

Dellview Baptist Church News & Views



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Don't Be A Pew Sitter

...By Pastor Phil

One of the purposes of the church is to serve or to minister.

The word that is translated minister is also the word that is translated **deacon**. Deacons are servants. The church is called to serve and minister to people.

Today I want to look at the purpose of service. I want to look at what we as a church and as individuals are expected to do to fulfill this purpose. Jesus said he came to serve, not to be served. As Christians, we are also called to serve God in some way because of what He has done for us.

1 Peter 2:9-10 tells us; "... you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

Because we call ourselves Christians, we belong to God and we are called to serve. Now we have talked before about how we all have different gifts. Some people can sing, some can play the violin, some can play the guitar, and others try to preach.

Ephesians 4:11 says; "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ."

Why did God give us gifts? He gave us gifts to prepare His people for works of service.



Romans 12 starting with verse 4 tells us: Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

Happy Fall, Y'all!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Let us pray for our parents and children who are getting off to a very challenging and different school year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 3 OF OUR COLLEGE KIDS

I am happy to announce 3 of our college students, were awarded the Justus P. Selph Scholarship for 2020. Congratulations and best wishes to Deneen Sanchez, Benjamin Huff and Anelisa Huff! Justus Selph was pastor at Dellview from 1985-1997. Donations may be made at any time to the Scholarship Fund. Remember, college kids, you can do all things thru Christ who strengthens you!

Thank you Dellview family, for your support with our **TV fundraiser**. The final day for tickets is Sunday, August 30 (before church starts!) The drawing will be held at the close of the church service. We were able to raise almost \$500, which we will be able to use towards youth camp 2021 or another youth event at a later date.

This month, **MDO kids will be focusing on Back to School activities.**

Our elementary aged kids will be studying from the **"Go Kids Church "** online lessons, and the youth will be focusing on devotions for daily living.

In honor of **Labor Day**, which falls on September 7 this year, my verse for the month is from Colossians 3:23. " Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

Have a blessed day

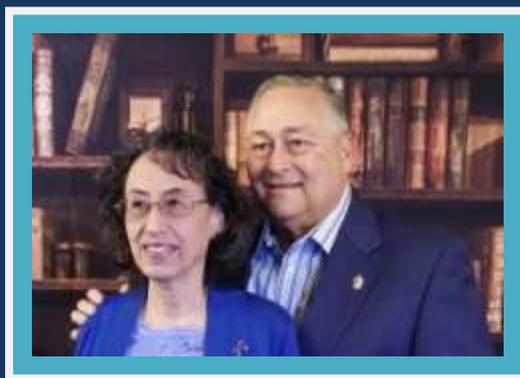
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God didn't make us all the same for a reason. There are many different jobs that God needs to be done. Find your gift and begin using it for God's glory. If we are a church that does not focus on serving others, then what happens is we will become friendly to ourselves and we will take care of ourselves and focus our resources on ourselves. We need to reach out to the community, to our friends and our families. We all need to be serving God in some way. God did not call us to sit on a pew; he called us to get in the game and serve HIM.

JUST A PERSONAL NOTE:

In case you haven't heard, Linda and I have moved to a cottage at Morningside Ministries. We loved our home and living in the Dellview neighborhood, but it was time to downsize and move to where we are no longer responsible for home maintenance, etc. Even though we are now 15 minutes away, instead of 3 minutes, we are still always available!

Our new address is:
642 Babcock #3C
San Antonio, Texas 78201



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Susan Howard
1	Diann Salazar
5	Lisa Martinez
5	Heather Onion
6	Gloria Neal
9	Vickie Herbeck
10	Judy Roberts
17	Glenda Morris
21	Sarah Davis
23	Teresa Johnson
24	Larry Neal
30	Aristotle Rios

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DEACON OF THE MONTH
JIMMY ONION

Musical Moment ... Billie Schneider



It is so exciting each spring to see the birds building their nests, hatching their eggs and beginning to feed the babies. You can walk beneath the trees and hear the anxious chirping of the tiny birds calling for their parents to come feed them. Can't you just picture a nest filled with little birds with their beaks open waiting for the next mouthful?



I read an interesting verse recently from Psalm 81:10 (NIV) that said, "I am the Lord your God...Open wide your mouth and I will fill it." Isn't that a beautiful picture of a caring father ready to feed His children with the exact food He knows they need? Just like the birds feeding their young with liquid foods to begin with and gradually increasing to solid food when they are able to take it, God is always there to feed us if we only open our mouth for Him to fill us with the perfect food for each moment in our lives.

Paul described the same thing in his first letter to the church at Corinth. "I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it." (1 Corinthians 3:1-2, NIV) We need to continually seek to grow in the Lord and as we do, we will be able to get deeper in His word, find nourishing nuggets of God's commands, wisdom and expectations, and be able to share these blessings with those around us.

As you stand there with your mouth mentally open waiting to be filled by God, let this song run through your mind –

FILL MY CUP LORD

**Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this
thirsting of my soul
Bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up
And make me whole**



BEHIND THE MUSIC... FILL MY CUP, LORD

In 1953 the Rev. Richard Blanchard (1925-2004) was waiting for a couple to arrive for pre-marital counseling at Wesley Church in Coral Gables, Florida. They were late, and he was annoyed. He told his secretary he would wait thirty minutes, then he would leave. Instead of fuming, he went to a Sunday school classroom and began to doodle on the piano to kill time.

"Quite often I will play around with a song idea in my mind," he said in a newspaper interview for the *Miami Herald*. "All of a sudden it will gel. A few of my songs have been given to me by the Lord. It took only six minutes to think up the words of 'Fill my Cup, Lord.' I was finished with the music in another 20 minutes. There have been a few moments in my life when things have come from God. There is no other way to explain them."

Blanchard's own cup was not filled with sweetness. A lung condition required two surgeries and left him with one-third of normal lung capacity. His son, Richard, was left a quadriplegic at seventeen after an accident. And after Blanchard and his wife moved to North Carolina in 2000 to be near their three grown children, they experienced their son's death and the fatal illness of one of their daughters.

Nevertheless, during his forty-year ministry, Blanchard composed dozens of gospel hymns, wrote a musical about Francis of Assisi, produced a regular newspaper column, wrote a biography of Bishop John Branscomb, and launched a popular television ministry in the Miami area.



Dellview Baptist Church COVID-19 Safety Guide

We are so happy to be able to worship together again!
Here's what we're doing to keep you SAFE!

GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

- * Those who are vulnerable or high-risk should continue sheltering-in-place
- * Self-monitor for symptoms: do not attend if sick.
- * Masks and temperature check are mandatory to enter the building
- * Once seated, if no one (other than family) is nearby, you may remove your mask during the service.
- * Sanitizer and masks are available in the foyer
- * Please do not congregate in the foyer.



TEMPORARY LIMITATIONS

- * No nursery or Sunday School until further notice
- * Children are welcome-please sit with your family
- * Parents are encouraged to bring books or other items from home for your child
- * Families sit together
- * No offering taken during the service – please place your offering in the box in the foyer
- * Seating restricted to every other pew

THE LORD'S SUPPER

- * We will continue to observe the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month
- * We will use single serve containers that will be available in the foyer when you enter that Sunday. Please pick up one as you enter and dispose of it upon exiting.
- * You lift the top section for the "wafer", and then gently lift the second section for the juice. Please wait for the pastor's instructions on Lord Supper Sunday.

