



# DCC Family News

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## It takes a church...

Something BIG is happening at Delta Christian Church. In case you've missed both Kirsten and Eric's messages, and you haven't seen it on Facebook, and you haven't heard it mentioned anywhere, this article will give an overview of what The Journey is and to whom it is relevant.

### **From the DCC website:**

*Journey (n) - Passing or a passage from one place to another.*

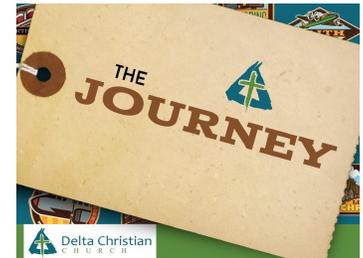
*As followers of Christ and children of God, we are on The Journey of our lives. Here at Delta Christian, we are choosing to **mark out important milestones for our children.** We believe these milestones are worth celebrating every time one is reached.*

**By forming partner-**

**ships between church and parents** we hope to provide resources, encouragement and learning opportunities that make each milestone attainable for every child.

*Through The Journey weekend events held twice a year, we will have learning opportunities for every milestone that our children are working through, as well as **workshops for the members of our church who do not have children at home but understand the importance of sharing their faith with others.***

Eric's message on Aug. 23 made it clear that every member of DCC is part of The Journey in one role or another. We are all, as a



church family, responsible for the spiritual upbringing of all the children at DCC.

On Sept. 20, Kirsten brings the third message in The Journey series, "5 Reasons To Not Do The Journey". She will address why some might be hesitant to be involved.

In the meantime, consider that there are many ways to help today's parents raise their children to spiritual maturity. By attending The Journey

see *Journey*, p. 2

## New members class is coming



Membership class on Sept. 20 includes lunch.

There is so much more to Delta Christian Church than what happens on Sunday morning. If you're new to DCC, or if you've been here awhile, and want to know more about our pastors, why we do what we do, what our organizational structure looks like,

how you can be involved, and more, make plans to come to the membership class (even if you're not a member) following worship service on Sept. 20. Pizza will be provided.

Please sign up at The Intersection or call the church office.

“We all have the same group of kids.”  
~Eric Duncan

**Journey** (from page 1)  
Conference Oct. 2, 3, we’ll learn to recognize the seven major milestones in a child’s life and learn how to encourage, be a resource to and/or celebrate these milestones.  
We want to do more that just “reach the chil-

dren and youth of western Delta County”. We want to anchor them in the Word of God and raise them to spiritual maturity.  
Conference tickets are \$20 each and include dinner and a message on Friday night, and breakfast, lunch and workshops on

Saturday. Register at The Intersection or online at [deltachristianchurch.org/#/the-journey](http://deltachristianchurch.org/#/the-journey).  
Not interested in attending the conference but are willing to serve at it? See page 4 for a list of tasks that volunteers can jump into to make the conference run smoothly.

## Guest speaker coming to The Journey conf.



Craig Julita

We are looking forward to hearing Craig Julita speak at The Journey Conference in October. He will also be our guest speaker Sunday, October 4.  
Craig is a passionate and nationally known communicator, author and blogger. He is the president of Empowered Living, with a mission to “Empower leaders and their families for life!” His passion is to encourage, equip and empower others to enjoy their journey through life.  
Through humorous stories and relevant appli-

cation in his most recent book, “Faith and The Modern Family,” Craig encourages parents to make a difference in and with their modern family.  
He has served as a pastor at two churches, most recently with Saddleback Church where he served for 13 years as both Children’s Pastor and Teaching Pastor.  
He was voted by Group Magazine as one of the Pioneers of the Decade for his work in children’s ministry and as one of the top 20 influencers in family ministry.  
Craig has authored and

co-authored several books and articles and is a sought-after communicator on family, parenting and leadership.  
Craig and his wife Mary, in their book “From Hectic to Healthy: The Journey to a Balanced Life,” share their story of a life lived out of balance and how they had to fight to find the right seasonal pace for their life and family. Their book became a Regal bestseller in its first six months, and they have appeared on several radio and TV shows highlighting their story.

## The rest of our elders...



Pastor Will and wife Joni. Toby, Zack and Gini

Our newest elders were featured in the July/August DCC Family News, but in case someone doesn’t know the remaining elders, here are some more pictures. Pastor Will is also an elder.



Rob Ames with wife Traci



Tony Bohling with wife Amy

## Small groups are critical for connecting with others

by Don and Judy Chapman

Acts 2:42 says, "They were continually devoting themselves to apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

The Greek word used here for fellowship *koinonia*. Koinonia is defined as "being in agreement with one another, being united in purpose, and serving along side of each other".

To realize what koinonia should look like, we need to look at the phrase "one another" and how often it is found in the New Testament.

- Romans 12:10...be devoted to one another and honor one another
- Romans 12:16...live in harmony with one another
- Romans 15:7...accept one another
- Galatians 5:13...serve one another in love

- Ephesians 4:32...be kind and compassionate to one another
- Colossians 3:16...teaching and admonishing one another
- John 3:11...Love one another.

So as you can see, koinonia is a very broad term.

I'm sorry, but I don't think we can call meeting with 150 to 200 people for an hour once a week koinonia. Small groups are a better answer for koinonia.

I love to just sit and experience the closeness of our small group on Wednesday nights. Just recently, the importance of small groups was revealed to me when a couple who are no longer able to attend because of health informed the group how much they will miss us because we are their true friends!

At another small group meeting, another person stated that this is the first time in his life he could comfortably confide in

someone. If our small group fails to meet during the week, I just feel like there is an empty hole in that week. Small groups are something special. They are a step up from church. They are true koinonia!

I encourage each and every one of you to get involved with a small group. To check out the small groups that are available, go to the Delta Christian Church website, [www.deltachristianchurch.org](http://www.deltachristianchurch.org). If something doesn't fit your needs, consider starting a new small group. Don't hesitate to call anyone on the small groups committee for more information or help in starting a small group: Don Chapman at 216-0466, Judy Chapman at 250-2270 or Cheryl Chapman at 216-4303.

We feel that small groups are the center for koinonia at our church. Please don't put it off — get involved today!

Love others well,  
and don't hide  
behind a mask; love  
authentically.  
Despise evil; pursue  
what is good as if  
your life depends on  
it. 10 Live in true  
devotion to one  
another, loving each  
other as sisters and  
brothers. Be first to  
honor others by  
putting them first.  
✠Romans 12:9,10

## New Student and Family Ministries intern

Introduced at church on Sept. 6, Megan Shreeves will be interning in our student and family ministries.

Megan grew up in Delta and graduated from Delta High School. She has quite a story. If you don't already know it, you should ask

her about it.

She writes of herself, "I believe that I have been called to a life of full-time ministry, and am learning more about what that will look like every day. I have had the pleasure of being involved with Young Life for the past five years, and

have served as a team leader for the middle school team for most of that time. My passion is for students and I am excited to see where that takes me in this role and beyond. I am currently pursuing a degree in Biblical Studies from Colorado Christian University."



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Catch up on The Journey  
Parts I & II on our website



## Ministry opportunities

**Nursery** —The DCC children's ministry is looking for great people who would love to hold babies and whisper, "Jesus loves you!" in their ear. If you are one of these people, please talk to Kirsten to find out how you can be on the frontlines of children's ministry with just a 1 1/2-hour/month commitment.

**Food Hospitality** — Our women's ministry recognizes the importance of providing meals for individuals and families when they have a need.

If you like to cook and

you're willing to provide a meal or part of a meal occasionally (whether you're a woman or a man!), Joan Jones would like to add your name to her list.

Joan will be scheduling meals when a new baby arrives, when illness or injury occurs, or when there has been a death.

Leave a note with your name and phone number at The Intersection. For more information, call Joan at 874-4938.

### **The Journey kickoff** —

There are plenty of things that need to be done during The Journey Conference. Teens and

adults can help in the kitchen, serve meals, bake at home, be a host/hostess on Saturday, babysit, set up, decorate, clean up on Friday and/or Saturday, tear down on Saturday afternoon.

You can write your name and phone number, along with how you'd like to help, on the bulletin tear-off and leave it at The Intersection.

### **Building Presentation**

— People within the DCC family keep our building clean and presentable. To sign up to help, check out the options at The Intersection.

## Looking for suggestions, writers, photographers

The purpose of this newsletter is to bridge the information gap between Sunday announcements, bulletin announcements, Facebook posts and emails. It is just one of the many tools that can keep us all on the same track at the same time.

There is a reason the newsletter is called DCC Family News. We are a church family. A really big church family. But no matter what the size of the family, communication is critical for us to be healthy.

We need constant communication going both directions between staff members, ministry leaders, and the rest of the body.

So if you have any suggestions for this newsletter or any of our other methods of communication, please let me know.

And if you'd like to submit an article about a ministry, group or event at DCC, come talk to me! Articles should be no more than about 175—300 words in length, but can be less.

I would also like to in-



Buffy Zentmeyer, editor

clude pictures of events, small group activities, etc., so send those along, too.

Both articles and pictures need to be timely, and will be considered as space is available.