

What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE:** Don't forget to bring your items back by Aug 9th! Help a kid go back to school fully equipped!
- **PAINT-A-THON:** If you know anyone who needs to have their house painted and is not able to do it themselves because they are low income, disabled or a veteran – pick up an application at the info table!
- **EVANGELISM CLASS:** Learn how to share your faith with your family, friends & neighbors. Begins this week and runs **Wednesdays, Aug 5th – 26th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm** in the Children's Ministry room. Sign up now!
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** **August 28-30, 2015.** Chapel Rock, Prescott! Register NOW with your \$50 Deposit at the Women's Ministry table! And don't forget as you make your payments to mark the envelope "Women's Retreat"!
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT CARPOOL:** If you need a ride or have an extra seat and want to share the ride sign up at the info table!
- **GRIEFSHARE:** Meets **Thursdays 7pm in suite #101.** If you are dealing with loss, let us help you in your journey from mourning to joy!
- **CONNECTION PARTY:** **September 13th, 5:00pm.** Watch the bulletin for more info coming soon...
- **GAME OF LIFE:** Begins **September 15th 6:30pm.** Get off the bench and into the game! More info coming soon...

For more info on these and other DB events & service times –
check out our website @ dbcc.com or call 602-374-4588
Wifi info: DB Guest Password: dbguest1

New Series: **BRAVE HEART** (Courage in a World of Compromise)

It was a time when "everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges21:25). God's people found themselves in a self destructive cycle over and over again of Complacency-> Compromise-> Consequences-> Crying out to God-> Covenant Renewal. This study through the O.T. book of Judges will help us to daily face with courage & wisdom the choice between looking to God as our Lord, or following the inevitably destructive spirit & preferences of our pluralistic age.

Aug 8/9	"Unsafe People"	Judges 16:1-31
Aug 15/16	"People Without Hearts"	Judges 17:1-18:31
Aug 22/23	"People Without a King"	Judges 19:1-21:25

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.
Budget Results for July 25/26
General Giving
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$13,007

August 1/2, 2015

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Sermon Notes

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“Character Matters” Judges 14:1-15:20

Character is about spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity is NOT about age, appearance, academics, or achievements. It is about having a Christ-like attitude (Phil2:5). Behavior is the product of choices based on Biblical values (Thermostat/Proactive) vs. Behavior is the product of feelings based on people/things/circumstances (Thermometer/Reactive).

Samson is... (People who lack character are...)

Judges 14:1-4

1) _____ (feelings driven) vv1-2 What is love?

Hollywood: Love (Lust) is a feeling that is uncontrollable, and equated with sex. (Getting/Consumer)

Heaven: Love is a _____ (Col3:14) that is an _____ (1Jn3:18), and requires _____ (Phil1:9). (Giving/Covenant)

2) _____ (doesn't seek godly counsel) v3 God's prohibition (Ex34:15-16) is not against inter-racial marriage, but against inter-faith marriage (i.e. Ex4:24-26). Three Qualifications for choosing a mate: (Deal Breakers!)

- ✓ We must have _____ Unity 2Cor6:14-15
- ✓ We must have _____ Compatibility Amos 3:3
- ✓ We must both be _____ Healthy Matt22:37-40; Phil 4:11-13

3) _____ (into the world) v4; Jn17:15-19; Rom12:2

Vv5-10 Kills a lion with his bare hands and throws an engagement party.

4) _____ (two-faced) vv6, 9; Matt6:1-8

5) _____ (promise breaker) vv8-9, 10; Judges 16:17, 19; Matt 5:33-37

vv11-15 Samson makes a wager with a riddle at his engagement party.

Verses 16-17

6) _____ (controlled & manipulated by others) Eph4:15

vv18-20 The men answer the riddle with his wife's help and it angers him.

Judges 15:1-5 Samson burns the Philistine grain fields to the ground.

V6 Philistines strike back by killing the woman given away in marriage and her father. Vv7-8 In retaliation Samson kills more Philistines.

Vv9-14 His own people bind Samson with ropes to give him over to the Philistines but he breaks the ropes like they are nothing.

Verses 15-17

7) _____ (boast about self) Vv12, 16; Pro16:5, 18

8) _____ (uncontrollable anger) 14:19; 15:3, 7, 8; Eph4:26-27; Heb12:15

Verses 18-20

9) _____ (ingratitude/God owes me) Vv18-20; Rom1:21

How to Become People of Character?

1) Believe that God is working all things for our _____ and His _____ not only in spite of our sin but even through our sin. 14:4; Acts2:23; Eph1:11; Job42:2

2) Know the difference between gifts and fruit: Gifts are _____ and fruit is _____. 1Cor12, 14; Gal5:22-23; 1Cor13:1-3

3) Our _____ with God rather than our religious activities is the best indicator of spiritual health. 1Pet2:1-3; 2Pet3:18

4) Avoid “Lone Ranger” Christianity. _____ in a local church family is the best way to insure growth in character and the integrity of our inner and outer lives. Heb3:12-13; 10:24-25

Growing Notes

1) What is character and what role does it play in making or breaking us in life? What's the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat and how are they good visual aids for helping us to define character?

2) Read (or quickly review) Judges 14-15. What stands out to you from this story? Review the nine characteristics of people who lack character. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most?

3) Review the four statements under “How to become people of Character”. Which one(s) do you need to work on? What are your next steps in growing or continuing to grow in godly character? Pray.