

Desert Cove SDA Church News

“Character Development”

From Hope of Glory Devotional by John Bradshaw

Few people enjoy having their patience tried, which is why Romans 5:3 challenges us when it says, “We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience” (KJV).

Patience is a prerequisite for developing a Christlike character. But according to Paul, patience is developed through trials. When you get a flat tire in the rain on a dirt road, miles from home, your response should be to praise the Lord because He’s developing the likeness of Christ in you. Few people would say, “The line in the post office is so long that I’m going to be late to my doctor’s appointment, but praise the Lord anyway!” But, in reality, that is exactly the attitude we ought to have.

Think of the alternative. Failing to honor God in difficult, uncomfortable situations is not only choosing to manifest an un-Christlike spirit but also failing to trust Him. No one should be happy they’re stuck in traffic and will be late for work, but a close connection with Jesus will allow you too keep your cool instead of getting steamed about something that is out of your control.

Seventeenth-century English philosopher John Locke is widely quoted as saying, “What worries you, masters you.” God desires to grow us, to shape us to be more like Him and less like what we are without Him. Christianity isn’t merely a belief system. It’s a life system. More than a foundation for our lives, faith in Jesus is to *become* our life. God continues to allow patience-building opportunities to come to us so that we will learn to consult with Him as our first resort and not as a last resort.

When we learn to see trials as opportunities to develop our character, we will learn to handle them better. In the midst of trial, it is better to say, “What is God trying to teach me here?” than to complain, asking, “Why is this happening to me?!” Tribulation works patience. When trials next confront you, look to Jesus and understand He will not only get you through, but He also is growing you to be more like Him.

February Calendar

Health Ministry Meeting
February 1st @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Women’s Ministry Meeting
February 3rd after the service

Men’s Ministry Brunch
February 4th @ 10 a.m.

Elder’s Meeting
February 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Board Meeting
February 8th @ 7 p.m.

Outreach Group
February 11th & 25th @ 10 a.m.

Church Work Bee
February 18th @ 9 a.m.

Community Service Meeting
February 19th @ 6:30 p.m.

Food Pantry
February 21st from 10-noon

Sabbath School
Adult 9:30-10:40 a.m.
Kindergarten, Primary and Junior
9:30-10:40 a.m.

Revelation Verse by Verse
Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sabbaths after lunch

Prayer Call
Tuesday’s at 7:00 p.m.
Call 1-971-224-6616 Code: 278589

Great Controversy Reading
Sabbaths @ 3:30 p.m. via zoom

Tithes & Offerings
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CLOVE

Emotions are very important and sometimes not really noticed. Oils are great to apply to the body. In this short message the information on CLOVE is worth writing about. One particular reason the properties or the benefits of Clove are important to take focus on is because CLOVE supports individuals in letting go of victim mentality. If one looks around lately there is so much of that as we come closer to our Savior's returning. The oil CLOVE helps with one's defense mechanisms. The oil can be used in a diffuser, topical, or internal. One can inhale the oil directly from the bottle. One can also apply on the bottom of the feet for comfort. If taken internally, only take 1-2 drops under the tongue, in a capsule, or in water. Other oils that can be used as companion oils are Ginger, Helichrysum, Tea Tree, and Coriander. Oils were very important when Jesus was here and are very healthy to apply.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil: My cup runs over: Psalms 23:5

Dr. Sylvia Hayashi, Health/Prayer Ministry Leader

The February recipe is for a happy heart from serving others!!

MOBILE MINISTRY

Have you heard about the new ministry at Desert Cove Church? A group of people from the church make hot meals and take them out to areas where there are homeless people. They do this on Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. It has been a blessing for all who have participated and for those who get to hear the stories they come back with. Below is a sampling of stories we want to share with you.

“Praise God! Sandy had made 15 meals and we passed them out with no problem, everybody was super grateful and thankful! We had just caught one young man digging through a garbage can to find something to eat. We were able to feed him and he was so appreciative!”

“Another successful mission. This one was a little bittersweet when we passed out our last two meals to three people. They said it was no problem and they would share and we gave them extra snacks, only to look up the street to see five more people hunkered down sure to be hungry. But on a brighter note, I took a meal and snacks to a young lady that was out on the median. I walked up to her and she was not used to any one walking up on the median. But after she calmed down and saw what I had she was so grateful. She said she didn't know when she would be able to eat let alone have a hot meal delivered to her.”

“Another beautiful day feeding the hungry! It was a little sporadic when we first went out, but we parked over at a QT and invited one young man over to get a hot meal. The next thing we know, they were coming out of the woodwork! We fed seven hungry people at that one stop.”

“Jolynn and Jesus filled in for us and they found a whole community and as soon as they pulled up and started passing out food, the homeless all congregated around the car and that is all they could do—pass them all out one after another. Jolynn said her biggest blessing was watching them breaking them open and eating! As Ron says, changing the world one meal at a time!”

These are just a few snippets of the testimonies that come back each day that this ministry goes out. They served 197 meals in the month of January 2024. If you'd like to help in some way with this ministry, contact Kirk or Catie Sorensen or Eva Fadeley. The quickest way to get involved right now is to pray for this ministry and especially the safety of those taking the food out to the homeless. **Not all homeless are harmless.** You can also donate to the ministry to help with the supplies they need by putting a donation in a tithe envelope and mark it “Mobile Ministry” and drop it in the offering plate.

Outreach Ministry

The outreach group went out in January and reached 65 homes. They left a bag of mixed books at 38 doors, gave away 8 Great Controversy books and had contact with 17 people. If you want to join them they will go out February 11th and 25th. They meet at the church at 10 a.m.

Bible Studies

Eva has five adult Bible studies going right now. Keep these people in your prayers. There are many out there who are searching for the truth right now.

Community Service

We went out to a couple of places in January and gave out clothing to the homeless. What a blessing it was for each of us. The food pantry is on February 21st from 10 a.m. to noon if you'd like to come help out. Our Community Service meeting is via Zoom on the 3rd Monday of each month. You can get the link if you are signed up for the church email.

