

# Deaf Liberty Epistle

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## Praising God

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Psalm 78:4 We will not hide them from their children, *shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. (Italics for emphasis)*

I want to share concerning how God allow Deaf Liberty Baptist Church (DLBC) to own the church property by starting the beginning of the establishment of DLBC for we want to praise God and share with others likewise to praise God. My wife, Leslie, and I attended Temple Deaf College in Kansas City. There was an incident where the president of the college molested the ladies from the college. He was dismissed and we stayed at the college for further study. Then another incident occurred unfortunately. Our pastor, David Hanson, was fired. Most of us left the college and church, Northeast Baptist Church for this incident. Two people, Teddy Change and a deceased friend helped find a place for us to gather and worship within the week. David became our pastor and had for 34 years. It seems rare for a pastor to stay in one church for this long. We had been in different buildings and even at some members' homes especially on Wednesday night.

For the last 15 years we settled in North Overland Park Baptist Church before we own this property. How did it happened? I praise God for this incident. An interpreter who is a Christian and a member of Open Door Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas came to me and said that she heard we need more room. I confirmed this and she suggested that I met with her pastor about using the space for our church. I met with the DLBC men and they agreed to do so while Pastor Hanson was sick. The appointment was set, but it was canceled because the pastor of that church was informed that his mother passed away in Kentucky. So we had to wait. In the meantime when three churches met together on monthly basis one day, I informed the pastor of NOBC (Landlord) that we may move out for more space since it was hard for two churches to meet within the same time frame and had less space to use and also less people came to the other building due to mold. When the pastor was informed he was concerned and they had a business meeting one Sunday. He came to me wanting us to buy the property with what they owe

## Updates on Rev. David Hanson

Ever since he was cancer-free until he had Positron Emission Tomography (PET) one day in November. PET revealed that he has lymphoma at his tailbone. The doctor suggested radiation therapy for two weeks at another hospital where he took PET and chemotherapy. He started his radiation therapy on December 23 along with radiation therapy. Unfortunately on Christmas Day he vomited and had diarrhea. His whole family came earlier starting on December 18 and had a early Christmas on December 22. Then the children went home on the 23rd. He became sick and was sent to Emergency Room on Christmas Day. He was dismissed and returned home that night, but he returned to clinic for uncontrollable situation and was settled in Truman Medical Center (TMC). The following week he got worse for his abdomen was bloated. He had fluid in his left lung. The port was removed from his chest where the infection had shown. After removal of the port and a female chaplain praying for him he got better. His infection reduced and bloated abdomen came down slowly. He has no cancer in the spinal fluid but he still has the cancer in the bone where his chest and tailbone. He is still in ICU although he is better. His children have come from out of town and state to check on him and relieve their mother. Continue to pray for Pastor David to be healed and return to his flock and for Charlene as she watches over and helps him during the time of sickness. Pray as the church continues in absence of our pastor. Pastor David is a fighter. On behalf of DLBC, we want to thank you for your prayer and support. As of 1-14, he is in his regular room recuperating from infection before he can decide to have radiation therapy and chemotherapy. So far he has complications that come and go or remain. Charlene continues to watch over him and support him. You can look up [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) and type out davidbhanson for updates.

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## Scriptures to Dwell On

Psalms 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. (KJV)

My heart tells me to pray. I am eager to see your face, (CEV)

When my heart whispered, "Seek God," my whole being replied, "I'm seeking him!" (The Message)

# Christmas Potluck

Christmas potluck was held on December 14. Visitors were there to enjoy to remember and honor Christmas. While eating there was fellowship. After eating we watched a Christmas movie which last almost 3 hours.



Getting their food to enjoy



Jolly Servers



Watching a Christmas movie

## Christian Workers' Outing

Approximately 25 members came to a buffet restaurant to fellowship and encourage. 2013 departed and new year arrives. We came to share how they feel when they work in the ministry no matter how small their part such as cleaning the church building and interpreting. Everyone plays an important part as they serve the Lord. Several people shared their testimonies. Jerry Sanders had closed with encouraging message from Ephesians 4: 1-7. We are encouraged to walk worthy of a vocation whatever you do to serve the Lord Jesus (v. 1). We are also encouraged to try to keep the unity of the Spirit (v. 3) because we have the same God to serve as it says One God the Father, one Lord, one Spirit, and one body. When we think of a body, a body has many members and every part has an important work regardless how small to work together.

Adriana Gonzalez  
shared how God used  
her and learned from  
youth ministry



Everyone came to eat  
and enjoyed the fellow-  
ship

## Celebration!

On January 12 North Overland Park Baptist church (NOPBC) and Deaf Liberty Baptist church members came and worshipped together. It was a time of celebration because DLBC owns the church property. It was also a sad time, because NOPBC was leaving to say goodbye to us. This church is disbanded. Each member will go to church near their home. Approximately 70 attended. Rev. Hanson was not able to come since he is in the hospital, however, Charlene Hanson came and witnessed the celebration so she can share with her husband, David. Pastor Phillip Sales of NOPBC shared his sermon on Roman 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Afterwards, Jerry Sanders shared on Psalm 106:12-14 "Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert." and explained further that we can praise God for what He did since DLBC and NOPBC were established and continue to remember God's works since the establishment. Afterwards, some people came up and shared testimonies or saying goodbyes to each other. Pastor Sales had transferred the copies of forms to us the ownership of the property. We haven't received the deed yet as it is in the process. We praised God for NOPBC for we had been with them for 15 years. Some visitors came and witnessed that day. We then ate refreshments made by DLBC members. There were some tears of joy and mourning.



Pastor Sales shared his last sermon in this church building  
*With interpreter, Kim Sexton*

The last of North Overland Park Baptist church members





The transfer of the church property





Raymond LaTurner of NOPBC was saying his last goodbye



Rodney Sexton and his sister, Teresa Bauer were sharing their testimonies concerning DLBC



Both churches gathered food and fellowshiped before departure

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from the loan. I informed several men including our pastor in a meeting and was asked to go for it. Derek Harvey and I lead the process. We went to the bank to see how we can get a loan to pay off since we couldn't take over the payments. Unfortunately we had to pay down payment which was approximately \$15,000.00 and we didn't have it. We filled out the forms as requested, but we didn't speed up. Another member, Rodney Sexton, cried out for help and asked his family if they can help and they confirmed that they couldn't. The pastor came to me again that although they wanted us to buy, another church was interested in buying also. Rodney's sister, Teresa Bauer, went to her friend, Steve Dillard, who is her Sunday School teacher and shared the story about our church. Steve came with us to see the same bankers that Derek and I met to see what we can do. We still have to hand them the forms within few day in order for they to make decision on lending us the loan. In the meantime, Steve went golfing with a friend and told him about us. He wanted to see us and hear about the vision for our church. Pastor Hanson was able to come and share his vision for our church. After hearing us, he and his wife discussed and decided to give us \$73,000 to help pay off the loan.

Few weeks ago, Ronald Bagby, Derek Harvey and Jerry Sanders went to the title company to sign papers and the remaining balance is paid for. We officially own the property which we rented for 15 years. The members are excited and make plans for the property mainly the church building and make it deaf-friendly as possible. Also we were excited to change the time for Sunday School and worship service for we had started the worship service at 9 AM for 15 years.

The first generation had left the college and church to establish the church. Now the second generations are able to see what God did after 34 years since it was established on January 20. During Moses time, the first generation saw what God did to Egypt and they left there for the promised land. Joshua led the second generation who may have seen the wonders God did in Egypt and/or heard the stories how God accomplished and brought them to the promised land. They praised God but they soon forgot God as they lived according to Psalm 106:12-13 *Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:*. Let the old and new generations praise God for what He has done to and for DLBC for 34 years. I pray that they continue to remember God's works unlike the Israelites and share with the newer generation. Yes, God is great for He is merciful as you see in Psalms. So let's continue to praise God for His goodness. On January 12 we had a time to celebrate the transfer of the property and mourn that NOPBC members were leaving and disbanding.

# NCAAD Tournament

Deaf Liberty Baptist Church will host 31st National Christian Athletics Association of the Deaf in Overland Park. It is an exciting and anxious time to plan the tournament. It will be held on March 14-15. Jeff Jackson from Bakersfield, California will speak and share God's Word. His team will also play. For more information you can look up the link: [www.ncaad.webs.com](http://www.ncaad.webs.com) or in FaceBook.

## Calendar of Events

January 20	Deaf Liberty Baptist Church's 34th anniversary
February 14	Valentine's Day Banquet at DLBC
March 14-15	31st NCAAD at FieldHouse in Overland Park, KS
April 25-27	Antioch Conference celebrating 34th year with Kevin Kenriche from Arkansas
June 24-27	Deaf Baptist Fellowship of America in Tucson, Arizona

