



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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Notes from Harry Sexton, Assoc. Pastor

There are a surprising number of songs about June. If you do a quick survey of the lyrics of many of them, they often are about early summer optimism and warmth, nostalgia and reflection on past relationships or childhood, romantic or emotional storytelling, or seasonal transitions from spring to summer. For us as Arizonans, it means that we have firmly entered the season of 100⁰ + temperatures that, except for an occasional day here and there, won't let up until sometime in October. It also means that we once again have the opportunity to reach the children of Laveen through our Vacation Bible School.

If you know our church's history, you know that the first ever official function of what would eventually become Laveen Baptist Church was a VBS for the local farming kids back in 1943. When I looked at the pictures of that first event, what I saw really amazed me and made me proud of the legacy that we have built upon. The pictures show that children from a number of different ethnic backgrounds all coming together to participate (I don't use the term race because it's neither biblically nor scientifically accurate). WWII was beginning to turn in the Allies favor, but the United States was still very much a segregated society. However, here in a little corner of then rural Arizona, a group of diverse children were gathered together to hear the truth about the God, who loved them all equally. And as I look around our congregation, I am happy to see that we still live by the same truth that one God has called one people from all backgrounds to be joined together into one church to worship and serve Him as one people.

I am sure that many of you have plans to beat-the-heat by getting out of town at least for a little while. For instance, as you're reading this, I'm on a ship somewhere in the Baltic. When you do so, remember that you are an ambassador of the Lord wherever you are, and that your out-of-town self should be pretty much the same as your in-town self. We need to remember that the Lord hates a lifestyle that is one way when we are in church or in a place that other church members may see us and another way when we think we are out of sight.

One of God's attributes is that He is omnipresent meaning that He is everywhere at all times as we read in Proverbs 15:3: "The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, observing the wicked and the good." When we remember that, making decisions as a good ambassador becomes much more consistent, and we can follow the precepts of Col. 3:23: "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men."

Stay cool and remember that this season too shall pass.

**In His service,
Pastor Harry**

Notes from the Youth Team

It's an exciting thing when someone becomes a Christian; when they become part of the family of God. The Bible even says that the angels rejoice when a sinner repents (Luke 15:10).

We know that happens through the grace and mercy of God, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit; NOT through any good works that we've done (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5).

Sometimes though, even as a believer, we start to think that to be accepted by God, we still need to do certain things – follow specific rules; do good works. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (HCSB). When we become Christians, Jesus takes on all our sin, and, in return, places His righteousness on us. Positionally, when God looks at us as one of His children, He sees the righteousness of Christ. You can't improve on that. We are accepted by God's grace, permanently.

Should good works be a part of a believer's life? Absolutely! Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them." (HCSB). Good works reflect the change in our lives; that we are a new creation in Him. They're also part of His pattern for us. He has a lot of good things planned for us to do, and in obedience, we follow that plan.

Titus 3:8 says, "This saying is trustworthy. I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed God might be careful to devote themselves to good works. These are good and profitable for everyone." (HCSB). Good works help others. They also demonstrate God's love and glory to people who don't know Him. And, according to Hebrews 10:24, we should encourage each other, as believers, to do good works.

So, although we are not saved *by* good works, we are saved *for* good works. We've become new creatures with new priorities and actions. It's part of God's great plan for each one of us.

"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 (Summer Schedule)

Wednesday, June 3rd: Game Night - 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Sunday, June 14th: Water & the Word 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Monday – Friday, June 22nd -26th: Rio Vista VBS 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Monday – Friday, June 29th – July 3rd: Zona Camp

Wednesday Schedule
STARTING MAY 27TH
PRAYER MEETING - 6:00 PM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY - 6:00 PM
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 PM
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 PM

Please pray for our ZONA student & adult attendees as they travel to and from camp June 29 - July 3, 2026.

Student Attendees: Beauty Joy A Mery Lohany Evie Gemma Pippa Seyla	Mindy Lexi Bekah Cordelia Kayleen Joy T Annalise Maliya Emilyse	Adult Attendees: Cesar Aleman Darrel Johanning David Williams Pamala Brown Shannon Pena Diane Williams	Student Attendees: Sebastian Lorenzo Tyler Benny Cartier Cameron Joshua Bryce Justin Connor	Anakin Micah Uriah Isaiah Caleb R Taylor Caleb T Joseph Ezra
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Notes from the Worship Leader

Church,

We are halfway through the year and, pretty soon, we'll be buying Christmas decorations since it seems there are never enough Christmas decorations. I would like to start by saying, "Tjhn thank you for all the effort that you all do in God's Kingdom one way or another. You play a role in the plan God has for this church and our community, and although there are times we can't understand God's plan, we sure can trust Him on it. It's been a roller coaster ride for the past three and a half years for all of us here at LBC, but God has not let us down and He won't.

We are renewing the search for a Senior Pastor, and the best advice I can give you is to let the Holy Spirit guide you. Let us as followers of Christ follow His will and whatever happens as the song my son Daniel likes to sing, "Your ways are always better!" God's ways are always better, and the best action we can take is to do His will.

Continue to pray for the elders of this church, pray for our ministry leaders, our deacons, our staff, and our congregation. We all take part in the body of Christ, and we must be united as one. Don't let distractions take your focus from God and blind you from seeing what God is doing. You and I were brought here by God for a reason, and we are to do it together.

As the Apostle Paul encouraged Timothy, "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12). We are to conduct ourselves as befits the faith. Let the light shine as mentioned in Matthew 5:16, and that is only through Jesus. Let us let go of our pride and our ways. Let us reflect to others the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24), and if we do, that will result in what verse 25 of that chapter says "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

I invite you to join us for Wednesday Night Prayer. If there is something we can all do it is pray. Better yet, let's pray together.

**God Bless,
Cesar Aleman**

KID'S CAMP 2026
Pray for our kids, Jr. counsellors & adults attending

Adults:	Junior Counsellors:	Campers:		
Brittney	Caleb T	Alexandria	Faith	Oriname
Caleb R	Evie	Caleesi	Kenyon	Paislee
Faven	Elijah	Elisha	Landon	Sally
Hannah	Joshua	Elijah	Lincoln	Sierra
Kris	Joseph	Elia	Matthew	Weston
Matthew	Joy	Enzio		
Petra	Rebekah-Lily			
Tammy				

JUNE 7-12

Crafting in Ruth's Footprints
2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
June 9th & 23th
9:30 AM
BLDG B Room 2

women on missions

LBC Missions
LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

**Monthly Meeting
After AM Service
Room 2**

**Join Us
June 14th**

Welcome New Members



Diane Riddle



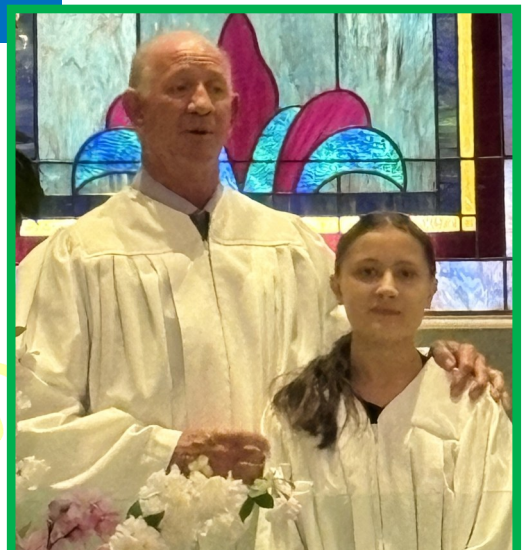
Armando Cassanguir



Aubrey Riddle



Kelsey Robertson



Mindy Harry



JUNE

3 rd	Mark Hymer	11 th	Cameron Flint	23 rd	David Konki
	Joshua Konki	12 th	Javier Quihuis	24 th	Juanita Braga
	Clifton Laser	13 th	Diane Williams	26 th	Sherida Osburn
	Paul Olsen	20 th	Minerva Prieto		David Ryon
4 th	Mary Booher	21 st	Hector Chavez	27 th	Aiden Stephens
7 th	Linda Creekmur		Walter "Wally" Stock	30 th	Marcy Sherrill
8 th	Elisha Anne Phan		David Welker		



JUNE

2 nd	Michael & Diane Williams	11 th	Greg & Ema Villa
22 nd	Paul & Melinda Brooke	24 th	Mark & Kathy Seavers
26 th	Nick & Shannon Pena	29 th	Joe & Donna Razo

**Celebration
Potluck**
Bring your favorite
dish to share

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**Sunday July 5th
after AM Service**

4th of July
**Independence
Day**

**Church Office Closed
Monday, July 6th**



JUNE



Regular Events

Special Events

JUNE—AUGUST

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
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TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

JUNE

1 st – 5 th	VBS	8:30 am – 12:00 pm
7 th – 12 th	Kid's Camp	
8 th	Elder Meeting	6:00 pm
9 th	Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
14 th	Mission Team Meeting	11:30 am
	Youth Water & The Word	5:00 pm
21 st	Deacon Meeting	11:30 am
22 nd	Elder Meeting	6:00 pm
23 rd	Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
29 th – July 3 rd	ZONA Camp	

JULY

5 th	4 th of July Celebration Potluck	11:45 am
6 th	Office Closed 4 th of July	
6 th	Elder Meeting	6:00 pm
14 th	Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
19 th	Youth Parent Meeting	11:30 am
	Deacon Meeting	11:30 am
	Camp Report Back Night & Dessert Bake Off	5:00 pm

We Want To Hear From You:

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