

# Dellview Baptist Church News & Views



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## Judging A Person By Their Past By Pastor Phil

A church was in need of a pastor when their pastor retired after many years of service. They had formed a committee, and looked at many candidates. Everyone who had been chosen by the committee was rejected by the church. They just could not agree on what they wanted in a pastor. Knowing this confusion could destroy the church, one of the deacons wrote a letter that would look like it was from a man who was applying for the job. It read:

"Sirs:  
I would like to apply to fill your vacant pastor position. I am qualified to preach the Good News with anointed power and would like the chance to preach in your church. Let me give you a little of my background.

I have been a very outspoken leader everywhere I have gone, and some even say I am a very good organizer and church planter. I am over 50, and I have never preached more than three years in one place

because I have always been called to go elsewhere. There have been times when after just a few months they have demanded that I leave. In some places, I have caused great dissension and have even been beaten on occasion for what I preached. Also, I will have to be honest and tell you, I have been thrown in jail on more than one occasion, but it was not my fault or because I did anything wrong.

I have rarely gotten along with any of the church leaders and know that they will not give me a good recommendation. In fact, some have even threatened to have me arrested if I showed my face around their church again. I do not keep very good records and I have even forgotten who I have baptized, but if you will consider me to be your pastor I promise to do all I can to bring you closer to Jesus Christ."

The elder read that letter to the congregation, and there was no hesitation at all before it was a unanimous vote to reject this man as their pastor. They said he was an old troublemaker who was a jailbird and the community would never go for him. It was clear they had no liking for this man at all. When all comments had been given and all votes had been cast, the elder said, "Oh, I forgot to tell you who sent this. He signs his name, 'the Apostle Paul.'

We judge a person based upon what we can see of his past, don't we? If we all wrote our resume and told the truth, we probably would not hire us based on who we were or what we have done. Thank God we are new creations in Christ and who we were and what we have done does not matter to God.

**With God there is no past or future, only the present. We all have a past, but we should look at our future and know God has a plan for our lives. Have you surrendered your life to Him and are you serving Him today?**

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

I would like to applaud our children for their great job in singing every month. A big Thank You to Ms. Rebecca, for doing such an awesome job in leading the children in song.

It is time to get things ready for **Vacation Bible School 2019** June 10-14. This year's theme is "**Backstage with the Bible.**" We will be needing **teachers, helpers, craft leader, kitchen help, and game leaders.** If you are interested in any position, please contact Cyndi Sanchez at 210-518-8439 or Debra Trull at 210-344-6273. As time gets closer, we will be asking for donations of items needed for VBS. Thank you in advance for all your support. This month **MDO kids** will be studying about spring, insects and rodeo. Our elementary kids will be studying from Go Fish resources, the topic will be "I Believe." The youth will be studying from Sunday School Center resources. Their topic will be "Who We Are" vs. "Who We Are Called To Be." This month's verse is from Isaiah 61:11 — *"For as the soil makes the sprout come up, and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations."*

Have A Blessed Day

## CAMP BAKERY

- \*\* On March 31, we will hold our first fundraiser for Youth Camp
- \*\* We need volunteers to make any baked items
- \*\* You can make a cake, a pie, 2 dozen cookies or 1 dozen cupcakes, homemade bread or ???

**SIGN UP TODAY TO HELP FUND**

**YOUTH CAMP 2019**



CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS



**MARCH 31**

**10:00-10:35 -- IN THE GYM**

**DELLVIEW CAFÉ \*\* MOBILE LIBRARY**

**YOUTH BAKE SALE \*\* AGAPE MINISTRY BAGS**

**10:45 - CHURCH IN THE CHAPEL**

**Everyone is Invited!**

## DELLVIEW STAFF

**Phil Risley, Pastor**  
**Billie Schneider, Music**  
**Cyndi Sanchez, Youth, Children**  
**Debra Trull, Office Manager**  
**Betty Blanchard, Office Assistant**  
**Lucy Herrera, Mothers Day Out Director**  
**Jimmy Onion, Deacon Chairman**

## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out all the announcements for the month on the tv in the foyer. Take a minute before or after church to find out what's going on at DBC.

Church Calendar available 24/7 on our website [dellviewbaptistchurch.org](http://dellviewbaptistchurch.org)

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**3 Cindy Garcia**  
**3 John Roberts**  
**5 Maggie Jimenez**  
**9 Deneen Sanchez**  
**11 Barry Huff**  
**12 James A Onion**  
**15 Opal Gobon**  
**16 Dalia Trevino**  
**17 Timothy Huff**  
**17 Billie Blize**  
**20 Gudrun Onesimus**  
**24 Francine Holbrook**  
**26 Christopher Bansah**



**19 Kelly Sartain**  
**23 Tony Vargas**  
**25 Anelisa Huff**

## NOTES TO SING BY ... *Billie Schneider*

Some of you may know that I love antique (or just very old) books and have acquired a few over the years, mostly hymnals and song books. We went to an estate sale recently and I purchased a 1936 **Watkins Cookbook** for only \$3.00, and the original price of the book was \$1.00.

The other book I found wasn't quite as old, only 1949, but it is **Music of the World: a History**. I can't wait to read it. The author states at the beginning that, "All life is sound", and "Music is as old as mankind." Another statement that caught my attention on the first page is, "Children everywhere and without exception are born with musical abilities, with voices, and with hearing. The difference lies only in what they do with these gifts."

I also believe that everyone has a song that begins at birth and ends at death. We are all capable of making such beautiful music – some with voices, some with instruments, and some with words or deeds. Refusing to use these innate gifts to make the world a better place somehow seems like disregard for God's creativity. Humans are born to praise the creator in so many ways, and He gave us the ability to do so each in our own way.

For Christmas, I received a devotional book titled **The Songs of Jesus**, a study from Psalms. When you think about it, these verses that we read today were the spoken verses and words set to music that the early Jewish people used. These were treasured songs that carried so much praise and worship through the good and bad times of life that we still have them today. What songs are YOU singing today that you think will still be around next year? For the next 100 years, or more?

Make time to take inventory of your personal music and see if the song you are singing (remember, not necessarily a musical song) is something worth passing on to future generations. One of David's psalms/songs says, "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord...Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn." (Psalms 22:27-31 NIV)

**Use the old songs from the old books, like Psalms, to focus your personal song to speak to all the future generations.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship	25	26	27 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28	1	2 9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting
3 Kids Sunday-kids stay in church with parents 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM LORD'S SUPPER 10:45 AM Worship	4	5	6 7:00 PM First Wednesday Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship	11	12	13 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14	15	16 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast
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31 Church in the Chapel - Delview Cafe - Mobile Library Youth Bake Sale 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship	1	2	3 7:00 PM First Wednesday Bible Study	4	5	6 9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting

## AGAPE MINISTRY

Hope you are joining in on the new Agape Ministry. We are collecting items through March 10 to make bags for the homeless. Each bag will contain 1 of the following: beanie weenies, crackers, juice box, jello or pudding, toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, deodorant and gospel tract.

Items will be collected and bags will be made and available on March 31 (church in the chapel day) for you to pick up.

When you see a homeless person on the street or stop light.... give them a bag! Together, we can make a difference!

# Meet the Members (& friends) **Rebecca & Family**

**I was born in Kerrville Texas.** My mom, Mary, is from San Antonio and my Dad, Theodore, was from Kerrville. My dad passed away in 1985. I am a descendent of Jose Policarpio "Polly" Rodriguez who was a Methodist minister in Bandera, Texas. I am distant cousins with Linda, Lucy and Martha.



My great-great grandfather was a brother of their grandfather. My dad, Theodore, is buried at Polly's Cemetery in Bandera near the church that my great grandfather built. I grew up going to church at Calvary Baptist Church in Kerrville, Texas, where my great grandmother, Argentina Arreola, was a big part of my religious upbringing.

After my father passed away, I moved to San Antonio and attended McCollum High School and graduated in 1990. I attended UTSA after graduation, but did not finish. I met John A. Garcia and we married in 1993.

John and I moved to Fennel Dr. in 1997. Shortly after moving to the neighborhood, he became ill. I started attending Dellview Baptist Church in 1997. The members were so nice and even though John was not attending, they would visit him. John was hospitalized in 1998 for about a year due to lupus and complete organ failure. The support of Dellview Baptist Church was key to our spiritual health. After he was released from the hospital, he began attending Dellview with me and we were both baptized in 1999. John and I were divorced in 2011, but remain great friends. I left the church for a while after that, but I am so happy I returned a couple of years ago. I love Dellview.



I met Rolando in 2011 and we moved back to Fennel. We had Teddy in 2011 and Lizzy in 2013. Rolando is a waiter and works every Sunday, but he does get to visit and come to see the kids sing. We are so happy that Teddy and Lizzy are growing up

in a great church family. Rolando knows many of the Dellview Mother's Day Out parents and teachers because Teddy and Lizzy attended for several years. Now they attend Idea Mays School. Teddy is in the second grade and Lizzy is in kindergarten. Rolando loves gaming, works part time and helps with all the homework and caring for the children Monday thru Saturday.

With the support of Rolando and the kids, I was able to return to UTSA in January. I am working on a degree in Exercise Physiology with a minor in Business. I have worked for 25 years at USAA as a Life Insurance Underwriter. I am also a Healthcoach and work at Next Level Nutrition. I not only sell Herbalife, I coach and support all my clients in their goals. I have lost 47 lbs and after I leave USAA, I plan to open my own nutrition shop. We offer free workouts throughout the week at Next Level Nutrition on Grissom Road.



I went back to school to be an example for my kids. I also promised my dad and all his family I would finish college so it is a personal goal of mine. Most of my family in Kerrville is now in heaven and I miss them dearly. I tell you – going to school with millennials is something else. They don't stress about much, some don't even buy the books for the class. I am making friends and actually feel like the mother. LOL. They could all be my kids.

My favorite scripture is the same as retired Spurs player, David Robinson – Jeremiah 29:11. John and I have been season Spurs ticket holders since 1999. We share the tickets and on special games John and I attend the games together. We are going to Manu's retirement together in March.



I help Mrs. Cyndi with Kid Sing and I joined the Worship Team back in June and recently joined the choir. I love working with the WIT team. Billie and Debbie are such a blessing in my life. I love JM Preslar. He would always visit with John and me and I miss Ken Hoofard a lot. I am so blessed to be a part of Dellview Baptist Church.