



# The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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## Notes from Brandon Lewis, Lead Pastor

I'm so glad God treats me like this sometimes. He doesn't stop warning me when I ignore His first, second, and third warnings. He loves me enough to repeat Himself time and again! His Spirit will get my attention in a number of ways and point me back to His Word (John 14:26). He doesn't grow tired of steering me in the right direction and flagging me down when I'm going off course. He never says, "Well, if Brandon isn't going to get the message, I'll just sit back and watch him wreck things for himself royally!" Instead, He throws me signal after signal and pulls out all of the stops when it comes to keeping me from destructive paths.

"To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you." - Philippians 3:1

God directed Paul to repeat himself often when writing to Christ followers, because we're slow to get the picture sometimes, and the additional warnings may be just what we need.

I'm glad God loves me enough to repeat Himself!

Pastor B





A Ministry of Arizona Baptist Children's Services

### Baby Bottle Campaign

*Your change can change a life*

1. GRAB A BOTTLE April 27th
2. FILL IT UP
3. RETURN BY May 11th

**Contact: Church Office**



### Crafting in Ruth's Footprints

2nd and 4th TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH  
May 13th & 27th  
9:30 AM  
BLDG B Room 2



### Ladies Spring Tea

May 3, 2025  
11:00 am  
Cost \$7.00



Sign up online or in Bldg B



Monthly Meeting  
After AM Service  
Room 9

Join Us  
May 11th

# Notes from Harry Sexton Assoc. Pastor

"Mayday, mayday, mayday!" This is the international distress call. "Mayday" first came into English in 1923. There was a lot of air traffic between England and France in those days, and evidently there were enough international problems over the English Channel that both parties wanted to find a good distress signal that everyone would understand. But, surely there already was a distress signal that everyone understood? There was—S.O.S.—but there were some problems with it: owing to the difficulty of distinguishing the letter "S" by telephone, the international distress signal "S.O.S." gave place to the words, "May-day", the phonetic equivalent of "M'aidez", the French for "Help me."

"New Air Distress Signal," The Times [London], 2 Feb. 1923. SOS was most commonly used in telegraphic communications where the unmistakable pattern of SOS in Morse code (...- - -...) was easy to remember and easy to decipher. SOS was used predominantly by ships that were in distress. Aircraft, by comparison, used radio and not telegraph as their primary means of communication, and when in distress, a pilot wouldn't have time to clarify to anyone listening that they meant S as in "Sam" and not F as in "Frank." A short, easily understood word that couldn't be mistaken for something else was necessary and so, the term "mayday" was born.

We're entering the last month of spring, but for us Arizonans it's often the first month of summer. VBS is coming up in a month, and we need adults and teens to volunteer for what should be a banner year in attendance. This is one of those practical ways to "love your neighbor" (Leviticus 19:18). This is an opportunity to reach children for eternity.

I know I mentioned summer, and traditionally summer is a time where churches see both their attendance and financial support decline. Let's make the decision now to not be average. God asked the nation of Israel to bring in the first of their crops to the Lord's temple. While we're no longer under the law, the principle remains that we will lay up treasures where our heart is (Matt. 6:21). As we endure the summer, let's make sure that as a church we're in a position to "hit the ground running" in the fall.

**In His service,  
Pastor Harry**



**>>> STARTS APRIL 27TH <<<**

*Let's Talk About*  
**Marriage**

WITH  
MATT AND BRITTNEY DOWNS  
& BILL AND DONNA PULLEY

6 Week Session  
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 AM  
Building B - Room 3

**NEW HOURS**



**All Sunday School Groups - 9:00 am**  
**Fellowship - 10:00 am**  
**Worship Service - 10:15 am**

# Notes from the Youth Team

By Diane Williams

Life is full of transitions, from the “ready-or-not, here I come” abruptness of birth to the last breath our physical bodies take before we step into eternity. Whatever they may be, they signal a change in our lives.

In Student Ministry, May is a month of transition. Students are finishing up the school year and, hopefully, advancing to a higher grade. Some of them will be graduating from high school and moving on to jobs, college, tech school, or wherever else their path may lead.

For those of us in Student Ministry who’ve spent the last few years with them, it’s bittersweet. We’ve been with them for a third of their lives, if they joined us in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. They’ve grown from children to young adults and learned much more than what their school subjects could teach them. The relationships we’ve built with them don’t end, but they do change.

And that’s the way it should be. It’s time for them to step out of adolescence into adulthood – to fly the nest. God has plans for each one of them, and even though we will miss them, it will be amazing to watch what He does in their lives to accomplish His purpose.

So, as they begin a new chapter in their lives, we’ll celebrate their accomplishments and the memories we’ve built in the past, but we’ll also look forward to hearing what God is doing with the rest of their lives.

Congratulations, Graduates!

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

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Taco/Bake Sale Fundraiser**

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day (you know what to do)**

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Graduate Recognition Sunday**

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Water & the Word**

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – VBS training after morning service**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Mandatory Zona Camp meeting (parents & students) - After morning service**

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Water & the Word**

**Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day (you know what to do)**

**Mon. – Fri., June 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> – VBS at Rio Vista (more information later)**

**Mon. – Fri., June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Zona Camp**





# Notes from the Worship Leader

Church, we are heading to the triple digits soon, but are we not thankful for having air conditioning? I know I am; and I wonder how people survived prior to inventing such a wonderful invention.

This reminded me that sometimes we forget how good we have it. At least for me, I thank God for having what I consider a luxury. I have been fortunate to lead worship in churches outside the US where all they have are fans, and you could feel the hot air hitting your face. I observed how church members being in a building without air conditioning managed in one of the hottest cities in Mexico and still arrived to service with joy and ready to praise the Lord.

I also got the opportunity to help another church that met outside with a couple rows of chairs and a small wood pulpit. They had no building or fans, but were still excited to hear the word of God. I'm sure this congregation would be happy that they don't have to attend an underground church in China or in Iran where Christians are tortured or killed for their faith.

My point is, sometimes our focus is placed on the wrong things. Whether with or without air conditioning, a building, or fans, we attend church to praise and glorify God's name. This is what connects all believers around the world from different tribes, languages, cultures to be in one body and worship God. To be grateful for what we have and we don't have, knowing that we have what matters the most and that's a relationship with God. We have the opportunity to serve Him and love Him with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

Let's pray for our fellow brothers that are in different parts of the world who face challenges that we don't, and at the same time, let's not allow the comfort to stop us from losing our focus.

**God Bless,  
Cesar Aleman**



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602-860-6822**  
To receive Sunday Bible Verses



Scan QR Code  
for more info

**MEN'S PRACTICE**  
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)

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Morning Service Sun. June 1st



**Do This In Remembrance Of Me**

**Wednesday Night Dinner**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the  
LAST Dinner until  
August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Have a Great Summer**

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annalise Townsley	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sophia Larios	21 <sup>st</sup>	Jonas Prieto
4 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Papp		Elia Ainsley Phan	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dusty Shelton
5 <sup>th</sup>	Georgana Carlisle	16 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Onyi	26 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Ryon
7 <sup>th</sup>	Michele Anderson		Steve Roldan	27 <sup>th</sup>	Cesar Aleman
9 <sup>th</sup>	William Pulley	18 <sup>th</sup>	Diego Chavez		Hannah Lewis
13 <sup>th</sup>	Brandon Lewis	19 <sup>th</sup>	Collin Anderson		Ruben Villa
14 <sup>th</sup>	Peyton Mills		Kim Martin	30 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Salinas
				31 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Chavez



3<sup>rd</sup> Cesar & Alejandra Aleman  
 19<sup>th</sup> David & Kris Williams  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Tom & Linda Combs

**Name Tag Sunday**  
 May 18th

**HELLO**  
 MY NAME IS

Slap on a badge  
 when you get  
 on campus

The third Sunday of each Month.

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

To receive weekly church info

**KID'S CAMP 2025**  
**JUNE 8-13**

First Come First Served

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

TRUE NORTH  
 Trusting Some in a Wild World

**NEW HOURS**

All Sunday School Groups - 9:00 am  
 Fellowship - 10:00 am  
 Worship Service - 10:15 am





# May



## Regular Events

### SEPTEMBER - MAY

#### SUNDAY

Sunday School Classes	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Worship Service	10:15 am
Evening Study (ALL WELCOME)	
Bldg B Rm 4&5	5:00 pm

#### 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

Dinner (Last Dinner May 21st)	5:00 pm
Adventure Club	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:00 pm
Prayer Hour	6:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study (Last Ladies May 21st)	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
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## Special Events

### MAY

May 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ladies Spring Tea	11:00 am
May 4 <sup>th</sup> - Taco/Bake Sale Fundraiser	11:45 am
May 11 <sup>th</sup> - Missions Meeting	11:45 am
Mothers Day, baby bottle return	
May 13 <sup>th</sup> - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
May 18 <sup>th</sup> - Name Tag Sunday	
High School Sr Recognition AM Service	
Deacon Meeting	11:45 am
May 26 <sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day	Office Closed
May 27 <sup>th</sup> - Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am

### JUNE

June 1 <sup>st</sup> - Lords Supper	AM Service
VBS Training	After AM Service
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> VBS	8:30 am - Noon
June 8 <sup>th</sup> - Missions Meeting	11:45 am
ZONA Camp Mandatory Meeting	11:45 am

## Welcome New Members



**Rudy & Julie Ruacho April 6, 2025**

SCOTT WORTHINGTON | TIERRA FERTIL WORSHIP BAND

California Baptist University

**[UN]BELIEF**

**MANDATORY CAMP MEETING**

Parents & Students

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am

MARK 9:24

**Registration Open**

**VBS 2025**

June 2nd - 6th

8:30 am - Noon

**WONDER JUNCTION**

Answers VBS

Marvel at Jesus. Live for His Glory

Ages:

5 Years old - 12 Years old

Volunteer Children:

Infant to 4 Years old

Volunteers:

13 + Years

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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