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NEWSLETTER: Spring 2016

2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate 65 years on Easter Sunday March 27, 2016 with an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 8 am. Easter Eggs will be hiding throughout the Museum of Sculptures. Join us for the hunt! For more information contact 760-365-3984 or 760-369-4505.



Easter Sunrise Service
Evangelical Free Church Amphitheater
Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 6 am



Now the Park is **HOME SWEET HOME** for our wild birds. **Dedication ribbon cutting by the YV Chamber of Commerce, Friday, April 22 at 10 am.** Come out and identify our new residents. Birdseed and houses continue to be collected. **Thank you to those who have donated so far.**

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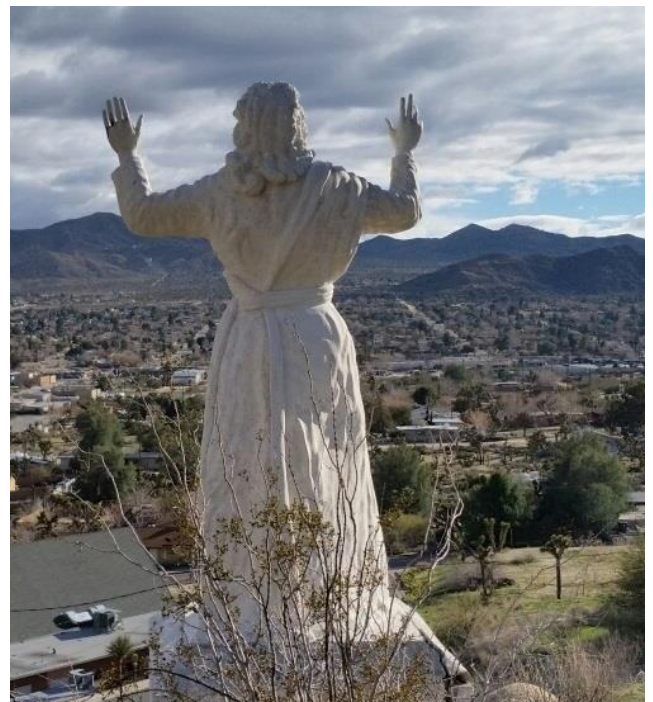
CELEBRATING 65 YEARS!



ON DESERT HIGHWAY, statue towers above Pastor Garver's patched-up truck during 135-mile trip from Martin's Los Angeles home to Yucca Valley.



SAFELY ON TOP, the concrete Christ—damaged right hand patched and wrapped—is guided onto the pedestal as Garver (right) signals to stop heaving.



A

Yucca Valley

Landmark

Visited by

People

From

Around

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World



DESERT CHRIST

Church moves 3-ton statue

As an act of faith which he hoped would outlast even atomic blasts, Antonio Martin, a Los Angeles bomber plant worker, molded a 10-foot-tall statue of Christ out of three tons of cement. The Yucca Valley Church, out in the desert, came forward with an offer to erect it where men of all faiths could see it. Martin gave it to them. Too poor to hire the work done, Pastor Eddie Garver and his flock trucked the statue out to Yucca Valley, labored in broiling sun to build a ramp and pedestal, then hoisted the statue (pp. 66, 71) atop a 90-foot hill, overlooking the desert. The next Sunday, Pastor Garver delivered the first sermon beneath the desert Christ.

1951 to 2016



**Ruth Long
1927 – 2015**

We wish to remember Ruth Long and her unwavering support of Desert Christ Park. Ruth was a founding member of the Morongo Basin Historical Society and helped to preserve many historical documents and photos of our Park history. She was also a longtime member of the Morongo Unified School Board. She will be missed by those who had the privilege to work with her.

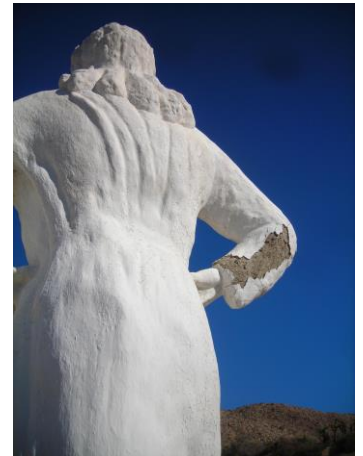
Restoration Campaign 2016

A Restoration Campaign is underway!

Sculptures and Park are in need of repairs

At an estimated cost of \$100,000.00

Restoration funds to date are \$200.00



Weather, vandalism, and lack of repair funds . . . the Park is crumbling

Your contribution is appreciated for the 2016 Restoration Campaign!

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www.DesertChristPark.org using PayPal**

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Up Coming Events:

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Sunday, March 27, 2016 following the Sunrise Service

Park Spring Clean-up Day ~ Fri. April 22, 2016, 10 am ~ bring tools and join us!

YV Chamber of Commerce Birdhouse Ribbon Cutting ~ Fri. April 22, 2016, 10 am

3rd Annual Christmas Treasure Hunt ~ Saturday, December 3rd from 2 pm - 4 pm

Park Wish List for Spring:

Stamps
Envelopes
Labels
Paper plain or colored
Printing ink
Printing expenses
Yard tools
Garbage bags
Metal garbage cans
New roof for the picnic and storage area
Etc., etc., Give us a call, we need it all!



Thank you for your continued support!