



DCC December Newsletter

December 2017

Dixon Community Church 955 E. A St., Dixon, CA 95620

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:11-12

Join Us

- Sundays 9:45am Meet and Greet, 10:00am Church Service
- YES, WE WILL HAVE REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24th.
- Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am Room 2
- Wednesday Nights 7:00pm Family Night/Bible Study

From the Pastor's Desk-Rev. Dan Vraa

Saint Nicholas

Yes, there is a real Santa Claus. "Santa Claus" is a variant translation of "Saint Nicholas." The authentic, historical Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (270-346), is the real "St. Nicholas," whom we shall meet in heaven. Nicholas was born in Patara, Lycia (now the southwest coast of Turkey) in 270 A.D.

A man of strong faith and devotion to Christ, he eventually became Bishop of Myra, the seat of local government in the Roman province of Lycia. Many miracles are credited to him, but he is best known and loved for his deeds of compassion toward the poor and the sojourner. Many churches celebrate his feast on December 6th.

One story is of a poor man who had three daughters. That man could provide no dowry for them, which, in that time and culture, meant they could not marry. Thus they faced a life of loneliness and degradation because of their extreme poverty. Nicholas, hearing of their plight, delivered three stockings (some sources say it was three shoes) filled with gold to their father, so they would have dowries to be wed and lead honorable lives.

This bearded saint (he was skinny, however) is also reputed to have carried a sack around town, filled with toys and clothes, which he would give to poor children.

He was a delegate to the ecclesiastical Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325), wherein Christians gathered to correct heresies, and affirm the biblical teachings. He was so passionate in his love for Jesus, that he slapped the face of the heretic Arius, who had denied Christ's divinity. Hey! No one is perfect.

Throughout Church history, Nicholas continues to be one of the most beloved saints in the Roman Catholic and eastern Orthodox Churches. He is the patron saint of scholars, children, travelers, sailors (churches in his honor are often built near the coast, to serve as landmarks throughout the Mediterranean Sea), unmarried, merchants, pawnbrokers, prisoners, and thieves (Italian thieves stole his bones in 1087, and took them to Bari, Italy, where they rest in a shrine to this day). He is also patron saint of the cities of Moscow and Friborg (Switzerland), as well as the countries of Greece and Russia.

We would do well to emulate our brother, Nicholas - except for the slapping incident. He was a man of deep faith in Jesus Christ, and deep compassion for the plight of others. So, hoist one for good old St. Nick. Go do something good for someone who really needs it. Then, say a prayer of thanks to the One Who did something really good for you on that first Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Dan

Upcoming Events

- No Men's Breakfast in December. Next Men's Breakfast will be January 13, 2018
- December 20, 2017-6:30-9:00-Kidz Club Caroling and Happy Birthday Jesus Party-Room 4
- December 27-No Family Night
- December 31-Youth Sunday

Reveal

Check out our Student Ministries at <https://www.facebook.com/REVEALdcc/>

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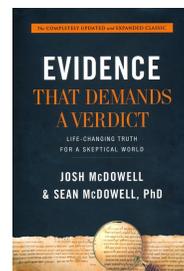
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Plan to Join us at Dixon Community Church



Evidence That Demands a Verdict



Book study group is going strong. Not too late to join!

Plan to meet at the home of Chris and Michelle Davis starting back up in January.

Book study from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and fellowship from 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Meetings will occur every other week.

Books are available at no charge.

Please contact Pastor Dan for a copy. danvraa@yahoo.com

At our first meeting we will begin discussion on the Introduction.

Childcare available upon request.

For more information please contact Michelle or Chris Davis.

MichelleLDavis@gmail.com or chrisldavis77@gmail.com

Deacon's Corner

- NO Deacons meeting in December.
- Please consider signing up for Deacon's Meal Ministries. You do not need to be a Deacon. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Miranda if you have questions about Meal Ministries, or are in need of meals.
- Communion will be served on December 17
- Refreshments will be served for the Christmas Eve service. If you would like to donate cookies, please contact Gretchen.

Women's Saturday Bible Study



December 2nd & 16th will be at Miranda's from 8:30 - 10:00 am.

Breakfast is provided.

Contact Miranda or Becka with any questions or for help arranging child care.

Recipe of the Month From the Vraa Kitchen

Pastor Dan's Kitchen Sink Soup [use 1 big soup pot]

- 1 yellow Onion diced**
- 2 Carrots diced**
- 2 stalks Celery diced**
- 2 medium Yukon Gold Potatoes diced/chopped**
- 1 (or more) pound(s) of Ground Beef**
- 1 big can of Beans (your choice)**
- 1 small can of Tomato Sauce**
- 1 Head of Spinach chopped**
- Half head of Cabbage chopped**
- 2 Summer Squash chopped**

Saute root Vegetables and Beef in 1 or 2 glugs of Olive Oil, until Onion and Potatoes are soft, and Beef is cooked. Add Salt and Pepper to taste.

Add Beans, Tomato Sauce, and the other (leafy) Vegetables. Add 4 or 5 cans of good Chicken Broth (enough to cover everything in liquid). Bring to a boil while stirring in:

- 1 teaspoon Garlic Powder (or more)**
- 1 teaspoon Chili Powder**
- 1 teaspoon dried Oregano**
- 1 teaspoon dried Mustard Powder**

Simmer 10-15 minutes.

Serve over Rice, or with Whole Grain Bread.