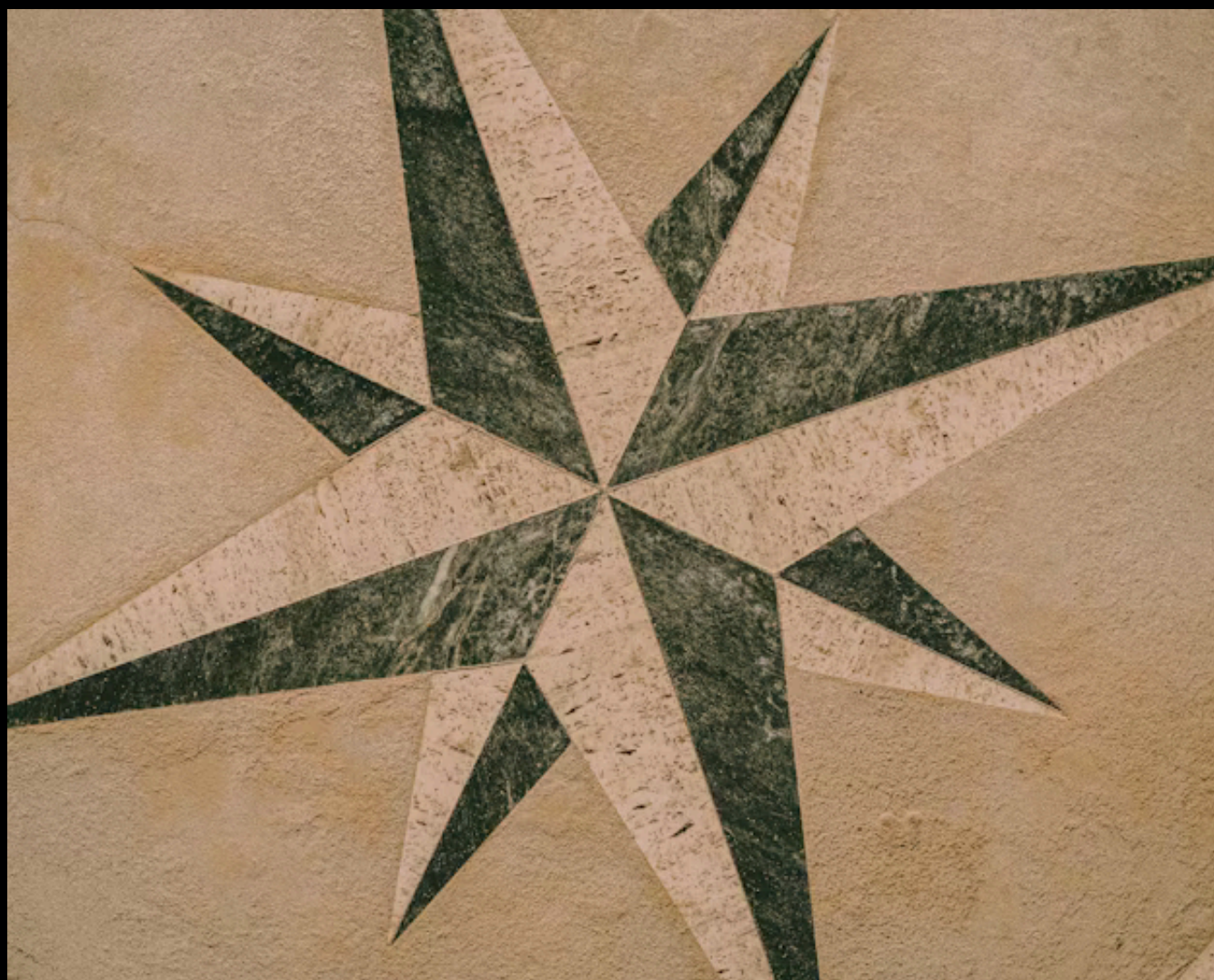


# DISCOVER DEL NORTE

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# HOW *this* WORKS

Welcome to Del Norte. We are so happy to have you join us and are honored you would allow us to walk alongside you as you follow Jesus. We believe the Church is Jesus' chosen means of reaching the world with the power of the Gospel, but that doesn't just happen through a building or a weekend worship service. It happens through people partnering together and with God.

The following is to help you understand how we endeavor to do that faithfully. All of it begins and ends with what we call the Gospel.

## **The Gospel**

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- Historical Context
- The "Good News"
- The Gospel Story

## **The Church**

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- Who We Are
- What We Believe
- How We Work

## **The Mission**

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- Formed by Jesus
- Built on Prayer
- Designed for Mission

## **The Impact**

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- Next Steps
- Your Story
- Membership Application

# THE GOSPEL -

The word "Gospel" was not originally a religious word; it was a Roman political word used to talk about the "good news" of the king. The New Testament authors adopted the word to tell the true good news of the true King, Jesus

## Historical Context

"The most divine Caesar...we should consider equal to the beginning of all things...for when everything was falling into disorder and tending toward dissolution, he restored it once more and gave the whole world a new aura...The "Providence" which has regulated our whole existence has brought our life to the climax of perfection in giving us Emperor Augustus sent to us as "Savior". He has put an end to war and has set all things in order."

(The Gospel of Caesar Augustus. Priene Inscription 150.40-41)



## The Gospel Story

### CREATION

God created an uncorrupted, perfect world commissioning humans, made in His image, to live in relationship with Him and reflect His glory into all creation.

### REDEMPTION

Through faith in Jesus, we are forgiven, made new, and invited into God's Kingdom to join His mission of restoring all things until Christ returns.

### FALL

Humanity rebelled against God, bringing sin, brokenness, and death into creation.

### RENEWAL

God initiated a plan to restore creation, beginning with Israel and culminating in Jesus, who lived, died, and rose again in fulfillment of the Law and Prophets. He defeated sin and death making a way for all people to be redeemed.

# The “Good News”



The Gospel is the good news that God Himself, the Creator, has personally entered into our world to rescue us from sin and restore all things through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through this, God is establishing His Kingdom by the Spirit’s power, working in His people.

- This message begins with **God's grace**—entirely initiated by Him—not something we earn, but a gift of His unmerited love.
- This good news is **substitutionary**: Christ has come, lived, died in our place, and risen on our behalf, taking our sin to the grave and offering us his righteousness.
- This good news is **participatory**: we are called to live within and proclaim God’s ongoing work of redemption, bearing fruit as His people.
- This good news is news of a **Kingdom**, not merely personal salvation, but the reign of Jesus manifesting in every part of creation.
- This good news is **powerful**. It brings the dead to life, fills us with God's presence, and empowers us to be a community that previews His coming renewal of all things.

## Restoration made Possible

We believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Messiah, is the only hope for humankind. Solely by God’s grace are people redeemed from sin and death and made righteous and alive in Christ. The message of the Gospel is that Christ has done what is necessary to bring us into relationship with God. We believe that the Gospel speaks to the whole person, and can transform anyone anywhere, bringing the healing and restoration needed to advance God’s Kingdom of heaven on earth.

# THE CHURCH

## Birthed from Mission

In 1949 FBC Albuquerque recognized that the growth of the city was outpacing the presence of the church. As Albuquerque expanded, there simply were not enough churches to meet the spiritual needs of the community. So they stepped out to start a mission, purchasing a small piece of land and building a modest worship space. They held their first service on July 2, 1950. Within a year, the mission had grown enough to be self-sustaining and was officially established as Bel Air Baptist Church, with UNM student Kenneth Chaffin as the first pastor.



Bel Air Baptist Church ~1960s



Del Norte Baptist Church ~1970s

## Pioneering Albuquerque

The city continued to grow, and so did the church as they missionally engaged their community. In less than 20 years the church had grown from ~110 to ~440 in worship outgrowing the small missional building. In 1967, the church relocated and changed the name to match its new community, becoming Del Norte Baptist Church. The new property required a bond issue of \$240,000 making it one of the largest ever issued in New Mexico at the time. Even some of the state leadership tried to discourage the move labeling it as “too ambitious”, but what seemed ambitious to some was simply faithfulness to what God was doing.

## 75 Years In The Making

Over the last 75 Years Del Norte has encountered wonderful ups and some difficult downs. In 2000 the church endured a difficult split. Being in a city, there's been constant transition of people coming and going. We've had seasons marked by notable growth and seasons that have required recalibration and perseverance.

Yet, through all of it, Del Norte has remained rooted in mission. We are not a church primarily built on a building, a program, or a personality. We are a church built on missions; a church designed to love and reach people as the hands and feet of Jesus and to invite them to come know Him as Savior.



Vacation Bible School, 1964



Youth Sunday School, 1973

# WHAT WE BELIEVE



These are our essential points of faith, meaning we ask every member to affirm these beliefs

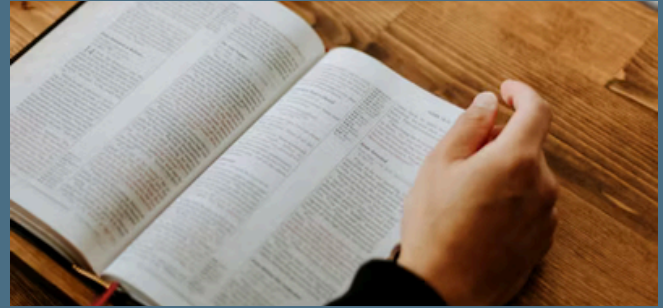
## The Bible

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The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.



(Exodus 24:4; Psalm 119:11; Jeremiah 36; Matthew 5:17-18; Luke 21:23; John 17:17; Romans 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

## The Triune God

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There is only one true God, revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.



(Genesis 1:1-2; Isaiah 64:8, 7:14, 61:1-3; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30, 4:7-31; Acts 1:1-9; 1 John 4:4-5:12)

## The Fall

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Adam and Eve were created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race.



(Genesis 1:26-39, 3; Psalm 1; Romans 1:19-32, 3:23, 5:6-12)

# Salvation

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The only way of salvation is by grace through faith in the atonement and righteousness of Jesus Christ. Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it.



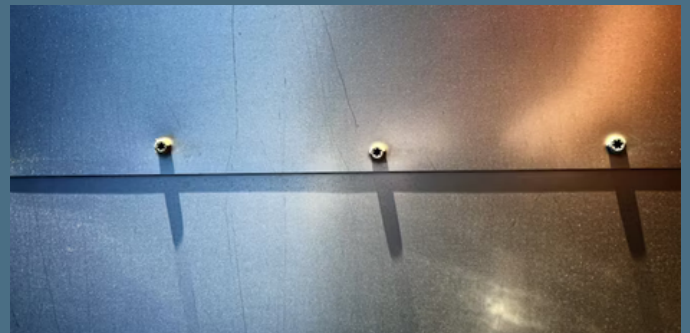
(Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23-37, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9)

# Assurance

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Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. Salvation is received through faith, and it is retained through faith. One who has been genuinely saved cannot lose it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian.



(John 10:29, 14:2-3; Romans 8:38-39; Hebrews 13:5; Revelation 3:20)

# Baptism

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Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.



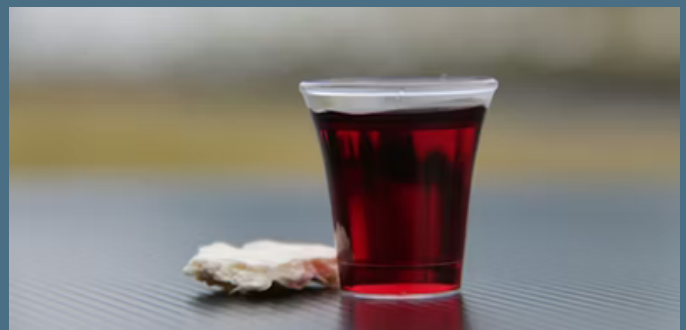
(Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 2:41-42; Acts 16:30-33; Romans 6:3-11)

# Lord's Supper

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Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby believers memorialize the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and anticipate His second coming.



(Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-39)

# Life After Death

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There will be a resurrection of the dead and a time when all mankind will be judged according to their deeds. The unbelievers shall go into everlasting punishment, but the believers into eternal life with God.



(Matthew 16:27; 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-26; Luke 19:20-37; John 14:1-3; Romans 14:10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 20:11-15)

# Marriage

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We define marriage as a life covenant between one man and one woman according to Scripture. We believe the Bible teaches that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and woman who are married to each other. Therefore, any sexual activity outside of the context of the marriage relationship is sinful.



(Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 5:15-20, 6:20-22, 18:22, 24:3; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, 9:9; Colossians 3:18-19; Titus 2:3-5; Hebrews 13:4)

# God's Image

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We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Therefore, rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person; God's gift to that person; and God's plan for that person. That being said, we also believe that one's ultimate identity is to be found, not in their gender, sexual orientation or marital status, but in their identity as a child of God.



(Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:13-16; Romans 8:16; 1 John 3:1-3)

# Singleness

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We believe that singleness is a gift from God and affirm the fact that it is not always God's will for a person to be married. We believe that value, purpose, meaning, and significance in life doesn't require that one be married, for fulfillment and purpose is found only and ultimately in our love relationship with God through Christ and our finding contentment in Him.



(Isaiah 54:4; Jeremiah 3:14; Matthew 19:11-12; 1 Corinthians 7:1, 32-35; Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5-6.)

# Treating Others Well

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We believe in the importance of welcoming everyone who wishes to participate in the activities of our church in an effort to seek truth and know God through Christ, without showing discrimination in any way. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are not to be found within the fellowship of God's family.



(Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31; Romans 13:8-10; James 2:1-9)

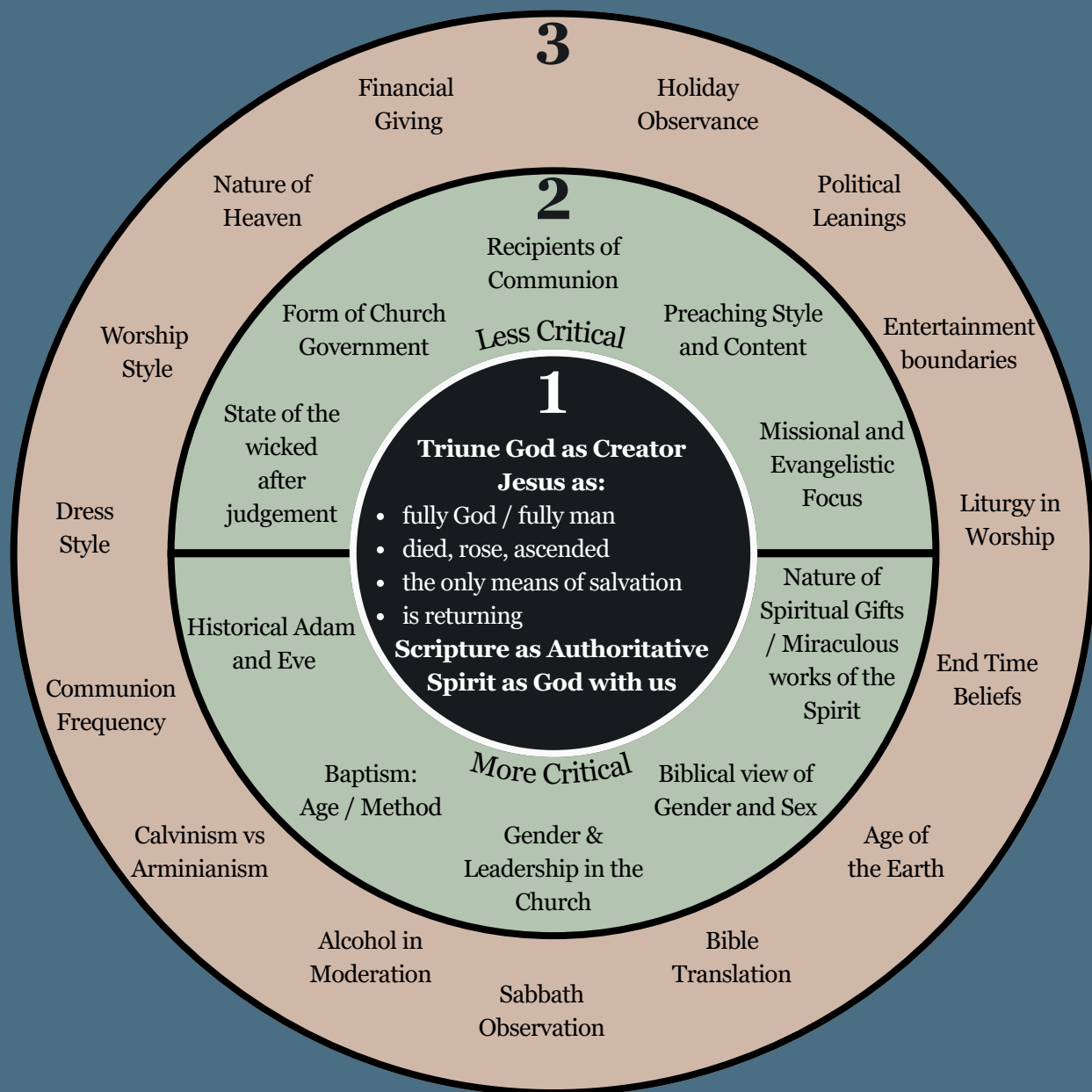
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For a more detailed list of our beliefs, read the Baptist Faith and Message 1963 which you can find by scanning the QR code.



# DOCTRINAL TIERS

Not all doctrines are created equal. It's imperative to understand that some doctrines define us as believers, while others are less clear in Scripture. The following is by no means exhaustive, but helps give insight into how we seek unity amidst doctrinal debates.



## Tier 1: Defines our Faith

These doctrines are critical to the Christian faith deeming anything outside of these beliefs has heretical.

## Tier 2: Defines our Fellowship

These doctrines are important, but do not define whether a person is a Christian. These are often worthwhile reasons for division of fellowship, but do not necessarily mean those who disagree are not Christians.

## Tier 3: Defines our Friendly Disagreements

These doctrines may be openly discussed and debated within a local church, but should not impact our ability to worship in unity.

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN *to be* SOUTHERN BAPTIST



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## Essential Doctrinal Unity // Autonomous Operation

You'll find many different looking "SBC" churches. That's because every Southern Baptist church is **autonomous**, meaning we all set our own bylaws, call our own pastors, and determine our own budgets. The Association and Convention assist the churches while allowing for each church to determine congregational direction and mission.

At the same time, each SBC church does partner in doctrinal unity with the statements of the BF&M. This allows for each individual church to find unity while also holding to congregational convictions and outreaches.

## Missional Cooperation

Del Norte also participates in the "**Cooperative Program**," which is "the financial fuel for reaching every person for Jesus Christ in every town, every city, every state, and every nation." The CP funds ministries including:

- The International Mission Board
- The North American Mission Board
- The Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission
- SBC Seminaries
- State Conventions

DNBC gives 7.5% of all general funds directly to the CP allowing us to have a gospel impact across the globe. This also allows us to connect with other churches and ministries in order to achieve more effective outreach.

## Evangelistic Focus

We believe the Gospel is not only worth sharing; we believe it is the only hope for our world. Therefore, we partner alongside the SBC to ensure we are partaking in that mission effectively. At the same time, we want to ensure that we are being missional right here in Albuquerque through our various ministries and teachings.

## Local Affiliations:

We most closely partner with the Central Baptist Association and the Baptist Convention of New Mexico.

- The CBA is a group of sister churches around Albuquerque, the East Mountains, South Valley, and other surrounding towns who come together for mission and support purposes.
- The BCNM is headquartered here in Albuquerque and helps resource us and other Southern Baptist Churches for ministry and outreach.

## **Worship and Sunday Gatherings:**

- Worship Team / Praise Team- Lead the congregation in worship during the 11:00 service
- Choir / Orchestra - Lead in worship during the 8:30 service.
- Audio / Visual Team - Operate sound, lighting, livestream, and recordings.
- Decorations Team - Prepare the worship center and other spaces for services and seasonal events.
- Welcoming Team - Greet guests, assist with seating, help people find classes, and create a hospitable and safe environment for Sunday services.

## **Teaching and Discipleship:**

- Bible Study Teachers - Lead adults in studying and applying Scripture on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights.
- Men's Ministry - Help lead and coordinate events to help men build community and grow spiritually.
- Women's Ministry - Help lead and coordinate events to help women build community and grow spiritually.
- Senior Adult Ministry - Help lead and coordinate events to help seniors build community and grow spiritually.

## **Next Generation Ministries\***

- Youth Ministry – Serve middle school and high school students through studies, events, and trips
- Collegiate Ministry - Help connect with college students helping them to grow and learn through their post-grad years.
- Children & Youth Events – Help with camps, retreats, Vacation Bible School, and special events
- Extended Teaching Care (ETC) – Care for preschoolers during worship services
- Children's & Preschool Bible Study Teachers – Teach biblical truths to younger ages on Sunday mornings.
- Children's Church / Kids Worship – Lead age-appropriate worship during services
- Ignite Kids Ministry – Teach biblical truths to younger ages on Wednesday evenings.

## **Outreach and Service**

- Feed the Kids – Provide food for children in need at Gov. Bent Elementary
- Helping Hands Ministry – Assist with home repairs and practical needs
- Missions Mobilization Team – Help the church engage in local and global missions
- English as a Second Language (ESL) – Teach English and build relationships with internationals
- Tutoring Ministry – Support local students with reading and education

## **Support and Operations**

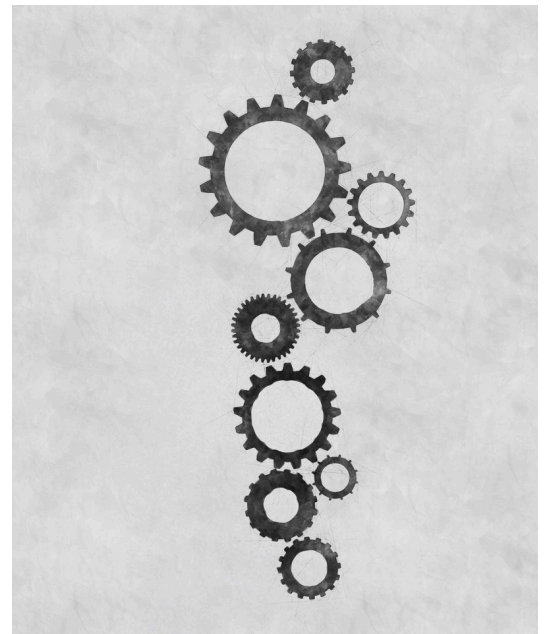
- Money Counters – Count and process weekly offerings
- Office Volunteers – Assist staff with administrative tasks during the week

\*We require all volunteers working with children to complete a background check and pass a "Ministry Safe" training course before engaging with the ministry.



# **CURRENT MINISTRIES AT DEL NORTE**

# HOW WE *Work*



## Maintaining Order and Conducting Business

Del Norte is a congregational church organized through three primary teams:

- The Stewardship and Operations Team
- The Ministry Focus Team (Staff)
- The Deacons

meaning the church affirms all major decisions such as budget, hiring staff, or major building initiatives, while the three teams work to ensure day-to-day operations and weekly ministries and worship services are functioning and effective.

## Practically this means:

- The Stewardship and Operations Team provides oversight in areas like finances, personnel, property, and legal matters through monthly meetings.
- The Ministry Focus Team leads and organizes the various ministries of the church ranging from securing space for ministry to recruiting volunteers to planning events and worship.
- The Deacons serve the church by caring for people and supporting ministry needs.

## Quarterly Ministry Fiesta

Each quarter, the church hosts a Sunday night evening meal followed by a business section where various leaders from the Ministry Focus Team, the Stewardship and Operations Team, the Deacons, and the Pastor give reports on the previous quarter. This gives the church space to ask questions and vote on new members, upcoming decisions, and the general direction of the church.

## Our Staff

- **Senior Pastor:**
  - Phillip Smith - phillip@dnbc.org
- **Associate Pastor of Worship**
  - Dr. Ira Pinkston - ira@dnbc.org
- **Associate Pastor of Growth**
  - Kevin Warner - kevin@dnbc.org
- **Business Administrator**
  - Judi Hain - judi@dnbc.org
- **Children's Minister**
  - Sydney Turrieta - sydney@dnbc.org

## Current SoT

- Terry Berry
- Mike Coppedge
- Gene Fisher (Chair)
- Michael Hickman
- Valerie Lewis
- Kathy Loudat
- Larry Marshal

## Current Deacons

- Andy Blackford
- Mike Coppedge
- Erik Dawson
- Gene Fisher
- Jesse Hilligoss
- Wayne Hughes
- Jason Kerby
- Jeff Mauldin
- Bill Williams

# THE MISSION

*Designed  
for Mission*



*Formed  
by Jesus*

*Built  
on Prayer*

DEL NORTE

# THE MISSION

FORMED BY JESUS



We're all being formed by something. Politics, media, childhood experiences, education, and social media algorithms all vie for influence over our lives. Disciples of Jesus understand that being formed by Him means giving Him authority to transform every part of our lives.

*“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

*-Matthew 11:28-30*

## **Transformation over Information**

Dr. James K.A. Smith said, “You can’t think your way to Christlikeness.” While we want to teach good theology and doctrine, we do not expect a mere head knowledge of biblical facts to invoke change in maturing Christians. Ultimately, information does not produce transformation. Because knowing something is not the same as doing something. Our end goal is not to become an academy where people garner information, but a church where people live like Jesus and are continually being formed into His likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18).

## **Relationship to Discipleship**

You often hear the pithy phrase “Relationship not Religion” as a retort against more legalistic or traditional streams of Christianity, and we radically believe that is the right starting point. God’s invitation to us, through the Gospel, is an invitation into relationship before it is ever an invitation to action. Still, we can’t forget that the core of Jesus’ invitation wasn’t “Have relationship with Me.” It was “Follow Me.”

There is nothing we can do to earn enough favor to receive that invitation; it is on offer through, and only through, Jesus’ infinite love poured out for us. However, in the words of Dallas Willard: “Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning.” We can’t conflate the two. Your relationship with Jesus will, in time, give way to the demands of discipleship. A discipleship that doesn’t exist in order to be saved, but because you are saved. We talk about the concept of discipleship through this language of formation, and our desire as your church is to be a primary tool for that formation, which we believe happens both actively and passively through the filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

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## **Active Spirit-Empowered Practice of Scripture**

As A.W. Tozer famously said, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” We cannot help but to become like what we envision God to be like. The problem, however, is that sin radically distorts our view of God. Scripture is the core remedy for this problem. While the blood of Jesus, and Jesus alone, saves us from our sin and brokenness, it is Scripture that offers correction to our sin and brokenness.

This is why we try to intentionally design our Sunday Services to emphasize and teach Scripture well. However, a 35-minute expository sermon once a week is not enough for true formation. For Scripture to truly form us, we must read it, memorize it, meditate on it, study it, pray it, and sing it just to name a few components, and, while we will make this a priority within our church, our goal is to equip you to do it at home, also.

## **Active Spirit-Empowered Practice of Community**

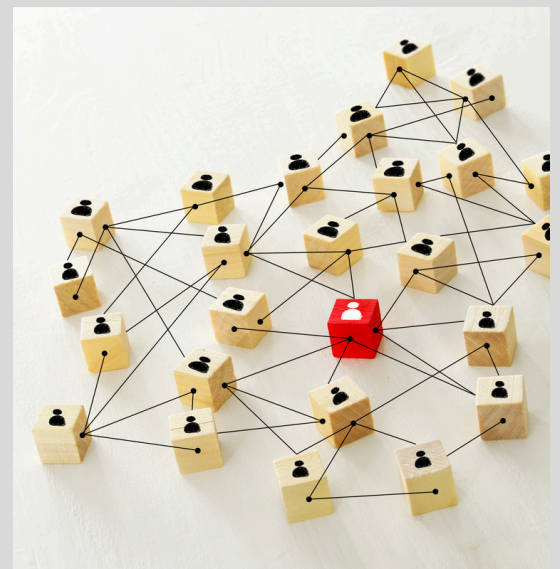
You cannot follow Jesus alone. It’s not that you “shouldn’t” follow Jesus alone. You CANNOT follow Jesus alone. Community is the incubator of formation. With that in mind, we want to create a community that calls people to deeper formation. At the same time, we can all but guarantee that if you spend enough time with us you will find brokenness. You will hurt or be hurt by someone else.

So, if you’re coming in thinking that Del Norte might just offer the perfect community as compared to what you’ve dealt with in the past, I’m afraid you’ll be sorely mistaken. In the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “Those who love their dream of a Christian Community more than they love the Christian community itself become destroyers of that Christian community.” It’s not that we believe community is easy or simple, but we believe it is vital both in large and small group settings.

Our large group community model is almost exclusively the Sunday worship hours, and while we’re not going to keep a running record of attendance, it’s vital that the Sunday hour is a commitment you and your family make when able to worship with us.

Our small group community model most notably happens during “Sunday School/Bible Study” in between our worship services. We have multiple different groups ranging from children’s classes to a plethora of adult classes. Outside of Sundays, we offer Wednesday meals and small groups to follow, as well.

\*Both Sundays and Wednesdays offer children’s bible classes so that parents can find space to learn and participate in small group with a bit more intention.



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## **Passive Spirit Empowered Practice of Time**

Formation demands both a lifetime and a long time. None of us become like Jesus overnight. Rather formation happens through long and sometimes arduous obedience over a lifetime of following Jesus, with intentionally dedicated time throughout that lifetime.

It's likely that before any particular sin lays siege to your formation, the first attack will come with the phrase: "I'm too busy." While sympathetic to the feeling of ever-present hectic busyness, stats show that the average millennial spends 4 hours a day on their phones and 3 hours a day watching TV.

A key component to formation is developing a lifestyle of following Jesus for the long-haul.

## **Passive Spirit Empowered Practice of Suffering**

The most difficult moments in our lives – the ones we fear and avoid at all costs – are crucibles for formation. Every New Testament author understood this with far more loss and pain because of their faith than what most modern Americans will ever experience.

- "Consider it pure joy when faced with many trials." -James (James 1:2-4)
- "Afflictions produce endurance, endurance produces proven character, proven character produces hope." -Paul (Romans 5:3-4)
- "You suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith...may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." – Peter (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Part of the value of belonging to a church is that you have a place to find rest and love amidst your suffering. Del Norte will not be able to remove every aspect of pain and hurt, but we will work hard to stand with you when pain inevitably comes.

**Where are you seeing growth in your formation?  
Where are you struggling?**

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# THE MISSION

BUILT ON PRAYER



Every thing we do is in vain unless it is from God. Prayer is the means by which we continually ask “What does God want?” and ensure our decisions and desires are built on a godly foundation.

*“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stay awake in vain.”*

*-Psalm 127:1*

## **Abiding**

On the final night before his death, Jesus gives a rather lengthy teaching to his disciples, and near the opening of that teaching he explains: “Abide in me, and I in you” (John 15:4) We’ve developed a culture that often only views prayer as “intercession” meaning, our tendency is to invite prayer requests, then read them off as a list to God asking Him to do something about it, and while that’s good and has it’s place, the more foundational prayer is “abide.”

The bible teaches in Psalm 139 that God knows everything about us down to the thoughts in our head. Abiding means maintaining a cognitive awareness of that reality and being mentally attuned to our creator in prayer. That doesn’t mean you should hole up in a monastery so that you never get distracted. It means learning to be perpetually in two places at once.

- Drinking Coffee in the quiet of the morning and being with Jesus.
- Making breakfast for your children and being with Jesus.
- Driving down Montgomery and being with Jesus
- Sorting through your work inbox and being with Jesus.
- Studying for a final and being with Jesus.

A church built on prayer will demand it’s people be built on prayer, and building our lives on prayer doesn’t happen by merely pouring over a list of requests, but by practicing the perpetual presence of God or, in short, abiding in Him.

# THE MISSION

BUILT ON PRAYER

## **Intercession**

This is more the style of prayer we tend to think of when we think of church prayer meetings, and it too is right and good. We want to continually carry our brokenness and the brokenness of our friends and family before the throne of our creator asking for His guidance and care amidst the pains and difficulties of life.

This will most often and best happen in a small group where you can find space to reveal vulnerabilities and ask for prayer. However, in the case you want to request multiple people from the church pray, Pastor Kevin routinely sends out mass emails requesting prayers for various members.

## **Individual to Corporate**

Ultimately, we believe that our corporate prayer culture only grows when we prioritize individual prayer lives. Our goal is that every decision, from our annual budget to our Sunday sermon series are built upon both individual and corporate prayer.

Because, ultimately, we understand that we are not in control. We are neither the source of our own formation or the development of Del Norte. It is His power and His alone that can change, heal, fix, build, and renew the most damaged corners of our soul and of our church. Fostering an effective Del Norte Church is not found in building a perfect model or mastering a new technique, it is always result of the sheer grace of God, and that is a structure only built on prayer.

## **What's the key question prayer seeks to answer?**

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# THE MISSION

DESIGNED FOR MISSION



Mission isn't just an activity of our church—it defines our very identity. Through Jesus and the Spirit, God is working to bring about new creation in Albuquerque, and Del Norte is one of his chosen instruments in that mission.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all Nations.”

-Matthew 28:19

## **Personally Designed**

Dr. Michael Green argues that the vast majority of evangelism in the early church was done by ordinary Christians. Not Pastors. Not Church Events. Ordinary Christians explaining their unusual way of life to their family and friends. Ultimately, we want to follow that same sentiment. As we attempt to design our church for mission, we understand that it means first designing the people in our church for mission.

The most attractive part of our church should be the people. After all, they are the only part created in the very image of God, and that attraction should extend far beyond a friendly smile on a Sunday morning. The growth of Del Norte lies predominantly in the connections our congregation has within the city, from the hair salon or baseball field, to the Walmart check out or at a coffee shop. The individuals we baptize in the next years should be the people in close connections with you. The Great Commission is not a general command to the church, but a specific command to the disciples, including every single one of us.

# THE MISSION

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## Locally Designed

That being said, Del Norte also wants to put a high priority on being designed for mission as a church. Meaning we want to offer a place where people can come and safely learn and explore the ways of Jesus. This means everything from our building design to our nursery ministry should focus on the mission of Jesus. We want our children's ministry to be parent trusted, safe, and fun for children while also teaching them about the gospel. We want our youth group to be a place where teenagers can engage with one another with biblical structure and social games. We want our Sunday services to connect with people so that they can encounter the Savior through the gospel story.

None of this means we want to compromise even an inch on the integrity of the Gospel, but it does mean that we understand our mission is to the people of Albuquerque at this time, and we, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, want to build bridges to the gospel as effectively as possible.

## Globally Designed

While we want to prioritize Albuquerque as our local hub of gospel-mission work, it is also imperative we understand that this is a global call. This is why we partner with the International Mission Board and emphasize global missions within the church. We know that not everyone will be able to serve as a career missionary overseas, but participating in partnership can help equip us all the more to fulfill the missionary calling placed on every Jesus follower.

**What are some ways you strive to live missionally?**

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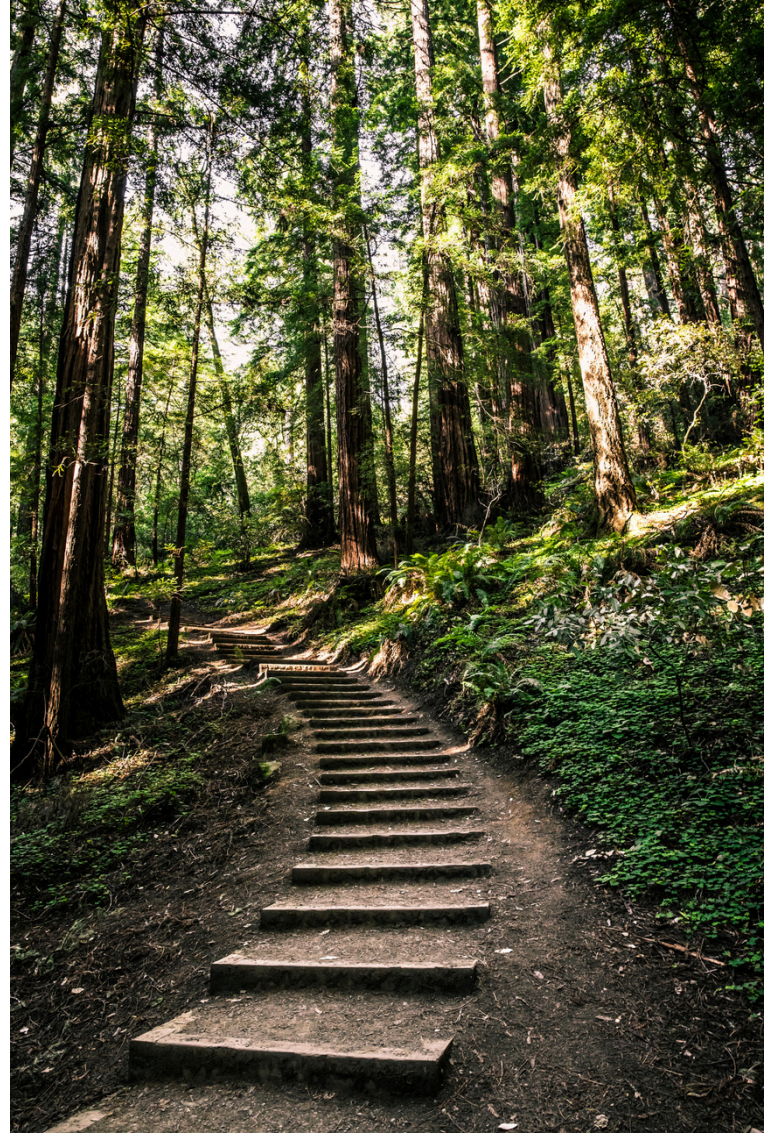
# THE IMPACT

## Next Steps

So where do you fit in? That's something for you to be in prayer about. These ideals, "Formed by Jesus. Built on Prayer. Designed for Mission" they have very little meaning without your help and involvement both on a personal and corporate level.

Personally, you represent the face of Del Norte wherever you go, and (far more importantly) you represent the name of your savior wherever you go. It's always worth reflecting on how the messiah we worship on Sunday matches the life standard we live by on Monday. Do the ways you treat your body and your neighbor, the words you use, the way you spend money or resolve conflict or deal with frustration and anger reflect that of Jesus? This side of eternity, not one of us has the ability to become perfect, but that doesn't mean we stop coming back to Jesus and asking him to forgive and then change us.

Corporately, we want you to be involved in ministry dynamics at our church. Find a ministry to serve in. Volunteer for children's ministry or welcoming team. Be intentional about welcoming new faces on Sunday morning. Participate in small groups. In short, be an active part of us and our mission. Commit to showing up even when there are frustrations and difficulties. Commit to working through conflict. Commit to living life at a pace where church is a sustainable practice.



## Commit to being:

- Formed by Jesus.
- Built on Prayer.
- Designed for Mission.

## Next Steps to Join Del Norte

1. Prayerfully Consider our Doctrinal Statements
2. Complete the application attached and give it to Pastor Phillip.
3. Determine how you will "join."
  - a. Salvation and Baptism
  - b. Baptism
  - c. Transfer of Letter
4. Come forward at the end of a Sunday Service

# YOUR STORY

Write out your testimony considering the following:

**1. Describe when you realized your need for God's grace?**

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**2. How did you respond?**

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**3. How has the Gospel impacted you since you responded?**

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# CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



# DEL NORTE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you repented of your sins, and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as your eternal savior?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

2. Have you been baptized by immersion as a testimony of your faith in Christ?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

3. Are you in agreement with our church's belief as reflected in our statement of faith?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

4. Are you currently a member of another church?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If so, please list the church's name and address:

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Is it a Southern Baptist Church? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no