



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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Notes from Pastor Jim

“When they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, ‘Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete and incurred this damage and loss. Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.’ Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.” - Ac 27:21–25. (emphasis added)

In the midst of a storm that had seasoned sailors concerned for their lives, Paul offers them assurance for their safety. Please don't take this to mean Paul wasn't emotionally affected by their situation. Instead, His concern was abated because of a promise of protection from God. There would be loss. The ship and cargo were to flounder. But, as for the people on board, they would be delivered. Father had a purpose for Paul. It was to “stand before Caesar” and proclaim to an earthly king a message from the King of Kings.

The words brought by this heavenly messenger carried so much weight they moved Paul more the rocking and rolling, the rising and falling of the ship carried about on the waves. They spoke louder than the whipping and howling wind. They offered a counter to fear, courage. Paul trusted these words and he offered them as testimony of the greatness of his God. Paul's security was summed up in one statement he made, “the God to whom I belong” had spoken.

So, what does it mean that a person belongs to God? Paul expressed it to Titus this way, “Our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession” (Titus 2:13-14). To belong to God means we are His possession. He holds title to those who, by faith, have entered into relationship with Jesus. As such God is responsible for our care and wellbeing. As the prime example of a good steward, God will not waste or neglect what is His. Father, as a responsible parent, securely holds His own.

As with Paul, this offers great security. Though His saints may be carried about in a chaotic world, they have not be lost from the hand of God. Neither have they been misplaced.

Pastor Jim

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Blood Drive

Thurs., April 11th, 2-7 pm

Sign Up Online
or
Call the Church Office

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

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**Crafting in
Ruth's Footprints**

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
April 9th & 23rd
9:30 AM
BLDG B Room 2

Notes from the Associate Pastor Harry

Hello Laveen Baptist Church!

Well it's April and of course the first day is known as April Fool's day which is a day dedicated to pranks both large and small. One of the most famous April Fools' Day pranks of all time is the BBC's famous "spaghetti harvest" segment. On April 1, 1957, a news broadcaster told his British audience that Ticino, a Swiss region near the Italian border, had had "an exceptionally heavy spaghetti crop" that year. The camera cut to footage of people picking spaghetti off of trees and bushes, then sitting down at a table to eat some of their "real, home-grown spaghetti."

At the time, spaghetti wasn't necessarily a dish that British people would've known about. That doesn't mean that no one realized the segment was a prank—some viewers were upset the BBC had aired a fictional segment during a serious news program. But other viewers reportedly asked about how they could grow their own spaghetti at home.

The truth is that anyone can be fooled if they don't know the truth of something. But even then, it's still possible if they can first be made to doubt what they know to be true which is exactly what happened to Eve back in the Garden of Eden. This is why it's so important for each of us as individuals to be consistently about the business of personally seeking out what is true and incorporating it into our lives.

Remember Jesus said "*I am the way, the truth and the life*" (John 14:6). If you want to know truth you have to know Jesus. There's simply no other way to get there. And like other relationships (marriage, friends), it takes intentional time spent with a person to really get to know them. While you can get a general concept by a quick reading of an overview of their life you'll never really know them until you spend time intentionally getting to know them.

Satan's method is still to try to get you to doubt what God has said. But God has promised that if you seek Him, He will be found (1 Chron. 28:9). Then according to John 8:32 "*You will know the truth* (which is Jesus and His salvation) *and the truth will set you free.*" Don't be an April Fool. Make a point to know Jesus this month more than you did last month.

In His Service,
Pastor Harry

LADIES FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK
APRIL 12, 2023
6:00 PM
Bring your fav dish to share



KENYA
MISSION
TRIP

Depart: May 31, 2024
Return Home - June 13, 2024
See Matt Downs for more information



  **Missions**

Monthly Meeting
5:00 pm
Guest Speaker

Join Us
April 14th

Notes from the Youth Team

By Diane Williams

It is officially Spring! Although, it's going to feel like Summer very soon.

I want to say, "Thank you," to everyone who helped make the Annual LBC Volleyball Tournament a success:

- To the Youth, who filled lunch bags, potato salad containers, and ice chests and set up tables, chairs, canopies, and nets along with the adults who helped.
- To the group who cooked and served food with smiles on their faces.
- To the cotton candy crew, who went above and beyond to deliver "sugar on a stick".
- To everyone who helped tear down and clean up when we were done.
- To the volleyball teams. Without you we would have just been having a church picnic.
- To Darrel Johanning, who provided the plaque and engraved the medals for the winning team.
- And last, but not least, to our esteemed, and totally impartial, referees.

Congratulations to the Christian Challenge team for winning for the second year in a row!

I also want to thank everyone who donated items to our Easter Bag project. The Youth filled 66 Easter bags with hygiene and first aid items, small notebooks and pens, emergency whistles, and a copy of the Gospel of John. The bags were given to Joe and Donna Razo for the Basic Mission ministry to the homeless. Some of them were distributed on Palm Sunday, while others will be handed out over the days to come.

One of the things that I really appreciate about this body of believers at LBC is their willingness to jump in and work when there's something to be done. It lightens the load for everyone and shines Jesus in our community.

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

APRIL EVENTS

April 10th – Youth serve dinner Wednesday night

April 15th – 20th – Rummage Sale week

April 20th – Indoor Rummage Sale

April 28th - Afterglow



Indoor
Rummage Sale
Sat, 4/20; 7am - 12pm
Laveen Baptist Church
5036 W Dobbins Rd



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Notes from the Worship Leader

Church, I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. For us as believers, Easter was more than looking for Easter eggs and eating delicious food, it was a day of remembrance of what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did on the cross. If there is something about Jesus that just brakes me down is his disposition and humility as Paul explains in Philippians 2:6-8, "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

Think about it! Jesus, who is God, humbled himself and came to this world to serve. He's the I AM, the Alpha and Omega, Messiah, King of kings yet humbled himself and obedient to death. How can I think of myself greater than Jesus? Those are some big shoes to fill and I get it, I am not Jesus, but I can try to follow his example. I can try and should be obedient to death. I should not consider myself greater than no one because at the end of the day I am just His servant and I'm proud to be one. We are God's children and He has given us the opportunity to serve his Kingdom. What an honor and a blessing.

Church, Jesus is an example for us to follow and it is important we remember why we do the things we do. Even the Apostle Peter told Jesus, "you shall never wash my feet." Peter felt that how can his Master do the duties of what servants would do? Jesus would come to this world to serve and he served all the way to the cross. I leave you with this question. How can I think of myself greater than Jesus?

God Bless,
Your servant,
Cesar Aleman



2024 Delivering HOPE Through Music Event
COME BE A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES!!
Saturday, April 6th
10:00 AM - 2:00 pm
LAVEEN EDUCATION CENTER
5001 W. DOBBINS RD. LAVEEN AZ
CONTACT: CESAR ALEMAN OR THE CHURCH OFFICE
Live Music
Free Food
Community Resources



VBS 2024
SAVE THE DATES
June 3rd - 7th, 2024
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Registration Open
THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY
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LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH



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\$200 per Adult or JC
\$50 deposit due now
Questions:
Kris Williams 602-309-0742
For 1st - 6th Graders



Ladies Spring Tea
May 18, 2024
11:00 AM
Sign up online or in Bldg B
\$5.00



APRIL

2nd Ashley Roberts

3rd Ariel Kiyogera

4th Ethan Roldan

Maci Shelton

Frank Williams

6th Adrian Cruz

Aaron Villa

7th Steve Worley

8th Beauty Andrew

Rosie Kilcoyne

8th Laura Wolfe

14th Elliot Anderson

Tessa Stotts

18th Evelyn Alvarado

Debra Davis

19th Ernesto Pena

24th Matthew Anderson

27th Sam Kilcoyne

28th Landon Becerra-Williams

29th Rhyan Shelton



APRIL

8th John & Bonnie Carroll

13th Paul & Faith Dodson

16th Hector & Lisa Chavez

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





Regular Events

MARCH—MAY

SUNDAY

Sunday School Classes - 8:30 am
 Worship Service – 10:05 am
 Evening Study (ALL WELCOME)
 Bldg B Rm 4&5 – 5:00 pm

MONDAY

Ladies Bible Study – Unexplainable Life – 5:45 pm

TUESDAY

Victorious Overcomers Support Group – 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Dinner – 5:00 pm
 AWANA – 5:55 pm
 Youth Bible Study – 6:15 pm
 Hour of Prayer – 6:15 pm
 Men's Bible Study – 7:00 pm

THURSDAY

GriefShare – 10:00 am

FRIDAY

AA Meeting – 6:30 pm

Special Events

APRIL

Sat, Apr 6th – Delivering Hope 10 am
 Sun, Apr 7th – Lords Supper—AM service
 Special Bus Meeting 11:30 am
 Tues, April 9th—Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am
 Thur, Apr 11th – Blood Drive 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 Fri, Apr 12th – Ladies Fellowship Potluck 6:00 pm
 Sun, Apr 14th – Missions Meeting -Speaker 5:00 pm
 Sat, Apr 20th – Youth Rummage Sale:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Sun, Apr 21st – Qtr 2 Business Meeting 11:30 am
 Tue, Apr 23rd – Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am
 Sat, Apr 27th – CPR/AED Training 9:30 – 12:30 pm

MAY

Sun, May 12th—Missions Meeting—Room 9 11:30 am
 Tues, May 14th—Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am
 Sat, May 18th—Ladies Spring Tea (\$5) 11 am
 Mon, May 27th—Memorial Day—Office Closed

Welcome New Member



Debra Davis