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Notes from the Brandon Lewis Lead Pastor

Hey, fellow LBCers!

Did you know that God knows you better than you know yourself? This 38 drawer filing cabinet (pictured) in Burlington, Vermont, is said to be the tallest filing cabinet on earth. And yet God's "filing cabinet" (solely about YOU) is so much bigger!

Psalm 139:16(B) - In [God's] book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."

Psalm 56:8 - [God has] kept count of my tossings; put my tears in [His] bottle. Are they not in [His] book?

Luke 12:6-7 - Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are more valuable than many sparrows.



Psalm 139:1-4 - O LORD, you have searched me and know me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up: you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out

my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

Hebrews 4:13 - And no creature is hidden from [God's] sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

God knows EVERYTHING about you! He knows how long you will live, what you've done and will do (the good, bad, and the ugly), your needs, your hurts, your prayers, and every intimate detail about you. It's all in His filing cabinet with YOUR name on it, and the drawers are deep! Think about the filing cabinets (belonging to God) that are portrayed in the movie Bruce Almighty; those give us a good idea of His knowledge about us, but in fact it's so much greater!

With this in mind (understanding that God's knowledge of us knows no bounds), shouldn't we want to trust Him supremely, talk to Him constantly, and serve Him gladly? Let's get to it, if we're not already doing so!

-Pastor B

Notes from the Harry Sexton Assoc. Pastor

Well it's February and that means it's time for Valentine's Day and President's Day. When I was young the country still celebrated Abraham Lincoln's birthday (12th) and George Washington's birthday (22nd) instead of the generic President's Day that we have now. Some of the special day's this month that you might not have heard of that you want to get in on though are: Change your password day (1st) (but be sure to write it down somewhere because if you're like me....); National frozen yogurt day (6th); and one of my personal favorites – National pancake day (28th).

Generally, by February most of us have gotten used to being in a new year and if you're anything like me, your calendar for the year is already beginning to have a lot of entries. This means that we're looking forward and beginning to plan, even if it's something that's not guite so positive like filing taxes. The same holds true for the church. We're looking forward and beginning to plan a lot of things like our Easter sunrise service and breakfast and our annual Vacation Bible School in June. But none of these events just happen, we need you to both attend and volunteer.

The 'church' is called the "body of Christ" (1 Cor. 12:27) and like all bodies there are no superfluous parts. Every part is important and has something to do so that the body operates properly. If you're just showing up for a service once a week and are not involved somewhere, then you're not fulfilling part of the purpose that you have here as a believer and a member of Laveen Baptist Church.

So, my question to you is what's holding you back? The body here has need of your skills, talents and just time. If you don't know where to start then just pay attention, because like the old Uncle Sam posters, we're looking for you. Come be an active part of the body and not just a pew warmer so that when the successes happen, you'll know that you had a role to play in all of it for God's glory to be made manifest here in Laveen.



In His service,

Notes from the Youth Team

By Diane Williams

And it's February already! It may seem like summer is a long way off, but June will be here in the blink of an eye. At Laveen Baptist Church, June is full of opportunities. We have Vacation Bible School (VBS) the first week. Kid's Camp the second week. Student Ministry helps with Rio Vista evening VBS the second or third week. And Zona Camp happens the last week of the month.

Zona Camp is one of the highlights of our students' year. It's a ministry of the Arizona Southern Baptist Mission Network that "provides a safe and exciting environment for students to encounter God, build friendships, and engage in worship, learning, and service. We strive to create a space where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully in students' lives." We are currently registering students for Zona Camp through February 5th so we can guarantee spots at camp and take advantage of the early bird reduction in fees.

Along with Zona Camp also comes the fundraising we do to make sure all our students can attend without putting a financial burden on their families. Our students can work at several different events for what we call, "Zona credit". When our fundraising is over for this year's camp, we'll total the amount we raised and divide it among the students according to the number of hours they worked.

Thank you to all of you who've already given this year to help our students! We have a variety of events coming up that you can enjoy and help a student go to Zona Camp, so mark your calendar:

Sunday, Feb. 9th – Bake Sale after morning service
Saturday, March 15th – "LBC's Got Talent" Dinner, Talent Show, and Auction
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

We have some other opportunities in the works, so stay tuned to find out what's coming up. If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me through the church office or catch me on a Sunday or Wednesday.

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





Notes from the Worship Leader

Church, I hope you have been having a great beginning of the year and now we are in month two, which it's a short month. I would like to write to you what I have been feeling in my heart. For the past few days I have been asking myself how much do I trust God? You know we say it all the time to trust in God, but do we really mean it? Sometimes we say it automatically like it's a line in a telemar-keting call, but trusting in God is harder than we think, especially when we are in a situation that is out of our control and the only thing we can do is depend on God. I know for us in a nation that has free-dom of religion, we don't face persecution, but what about our brothers in countries that are not allowed to express such freedom? How about the parents that have their child in a cancer hospital and not sure if their child will make it or not? Most of us have children and we pray we would not be in that situation, but if we ever were, would we trust in God? What about the husband that has lost his job due to lack of work or injury and not sure how he will provide for his family?

There are so many circumstances that one hopes not to ever be in, but I know that God is with me as He is with you. Asking these questions has helped me to remind myself of who God is. God is my Savior and Protector (Psalms 91:1-2). God is my Provider (Deut. 2:7). God is always present in my times of joy as well as in my times of hardship (Psalms 23:4, Psalms 139:7-10). God is infinite, he has no time or limit. He is the Alpha and the Omega. He is Omniscience meaning He knows every-thing. This is the God we serve and worship. The same God we read in the Bible, is the same God today.

Please understand God is not a genie in a bottle that will give us what we want, but whatever God's will is, whether His answer is yes or no, we have to trust in Him. Is it hard? Most definitely, but I know He will take care of me and you because He loves his children (1 John 3:1). We are in the hands of the Lord and our walk with Him is beautiful and well worth it. This path will lead us to a place of no pain, hunger and death (Rev. 21:4).





1st Steve Murage

3rd Shannon Pena

- Pippa Fearn
- $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ Andrew Bialo
- $\mathbf{7}^{\text{th}}$ Gabe Ochoa
- $\mathbf{8}^{\text{th}}$ Justin Wolfe

- **Burnett Flint**
- 13th Audrey Anderson

Donnel Horn

- 21st Brenda Holmeyer
- 21st MaLinda Johanning
- 21st **Destiny Brewster**

- 23rd **Monique Lorimer**
- 24^{th} Shana Duong (Tran)
- 25^{th} Phil Hertel
 - Gaige Copenhaver
- 26th Cynthia Flint
 - Karen McGowan
 - Page Lasby



 28^{th} Harold & Melba Stewart

Welcome New Members





John & Bethany Asher December 15, 2024





Regular Events

Special Events

SEPTEMBER - MAY FEBRUARY SUNDAY Thurs, Feb 6th - GriefShare – 13 weeks 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 8:30 am Sun, Feb 9th - Youth Bake Sale 11:30 am 10:05 am Worship Service Mission Committee 11:30 am Evening Study (ALL WELCOME) Tues, Feb 11th - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am Bldg B Rm 4&5 5:00 pm Sat, Feb 22nd - Laveen BBQ11am - 5pmMon, Feb 24th - Laveen Coalition6:00 pm MONDAY AM Ladies Bible Study - Malachi 8:00 pm Tues, Feb 25th - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am PM Ladies Bible Study - Isaiah 6:00 pm MARCH TUESDAY Sun, Mar 9th - Volleyball Tournament 11:45am Victorious Overcomers Support Group 6:30 pm Mission Committee 11:30 am Tues, Mar 11th - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am WEDNESDAY Fri, Mar 14th - Youth Dinner, Talent Show & Auction 5:00 pm Dinner Adventure Club (New Kids Program) 6:00 pm 5:30 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Sat, Mar 22nd - Rio Vista Work Day 8:00 am - Noon Praver Hour 6:00 pm Tues, Mar 25th - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm Mon, Mar 31st - Laveen Coalition 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm THURSDAY 73rd Annual Laveen BBQ 10:00 am GriefShare College/Young Adult Bible Study (off Campus) 7pm FRIDAY AA Meeting 6:30 pm **Cesar Chavez Park** Scan the QR Code to





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