



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

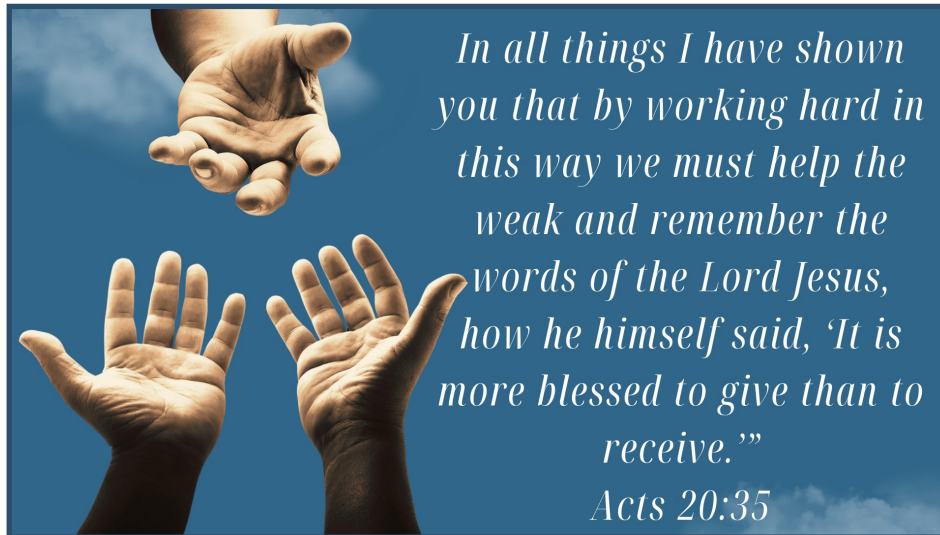
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Where is God leading you to serve??

Answer: **Maybe you will find it HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Getting to Know Our Ministries

Alcoholics Anonymous Ministry

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

The name of our group is, "God Is Everything."

Weekly Meetings held at Laveen Baptist Church
Bldg. B, Room 2
Every Thursday, 6:30 pm
Every Friday, 6:30 pm
In-person discussion

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism.

Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

Alcoholics Anonymous



**Thursdays 6:30 pm
and
Fridays 6:30 pm**

Call Church Office for more information

Adventure Club

Adventure Club is a high energy program that will reach children age 3 through 6th grade. This program is a fun, energetic, Bible centered experience for kids while their parents are worshipping in the evening service.

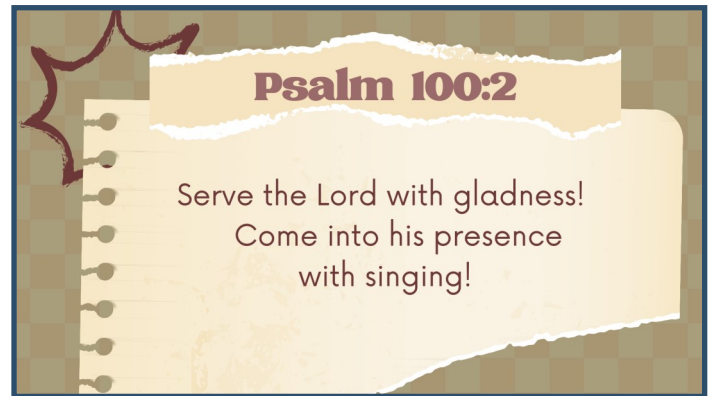
Adventure Club is organized into three age appropriate groups:

- Trackers (ages 3-5)
- Scouts (grades 1-3)
- Trailblazers (grades 4-6)

The club consists of corporate teaching time, game time, small group time, and music time. All of this is for the ultimate purpose of evangelizing our children and encouraging our parents.

Adventure Club offers opportunities for you to serve our families and have an impact in the lives of the children. Small group leaders are needed to help the children learn their verses and teach them the truths of God's Word.

1. How is your ministry furthering the overarching goal of reaching people for Jesus? By reaching the children and their family with the Gospel.
2. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year?. To reach more children and help them to accept Jesus.
3. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved? Anyone that has a heart for children should be involved, you can contact the church office with questions .
4. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry? Pray that more children want to participate in Adventure Club and that they come with open hearts, open ears and a willingness to learn more about Jesus. Also pray for the teachers & leaders to be engaging as they share the Gospel and build relationships with the children.



Baby Shower Ministry

1. What your ministry's mission or purpose is? To love on the moms-to-be and welcome baby.
2. How is your ministry furthering the overarching goal of reaching people for Jesus? Showing God's love.
3. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year? More babies.
4. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved? Contact Janis Villa or sign up at Ministry Fair.
5. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry? Pray for the mothers and babies and we ask all to attend as many showers as you are able to.



Blood Drive

1. What is your ministry's mission or purpose?

The purpose is to support the need for blood in the hospitals. To be a face for not only Laveen Baptist Church but for Vitalant Blood Service.

2. How is your ministry furthering the over-arching goal of reaching people for Jesus?

Each time a Blood Drive is supported by our church, it gives us the opportunity to encourage and invite those donating to come to our church services and the many different programs and ministries we offer.

3. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year.

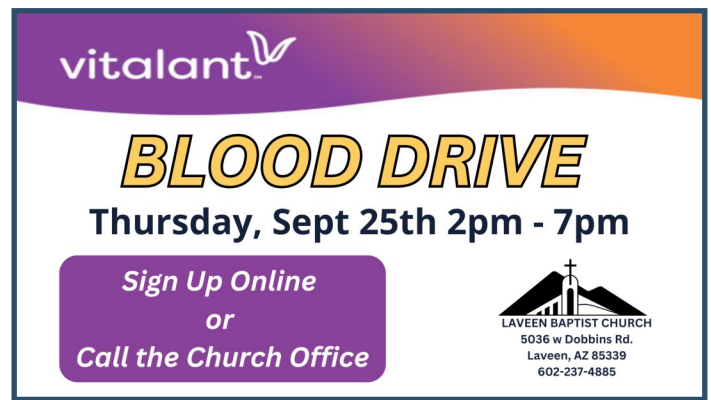
To continue to support Vitalant and encourage more of church and community to invest in saving the life of those in need of blood by their donation.

4. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved?

Right now the program is doing well and has the support needed.

5. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry?

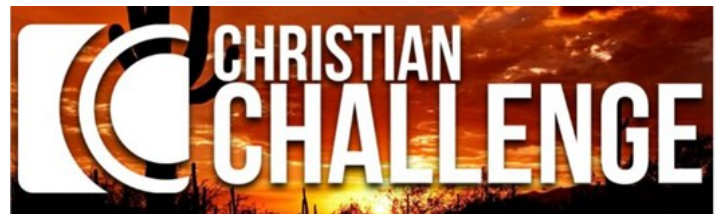
Pray for those who can donate to come to the church and become a life saver and to give us an opportunity to minister to those who do not come to church or who do not know Christ.



Christian Challenge

1. What is your ministry's mission or purpose? We exist to engage college students with the gospel, develop disciples of Jesus Christ, mobilize servant leaders for the church and send missionaries to the world.

2. How is your ministry furthering the overarching goal of reaching people for Jesus? In the last school year we had over 297 students involved in this ministry and most of those were presented with the gospel. Additionally there were 15 students that were discipled one-on-one. We have several examples of students that have come to Christ and are being servant leaders in the church and on mission for Jesus. We also sent 6 student leaders to ZONA to work with and minister to the kids there.



3. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year? In addition to one-on-one sharing of the gospel, weekly on and off campus bible studies, 4 large annual statewide events, we hope to facilitate several evangelistic in nature events on campus. Scott is also getting more entrenched with the basketball team as volunteer assistant coach and working with athletes and coaches one on one.

4. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved? The biggest need is support through prayer, support of specific events (food, supplies, printing, advertising, decorations), sponsorships/scholarships for student retreat, missions, other costs, and financial partnership with missionaries. For individuals to work with students we have opportunities to serve food at events or you would need to plan for a long-term consistent commitment to build a relationship and disciple a student. This is about building relationships over time. One of the biggest things you could do is engage, love, and wrap your arms around all the students that come to LBC. Get the students volunteering and serving. Let them feel the love of Christ.

5. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry? Ask that God soften the hearts of students to accept the Gospel being presented. Pray for more student leaders (particularly a strong female student leader) and for the boldness of student leaders to share the gospel with their friends and everyone on campus. Pray for wisdom, energy, creativity, and inspiration for our missionaries.

See Our Newsletters and Opt In To Get Them Sent to You: [Christian Challenge AZ at SMCC](#)

Crafting In Ruth's Footprints

Crafting in Ruth's Footprints is part of W.O.M. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in building B. room 2 at 9:30 a.m. for approximately 2 hours.

Our focus is to make items of comfort for those who may need to know that someone cares for them. We knit hats, sew lap robes and quilts to give to one of the local Oncology centers, care centers, or homeless ministries.

Those who don't sew send out greeting cards that are made by ladies in our group. We send cards to our church military members during the year. We also send greeting cards go out to members who are ill, sympathy cards, and those members who haven't been to church for a while with "we miss you" cards.

If you have questions you can contact Sue Hardy.



GriefShare

Our mission is to provide encouragement and support for those in our church and our community after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, and to point them toward a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are a Christ-centered ministry that provides a loving, caring atmosphere in all of our meetings. We show a video in each session where other Christians, both professionals and lay persons, who have lost a loved one share how they were able to heal and move forward. We have prayer, scripture, and sharing in each meeting and each person has a workbook to work on at home. All of these tools point people toward the importance of a relationship with Christ and focuses on how God's word is vital in this process.



We have a Loss of a Spouse seminar every July and, Surviving the Holidays seminar every November. Our support group sessions are held once a week, February – beginning of May and August – beginning of November each year.

Those who would like to be involved in this ministry must first of all profess to be a Christian and be actively working toward spiritual growth in their walk with Jesus Christ. Also they need to have experienced the loss of a loved one, and feel that God is calling them into this ministry. It is also recommended that they attend Grief Share support group as a participant for at least one 14 week season to be sure that they have healed from their past loss of a loved one. There are several areas of service in GriefShare, such as; support people, facilitators, prayer team members, refreshments, and publicity. For more information contact Kathy Seavers at, kathy.cain1950@yahoo.com.

Prayer is essential for this ministry to be effective. Pray that God will supply us with a team that will always put Christ first. Pray for wisdom for our leaders and pray for those who have lost loved ones that they will have the courage to come and do the hard work that it takes to move forward in their healing.



Fun, Fellowship and Jesus Ministry Upcoming Events:

The goal of the Fun, Fellowship & Jesus Ministry is to foster community and unity. We create opportunities for church members and visitors to build & strengthen relationships, and develop a sense of belonging within the church community.



- ♦ Coordinating events, gatherings, and celebrations that engage the church family and foster strong relationships.
- ♦ Assisting other church ministries and facilitating outreach events for visitors and the broader community.
- ♦ Providing and encouraging spiritual growth opportunities where members can engage in meaningful conversations, share their faith, and support one another.
- ♦ Promoting church engagement and participation by organizing activities that cater to all age groups and demographics, ensuring the involvement of every member or visitor.
- ♦ Creating a Christ-focused environment where events highlight spiritual values and personal gifts are utilized for the benefit of the community.

For more information please contact MaLinda Johanning or Tessa Stotts

2025 upcoming Events:

Worship Night & Tacos 9/28/2025
Our Thanksgiving Feast 11/23/2025
Carols & Hot Chocolate 12/14/2025
Testimony Night & Chili Cook-Off 01/25/2026
LBC Volleyball Tournament 03/01/2026
Easter Breakfast 04/05/2026
Taco Pop-Up 05/03/2026
Camp Report Back Night & Dessert Bake-Off 07/19/2026

Hospitality Ministry

The Hospitality Ministry ensures everyone who steps into the church (members and visitors) feels valued, cared for, and connected to the broader church family. This ministry includes:

Welcoming and Greeting:

- ♦ Stationed on church campus to warmly welcome attendees, provide directions, and answer any questions. Serve as a welcoming entry point for new attendees and non-members.

Visitors:

- ♦ Collect contact information from first-time visitors through connection cards.

Hospitality Services:

- ♦ Special Event Support: Organize and serve refreshments or meals during church events such as potlucks, holiday celebrations, or conferences.
- ♦ Support for Special Needs: Ensure accommodations for elderly attendees, parents with young children, or those with disabilities.
- ♦ Meal Ministry: Organize meal deliveries for families in need, such as after a hospitalization or during a time of loss.

Fellowship Events: Host or assist with community events that invite local residents to experience the church's hospitality.

Support for Church Ministries: Work alongside other ministries to ensure that all church-hosted events are warm and welcoming.

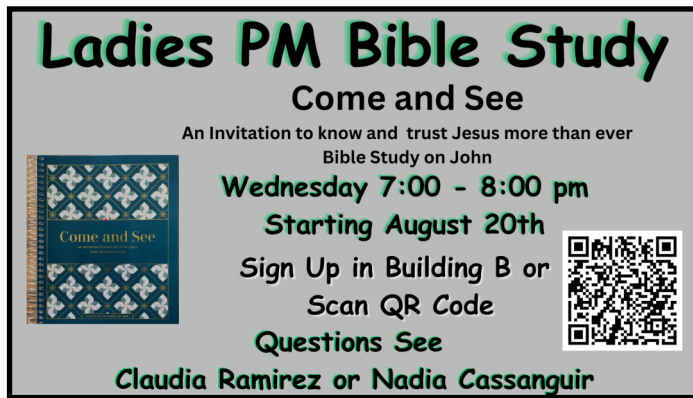
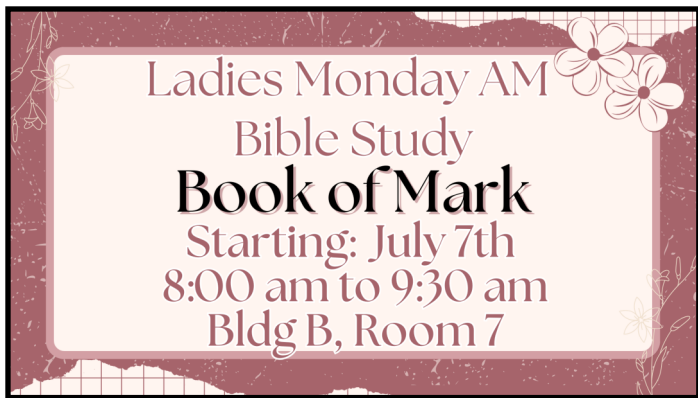


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Ladies AM and PM Bible Study

We have two Ladies Bible Study's throughout the year. One in on Monday Mornings facilitated by Sue Hardy and the other one on Wednesday Evenings facilitated by Claudia Ramirez & Nadia Cassanguir.

Our vision is for women to learn and be a light and voice in our world through their actions, responses, and speech. The more we know about Jesus, His life and teachings, the more we can be like Him.



Women's Ministry - Ladies Fellowship Night

The ladies met every 2nd Friday from September to April for a pot luck with an average of 20-25 in attendance. In May we had our Ladies Tea with our guest speaker Phyllis Trussell with 65 ladies in attendance. We kick off this fall on September 12th with a bible scavenger hunt pot luck.

We will meet every 2nd Friday at 6 o'clock. Contact Donnel Horn for more information.



LBC Men's Ministry

1. What your ministry's mission or purpose is? Train, equip, and arm Men with scriptural truth so they can lead their families and community for Christ.
2. How is your ministry furthering the overarching goal of reaching people for Jesus? We have weekly Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm & several of the Men attend an off site Bible study. All Men are encouraged to invite lost friends to the events.
3. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year? Our main goal is to be intentional with the Gospel in everything we do. To make our lifestyles Christ like.
4. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved? Any man from LBC or outside of our church. Young men age of 15 years and up are welcome to join our fellowship.
5. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry? Please pray that our men would step up for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. So many men believe that Sunday morning services are all they need. Men this is just a the start of your spiritual journey. You need Bible study with other men. Iron sharpens Iron.




Missions Committee

1. What is your ministry's mission or purpose? To maintain relationships with current IBM, NAMB an Arizona Mission Network missionaries, to seek out opportunities both locally and globally to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that He has commanded.
2. How is your ministry furthering the over-arching goal of reaching people for Jesus? We look for daily encounters/conversations that provide an opportunity to share the Gospel, participate in local outreach/community events, and support short term and long-term missionaries on the mission field.
3. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year? Plans for the remainder of the year include participating in the LBC ministry fair, organizing the 2025 Harvest Festival, participating in Delivering Hope worship event, participating in Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child and participating in short term and long term mission trips - local and global.
4. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved? The committee is scheduled to meet the 2nd Sunday of each month, directly after morning service in building B. All LBC attendees are welcome to attend.
5. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry? We have a missions section in the weekly prayer sheet that lists current prayer requests. Ongoing prayer: to open our eyes and look at the fields - they are ready for harvest, to contend for the faith - even at the cost of persecution and suffering; and a continued asking and reliance on the Holy Spirit.

If you have any question please contact one of the Missions Committee Members:

Lisa Valdivia, Juanita Braga, Debra Davis, Paul Olson, Leslee Steinmann, Scott Winter



Operation Christmas Child

WOW! ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument

ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Mouthwashes
- Combs
- Hairbrushes

TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

National Collection Week Nov. 17-24, 2025

If you have any questions about this program please ask a member of the Missions Committee.

DO NOT INCLUDE

alcohol, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans



LBC Missions
LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Monthly Meeting
After AM Service
Room 9

Join Us
August 10th

Van Ministry

Van Ministry is to help those in our church community have a way to and from church. This ministry helps us to reach those who don't have any transportation to get to church to hear the Gospel.

This ministry also gives us the opportunity to have a relationship with those who need Christian friends and guidance.

Anyone with a valid driver's license and church clearance can be a driver in this ministry. It is a great opportunity to reach those who may not be able to get to church and to show the love of Christ through travel.

Please contact Steve Worley or the Church Office for more information.



DRIVERS NEEDED

For Our
Sunday Morning
Van Ministry

Contact The Church Office

Worship Ministry

Worship is a lifestyle and it's an action that should be applied anytime and anywhere, not just on Sundays. Music is a form of worship which we take with great privilege, but at the same time with a great responsibility. Not just anybody can play an instrument and sing and for that reason we should thank God for that ability. As part of the worship team we must constantly remind ourselves that we should reflect Jesus on and off that platform. Our goal as LBC Worship ministry is to relate to what John 4:23-24 says which is "to worship the Lord in spirit and truth". Not only to do that as individuals, or a ministry, but together as a church. From the selections of songs to rehearsals to Sunday Worship service, we must be sensitive to be led by the Holy Spirit. Just as we use our instruments to worship our Lord, we must be instruments ready to be used for His Kingdom.

So what's going on in our worship ministry? As you have heard in our announcements we are getting ready for our fourth "Delivering Hope" coming up on November 8th. This event is where we unite with other churches in the community to worship God and share Jesus. We thank God for Home Depot who donated \$800 of lumber for us to create a good sizable stage. These churches used to get involved with only leading a set of songs. Now they want to take part in the planning, participation and financial aspect of the event.

On January 16th-18th, we will be leading worship at the Youth Winter Retreat in Springerville AZ. At this retreat we see about 60-80 youth and leaders from four to five churches including LBC coming together in harmony to worship God through music, bible study, prayer, and sermons. We are grateful to God for allowing our worship team to take part in this retreat for the third time.

A worship team is more than just rehearsing and leading worship on Sundays. We are a family and for that reason throughout the year we coordinate fellowship time together at one of our team member's homes. Although we lead worship approximately 52 Sundays per year, this helps us to get to know each other even more and just have a great time together. Community is an important factor for a successful team on and off our platform.

Now if you can play an instrument, understand chord charts, and have a passion to worship God we extend the invitation to join our worship band. If you can sing and keep a tune well and have a passion to worship God we invite you to join our vocal team. If you are great with technology, have an ear for music, enjoy running a camera and have a passion to worship God, we invite you to join our tech team. Please note this ministry is more than a worship team, it's a family of God.



VBS - Vacation Bible School

1. What your ministry's mission or purpose is? To share the love of God with Kids, help kids understand the importance of salvation.
2. How is your ministry furthering the overarching goal of reaching people for Jesus? By reaching children in the community, they will share with their families about Jesus.
3. What are your goals and or plans for fall and the coming year? Preparing for vacation bible school and to create more flyers for outreach to bring more of the unsaved to vacation bible school.
4. Who can or should be involved with your ministry and how do they become involved? Anyone can be involved in vacation bible school. All they need to do is sign up and let me know where they would like to help and complete a background check.
5. How can the members of LBC pray for and support your ministry? Pray for the preparation of community members' hearts to want to bring their children to vacation bible school and that hearts will be transformed. Pray for volunteers to be willing to serve and sign up as well as resources to be provided.



Victorious Overcomers

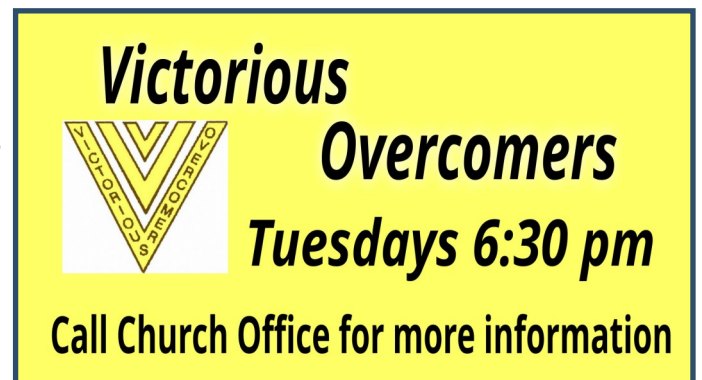
We are a non-denominational program that believes you can live a life totally free from any form of addiction or compulsion through the power of God! We teach from a powerful, life-changing Seven Victory Step curriculum that is based solely on God's Word. This program is not based on a religion, but rather on its participants experiencing the reality of a personal relationship with God – the true source of all help!

Weekly Meetings held at Laveen Baptist Church

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 pm

For information on other locations:

Call: 718-463-8888 Email: DRUGWAR@aol.com



We Want To Hear From You:

E-mail prayer requests to:

lbc@laveenbaptistchurch.org

Call us at: 602-237-4885

See what's happening &

Register for events:

www.laveenbaptistchurch.org



Youth Ministry

LBC Student Ministry exists to make Jesus known to students in grades 7 – 12. Our goal is to teach and live out the gospel of Jesus Christ so that students can be **rescued** from sin and its penalty, **transformed** by the Holy Spirit, and **redirected** to live their lives following Jesus rather than the world. We partner with the church and parents to provide events and build relationships with students to help them grow in their faith, demonstrate how to serve others, and challenge them to discover their own ministry while giving all glory to God.

Through Bible study and worship, we provide students the opportunities to learn who Jesus is, what He did, and how they fit into His plan and purpose. Last year on Wednesday nights, we used the Adventure Club curriculum to learn basic truths about God's Word, God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. This summer we've been using videos and small group discussion to find out some things the Bible doesn't say and to look at some practices that help believers live out the gospel in their own lives.

Our various events through the year (Lake Trip, Where's Waldo, Jake's Unlimited, Video Scavenger Hunt, etc.) are designed to help our students have fun and build relationships with one another and with adult leaders. They also serve as an opportunity for students to invite friends along and introduce them to our ministry and to Jesus. In addition, DNow Weekend, Winter Retreat, and Zona Camp give our students time for concentrated Bible study and interaction with one another.

We encourage our students to serve Jesus, to be His hands and feet right now, by participating in LBC ministries such as Vacation Bible School, Children's Church, Harvest Festival, etc. We also go off-campus to assist in other ministries including Rio Vista Center for Turkey Day, Vacation Bible School, Water Day, etc.

One of the greatest blessings in Youth ministry is seeing students "walking in truth" (3 John 1:4), so this year we will continue to share Jesus through words, music, relationships, serving together, prayer, and our lives. We will also continue to trust that God will bring the man He chooses as our new Family Pastor in His own time.

Some of our leaders serve at almost every event, but we also have room for volunteers who can only participate now and then. If you think God's path for you is leading toward Student Ministry, make sure you have a current background check on file in the church office and come hang out with us for a while. Here are qualifications for serving: 1. Love Jesus. 2. Love His Word. 3. Love people. 4. Be willing to put your feet on the path He shows you. The ministry part you can learn as you go along. I did and still am. If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner with an individual student or Student Ministry in general, we will be sending out information about that soon.

Please pray for us this year as we continue investing in the lives of young people: that we would be faithful in our own walk with Jesus, that God would give us discernment and wisdom in dealing with students, and that our youth would grow in their desire and determination to know Jesus and walk with Him.

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

Wednesdays: Bible Study and After Fellowship – 6-8:30 pm

Sunday, August 17th: Water & the Word: 5pm – 7:30pm

Saturday, August 23rd – Jake's Unlimited: 9:30am – 3:30pm

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:



Youth Ministries
Water & the Word
Sunday, August 17th
be at the Church
@ 5:00 pm
Fellowship
Naz & Minerva Prieto House