



# The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

Volume XLVI, Number 3

April 1, 2025

## Notes from Brandon Lewis, Lead Pastor

Sometimes there are stretches of life wherein God seems to be silent, and we feel like our questions and petitions are being ignored by Him. We might wonder why we're hearing and seeing "nothing" from Him for such a long period, but, rest assured, He's with us every step of the way, and He will speak and move in His perfect time.

Hebrews 13:5(B) - [God] has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Habakkuk 1:5(B) - For I [God] am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

John 5:17 - [Jesus said] "My Father is working until now, and I am working." In other words, Jesus explained that His and His Father's work is ongoing; their powerful work never ceases. We may not always be aware of what God's doing, including His work in the background of our own lives, but as the song "Way Maker" (by Sinach Okoro) says of God, "Even when I don't see it, you're working. Even when I don't feel it, you're working, You never stop! You never stop working!"

Even through life's stretches wherein "absolutely nothing" seems to be all you're getting from God regarding your prayers and longings for Him to provide in various ways, keep reading God's Word (which ALWAYS speaks) and trusting Him to mightily move on your behalf in the most perfect ways and times. Chances are, He's already doing just that behind the scenes, and you've merely yet to reach the point of realization. Patiently trust Him.

Pastor B



**VOICES OF PRAISE**  
**FREE MUSIC EVENT**  
Everyone is welcome!

Bring your chairs, blankets, and enjoy the event!  
Free food provided for all attendees

**Saturday**  
**April 26th**  
**1 pm - 5 pm**  
**Laveen Baptist**  
**Church Lawn**

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
5036 W DOBBINS RD  
LAVEEN, AZ 85339

**SUNRISE**  
**SERVICE**  
*April 20, 2025 6:00 am*

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
5036 W DOBBINS RD  
LAVEEN, AZ 85339

Breakfast following  
in the Central Hall

# Notes from Harry Sexton Assoc. Pastor

Welcome to April. The Romans gave this month the Latin name Aprilis, but the derivation of this name is uncertain. The traditional etymology is from the verb aperire, "to open", in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open." Traditionally, this is a time of change where the last vestiges of winter are gone and summer has yet to begin.

The month starts with a day given to hoaxes and practical jokes and ends with the polar opposite – Honesty Day on the 30th. Of course, for Christians, the big day in April is Easter when everything changed permanently. Now, instead of the unstoppable march toward death, complete life became end game. Where the world celebrates new life with eggs, bunnies, and ducklings, we remember the ultimate sacrifice of God's Son that answered God's justice for all of the sin that every person who has ever lived or ever will live has committed against a perfect God.

God's justice called for complete separation (death) from Him. But His mercy and grace provided a way where His justice was satisfied, but our lives and relationship with Him could be brought back into a place of perfection.

So, as you're going through a lot of the holiday traditions with your family you're making memories. You're making the old recipes and doing the things with your kids and grandkids that you did as a child. But even as you're making these family memories, take the time to remember the why behind it all. Share that memory with others as we look forward to the completion of that change that as scripture says will happen in the twinkling of an eye (1 Cor. 15:52) when we will all be changed into life eternal with the Father.

**In His service,  
Pastor Harry**

Scan QR Code for more info



**Men's Weekly Bible Study**

**When We Meet: Saturdays at 7:00 AM**

Where We Meet  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College  
Agave Hall • 2626 E Pecos Rd, Chandler, AZ 85225

**More information see: John Carroll**  
[jwcarroll066@gmail.com](mailto:jwcarroll066@gmail.com)

**Ladies Spring Tea**  
**May 3, 2025**  
**10:00 am**  
**Cost \$7.00**



**Sign up online or in Bldg B**

**April 11 - 13, 2025**

**COST: \$100- \$125**  
Depending on Room type



Scan QR Code for more info



**Chapel Rock in Prescott, AZ**  
**Featured speaker: Pastor Barry Bandara**  
**More information see: John Carroll**  
[jwcarroll066@gmail.com](mailto:jwcarroll066@gmail.com)

# Notes from the Youth Team

By Diane Williams

April is here, and Zona Camp is less than 3 months away. We currently have 29 students and 4 adult leaders who will be headed to California Baptist University the last week of June for several days of Bible study, worship, games, good food, and a lot of togetherness. Thank you to everyone who's helped us raise funds so far. It's very much appreciated.

One of our students asked me why we do fundraising events rather than just asking people to donate to the Camp fund. Here are some reasons why:

1. Responsibility and Ownership. Working for something rather than simply having it given to you promotes a sense of achievement and appreciation for what you've earned rather than a sense of entitlement.
2. Community Building. Our fundraising events require our students to interact with the rest of the church body building relationship skills with others and making Student Ministry more visible.
3. Fun! Let's be honest. We like fundraisers that give us something we enjoy in return for our money.

So, while we appreciate outright donations, we'll continue the fundraising events that help our students work their way to camp while providing our church body opportunities for fun. Thank you for your support!

**Rummage Sale Donations** – Donations are being accepted Monday, March 31st-Thursday, April 3rd from 9am–3pm, and Thursday, April 3rd from 4pm-7pm.

**Friday, April 4th** – Rummage Sale

**Saturday, April 5th** – Rummage Sale and Car Wash

**Sunday, April 13th** – Bake Sale after morning service

**Sunday, May 4th** – Taco Fundraiser with Bake Sale after morning service

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

**See above for fundraising dates.**

**Sunday, April 20th** – Students help serve Easter brunch

**Sunday, April 27th** – Afterglow

**Sunday, May 18th** – Graduate Recognition Sunday

**Sunday, May 25th** – Water & the Word

<b>Indoor Rummage Sale</b>  <b>Friday April 4th</b> 7:00 am - 1:00 pm <b>Saturday April 5th</b> 7:00 am - 1:00 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>Mar 31st -</b> <b>April 3rd</b>
--	---

<b>LBC Student Camp Fundraiser</b> <b>Car Wash for donations</b> <b>Saturday, April 5th</b> 8 am - 12 pm	
---	---

# Notes from the Worship Leader

The book of Psalms 96:3 says, "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!". Such a beautiful verse. We are called to declare his glory to others, to express our experiences with others within the church and to those in need to hear the gospel. We are living testimonies of what God has done in our lives and continues to do. For me personally, it gives me a reason to worship and praise Him. I can understand King David's expression to worship Him because he too, like us, saw the wonders of God. Just like us King David had seen God's love, His faithfulness, and power. If a king of a nation expresses such gratitude and admiration to God, the more reason we should, too. For King David, God was everything to him just as God should be to us. Everything that we do is to glorify God's name.

Let the people all around you know who God is. Whether that is your family, your coworker, your friend, or whoever you relate with, know that the God we serve is not a man-made god that does not see, hear, or smell (Deut. 4:28). We seek and serve the God who sees everything, and nothing is unknown to Him (Rev. 1:8).

Ask yourself as I had to ask myself, "Am I declaring God's glory among the nations? Am I telling others of not only what God has done throughout Scripture, but what He has done in our own lives?" John McArthur in his Study Bible states "The glory of the Lord is more than just his majestic splendor. It includes all the reasons for admiring and praising Him, such as His acts of creation". We are God's creation and his children. We are given the opportunity to serve Him and to tell others about Him. We have been chosen and entrusted to spread the good news to the world. Isn't that amazing, and at the same time, a responsibility. This is a responsibility we should all be willing to take.

**God Bless  
Cesar Aleman**

**Do This In Remembrance Of Me**



**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Morning Service**

**Sunday**

**April 6th**

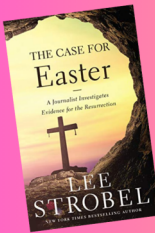
For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
1 Corinthians 11:26

**Four Week Study Wednesday**

**March 26th - April 16th**


**6:00 - 6:50 pm**

**Building B Room 2/3**



Text **EASTER** to 602-860-6822 to receive a link to register or use the QR code

**Register by March 23rd**



**Crafting in Ruth's Footprints**

**2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH**

**April 8th & 22nd**

**9:30 AM**

**BLDG B Room 2**



SCOTT WORTHINGTON | TIERRA FERTIL WORSHIP BAND

**California Baptist University**

**(UN)BELIEF**

**ZONA CAMP 2025**

**JUNE 23-27**



Use QR Code to register by Jan 31st

MARK 9:24





# April Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Ariel Kiyogera  
 4<sup>th</sup> Ethan Roldan  
 Maci Shelton  
 Frank Williams  
 6<sup>th</sup> Adrian Cruz  
 Aaron Villa

7<sup>th</sup> Steve Worley  
 8<sup>th</sup> Beauty Andrew  
 Laura Wolfe  
 14<sup>th</sup> Elliot Anderson  
 Tessa Stotts  
 18<sup>th</sup> Debra Davis

19<sup>th</sup> Ernesto Pena  
 24<sup>th</sup> Matthew Anderson  
 28<sup>th</sup> Landon Becerra-Williams  
 29<sup>th</sup> Rhyan Shelton  
 30<sup>th</sup> Micah Hazelett



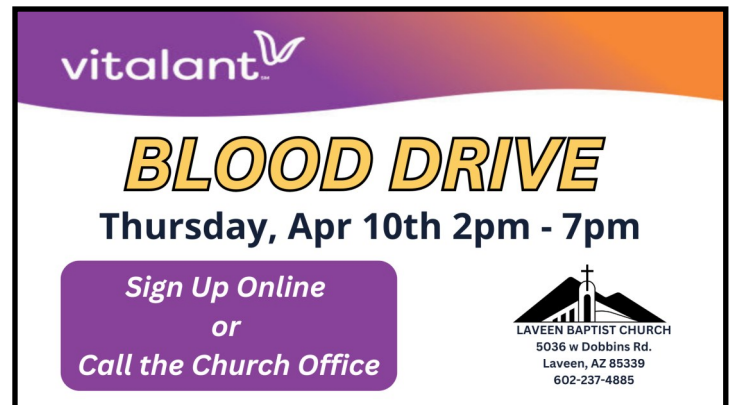
8<sup>th</sup> John & Bonnie Carroll

16<sup>th</sup> Hector & Lisa Chavez

28<sup>th</sup> Brandon & Amy Lewis



**LBC's Student Ministry**  
**Bake Sale**  
**Sunday April 13th**  
 After AM Service  
 Cash Sales Only please



vitalant  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
 Thursday, Apr 10th 2pm - 7pm  
 Sign Up Online  
 or  
 Call the Church Office  
 LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
 5036 w Dobbins Rd.  
 Laveen, AZ 85339  
 602-237-4885



**KID'S CAMP 2025**  
**JUNE 8-13**  
 Sign Up in Building B  
 Cost: \$250 per camper  
 \$225 per Adult or JC  
 \$50 deposit due now  
 For 1st - 6th Graders  
 Registration Opens  
 March 1st  
 Questions: Kris Williams 602-309-0742



**LBC** Missions  
 LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Monthly Meeting  
 After AM Service  
 Room 9  
 Join Us  
 April 13th



# April



## Regular Events

### SEPTEMBER - 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

AM Ladies Bible Study - Malachi	8:00 pm
PM Ladies Bible Study - Isaiah	6:00 pm

#### TUESDAY

Victorious Overcomers Support Group	6:30 pm
-------------------------------------	---------

#### WEDNESDAY

Dinner	5:00 pm
Adventure Club (New Kids Program)	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:00 pm
Prayer Hour	6:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study	6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm

#### THURSDAY

GriefShare	10:00 am
College/Young Adult Bible Study -off Campus	6:30 pm
AA Meeting	6:30 pm

#### FRIDAY

AA Meeting	6:30 pm
------------	---------

## Special Events

### APRIL

April 4 <sup>th</sup> - Student Rummage Sale	7am – 1pm
April 5 <sup>th</sup> - Student Rummage Sale	7am – 1pm
April 5 <sup>th</sup> - Camp Car Wash	8am—12pm
April 6 <sup>th</sup> - Lords Supper	AM Service
April 8 <sup>th</sup> - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
April 10 <sup>th</sup> - Blood Drive	2:00 pm
April 11 <sup>th</sup> - Ladies Fellowship Potluck	6:00 pm
April 13 <sup>th</sup> - Missions Committee	11:30 am
Student Bake Sale	11:30 am
April 20 <sup>th</sup> - Sunrise Service	6:00 am
Easter Breakfast	7:00 am
Sunday School - All	8:30 am
Spanish Service	8:30 am
Regular Worship Service	10:05 am
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
April 26 <sup>th</sup> - Voices of Praise	time to be determined
April 27 <sup>th</sup> - Kickoff Baby Bottle Campaign	AM Service
April 28 <sup>th</sup> - Laveen Coalition	6:00 pm

## Welcome New Member



Izzabella Ruiz—March 9, 2025

## LADIES FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK APRIL 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Bring your fav dish to share

women's ministry  
LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH



**Ages:**  
5 Years old – 12 Years old

**Volunteer Children:**  
Infant to 4 Years old

**Volunteers:**  
13 + Years

Registration Open

**VBS 2025**

June 2nd - 6th

8:30 am – Noon



LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
5036 W. Dobbins Rd  
Laveen, AZ 85339