Laveen Baptist Church Newsletter

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Notes from Harry Sexton, Assoc. Pastor

Welcome to November, LBC! So many things are going on this month. We're having yet another election season. At the time of me writing this, the party not in power is expected to make a lot of headway and become the party in power in one or both houses of Congress, which is common for a mid-term election. Of course, there's also Thanksgiving Day, which is an article that almost writes itself. But there's another major holiday in November that kind of gets lost in the noise between elections and Thanksgiving, and that's Veterans Day on the 11th.

This day is for honoring those who have served in our country's military forces; those men and women who gave up years of their lives to serve others. If you are one of those people, I want to personally say, "Thank you." My son and one of my sons-in-law both served in the Marines, and my son-in-law was injured in the conflict in Afghanistan. So, take the time to reach out to someone you know and simply say, "Thank you."

What those people did for us as a country is an excellent lesson for the rest of us in our Christian walk. How many of you are a 'veteran' of service to the Lord and to His church? If you are, again I want to give a personal thank you. But my challenge is that you get back in the fight, or at least, become a trainer for those who are just starting out in their volunteering to serve. Those of you who are 'veterans' have the experience and wisdom that the next generation needs.

This November, consider 're-upping' in the Lord's Army. It may be a call back into active duty, or it may be as a trainer. Either way, remember that Colossians 3:23 tells us that, "Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men."

In His service,

Pastor Harry





Notes from the Youth Team

One of my favorite things to do at Laveen Baptist Church is to take a few minutes before the morning service starts and look around the sanctuary; see who's there and who isn't and watch everyone greeting each other and spending a few minutes together. It's like a mini family reunion every week.

When Mike and I and our three oldest boys started attending LBC in September 1991, things looked a lot different. The sanctuary was what is now the Youth Room, and there weren't as many people. But the welcome was just as friendly as it is now, and we became part of the family in no time.

Our children grew up in the LBC family, and that family was always there even when our physical family couldn't be. The love and support of our LBC brothers and sisters helped get us through some tough times. We also had the benefit of learning from and depending on older, more mature Christians as we spent time with them every week inside and outside of the church walls.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." (HCSB)

Some things have changed a lot here in Laveen. What used to be a rural community is fast becoming part of a large city. When we first started attending LBC, there wasn't a lot of variety in cultural and ethnic backgrounds. These days, in the worship service, you might be sitting next to someone who grew up halfway around the world as much as someone who grew up here in Laveen. A lot of our programs and schedules have adapted to match a changing congregation. And Mike and I are now among the "older" Christians here at LBC.

What hasn't changed is that God's Word is still preached and taught consistently, and believers still gather to worship and serve together inside and outside of the church walls. The encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ still helps get us through tough times. And, the welcome is just as friendly as always.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of the LBC family over the years for your faithfulness, love, and support. And to those who are newer members of the family, welcome home. See you this Sunday!

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

Wednesdays: Wednesday Night Worship - 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Schoolyear Schedule)
Saturday, November 7th: Delivering Hope event; sign up to help in the Kids' Corner
(this is a Zona Camp credit event)
Sunday, November 15th: Parents' Meeting
(we will be talking about Winter Retreat and Zona Camp registration)
Wednesday, November 18th: Parents' Night at Wednesday Night Worship
Saturday, November 21st: Turkey Day at Rio Vista
Sunday, November 22nd: Thanksgiving Dinner at church (students help serve)
Wednesday, November 25th: NO Wednesday Night Worship
Thursday, November 26th: Turkey Bowl
Sunday, November 29th: Deck the Hall Afterglow





Notes from the Worship Leader

Church, Happy Gobble, Gobble month. I'm sure you're looking forward to the company of family and friends and eating a delicious turkey and mashed potatoes smothered in gravy. I am getting hungry as I am typing this article.

For many of us, this is a reminder to be thankful, and as Christians we ought to be thankful. Should we only be thankful once a year – or every day of the year? I'm sure you know the answer to that question, and that is, "Yes, we should be thankful every day." I probably sound like a broken record when I pray to say, "Thank you," to God for everything. I'm grateful to have God in my life. I'm grateful to have you in my life. You, as my brother and sister in Christ, play a special place in my heart. God plays an even more special part in my heart, and I'm sure He plays that special part in your heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I'm thankful for the ups and downs we've had individually and as a church because from them God has made it work for good and through them God has been glorified. One way we glorify God is by giving Him the gratitude He deserves. When we are thankful to Him, we honor Him. We give God the place He deserves in our hearts and in our lives. When we are thankful, it is a reminder that we cannot do it alone, and our dependence is in God and not in us.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving with your loved ones, show them a grateful heart. Talk to them about how God has worked in your life this year and every year that God has had you walk on this earth. I leave you with this Scripture verse from James 1:17, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

God bless,

Cesar Aleman



Crafting in Ruth's Footprints

2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
November 10th
9:30 AM
BLDG B Room 2






LBC Missions

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Monthly Meeting
After AM Service
Room 2

Join Us
Nov 8th

Thanksgiving FEAST SET-UP

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2026
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

We are looking for help to decorate and food prep for our Feast.

PLEASE SEE
MALINDA JOHANNING
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Nov. 13th 6:00pm

Bring your favorite dish to share

Gratitude Circle - Service Project

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2026

No Sunday School
&
NO Childrens Church

DUE TO THANKSGIVING FEAST

Frozen Turkey Drive

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Beginning Sun, Nov 8th
through Wed, 18th!



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

Thanksgiving FEAST

November 22, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Bring your favorite dish
and enjoy fellowship with us!

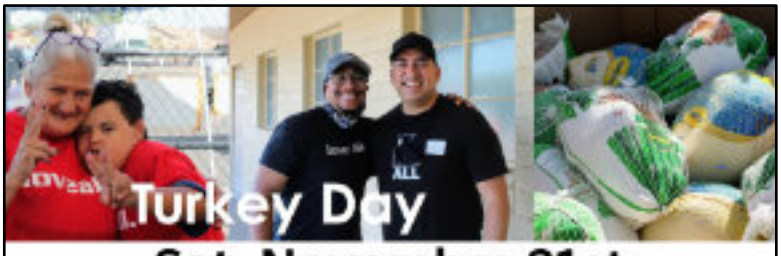


1st	George Richardson	11th	Joy Andrew	22nd	Khaldun Thompson
2nd	Lohany Cassanguir	12th	Jack Tolmachoff	23rd	Lisa Valdivia
	Lorenzo Cassanguir	13th	Ellis Kuhn	28th	Janis Villa
4th	Daniel Aleman	16th	Ivina Flowers		Ruben Becerra
5th	Harold Stewart	18th	Charolette Bell	30th	Connor Martin
10th	Hannah Mills	19th	John Asher	30th	Leslee Steinmann
	Lisa Salinas	21st	Renee Nowell		



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



Sat, November 21st
8:30 - 10:30 am
Sign Up in Building B
Questions see Diane Williams



November

Regular Events

SEPTEMBER—MAY

SUNDAY

Sunday School Classes (all ages)	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Worship Service	10:15 am

MONDAY

AM Ladies Bible Study	8:30 am

TUESDAY

Young Adults Bible Study (Off-site)	6:00 pm
Victorious Overcomers	6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Dinner	5:00 pm
Adventure Club, Building B	6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study, Building C	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, Room 2	10:00 am
College Bible Study (off site)	6:30 am
AA Meeting	6:30 pm

FRIDAY

AA Meeting	6:30 pm
Al-Anon Meeting	6:30 pm

Special Events

NOVEMBER

1st	Qtr 4 Business Meeting (11:45 am)
1st - 18th	Frozen Turkey Drive
2nd	Elder Meeting (Library, 6:00 pm)
3rd	Election Day
7th	Delivering Hope (5pm - 8pm)
8th	Mission Team Meeting (Rm 2, 11:30 am)
10th	Crafting in Ruth's Footprints (9:30am)
13th	Ladies Fellowship Potluck)6:00 pm)
14th	Surviving the Holidays (10:00 am)
15th	Youth Parent Meeting (Rm 4, 11:30 am)
	Deacon Team Meeting (Rm 2, 11:30 am)
16th	Elder Meeting (Library, 6:00 pm)
19th	Blood Drive (Bldg.,B, 2pm - 7pm)
21st	Rio Vista's Turkey Day (8am)
	Thanksgiving Feast Set up (9am)
22nd	Thanksgiving Feast Potluck (11:30 am)
25th	OFFICE CLOSED
	NO WED NIGHT EVENTS
26th	Youth Turkey Bowl
29th	Youth Deck the Halls (5:00 pm)
30th	Elder Meeting (Library, 6:00 pm)



Welcome New Member

Jennifer Perez

10-25-2026