



# The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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## Notes from Harry Sexton, Assoc. Pastor

Spring has sprung! The sun hit its halfway point to the Summer Solstice about 11 days ago, and Resurrection Sunday is just five days away. Of course, this also means that 1/4<sup>th</sup> of 2026 is already gone. So perhaps, as we prepare our hearts and minds to remember the event that makes our future possible, we stop for just a moment and evaluate where we're going and how we're getting there this year.

For believers, the focus this time of year begins on the past and the death and resurrection of Jesus that makes our future possible. Spring itself has always been a time when people look forward to the future as this was the time of year when crops were planted for the summer growing season. A number of animals often give birth in the spring for the same reason as their newborns have the best chance possible for survival. And, if you're like my household, it's time for 'spring cleaning' as the home is cleared out and reorganized.

This is the beauty of our faith because as Ephesians 4:22-24 tells us: *"You took off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires; you are being renewed in the spirit of your minds; you put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth."* The N.I.V. translates verse 23 this way: "to be made new in the attitude of your minds."

My friends, this is exactly where we should be, having our minds cleaned out by Scripture as we remember the unbelievable gift that God gave us in sending His Son to take the penalty of our sin. So, as you're going about your spring activities, consider what Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus and put on (that's active involvement) the 'new self' that was created to reflect God's likeness in both righteousness and truth. It's spring and a time for renewal; can you imagine anything better than reflecting who God is?

**In His service,  
Pastor Harry**

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## **BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, Apr 9th 2pm - 7pm

Sign Up Online  
or  
Call the Church Office

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
5036 W Dobbins Rd.  
Laveen, AZ 85339  
602-237-4885

Laveen Baptist Church  
Sunrise Service

APRIL 5TH, 2026  
6:00 am

Breakfast following  
in the Central Hall

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# Notes from the Youth Team

My favorite part of Easter Sunday is the Sunrise Service. There's something significant in celebrating the resurrection of our Savior at the same time of day that the women came to the tomb expecting to care for the dead body of Jesus.

Some of them had been at His crucifixion. They'd seen the man they believed to be their promised Messiah die a brutal, criminal death. They'd seen His body taken down from the cross before the Sabbath began. They had watched Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrap His body in linen and spices and place it in a tomb not far from where He was crucified. They had rested over the Sabbath obeying the commandment. After sundown, they bought spices and prepared them to anoint His body. There was no urgency. Their hope was dead.

On the first day of the week very early in the morning, they went to the tomb. Grieving, heartbroken, and likely confused, they wondered how they would roll away the massive stone that had been placed over the entrance. But when they arrived, the stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, and an angel was there to tell them that Jesus was risen from the dead. They remembered what He had told them He would do, and "with fear and great joy, they ran to tell His disciples the news." (Matthew 28:8b HCSB). Jesus met them on the way, and they fell down and worshipped Him.

A day that had begun in sorrow and discouragement had, in an instant, been transformed into one of joy and hope. Though they still didn't understand it all, they knew Jesus had done what He had promised and come back from the dead.

This is still the hope that we have as believers. Christ is risen from the dead and has defeated death and sin. No matter what we might face; through grief, confusion, and fear our Sovereign God is still in control, keeping His promises, and working for good in our lives. Someday, we too will fall down at His feet and worship Him. He is risen, just as He said!

***"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act." Psalm 37:5***

**Wednesdays:** Worship and Bible Study 6pm – 8pm

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Sunrise Service – Youth help serve breakfast

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Parent's Meeting (Mandatory for students going to Zona)

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Rummage Sale

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Delivering Hope

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Taco Fellowship

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Students serve dinner

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Graduate Recognition

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Water & the Word

<b>Indoor Rummage Sale</b>  <b>Fri April 17, 2026</b> 7:00 am - 12:00 pm <b>Sat April 18, 2026</b> 7:00 am - 12:00 pm	 LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH 5036 W. Dobbins Rd Laveen, AZ 85339 Visit website for more information: <a href="http://www.laveenbaptistchurch.org">www.laveenbaptistchurch.org</a> <b>Donate</b> <b>April 13th</b> <b>to</b> <b>April 16th</b>
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<b>Senior Recognition Sunday</b> <b>May 17th</b> <b>During Morning Service</b>  <b>Congrats Grads!!</b> <b>RSVP with Ms. Diane</b> <b>May 3rd</b>
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# Notes from the Worship Leader

Church,

Happy Easter! It is great to know that what the world celebrates only once a year, we celebrate every day. We are grateful for the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on the cross. Isn't it strange that we see the world celebrate Easter and Christmas, but they really don't know what they celebrate? Even here at LBC we get those "Chreasters". I hope I spelled it correctly, if that is even a word hehe! What Jesus did on that cross or born in a manger, we understand it had a purpose behind it. A plan of redemption and an opportunity for salvation only by His grace (Ephesians 2:8). What you and I are part of is greater than anything in this world. For us, it is more than coming to a Sunday service. We have the honor to serve Him and to praise God, the King of Kings! Wow, that is incredible.

For this reason, we know that it is not what we get out of it, but rather what we give. It is offering worship through obedience, adoration, surrender and serving. God's plan for you requires you to serve Him and serve others because if Jesus came to serve, how can we be greater than the master (John 13:16)? I know that I sound like a broken record player because I'm always talking or writing about it, but serving is key as children of God. If there is a title that we should all have it is "servants". This is who we are. The Apostle Paul considered himself "a servant of Christ Jesus". Like Paul, the prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles considered themselves servants. This is why you and I have a privilege to serve God. We are part of generations and generations of servants.

I know it is hard sometimes, and there are times that we want to quit, or we hoped God had chosen someone else, but I have been reflecting about this lately. Can I complain about something that I didn't deserve in the first place?

Cesar Aleman

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**DELIVERING HOPE**  
**FREE MUSIC EVENT**

Bring your chairs, blankets, and enjoy the event!  
Live music from local church worship teams  
Free food provided for all attendees

Everyone is welcome!  
Saturday  
May 2nd  
11 pm - 3 pm  
Laveen Baptist Church Lawn

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**Crafting in Ruth's Footprints**

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH  
April 14th & 28th  
9:30 AM  
BLDG B Room 2

WOMEN ON MISSION

**KID'S CAMP 2026**

First Come First Served  
Sign Up via QR Code

**JUNE 7-12**

Cost: \$250 per camper  
\$225 per Adult or JC  
\$50 deposit due now

For 1st - 6th Graders  
Registration Open NOW

Questions: Kris Williams 602-309-0742

Is there a God who cares?

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

**EMERALD CROSSING**  
An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23

AGES: 5 Years old - 12 Years old  
Volunteer Children: Infant to 4 Years old  
Volunteers: 13+ Years

**VBS 2026**  
June 1st - 5th  
8:30 am - Noon

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# Senior Spotlight

NOTE: Ten of our High School Students will be graduating this year so we have decided to highlight one or two a month. This Month we are featuring J Jenkins.

**Joshua Jenkins** is a senior graduating from Bob Jones via homeschooling. At a young age he took interest in music and started to receive lessons from the church pianist. Since then, he has learned various classical, video game theme songs, hymns, and now modern Christian Music. He plays the electric piano on Wednesday night for Youth worship, along with the main service worship. The new music has been a challenge the last year since joining LBC, but he has risen to the challenge with the support and help from the worship team members and God providing wisdom.

Many times, you can find Joshua working events with set up, tearing down, and cleaning up; serving in the background to help various events to run smoothly, jumping in when a need arises. He helped with the Turkey Drive at Rio Vista handing out frozen turkeys, tear down of tables/chairs for the Thanksgiving potluck, walking in the Laveen Parade, set up/tear down for the Talent show, playing the piano in the Talent show, along with the church Spring Cleaning Day in preparation for Resurrection Sunday Services.

He is still seeking the Lord's will and guidance for what job he will start after graduation. His main interest is computer skills for making floor and construction plans, along with business management. For fun he likes to look at business charts, analytics, and watch videos for defunct businesses. He enjoys hands-on work creating and building things, with hopes to put those skills to use in a physical and digital form.



## UP COMING EVENTS

**LBC Missions**  
LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Monthly Meeting  
After AM Service  
Room 2

Join Us  
April 12th

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**NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 5, 2026**

**What's your Heart's Desire?**

Come Join us at the Ladies Brunch!  
April 11, 2026  
10 am - 1 pm

Sign up online or in Bldg B

Speaker - Michele Anderson

Laveen Baptist Church Garden area  
Cost - \$7.00

Questions? - Contact Donnel Horn or Shannon Pena, Kris Williams



## APRIL

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Ariel Kiyogera        | 14               | Tessa Stotts            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Ethan Roldan          | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Debra Davis             |
| 4                | Frank Williams        | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Ernesto Pena            |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Adrian Cruz           | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Bernie Dazen            |
| 6                | Aaron Villa           | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Matthew Anderson        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Steve Worley          | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Landon Becerra-Williams |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Zorbari Beauty Andrew | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Micah Hazelett          |
| 8                | Laura Wolfe           |                  |                         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Elliot Anderson       |                  |                         |



## APRIL

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| 8 <sup>th</sup> | John & Bonnie Carroll | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Hector & Lisa Chavez |
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### We Want To Hear From You:

**E-mail prayer requests to:** [lbc@laveenbaptistchurch.org](mailto:lbc@laveenbaptistchurch.org)

**Call us at:** 602-237-4885

**See what's happening & Register for events:**

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# April

April Showers  
Bring May Flowers



## Regular Events

### SEPTEMBER - MAY

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School Classes (all ages) 9:00 am  
Fellowship 10:00 am  
Worship Service 10:15 am

#### MONDAY

AM Ladies Bible Study –Revelation 8:30 am  
PM Ladies Bible Study –Proverbs 6:00 pm

#### TUESDAY

Young Adults Bible Study (Off-site) 6:00 pm  
Victorious Overcomers Support Group 6:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY

Dinner 5:00pm  
Adventure Club 6:00 pm  
Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm  
Prayer Hour 6:00 pm  
Ladies PM Bible Study, room 3 7:00 pm  
Men's Bible Study, room 2 7:00 pm

#### THURSDAY

GriefShare (February 5th - May 7th) 10:00 am  
College Bible Study (off site) 6:30 pm  
AA Meeting 6:30 pm

#### FRIDAY

AA Meeting 6:30 pm  
Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 pm

## Special Events

### APRIL

4<sup>th</sup> Prep / Setup Easter Breakfast 9:00 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Service 6:00 am  
Breakfast 7:00 am  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Regular Service 10:15 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Team Meeting 5:00 pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Ladies Luncheon 10:00 am  
12<sup>th</sup> Mission Team Meeting 11:30 am  
13<sup>th</sup> Elder Meeting 6:00 pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Crafting in Ruth's Footprint 9:30 am  
17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Rummage Sale 7:00 am  
19<sup>th</sup> Lunch on the Lawn 11:30 am  
Deacon Meeting 11:30 am  
26<sup>th</sup> QTR 2 Business Meeting 11:30 am  
ZONA Parent Meeting 11:30 am  
27<sup>th</sup> Elder Meeting 6:00 pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am

### MAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Delivering Hope 11:00 am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Taco Pop-Up 11:30 am  
10<sup>th</sup> Mission Team Meeting 11:30 am

## Welcome New Members



**Bonnie Reynolds**  
March 15, 2026



**Austin Ryan**  
March 22, 2026



**Jaden Holloway**  
March 22, 2026