



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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Notes from Harry Sexton, Assoc. Pastor

It's November and a recognized time to remember to be thankful, which is a good thing. Of course, as believers, this should be a characteristic that we display all the time. If you want to really change your attitude, grab a pen and paper and start listing everything that you're thankful for. You'll want to keep the list where you can access it easily as you'll find that you'll add to it throughout the day.

All too often, and this is very natural, we tend to focus on all of the negative things in our lives. Those things tend to be noisy, and troublesome, and demand our attention so we must intentionally choose to refocus ourselves on the myriad things that we have to be thankful for.

This is a part of what it means in Romans 12:2 to renew our minds. The concept of renewal is central to Christian doctrine, reflecting the idea of being made new in Christ. This renewal is not a one-time event but a continuous process, which speaks of being transformed by the renewing of the mind. The Greek word for "renewed" suggests a complete renovation, indicating a profound change in one's nature and character. This renewal is a work of the Holy Spirit, as seen in Titus 3:5, where the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit is mentioned.

This month, beyond the big day, make a real effort to focus your mind and heart on being thankful. Since you can only think of one thing at a time, how much more effective is it to being conformed to the image of Christ to be consistently thankful to the Father from whom all good things come?

**In His service,
Pastor Harry**

Budget Business Meeting

December 7, 2025
Following AM Service

Pick up your
MEMBER PACKET
In the foyer on

Nov. 23rd

All Church Member to VOTE on Budget

LBC
Elder Meetings
6:00 pm - Library
November 10th
November 24th

Notes from the Youth Team

If you read this section of the newsletter regularly, you'll see a verse at the end of each article. It comes from Psalm 37; one of my favorites. I call it the "Fret Not" Psalm because that's how it begins in the ESV. "Fret not yourself because of evildoers, be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb." Here, fret means, "Don't lose your temper, don't get agitated" because evil seems to be all around us. It won't last forever.

It goes on to tell us how to act when we feel surrounded by evil: v. 3, "Trust in the Lord and do what is good"; v. 4, "Take delight in the Lord"; v. 5, "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him"; v. 7, "Be silent before the Lord and wait expectantly for Him"; v. 8, "Refrain from anger and give up your rage!" (CSB). The rest of the Psalm continues describing the actions of the wicked and how God will deal with them, as well as how the righteous who remain faithful to Him will be blessed.

The culture we live in today seems bent on glorifying evil as something to be desired; it seems you can't turn on the television, scroll through social media, walk through a shopping mall without being reminded that this is a fallen world. We can, at times, feel overwhelmed and fearful about what is going on around us. But this Psalm reminds us Who is actually in charge and teaches us how to trust in the Lord in a world gone bad.

All through God's Word there are examples of godly men and women who lived surrounded by evil. This Psalm was written by David toward the end of his life and reign (v. 25). He had lived through fighting wild animals and a giant; hunted by Saul, who wanted to end his life; many battles with the Philistines; an attempt by his son, Absalom, to take over the kingdom; and other factions in the kingdom causing unrest throughout his reign. This Psalm is his explanation of God's plans for the ungodly, and his instruction for the righteous on how to live. In short: "Do Good; Trust God; Don't Worry" (Halley's Bible Handbook; Psalms 36, 37).

No matter where God has placed you, remember this; "A person's steps are established by the Lord, and He takes pleasure in his way. Though he falls, he will not be overwhelmed, because the Lord supports him with His hand." (v. 23-24, CSB). He will take care of the wicked in His own time. In the meantime, if you're feeling agitated, fearful, or surrounded; I recommend that you read Psalm 37 – more than once. (I like the Christian Standard Bible version.)

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

Wednesdays: Wednesday Night Worship—6:00pm-8:00pm, Youth Room

Sunday, November 2nd: Parent's Meeting 11:45am in Rooms 4 & 5, B Building; Lunch will be served

Saturday, November 8th: Delivering Hope event; there will be opportunities to volunteer for set up and food service.

Wednesday, November 19th: Students serve dinner

Saturday, November 22nd: Turkey Day at Rio Vista Center; signups will be available soon

Sunday, November 23rd: LBC Thanksgiving Dinner; students will be serving

Wednesday, November 26th: No Wednesday Night Worship

Thursday, November 27th: Turkey Bowl; talk to John Carroll

Sunday, November 30th: Deck the Hall Afterglow



Notes from the Worship Leader

Hello Church,

Happy gobble, gobble month. It is a good holiday this month to remind us to be thankful. I know I am thankful, first, to have Jesus in my heart. Our brother Matt preached about what is the point to gain the world if we lose our soul in his "The Rich Fool" parable. It was a great reminder that worldly riches have little value compared to being part of the Kingdom of God. That to me sounds like a great reason to be thankful. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to be thankful in everything, no matter in what circumstances we find ourselves. The circumstance changes constantly, but our Lord Jesus never changes. He is the same today, tomorrow, and forever (Hebrew 13:8).

I am also thankful to my family. First, my wife and children that give me the support I need. They are the push that I need sometimes, especially when I am tired and weary. But, I am also thankful for my church family because they, too, do the same. They pray with me, for me, and give me words of encouragement. You see we all need support and are in need of prayer. God gives us the opportunity and encourages us to seek our church family as support during our walk with God. We might not see God yet, but we see Him through our church family (Ephesians 4:16, Galatians 6:2). We each carry our burdens, but it is easier to carry our burden when others carry it with us. We are blessed to have each other, and we must remind ourselves that we are one body; different members of the body but still one body.

Please have a great Thanksgiving Day with your loved ones and remind them why they are thankful.

Cesar Aleman



DELIVERING HOPE
FREE MUSIC EVENT
Everyone is welcome!

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

Saturday
November 8th
12 pm - 4 pm
Laveen Baptist Church Lawn

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH
5036 W Dobbins Rd
Laveen, AZ 85339



NO CHILDRENS CHURCH

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025
DUE TO THANKSGIVING FEAST



Wednesday Night Dinner
On the Menu 11/5:



Chili Dogs
Dessert
Drink



Frozen Turkey Drive rio vista center

Beginning Sun, Nov 9th through Wed, 19th!



Bring to the Church Office, or place frozen turkeys in the freezer in Bldg B

UP COMING EVENTS

LADIES FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK
Nov. 14th 6:00 pm
Main Dish will be provided (Soup)
Bring your fav dessert or side dish
Also, come with something you are thankful for to share with the group.



NO EVENING EVENTS
Wed Nov 26th
OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday Nov 26th
Thursday Nov 27th

THANKSGIVING FEAST
HELP NEEDED
Set-up Sat., Nov. 22nd @ 9am
Feast is Sunday, Nov. 23rd
Following Service
Clean-up Sun, Nov. 23rd




Please sign up in Bldg. B or contact the Church Office if you'd like to help with set-up and or clean-up.

Thanksgiving Feast & Fellowship Potluck
Nov 23rd following Morning Service
Here are the recommendations if you're able to bring one.



Last Names:
A-M ~ Side Dish
N-Z ~ Dessert



Or sign up to bring a cooked turkey
NO Sunday School or Children's Church

LBC Missions
Monthly Meeting
After AM Service
Room 9
Join Us
Nov 9th



Food Drive for Rio Vista
Throughout November



GREATEST NEED:
PROTEIN
POP TOP VEGGIES
POP TOP SOUP



Please place food in collection barrels in Sanctuary or in Building B

Turkey Day
Sat, November 22nd
8:30 - 10:30 am
Sign Up in Building B
Questions see Diane Williams




GriefShare
Free Surviving the Holidays
Sat., Nov. 15th @ 10:00am
in Building B





NOVEMBER

1 st	George Richardson	11 th	Joy Andrew	23 rd	Lisa Valdivia
2 nd	Lorenzo Cassanguir	12 th	Jack Tolmachoff	28 th	Ruben Becerra
	Lohany Cassanguir	13 th	Ellis Kuhn		Janis Villa
4 th	Daniel Aleman	18 th	Charolette Bell		Nazario Prieto
5 th	Harold Stewart	19 th	John Asher	30 th	Connor Martin
7 th	Colt Charmasson	20 th	Bethanne Desko		Leslee Steinmann
10 th	Hannah Mills	21 st	Renee Nowell		
	Lisa Salinas	22 nd	Khaldun Thompson		



NOVEMBER

12th George & Pauline Mungai

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



November

Regular Events

SEPTEMBER - MAY

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

AM Ladies Bible Study will resume in Jan 2026

TUESDAY

Victorious Overcomers Support Group	6:30 pm
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WEDNESDAY

Dinner	5:00pm
Adventure Club	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study	6:00 pm
Prayer Hour	6:00 pm
Ladies PM Bible Study, room 3	7:00 pm
Men's Bible Study, room 2	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

NOVEMBER

2nd Youth Parent Meeting	11:45 am
Nov 7th – 9th - Young Adult Ministry Camp Trip	
Nov 8th - Delivering Hope	Noon – 4 pm
Nov 9th - Mission Committee Meeting	11:30 am
Nov 10th - Elder Meeting (Library)	6:00 pm
Nov 11th- Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
Nov 15th- Surviving the Holidays	10am – 12:30 pm
Nov 16th - Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
Nov 20th - Blood Drive	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Nov 22nd - Turkey Day at Rio	8:30 am
Nov 23rd - Thanksgiving Feast	after AM service
Nov 24th- Elder Meeting (Library)	6:00 pm
Nov 25th- Crafting in Ruth's Footprints	9:30 am
Nov 26th - NO Activities - OFFICE CLOSED	
Nov 27th - Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)	
Nov 27th - Turkey Bowl	8:00 am
Nov 30th - Youth Deck the Halls Afterglow	5:00 pm

Welcome New Members



Bob Grinnell

10-05-2025



Stacey & Michael Proctor

10-19-2025