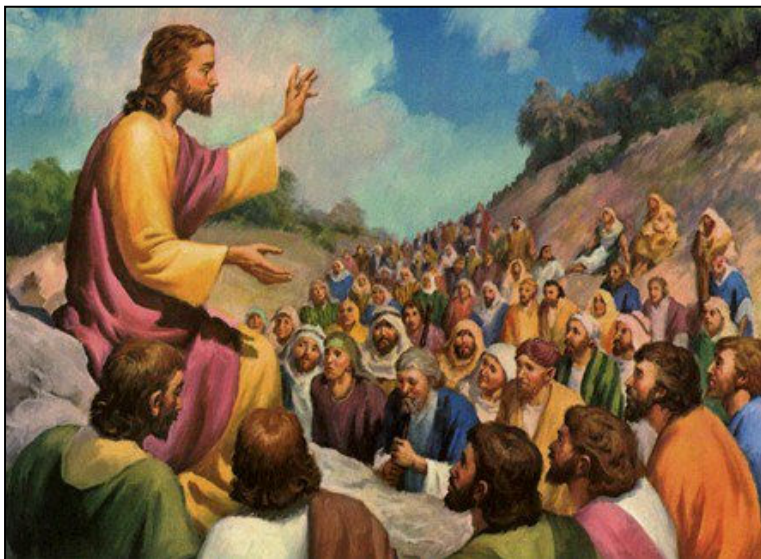
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Compassion for the People

Teddy Chang, Assistant Pastor in Membership

In 2009 my son's professor from Midwest Baptist Seminary in Kansas City led a group of young and old Christians on tour in Israel. We entered Jesus' own city, Capernaum (Matthew 9:1). I remember from Matthew 9:36-38 telling that Jesus stood there among the people and spoke of compassion for the people. He was compassionate for the large crowd, because they were harassed, distressed, and helpless. They scattered everywhere like the sheep without the shepherd. Jesus told his disciples concerning watching out for a large harvest in the field. The great crowd was like the large harvest. However, few workers couldn't handle the large harvest in a day until more workers come up to help with the harvest. Similarly, a few servants of the Lord could not handle the large crowds unless more servants come up to serve.

This story which we just learned will help us to serve the people with the problems and help them solve their problems. This is why we need to follow an example of Jesus' compassion.



Christmas Tour

Christmas became an annual tradition for Deaf Liberty Baptist Church although it was a fundraising event. This year a progressive dinner was set at three different houses on December 21st. The tour and dinner began at the Bowers' home. Their Christmas theme for their home was "Angels Sing Joyfully". They served salads and appetizers.

The tour continued to the Changs' home. The theme for their Christmas tree was Merry Beary Christmas. Besides they had other decoration making you feel at home. They served bowls of soups. The people enjoyed soup and fellowship.

The last leg of the tour was at Donna Martens' home. Her theme at home was Old World Christmas. She served a variety of desserts and it was a great time to end by eating delicious desserts. Twenty -five people attended this event and enjoyed especially during the Christmas season. They look forward to another tour next year.



On the first leg of the tour the group enjoyed eating salads and appetizers in Bowers' home and browsing Christmas in their home

The theme of angels throughout this room in Bower's home





The group enjoyed their bowls of soup and fellowship in Changs' home

Attendants sat around enjoying bowls of soup while looking at the theme of bears and feeling the spirit of Christmas



Choices of desserts to decide

They enjoyed their desserts, chatting, and the feeling of Old World Christmas in Donna Martens' home



Certificates of Salvation

On two different Sundays assistant pastor Clark Corogenes had called up four people to share their testimonies how they become saved. Afterwards, they were given certificates of salvation to help them remember what God had done for them. Those who received the certificates were Carl Labine, Sky Samuel, Adriana Gonzalez, and Richard Edwards



Clark Corogenes handed out certificates of salvation to Carl Labine and Sky Samuel



On other Sunday Adriana Gonzalez and Richard Edwards received their certificates of Salvation.

Missionary Family

Cory Ricker and his family after four years in Peru with Kotvas family is on furlough and deputation sharing the works of God in Peru where Deaf school is located. They stopped at DLBC on February 6 to share what God is doing in Lima even after missionary Vernon Miller passed away. Praise God the works continue.



Display of the life in Peru

Cory Ricker and his family



Advent

Since Sunday after Thanksgiving at the church for 5 weeks Jerry Sanders had shown how we can celebrate Advent using wreath and candles. There are 4 tapered candles (3 purple and 1 red or pink) and a large white candle. Three candles represent the precious gifts of God: love, peace, and hope. While red or pink candle reveals the joy of new life through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The large candle represents the birth of Jesus Christ. Four tapered candles also represent 4 presentations: the Old Testament prophets who prophesied the first coming of Christ; the Bible which tells of Christ's birth; Mary and her acceptance of her mission of virgin birth; and John the Baptist who prophesied that Jesus was the Lamb of God and The large white candle lights up on Christmas Eve to celebrate His birth. The wreath symbolizes faith in harsh world like the evergreen in harsh cold weather. Advent celebration is something we can look forward in coming Christmas and remember the importance of Christmas.



Jerry Sanders lit the candles and explained the purpose of the Advent since Sunday after Thanksgiving until the last Sunday before Christmas Day



Celebration of Advent with wreath and candles

Valentine's Fellowship

On February 1 Valentine's Fellowship was located in Olathe Bible Church in Olathe. David and Vickie Cox coordinated this event. Garozzo's Restaurant was hired for their catering service. The attendants enjoyed their delicious Italian food fitting for Valentine's Day. Young adults and teens helped served the food. Afterwards, there was a play to be performed. The play was about Samson. Rev. David Hanson dressed up as Samson and Charlene as Delilah. There were prizes to give out: hidden prize, who had wore the most red, who have married the longest, and door prizes. There were two containers of MM's for them to guess correctly or closely to be won. Pictures of couples and friends were taken. Approximately 40 attended this wonderful fellowship. All the money will go to NCAAD fund since we will host NCAAD basketball tournament in 2014 to help pay for referees and the use of the building.





Drama crew: Donna Martens, Charlene Hanson, David Hanson, David Volk, David Vetor, and Kong Her

Charlene Hanson as Delilah and David Hanson as Samson



Samson was given one last chance to do right for God

Vivkie Cox announced the door and other prizes with Joanne Harris' help



Urgent Prayer Request

We request an urgent prayer for our pastor, Rev. David Hanson. Few weeks ago he was sent to emergency room and it was discovered that he has Burkitt's non-Hodgkin lymphoma meaning he has a cancer. It is a rare cancer. Currently he is in Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. He also has a broken left arm due to cancer. It shows from neck to abdomen. His bones are fine except his broken arm. He will not have a surgery on his arm until third week of March for the doctors want to focus on his cancer. However, his arm is held up with a brace. He had his first light chemotherapy recently and will have a full dose this week. He will be in 18 weeks of treatments: one week of chemotherapy and then two weeks off. The cycle continues until the last round of chemotherapy. He also has a cancer in spinal fluid, however, his spine is cancer-free. His wife, Charlene, has been with him most of the time and she fulfills her duty as a nurse except giving shot. Their children have been helping them by removing burdens from them. As for Deaf Liberty Baptist Church it is still open since assistant pastors are taking over with the help of the deacons and members. Rev. Hanson is not able to lead Deaf Christian Senior Fellowship and Deaf Baptist Fellowship of America conference this year. Please lift David and his family in prayers. As Hebrews 4:16 says *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*



Events

March 15-16
March 22-24

NCAAD Basketball Tournament in Columbus, Ohio
Mission Conference with Job Ayuntola who knows
Dr. Andrew Foster who established deaf schools
and churches throughout Africa

April 19-21

33rd Antioch conference with Larry White from
Oklahoma City

April 28-May 1

Deaf Christian Senior Fellowship in Branson, Mo

June 15

Father's Day Picnic in Longview Lake

June 24-28

DBFA in Orlando

