



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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Notes from Harry Sexton, Assoc. Pastor

As you're reading this, I'm suffering somewhere in Alaska wearing a sweater as it's in the mid 60's. It's a big change from the super-hot July temperatures in Phoenix but all of life is a constant change. We long for things to stay the same; to be something that we can count on. But really, that's not what most of our lives are like. We have moments of things being stable, and then circumstances change and our lives can feel very unstable. Isn't it good to remember that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Our Lord and King does not change. Even better is the fact that His plans for us and all of history have not wavered. The prophet, Jeremiah, gave these words to God's people in a time of great calamity in chapter 29, verse 11— "For I know the plans I have for you—'this is the LORD's declaration'—plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

We've come to yet another time of change in our church, and yet the God that we serve has not and will not change and His plan for history and for this body of believers proceeds unabated and perfectly on schedule. Thus, we find ourselves again looking for the man that God has for us as our lead pastor. The Elder Team will soon initiate that search and will be looking for an adjunct group to assist us with that endeavor. Please be in prayer both for the Elder Team and whether or not God is directing you to be a part of the group assisting the Elder Team with this task.

The last group did a great job in seeking God's will and bringing the man that God had for us. Even though it turned out to be for a short time only, their efforts were God honoring and God directed. That is in the past, and it's time for us to move forward. We have a mission to complete in making "disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19).

So, Laveen Baptist, look to the unchanging God whose plans do not change. The Christian life is always forward and never backwards. While we can feel unsettled, we serve a God who is perfect and loves us completely. A new era is upon us and I, for one, can't wait to see what God is going to do.

**In His service,
Pastor Harry**

LBC
Elder Meetings
6:00 pm - Library
July 21st, August 4th
& August 18th

Notes from the Youth Team

By Diane Williams

Last week was Zona Camp. We took 30 students and 5 adult leaders to the California Baptist University campus in Riverside, California. The speaker was Scott Worthington, lead pastor of Hope Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. The evening sessions focused on Image, Idols, Invitation, and Invasion while the morning sessions encouraged students and leaders to get into the Word of God.

Monday evening: Image. “What you think about yourself changes everything else.” We are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). “I was created by God for God.” Everything was created through God and for God (Colossians 1:16). But something broke; we all have ugly hearts.

Tuesday morning: True wisdom is seeing life from God’s perspective. “Guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23). “What fills your heart, leads your life”. **Tuesday evening: Idols.** “Every human being is a worshipper.” “Worship is our response to what we value most.” “The human heart is an idol factory.” – John Calvin. “2 Lies the Devil Uses: 1. You cannot trust God. 2. _____ is better than what God has for you.” Fill in the blank with whatever is competing for your love for God. “Anything in the world that successfully competes with our love for God is an idol.” – John Piper. “Truth from God will set you free from the lies of the enemy.”

Wednesday morning: “We become like what we behold.” Those who make idols – of any kind – become like them (Psalm 115:4-8). “Trust in the Lord with all your heart...” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Wednesday evening: Invitation. “Jesus invites people into a relationship that changes everything.” You must be born again (John 3:3). “In order to see our need for a Savior, we first need to understand the depth of our sin.” Sin is baked into who we are (Romans 3:23). Our just punishment is death (Romans 6:23). But God gives us an epic invitation; the Creator God of the universe wants to have a friendship relationship with us.

Thursday morning: The mountain top of Zona Camp will end. “You can’t live at camp, but you can live camp.” Following Jesus implies movement; live in the Book. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...” (Proverbs 9:10). “For the word of God is living and active...discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12). **Thursday evening: Invasion.** Jesus in you; the people who encounter Jesus never stay the same. Lie #1: Christianity is like clothes – something you put on and take off. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus isn’t an accessory. Your new life is permanent. Lie #2: Jesus followers can remain unmoved. “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19) “For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...” (Romans 8:29). Truth: Jesus desires for you to grow in your faith by the power of His Spirit in you (2 Peter 3:18). **S.T.E.P.S.: S** – Start a relationship with Jesus. **T** – Take sin seriously. “Be killing sin or it will be killing you” (John Owens). **E** – Establish real community. **P** – Practice, practice, practice. **S** – Serve the Lord where He’s called you.

Image, Idols, Invitation, Invasion: You were created to live your life in the love of God and glorify and serve Him. Choose to follow Jesus and let Him change you.

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

Saturday, July 12th – Water Day at Rio Vista (more info later)

Sunday, July 13th – Parent Meeting for current and new students

11:45 am in Rooms 4 & 5, Building B

Sunday, July 27th – Water & the Word

Notes from the Worship Leader

Hello Church,

It has been quite a month, but no matter what, God is ALWAYS in control! This brought to my attention that we must pray, and pray continuously. We know that there is nothing that shocks God. He knows our past as He knows our future. As brother Sam says "God is good all the time and all the time God is good".

Like I said, prayer is important in our walk with Christ. Through prayer our relationship with God grows. That's because it is more than saying a few words. It's having a strong communication with God. I can't imagine not communicating with my wife, but through communication our relationship gets stronger. The same thing is with God. Praying to God is expressing our dependence on God. We know there are many things in this world we can't control, but there is someone who can and that's God. He is in control, and when we pray we are letting go of what we can't. We are humbling ourselves before Him and becoming the passenger in the purpose and plan He has for us as individuals and as His church. We are aligning to God's will and not to our own. God hears us when we pray, but He also speaks to us. Maybe not in a two-way conversation, but He speaks to us and when we pray and have that bond with Christ we become sensitive to His voice.

Now I say this to you, God's answer is not always right away. He is no genie in a bottle that we say our wishes to and He does an "I Dream of Genie" hand movement and there you go. This is where our dependence on God comes in again. We will get an answer, whether that is a yes or a no or an answer you did not like or expected. But He will answer within His time and not ours. As true believers we are no longer directed by what we want but by what He wants. Although we have dreams and aspirations, our aspiration as believers are to do God's work. We are more than church staff and church volunteers; we are God's servants, and as servants we will listen to God's direction. Whatever we face He will be there with us, and He is and will be in control.

Thank you church for what you do,

Cesar Aleman



LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

QTR 3 Church Family Meeting

July 27, 2025

Following AM Service

Pick Up Your Agenda In the Foyer

July 13th



LBC Missions

Monthly Meeting

After AM Service

Room 9

Join Us July 13th



SAVE THE DATE

DELIVERING HOPE

FREE MUSIC EVENT

Bring your chairs, blankets, and enjoy the event!

Live music from local church worship teams

Resources from various community organizations

Free food provided for all attendees

Everyone is welcome!

Saturday

November 8th

12 pm - 4 pm

Laveen Baptist Church Lawn

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH
5036 W Dobbins Rd
Laveen, AZ 85339

Mission Committee Minutes

Laveen Baptist Church
Mission Team Meeting
June 8, 2025
11:30 am

ATTENDEES: Mary Lou Booher, Juanita Braga, Leslie Steinmann, Scott Winter, Paul Olsen, Debra Davis, Monique Lorimer, Gabriel Ochoa and Lisa Valdivia

ABSENT: Felix Jimenez, Minerva Prieto

Opening Prayer: Paul

OLD BUSINESS

1. Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes – Pamphlets ordered, Debra Davis volunteered to lead endeavor for LBC. 1st meeting - TBD
2. Monthly Financial Support – Gabe Ochoa Campus Christian Challenge Apprentice Juanita motioned for monthly support of \$300 from June 2025 to May 2026. Lisa seconded. Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

1. SEND Relief Mission Trips available within US – several remaining in 2025. It was suggested to prepare a mission opportunity calendar for the next year; then present to the elder board. Team Members/Attendees to bring ideas/opportunities to the next meeting.
3. Pray for a discerning heart – mission direction
4. VBS Opportunity on Gila River Indian community – July 7 – 9, 2026. 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Volunteer meeting – July 6, 2025 @ Siloam Baptist Church. 1:30 pm

Closing Prayer: Lisa

Hello Church,

Just wanted you all to know that we will continue to use the texting app to communicate with you.

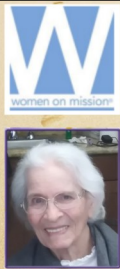
So if you want to receive the Bible Verses on Sundays type Bible to 602-860-6822 and if you want to get the weekly General Info text usually on Tuesday's type Connect to 602-860-6822.

If you have already signed up you don't have to do anything. Question call the office.



Crafting in Ruth's Footprints

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
July 8th & 22nd
9:30 AM
BLDG B Room 2



Grieving the death of a spouse?

Join us for this encouraging seminar!

Loss of a Spouse

Saturday, July 12th
@ 10:00 am In Building B

Register via QR Code or
Contact the Church Office



GRIEF SHARE
griefshare.org/loss



**TEXT CONNECT TO
602-860-6822**

To receive weekly church info

Ladies Monday AM

Bible Study

Book of Mark

Starting: July 7th
8:00 am to 9:30 am
Bldg B, Room 7

Help and Encouragement
after the death of a spouse,
child, family member, or friend

Grief Share®

Thursdays, Aug 7th - Nov 6th, 2025

@ 10:00 am in person

Register via QR Code or Contact
the Church Office



Grief Share®

Free

Surviving the Holidays



Sat., Nov. 15th @ 10:00am
in Building B

ADVENTURE CLUB

For children 3 years old through 6th grade

Sign-up begins July 3rd

Club starts Wed, August 20th 6:00 pm

Please scan one of the codes below to sign up:

Volunteers:

Kids:



Cost: \$35 - for 1st year participating in Adventure Club

Cost: \$25 - for 2nd year participating in Adventure Club

scholarships available





1 st	Evangelyn Downs	8 th	Henok Teferra	25 th	Raquel Esparza
	Japheth Konki	11 th	Irene Cambaliza-Orlish	26 th	Louise Richardson
	Nick Pena	19 th	Aspen Charmasson	28 th	David Raitter
5 th	Patricia Smith		Donna Gajdowski		Addy Smith
6 th	Bethany Asher		Tina Worley	31 st	Jimmie Creekmur
	Kris Williams	22 nd	Melba Stewart		

3rd Donald & Jennifer Holmes

17th Keith & Corynne Charmasson

18th Bill & Donna Pulley



27th Aaron & Marianna Villa

28th Harry & Irene Orlish IV

29th Matthew & Michele Anderson

ADVENTURE CLUB
Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday July 23rd 7:00 pm
Bldg B Room 4





**Planning for the
2025 - 2026 year.**

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BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, July 10th 2pm - 7pm

**Sign Up Online
or
Call the Church Office**



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

Camp Report Back & Fellowship Dinner
SUNDAY, JULY 20TH - 5:00 PM

Come have a hamburger, hotdog or shepards pie, hear what the Kids did at Camp this year and enjoy fellowship





WBS 2025

HAPPY INDEPENDANCE DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**Church Office Closed
Thursday, July 3rd**



July



Regular Events

JUNE 4th - AUGUST 20th

SUNDAY

Sunday School Classes	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Worship Service	10:15 am

MONDAY

AM Ladies Bible Study - Mark	8:00 am
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TUESDAY

Victorious Overcomers Support Group	6:30 pm
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WEDNESDAY

Youth Bible Study	6:00 pm
Prayer Hour	6:00 pm
Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm

THURSDAY

GriefShare (August 7th - November 6th)	10:00 am
College/Young Adult Bible Study -off Campus	6:30 pm
AA Meeting	6:30 pm

FRIDAY

AA Meeting	6:30 pm
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Special Events

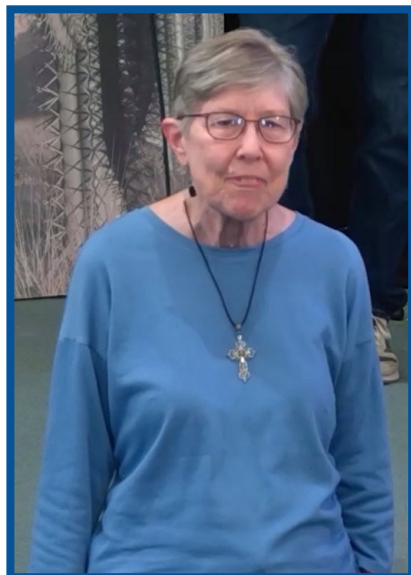
JULY

July 3 rd & 4 th - HOLIDAY Office Closed	
July 7 th - Ladies AM Bible Study - Mark	8:00 am
July 8 th - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
July 10 th - Blood Drive	2:00 pm
July 12 th - GriefShare-Loss of a Spouse	10:00 am
July 13 th - Missions Committee Meeting, Rm 9	11:45 am
Youth Parent Meeting, Room 4	11:45 am
July 20 th - Deacon Meeting, Bldg B Room 2	11:45 am
Camp Report Back Night & Fellowship Dinner	5:00 pm
July 21 st - Elder Meeting (Library)	6:00 pm
July 23 rd - Adventure Club Volunteer Meeting	7:00 pm
July 27 th - QTR 3 Business Meeting	11:45 am
- Youth Water & the Word	5:00 pm

AUGUST

Aug 3 rd - Lords Supper	During AM Service
Aug 4 th - Elder Meeting (Library)	6:00 pm
Aug 7 th - GriefShare (13 weeks)	10:00 am

Welcome New Members



Mary Lee Booher
June 8, 2025

