



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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Notes from Pastor Jim

“All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.” (1 John 2:16)

The word lust tends to evoke a negative, almost repulsed, reaction from people. I think this is because we associate it in a sexual manner. We picture in our mind some sort of trench coat wearing pervert exposing himself to people. If this is the image lust generates for you, then John’s admonition may lose some of its power.

Such deviance as mentioned above can well be an expression of lust. But, and this is important to recognize, lust can manifest itself in many different ways of which the perversion mentioned is only an extreme example. John’s warning is not exclusively directed at the worst case scenarios. It is a call to not be driven by personal desires.

So, what precisely do the biblical authors have in mind when they write about lust? Lust is, simply put, the wants of your flesh. Maybe a word we are more familiar with is desire, it is what your humanity seeks. John is warning Jesus-followers to not pursue what their eyes see, where their fleshly desire wants to take them, or how pride may influence their attitudes and actions. What emanates from our humanity, John plainly says, “are not from the Father, but . . . from the world.”

Those who seek to walk after Jesus need to discern between what they want and what it is God wants. We need to learn to distinguish between following the trends of this world, the habits we have learned, the items and actions society at large wants, and what is in accord with the desires and will of God. Where is this knowledge acquired, by prayer, reading of the Word, and wise, godly, counsel.

Once we distinguish between God’s will and ours (lust), we find our lust resisting submission to the Father’s will. Old desires, learned over years of living rise up. They want to continue to express themselves. However, Father has not left us alone in this endeavor. Jesus’ disciples have been gifted the Holy Spirit. We are told, “walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh” (Gal 5:16). If we will, empowered by the Spirit, seek God’s desires, say “No!” to our fleshly wants and wishes, and reject looking upon and valuing the things the world does, we will overcome.

Pastor Jim

VBS 2024
 June 3rd - 7th, 2024
 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Registration
OPEN

newlife
 pregnancy center
 A Ministry of Arizona Baptist Children's Services

Baby Bottle Campaign
Your change can change a life

1. GRAB A BOTTLE April 28th
2. FILL IT UP
3. RETURN BY May 12th

Contact: Church Office

Notes from the Associate Pastor Harry

Hello Laveen Baptist Church! May brings us to the front door of summer. The month “May” is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin *maiores*, “elders” but the origin isn’t clear. What May does bring us in longer, warmer days and usually no rain. It also brings in the traditional end of the school year; a prospect that students of all ages look forward to with anticipation.

But what do we do with all of that ‘extra’ daylight? When I was a kid it just meant that much more time to play outside as I’m from the generation that we could (and did) play outside the house “...until the street lights come on.” Even though those days are long behind me, these longer days mean that I have more time to do things where I can still see. People just generally feel more comfortable during the daylight hours so why not consider using at least some of this time to get to know other people?

You’ll recall that when questioned about which was the greatest commandment that Jesus replied: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”* (Matthew 22:37-40) Of course, we know that biblical love is an action and not an emotion (For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son – John 3:16) so why not use some of this extra light to do something that shows the true light of God’s love for others?

All of the events and activities at the church to reach our community are almost valueless in comparison to a single act of intentional kindness by a member of the family of God who recognizes that no matter how much ugliness a person as incorporated into their lives that they’re still a person who has been made in the image of God. Remember that God “causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous” (Matt. 5:45). So, if that’s what our Father is doing shouldn’t we be doing the same? This is one of the greatest ways to witness about His love.

Enjoy these longer days and look for the opportunities that God brings before you to ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’

In His service,
Pastor Harry



**KENYA
MISSION
TRIP**

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

The poster features a green background with two photographs: one of a zebra in a savanna and another of a monkey in a forest.



**Youth Ministries
Water & the Word**

*Dive into
the
Word*

**Sunday, May 26th
be at the Church
@ 5:00 pm**

Bible time @ *Fellowship*

Location TBD

The poster features a blue and white graphic of water splashing.

Notes from the Youth Team

By Diane Williams

Well, one-third of the year is gone and we're looking forward to the summer already. We've had our annual Bonfire, Winter Retreat, Volleyball Tournament, Spring Break, and Rummage Sale. We have one more major event before moving into our summer schedule:

Graduate Recognition Sunday. It's the day of the year when we recognize our students who are graduating from high school. Because of that, it's also the time of year that we think about endings and beginnings. Births, deaths, graduations, moving, marriage, starting new schools, new jobs, new relationships; life is full of them, isn't it?

Some are filled with joy, while others can bring more hurt than we'd ever imagined. The apostle Paul had his share of both joy and sorrow. In Romans, chapter 12, he talks about how as believers we are one body in Christ and members of one another. And how are we to treat each other as members of one another? In verse 10, he says, "Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another." (CSB) In other words, treat each other with family affection and respect. Then, in verse 15, he gets more specific and says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep." (CSB) This isn't a to-do list; it's an invitation to join in the experience of another person in the happy times as well as the sad. It's a chance to grow roots deeply into the heart and soul of a brother or sister – to be that "high five" or "shoulder to cry on", whichever is required.

Sometimes, it's harder to rejoice with others than it is to weep. Especially if they're celebrating something you've desired but haven't been able to achieve: marriage, a promotion, having a child, buying a home, etc. Paul also said that love – an action, not a feeling - does not envy (1 Cor. 13:4). That's when we need to choose to "love one another deeply...honoring one another" by following Christ's example: humbling ourselves and setting aside our own self-centeredness, trusting the Lord's schedule, and practicing the heart of love by sharing in the joy of someone else.

Living together as a family, brothers and sisters in Christ, is not always easy, but it is worth it. Support, encouragement, accountability, working together as partners wrapped up in the grace of God, becoming more and more like Jesus; these are some of the privileges we have as believers when we set our own desires aside and join together as a body to glorify God!

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

MAY EVENTS

May 5th: Church Fellowship (youth help set up)

May 12th: Mother's Day (you know what to do)

May 19th: Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 26th: Water & the Word



Senior Recognition Sunday
May 19th
During Morning Service
Congrats Grads!!
RSVP with Ms. Diane
May 5th



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Notes from the Worship Leader

Jesus said in the book of Matthew 5:46-48. It is easy to love those who love you—even a tax collector can love those who love him. And it is easy to greet your friends—even outsiders do that! But you are called to something higher: “Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

Church, have you ever reflected on these verses? I mean it is so easy to love those who love us back, but to love those that persecute us, that hate us because we follow Jesus. Well I will say it, it is not easy, but it is not impossible, at least for God’s children. You see Jesus knew we were going to be hated. John 15:18 says “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.” It’s not so much they hate you, but hate the One who you believe in. The world hates what you stand for. It is hard for the world to understand that one must love their enemy. The world can’t understand we are created to serve God and to serve others before ourselves. It can’t understand how we can smile and have hope in the toughest times in our lives.

That’s because they don’t know Jesus and because of His grace we are saved from hell. We understand that God’s faithfulness never ceases. We understand that despite what others do to us, it is temporary. We know that when we take our last breath in this world, it’s eternal life with God. Philippians 1:21 says, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” That being said we must be like Christ. Just like Jesus who was whipped, spit on, criticize, nailed on the cross, put to death for no crime, showed us what love is. Showed us that love can triumph. I don’t mean that conditional love, but the unconditional love that no matter what I will love.

Remember that as there are those that don’t agree with you. Those who have or will curse you. But these verses remind us to be like Jesus. We are not perfect, but Jesus set an example for us to follow. We must be merciful as Luke 6:36 tells us, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful”. We can’t do it alone, but we can do it in Christ!

God Bless,
Cesar



**TACO POP-UP
SUNDAY
MAY 5TH
AFTER SERVICE**

**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED FOR
KIDS/YOUTH
CAMPS**

I ONLY EAT TACOS ON
DAYS THAT END IN Y

YOU HAD ME AT
TACOS

YEAR IN INTO FITNESS...

FITNESS WHOLE TACO IN MY
MOUTH



VBS 2024

June 3rd - 7th, 2024
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Registration
OPEN**

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

THE GREAT
JUNGLE
JOURNEY

An Epic Cruise From
Genesis to Revelation





MAY

2nd Annalise Townsley
 4th Daniel Papp
 Erich Zumach
 5th Georgana Carlisle
 Lisa Smith
 7th Michele Anderson
 9th William Pulley
 14th Peyton Mills
 15th Elia Phan

16th Tiffany Duong
 Pauline Onyi
 Steve Roldan
 18th Diego Chavez
 19th Collin Anderson
 Faith Dodson
 Kim Martin
 Tootsie Tatrai
 20th Merrie Kilcoyne

21st Jonas Prieto
 23rd Dusty Shelton
 26th Eliana Corral
 Jennifer Ryon
 27th Cesar Aleman
 Ruben Villa
 29th Eric Peterson
 30th Daniel Salinas
 31st Lisa Chavez



MAY

3rd Cesar & Alejandra Aleman
 19th David & Kris Williams
 23rd Tom & Linda Combs

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



Crafting in Ruth's Footprints

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
 May 14th & 28th
 9:30 AM
 BLDG B Room 2

WOMEN ON MISSION

Children's Wednesday Night Summer Program

June 5 - August 21, 2024
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For Kids who's parents are volunteers in youth or are attending the Prayer Meeting

Volunteers Needed weekly Sign up in Building B

Volunteer for up to 4 year old or K - 6th grade

MAY

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

MAY

May 5th – Taco Pop-up (youth/kids camp fundraiser) 11:30 am
 - Personnel/Pastor Search Team Meeting 11:30 am
 May 8th – Last Wed night dinner till Sept
 Sun, May 12th – Mothers Day
 Baby Bottle Campaign Bottle return today
 Missions Meeting—Room 9 11:30 am
 Tues, May 14th—Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am
 Wed, May 15th – AWANA Parent/Award Night 6:00 pm
 Sat, May 18th—Ladies Spring Tea (\$5) 11:00 am
 Sun, May 19th – Senior Recognition During AM Service
 Youth Graduation Celebration 11:30 am
 Sun, May 26th – Water & the Word 5:00 pm
 Mon, May 27th—Memorial Day—Office Closed
 Tue, May 28th – Crafting in Ruth's Footprints 9:30 am

JUNE

Sun, June 2nd – Lords Supper
 June 5th – Aug 28th – Summer Kids, Youth, Prayer
 June 3 – 7th – VBS
 June 5th – Youth Game Night
 Sun, Jun 9th – Missions Meeting – Room 9 11:30 am
 Youth Water & the Word 5:00 pm

Ladies Spring Tea
May 18, 2024
 11:00 am
 Cost \$5.00
 Sign up online or in Bldg B
Guest Speaker: Dee Barber



Year End Celebration
Dinner & Awards
 Building B Awards
May 15th 6:00 pm

We need a head count, so please scan the QR code or the link below and sign up



<https://laveenbaptistchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2286344>

KID'S CAMP 2024
JUNE 9-14
 Sign Up in Building B

ONLY 15 Slots Available
 First Come First Served

Cost: \$225 per camper
 \$200 per Adult or JC
 \$50 deposit due now

Questions:
 Kris Williams 602-309-0742
 For 1st - 6th Graders



Ladies Monday AM
Bible Study
1st, 2nd, and 3rd John
Starting, Mon. April 22nd
8:00 am to 9:30 am
Bldg B, Room 7
 See Sue Hardy for questions