



The Laveen Baptist Church Builder

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Notes from Harry Sexton, Assoc. Pastor

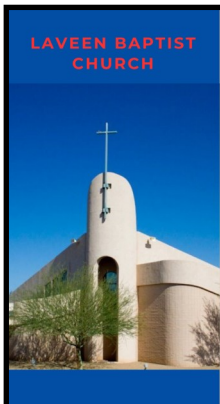
Hello, Laveen Baptist Church, and welcome to the second of the 'ber' months. What an amazing end we had to September, and for once, perhaps we can already officially say goodbye to triple digit temperatures for this year. Things are really happening around our campus, both physically in new paint for the inside of building B and the sanctuary, and now new carpet going in. It's a good thing to be a good steward of the property that God has entrusted to us for His glory.

But fall also really ramps up the busy schedule. I hope that you're all eagerly planning on participating in one way or another in our Harvest Fest on the 31st. As always, we need a ton of candy, but even more important is all of us coming together to volunteer some time that night to make the entire event work. This is such a great way to practically show some love for our community by giving them a safe and fun way to spend their Saturday night together as a family.

Additionally, what many of you may not know, on the last Saturday night of each month we're hosting El Shaddai ministry which is a ministry for and by people who are primarily from India. Our own Konkani family is involved with this group, and we're thrilled to have them on our campus so that God's name might go forth to "every tribe, tongue, and nation" right here in Laveen.

With the weather cooling down, perhaps now would be an excellent time for you to invite one of your neighbors, co-workers, or friends to one of our services. Let's let our entire community know that there is a friendly and welcoming congregation where they can not only hear the Word but get together with others who will join them in their journey. There's a lot to look forward to, and you're going to want to be in at the very beginning.

**In His service,
Pastor Harry**



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Shoe Drive

Laveen School District
October 6th - 11th
we will be collecting kids shoes for the Laveen School District:
Shoes for Boys & Girls are needed.
They need ALL sizes. (larger sizes mostly needed)
**Shoes can be placed in the "Shoe Box" located in
the Sanctuary or brought to the office.**

Notes from the Youth Team

This month I'd like to take the opportunity to thank a special group of individuals. Any kind of ministry depends on the involvement of people to one extent or another. Student ministry is no different. In fact, it requires a community that is committed to serving Jesus by loving and serving students and their parents.

One of the foundations of student ministry is building relationships. "Research shows that students who have at least five caring adults in their lives who invest in them and are open to mentoring them in small, medium, and big ways are much more likely to develop a lifelong faith." (neverthesame.org/TheImportanceofDevelopingaMentoringRelationshipWithStudents). But building those relationships requires being there consistently. It's hard to get to know someone you rarely see.

One of the greatest assets we have in LBC Student Ministry is our Wednesday night crew. We have several people who were serving when our former Youth Pastor was here, and they have continued showing up on Wednesday nights in the three years since he left. They run tech, help lead worship, lead small groups, and do whatever needs doing; but most importantly, they spend time with students. They come from different backgrounds and cultures, and each one has a different story, but they all reflect Jesus. And LBC Student Ministry would not be effective without them.

I want to thank John Carroll, Darrel Johanning, David Williams, Amy Winter, and Faven Yohannes for being there consistently for the last three years. They are the cornerstone of the Student Ministry staff.

Last year, Gabe Ochoa joined the Wednesday night crew and has taken over some of the teaching responsibilities. Cesar Aleman has been involved in helping the Youth Praise team lead worship. We also have several other people who have been involved on Wednesdays occasionally; Minerva Perez, Dan Quihuis, and Pamala Brown. I want to thank them for their involvement also.

Last, but not least, I want to thank all of those who have been casual volunteers; speaking or sharing their testimonies, providing food and supplies, and supplying extra manpower when needed.

Wednesday Night Worship is not the only thing we do, but, along with Sunday morning Bible Study, it is what we do regularly. It is where we share Jesus with students week in and week out. It's where we put into practice what we preach.

"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)
Sunday, October 4th: Afterglow "Friday Night Lights"; B Building, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
wear a sports jersey and bring \$3.00 for food.
Wednesday, October 14th: Harvest Night – Dress Like a Farmer
Sunday, October 18th: Fall Bake Sale
Saturday, October 24th: Where's Waldo?
Saturday, October 31st: Harvest Festival

Where's Waldo 10/24/2026

Meet at church @ 10:00 am
Be back @ 3:30 pm

Chandler Fashion Center Mall
search for youth workers

Prize for winning team



Notes from the Worship Leader

Hello Church,

I wanted to thank you for the feedback on my sermon last month. I am encouraged by your words, and I am glad to serve God among you.

I know that we have shared victories and frustrations, but we have all seen the hand of God work among His church. It reminds me of the book of 1 Samuel 7:12 "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'. We have seen God's faithfulness, and He is not absent from us. He is working in us, for us, and through us. We who form not only part of LBC, but the body of Christ are witnesses that can clearly and loudly say "thus far the Lord has helped us". We do not fight our battles alone because, as David told Goliath, the battle was already won because of our God who fights our battles. We declare our victory the same way David did. We know how the story ends, and there is nothing in the universe that can stop it. I am reminded of the hymn, "Jesus Loves Me", which states, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong." Church, we are weak, but God is strong. We rely on His strength, His direction, and His will.

Continue to pray for our church leadership. Pray for our families that are coming, and if some of them are not, let's visit them. Pray for our ministries: that we are evangelizing and making disciples. Pray for the Lead Pastor that is to come and as our brother Bono will say, pray for our hearts to be ready and prepare to receive the new pastor and his family. Pray that each one of us is an asset and not a burden to the Kingdom of God.

God bless,
Cesar Aleman



DELIVERING HOPE
Free Music event

Bring your chairs,
blankets and
enjoy the event!

Live music from local
church worship teams

Free food provided
for all attendees

Everyone is welcome!

Saturday
November 7th
5pm – 8 pm
Laveen Baptist Church Lawn


LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH
5036 W Dobbins Rd
Laveen, AZ 85339



Harvest Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:30-8:00 PM
CANDY
FOOD TRUCKS
GAMES

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CANDY IS NEEDED
Harvest Festival

**DROP A BAG IN
 THE CANDY DISH
 OR BRING IT TO THE
 CHURCH OFFICE**



Volunteers NEEDED
Harvest Festival

Friday, October 31st
SIGN UP TODAY.

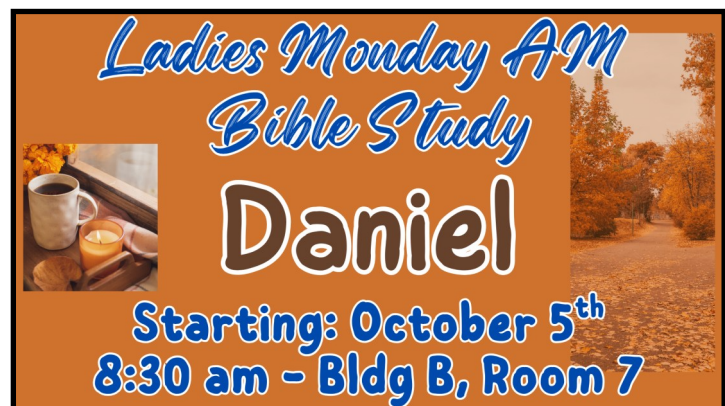


Ladies Fellowship Potluck

GAME NIGHT & Costume Party

Oct 9, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Bring your favorite dish to share

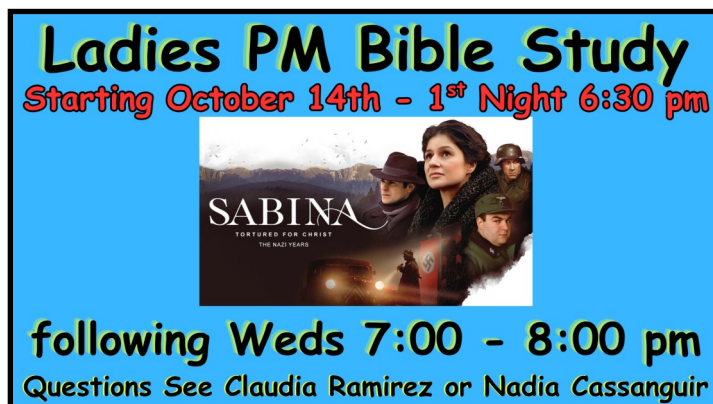
women's ministry
LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH



*Ladies Monday AM
 Bible Study*

Daniel

**Starting: October 5th
 8:30 am - Bldg B, Room 7**



Ladies PM Bible Study
Starting October 14th - 1st Night 6:30 pm

SABINA
 TORTURED FOR CHRIST
 THE NAZI YEARS

following Weds 7:00 - 8:00 pm
 Questions See Claudia Ramirez or Nadia Cassanguir



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OCTOBER

1 st	Lena Hertel	13 th	Gemma Fearn		Gregory Villa
2 nd	Paul Dodson	15 th	Pauline Abu-Tayeh	24 th	Richard Freeberg
3 rd	Holly James	19 th	Esmee' Thompson		Holly Morris
4 th	Christina Moan		Patricia Cheatham	25 th	Daniel Brewster
7 th	Alexandra Jenkins	20 th	William Stephens, III		Tina Freeberg
9 th	Bonnie Carroll		Michael Williams	26 th	Cathy Martin
	Alex Ponce		Juanita Walker	27 th	Guillermo Quihuis
10 th	Isaiah Pena	21 st	Andy Harry		Mark Deang
11 th	Jesus Sosa	22 nd	Sheryl Oleson		Sue Hardy
		23 rd	Wisdom Andrew		Claudia Ramirez

happy anniversary

OCTOBER

4th Andrew & Queen Bialo
30th Jimmie & Linda Creekmur



Operation Christmas Child 2026

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



Pick up Your Shoebox - Sept. 13 & 20, 2026
Sept. 13 - Oct. 18, 2026 - Pack Your Shoebox
Oct. 18 - Nov. 1, 2026 - Return Your Shoebox

If you have any questions about this program please ask a member of the Missions Committee.



DO NOT INCLUDE

soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans



OCTOBER



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
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TUESDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

Special Events

OCTOBER

4th	Lord's Supper (AM Service)
4th	Youth After Glow (Building B, 5:00 pm)
5th	Elder Meeting (Library, 6:00 pm)
9th	Ladies Fellowship Potluck (Bldg., 6:00 pm)
11th	Mission Team Meeting (Rm 2, 11:30 am)
13th	Crafting in Ruth's Footprints(Rm 2, 9:30am)
18th	Youth Fall Bake Sale (After AM Service)
18th	Deacon Meeting (Rm 2, 11:30 am)
18th	Hymm Night & Ice Cream social (6:00pm)
19th	Elder Meeting (Library, 6:00 pm)
24th	Youth - Where's Waldo (10:00 am)
25th	QTR 4 Business Meeting (After AM Service)
27th	Crafting in Ruth's Footprints(Rm 2, 9:30am)
31st	Harvest Festival (5:30 pm – 8:00 pm)

NOVEMBER

3rd	Election Day
7th	Delivering Hope (5pm - 8pm)
8th	Youth Parent Meeting (Room 4 11:30 AM)
8th	Mission Team Meeting (Room 2, 11:30 AM)

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

Reach the elders at:

elder@laveenbaptistchurch.org

Welcome New Member



Matthew Berry
09-27-2026