



# DCC Spring Newsletter

April/May 2018

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

*"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."  
Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

## Join Us for our Weekly Ministries

- Sundays 9:00am The Well for youth, 9:45am Meet and Greet, 10:00am Church Service
- Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am Room 2
- Wednesday Nights 7:00pm Family Night/Bible Study

## Deacon's Corner

- **Communion** will be served on **April 15th** and **May 20th**.
- **Refreshments** will be served in the Narthex on **April 22nd**.
- Deacons **meetings** will be on **April 24th** and **May 29th** at Finley's House.
- Please consider signing up for Deacon's Meal Ministries. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Contact Miranda if you have questions about Meal Ministries, or are in need of meals.

I know I missed getting this Newsletter out by April 1st but I am leaving Pastor Dan's Easter article as the Message from the Pastor's Desk because we should remember the joy of the Easter Story more than just one day of the year. ~ Miranda, Newsletter Editor

### From the Pastor's Desk-Rev. Dan Vraa

#### The Morning Everything Changed

The first Easter morn changed everything... nothing is as it used to be.

Death was defeated as Christ Jesus arose: "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54). Jesus broke death's power, and demonstrated how he will raise up all who put our faith and trust in him. Death received its terminal disease, and Jesus grants eternal life to all who believe in him.

The Evil One's power was destroyed. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life. Having rebuffed the devil's temptations, Jesus offered himself as the perfect atonement for our sins. "(Christ) ... shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Our state of sinfulness and alienation from God was undone. "For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!" (Romans 5:10). No longer sinners who naturally rebel against God, we are forgiven and transformed into God's sons and daughters by the power of the Holy Spirit offered to those in Christ.

Death is not what it used to be... neither is life. We cannot find life on our terms, in our minds, or on our timetables; we find life on the terms of the One who rose from the dead.

The angels asked the women at the tomb, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again'." (Luke 24:6-7) You will not find him on your own, until you believe what the Scriptures say about him. You will not find him as you plod through life on 'automatic pilot'; you must seek after him earnestly in all integrity, and receive him by faith.

This risen Jesus changed everything that first Easter morning.

Jesus prayed to his Father, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent" (John 17:3). Eternal life is experienced now -- in this life -- as we come into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. No other way leads to life. Come experience a living, breathing relationship with a living breathing Jesus. Believe in him, and in his Word.

"Lord Jesus, help me to forsake the ways of death I seem to fall into so easily. I want a living, abundant faith which changes me from decay into glory. Help me to hold firm to you, knowing you have given me life which I cannot fully grasp yet. Teach me the words of life, grant me a living faith, and may I walk in the ways of life with you. Amen." In Christ's love, Pastor Dan.

## Reveal

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

## Children's Ministries

Contact Christy at [kidzclub@dixoncc.org](mailto:kidzclub@dixoncc.org)



**“SCAR FORCE”  
Vacation Bible School  
Save the Date:  
June 11-14 & 17  
Contact Christy with questions  
479-387-6204 or [kidzclub@dixoncc.org](mailto:kidzclub@dixoncc.org)**

## Women's Ministries Update

### SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**April 14th:** Social/Breakfast time is from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. Study time is from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

**May 12th:** Study time is 8:30 am. Followed by Women's Breakfast  
This study meets at Miranda Barber's house.

### WOMEN'S BI-MONTHLY BREAKFAST

**May 12th** at 9:00 am at Miranda Barber's house.  
**RSVP** requested by May 11th to allow for proper food planning. (707) 301-1184

### SECRET SISTER SEPTEMBER

More information coming over the summer.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

**October 5th-7th** - "Fear Not!"  
Cost per person of \$100 includes 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, snacks, and lots of fun. You can sign up and begin payments now! Scholarships available.

## Contact DCC

(707) 678-1981

[www.dixoncc.org](http://www.dixoncc.org)

## DCC MINISTRIES AT WORK

- **Meal Ministries** needs volunteers to provide and/or deliver meals to the Felix family once the baby arrives.
- **Two families** were served by our Food Pantry in the month of March.
- **One family** was served by our Clothing Closet in March.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 13th: Movie Night - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!** Bring a sleeping bag, chair, or travel lounger and your favorite snacks/drink. Set up and reserve your space at 6:00 pm. Mingle until the movie starts at 7:00 pm. Babysitting will **NOT** be offered. Contact Delain Finley with any questions.
- **April 17th: REVEAL** trip to the A's Game
- **April 22nd: VBS Volunteer Meeting - After Service** in Room 4
- **June 11-14 and 17: Annual VBS-Scar Force.**

## MARVIN'S FAMOUS DESSERT SALAD

(That would be "fruit salad" for those of you who want to remain in denial about the true nature of this creamy and crunchy masterpiece.)

1 can crushed pineapple, drained

1 cup buttermilk

1 small package of instant vanilla pudding mix

1 can mandarin oranges, drained

1 container Cool Whip

1 package chocolate coated graham cracker cookies, crushed

**Mix** pineapple, buttermilk, and pudding.

**Fold** in oranges, Cool Whip, and cookies. Chill.

