

What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **THANKSGIVING BOXES:** A Great Big Thank You to all who participated & for being a blessing this holiday season!!
- **ANGEL TREE:** It's that time! The tree is up and the tags are out! Grab a tag – be sure to sign for it – and then purchase the gifts and return by December 15th! E-Mail Amy@dbcc.com for more info!
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DINNER:** Ladies mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 6th, 5:00pm! Tickets are \$15 per person** and include dinner and all the festivities! Purchase your tickets now at the Women's Ministry table! We will be blessing Choices Pregnancy Center with baby items, so please bring diapers, wipes or newborn items. Thanks!
- **DB CAFÉ TUMBLERS:** Buy a cup by itself, with a drink or with a drink card! They make great gifts! And the profits go to Missions so it's a win-win! Tumblers go on sale next weekend!
- **FIT 4 LIFE EXERCISE:** Join us for "Re-fit" exercise, **first 3 Saturdays of the month at 8am** at the church. This class is for women of any age, size or fitness level! Come have fun getting fit!
- **THE COMMUNITY:** If you are a 20-something young adult and want to get connected – join us **Weds 8:30pm** in suite 106!
- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Got hurts, habits & hang ups? Come Celebrate Recovery with us **Saturday evenings – Dinner @ 5:15pm, Service @ 6:00pm** in Suite #106!

Check out our website @ dbcc.com for more info & events
or call the church office 602-374-4588
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Teaching Series: **"FREEDOM"**

(For Freedom Christ has set us Free-Gal5:1)

There is no greater feeling on earth than being FREE! Ask anyone who has stepped out of prison or broken free from oppression or has kicked an enslaving addiction. With confident expectation they begin a new life. Even more freedom and joy beyond words, are those who have experienced the message found in the New Testament letter of Galatians.

Nov 28/29 "Gospel Relationships 1" Galatians 5:26-6:5

Dec 05/06 "Gospel Relationships 2" Galatians 6:1-5

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.
Budget Results for November 14/15
General Giving
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$19,407

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

“Gospel Character2” Galatians 5:16-25

As Christians we have incredible and incomparable resources for life change. And so, it just makes a world of sense that the Creator of the Universe would have Children who are less and less characterized by the “works of the flesh” (vv19-21) more and more characterized by the “fruit of the Spirit” (vv22-23).

GROWING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT vv24-25

- 1) _____ your identity in Christ. v24; 2Cor5:17,21
- 2) _____ the “over-desires” of the flesh. v24; Rom6:6; Gal2:20
- 3) Make yourself _____ that sin loses its appeal. v25; John16:14; Eph5:18-21; Phil4:4

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT vv22-23 (Definitions by Timothy Keller)

Agape – love

Definition – To serve others for their good and intrinsic value.

Opposite – Fear: self-protection and abusing people.

Counterfeit – Selfish affection. Rescuing someone but really rescuing self. Attracted not to a person, but to how this person’s love makes you feel.

Chara – joy

Definition – Delight in God & his salvation for sheer beauty & worth of who He is.

Opposite – Hopelessness, despair.

Counterfeit – Elation that comes with blessings not the Blessor! Mood swings based on circumstances.

Irene – peace

Definition – Confidence and rest in the wisdom and sovereignty of God.

Opposite – Anxiety and worry.

Counterfeit – Indifference, apathy, not caring about something. “I don’t care.”

Makrothumia – patience

Definition – Ability to take trouble (from others or life) without blowing up or melting down. To suffer joyfully.

Opposite – Resentment toward God and others.

Counterfeit – Cynicism. Self-righteousness. “It’s too small to be bothered about.”

Agathosune – goodness (integrity)

Definition – Honesty, transparency. Being the same in public & private.

Opposite – Phoniness; hypocrisy.

Counterfeit – Truth without love. “Getting it off the chest” for your sake.

Pistis – faithfulness

Definition – Loyalty, courage, committed, reliable. True to one’s word.

Opposite – Opportunist. Fair-weather friend.

Counterfeit – Love without truth. Being loyal when you should be willing to confront or challenge.

Prautas – gentleness (humility)

Definition – Self-forgetfulness.

Opposite – Superiority: self-absorbed self-aggrandizement.

Counterfeit – Inferiority: self-absorbed, self-consciousness.

Egkrateia – self-control

Definition – Ability to choose the urgent over the important thing.

Opposite – A driven, impulsive, uncontrolled person.

Counterfeit – Willpower through pride or through more “functional” idols.

John 15:5 “I (Jesus) am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

GROWING NOTES

- 1) As Christians we have incredible and incomparable resources for life change (Rom8:11). Explain. Why do you think it makes sense that the Creator of the Universe would have Children less and less characterized by “works of the flesh” (vv19-21) and more and more characterized by “fruit of the spirit” (vv22-23)? Why is life change so difficult (v17)?
- 2) Read Galatians 5:16-25. What stands out to you? When it comes to growing in the fruit of the Spirit why is it so important for us to remember our identity in Christ (v24; 2Cor5:17, 21)? What happens when we forget it? What does it mean to crucify the desires of the flesh (v24)? To walk by the Spirit is to make ourselves so happy in Christ that sin loses its appeal (v25; John16:14; Eph5:18-1; Phil4:4). Explain why?
- 3) Review the list of the Fruit of the Spirit. Which one(s) are you in most need of? Jesus didn’t say abide in my fruitfulness, but to abide in Him and fruitfulness will follow (John 15:5). Why do you think this is the key to fruitfulness? What does it mean to abide in Christ? What are some things you can begin to do this next week to get better at abiding in Christ? Pray.