



## Spreading The Light September 2016

**First Southern Baptist Church**  
1524 N. State Route 89  
Chino Valley, Az 86323

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Purpose Statement: **Magnifying The Word of God** By fulfilling The Great Commandment. To Love The Lord Our God and Our Neighbor, **Mobilizing The People of God** By Fulfilling The Great Commission to Go make Disciples, Baptize and Teach.

### **Important Notice!**

NEWSLETTERS WILL NO LONGER BE DELIVERED  
to your home (unless you are homebound).

**You can receive your newsletter either by:**

E-mail (make sure we have your email address).

Pick up a newsletter in the foyer on the first Sunday of the month.

View the newsletter online.

*If you have no way to receive the newsletter please call the office.*

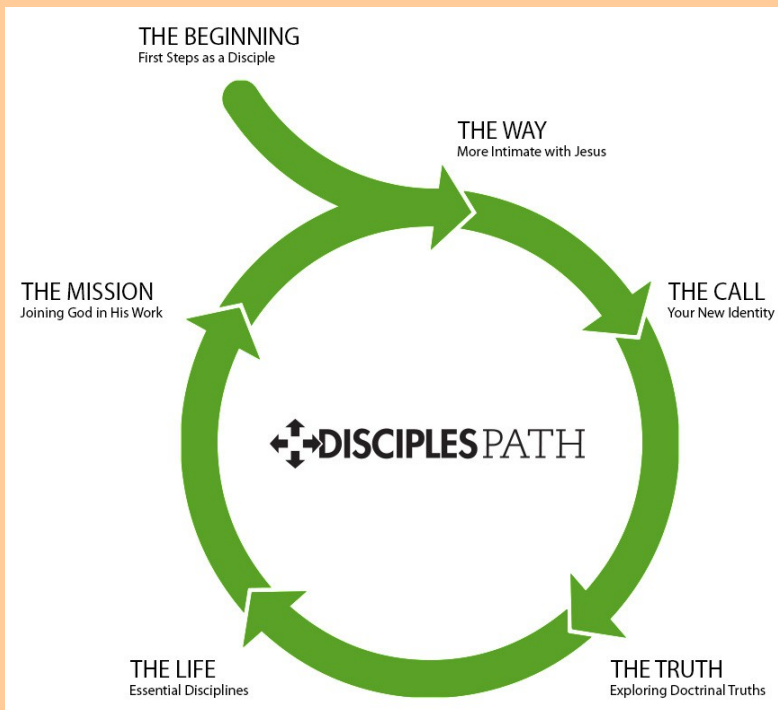
## Pastors' Paragraphs

When our kids were growing up Steven Curtis Chapman wrote a song called "The Great Adventure" and it kind of became our vacation theme song. I love adventure and whether we were headed to Yellowstone or Yosemite we would pop in the Steven Curtis Chapman cassette tape! I love the song because it describes the Christian life as the great adventure - which it is! I've had some adventure in life and living for Jesus has been a constant adventure unlike any other. One of the things learned early on was that you have to know how to prepare for whatever adventure you're headed off on. It was good to have some expert advice on backpacking to prepare for a 30 mile (round trip) hike into Havasupai Canyon or tent camping the Great Northwest.

"The Great Adventure" - The Christian Life is the same way. We need to know what we need for the journey. Will it be hot or cold, wet or dry. How many people are we walkin' or drivin'. Is all our gear in a backpack or a big ol truck and will there be dangerous critters out there? There's a lot to figure on and prepare for. But!! One of the things I'm afraid we've done is not prepare others well for the adventure and a lot of folks have not survived. Jesus said we should "count the cost" of following Him - (Luke 14:28) and the "cost" is 'all that we have and all that we are'- vs. 33. The reason for that is that there is so much that not only is not necessary for the journey but much that makes it impossible to finish the adventure. By the way He also promises that He will provide all of our needs and that is a promise that He always keeps if we Trust Him.

In the months ahead we want to be about preparing folks for the adventure and making the trip together.

We know the great commission says to make disciples and everything we do should do that.



We will be utilizing a resource called "Disciples Path" and the process looks something like this:

We will supplement the first book with important "Base Camp" information about our church's structure, strategy and affiliation to help potential members get a feel for who we are before "signing up." Each book in the series is five or six sessions that truly "equips folks for the journey." We will go through the series on Sunday mornings during the bible study hour or meet at other times or places as the need arises. Existing adult classes can pick a book or continue to do what they are doing now. This will likely be a slow transition of adding classes but the goal will be to offer classes at whatever level of growth folks are at.

All this to prepare all us for The Great Adventure.

We will keep you informed on opportunities to be trained and equipped.

Happy Trails!

*Pastor Mark*

## WMU Corner

By Evelyn Ross



Autumn is just around the corner and school is in full swing. The lazy days of summer are fading fast. September brings the start of a new church year with changes in some of our leadership. WMU is no exception. Janie Dickey has stepped down from the position of WMU team leader and I will be stepping down as Assistant team leader. We as a church and WMU thank Janie for her service. She is a vital part of our organization. I will be stepping into this position for the new year and Diane Perrigo will be our new Assistant team leader. Please pray for me that I will strive to lead in the way that God wants me to lead. Please pray that missions will be a priority in our church and our community.

September is the month that we pray especially for our missions here in Arizona. This year the "week of prayer" will be September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. During September we will also be taking an offering for our missionaries who serve in Arizona. The goal for our church this year is \$1,000.00. The money will help new church plants, Arizona Southern Baptist Children services, relief services, student ministries, Hispanic ministries, and the Golden Gate seminary extension, etc. just to name a few. Please pray as you give to this offering above your tithe. Information and an envelope for this offering will be in the September 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

We want to pray for the families that lost loved ones on September 11<sup>th</sup> many years ago and also for our nation as a whole and our leaders. Please remember to pray as we get closer to Operation Christmas Child shoebox time. We are looking for people that feel led to pray to become prayer partners with Samaritan Purse who sponsors this great program. You can sign up on line or fill out a card to do this. If you sign up on line, urgent prayer requests will be e-mailed to you. The website to sign up is; [www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/prayer-network](http://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/prayer-network). You can also choose, instead, to sign up by mail and prayer requests will be sent to you by mail. Cards will be on the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) table in our lobby soon. Prayer is very powerful especially when many are praying. Please consider doing this. Prayer is the "power tool" that makes it possible for children to get shoeboxes in nations that are normally closed to Christianity.

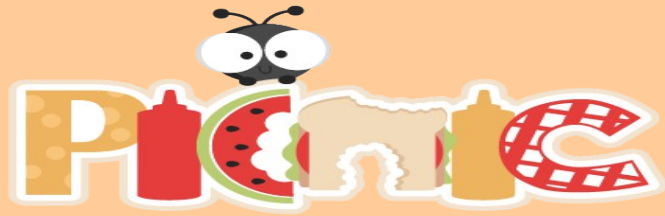
As we start the new year I want to invite all ladies that are interested in supporting and promoting missions to join us in WMU. We are excited as we start the year and looking forward as we plan and carry out projects that will involve us as Women in carrying out the Great Commission in serving our community and our church. We meet the first and third Thursday mornings each month at 10 am.

Please continue to pray for the Children in Action (CIA) program. CIA's is our children's mission program for grades one to six. We are praying for a permanent leader and assistant to teach our children this year. If you have a heart for missions and would like to teach or assist our children please call Evelyn Ross at 928-227-3327. Training and literature will be provided.

Please join all of us in WMU, praying for our International Missionaries, our North American Missionaries, and also their families that serve sometimes in areas of great danger.



Please pray for the unsaved people they serve, and also pray that more countries will be open for our Missionaries to spread the gospel.



## Senior's Ministry

Hope everyone has had a GREAT summer!

It is time for everyone to get back in the swing, including the Seniors. **So we will be meeting at Lynx Lake, on September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon.**

Anyone interested in coming early to fish, Please let me know, as we need someone to save the cabana area for our picnic. As the facilities are on a first come first serve basis.

Senior Ministry will be providing the meat and would like for us to sign up for bringing the following: \*Buns \* Chips \*Sides

There will be a sign up sheet in the lobby. Please be sure to sign up as we need to have an accurate count.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Adult Senior Ministry Team:

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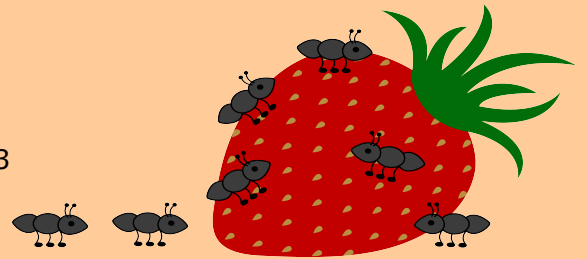
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Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

*Praise & Worship*

Grace Baptist  
Word of Life  
FSBC Chino Valley



Coming together for  
one night of Worship!

Praise in the Park @  
*Memory Park*  
Chino Valley



## Women's Ministry

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP!!

We are currently currently working on the "Experiencing God" study. We will be moving on to the "Jesus Calling" study beginning October 13, 2016. There are no workbooks necessary for this study. Purchasing the "Jesus Calling" book is recommended but not required. The book can be purchased on amazon for \$9.

Thursday Evenings, 6:30pm-8pm  
Contact Brooke Long  
928-301-8867  
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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

### **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Revive Our Hearts* presents *Cry Out!*— a free simulcast prayer event for women. On Friday evening, September 23, hundreds of thousands of women will gather in thousands of locations to seek the Lord together . . . for such a time as this!

What could be more vital at this critical time, than for women to get on their knees—together—to cry out to the Lord for mercy and intervention in our world, our nation, our churches, our cities, and our homes.

Experience the power and joy of corporate prayer as together we cry out to God to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish.

Friday, September 23, 2016.  
6pm-9pm.

There is no cost for this event and will be held in the sanctuary at First Southern Chino Valley.

PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING SOME LADIES WITH YOU!!

### **WOMENS CONFERENCE "GROWING DEEPER ROOTS IN CHRIST"**

SPEAKER: SIMONE LAKE, from Deeper Roots In Christ Ministries.

Saturday, September 24, 2016.  
10am-2pm.

Fireside room at First Southern Baptist Chino Valley.

We will be breaking for lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. Food sign up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary. Please bring a friend or relative!

PLEASE R.S.V.P FOR BOTH EVENTS

Contact: Brooke Long (928) 301-8867  
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## Men's Ministry

By Ken Miller

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 NASB

The King James bible version includes 29 instances of the phrase "be not afraid." The New American Standard Bible includes the phrases "do not fear" 57 times and "do not be afraid" 46 times. Some argue that "fear not" and similar phrases are present in the bible 365 times. Why is God's Word so heavily written with telling us to not be afraid, do not fear? What is the difference? To be afraid is cautious. But fear is life controlling. Many People today have a Phobia of any assortment of stuff from spiders to plastic. It's amazing the many things that were all afraid of. God, in His infinite wisdom knew that with out our close walk with Him, our souls can easily develop fears of the many things that have been created in this world. I think the greatest phobia that all people tend to suffer from is the fear of failure. Especially when that is coupled with a fear of change. Our lives are spent in a constant state of change. Between growing up and father time taking a toll on us physically, to a world with constant change that bombards us with emotional change, our souls live in a constant never ending state of movement, a rollercoaster.

That's why Jesus tells us "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls . Matthew 11:28?-?29 NASB". Jesus, who came down to earth and lived as a person, God in flesh, understood the struggles of life. Our constant worries due to our always changing world. When we stop focusing on our fears and start focusing on Christ, then our souls gain strength. Strength to overcome our fears. We become anchored in the Creator rather than tossed about like a leaf in a tornado by the creation. Once we allow the things were afraid of to control our lives and cause to fear, we no longer have faith. For fear is the opposite of faith. When we keep ourselves firmly planted in Christ by faith, then all things that were afraid of can be overcome. To learn more about how to overcome your fears and stand strong in Christ, come join us on Thursday night at 7pm.

Heavenly father, as this world is ever moving and changing, Thank you Lord for being a rock on which we may stand. Sometimes Lord the hardest thing to do is to take that first step in overcoming our fears and following you. We ask that you would give us strength and courage Lord to not be afraid to follow you. We thank you for your faithfulness to us even when were not strong enough to stand. We love you Lord. In Jesus Holy name we pray, Amen.

*Have I not commanded you  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid; do not  
be discouraged, for the  
Lord your God will be  
with you wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2016</h1>					Building A- Worship Center B- White Building C- Family Life Center (GYM)	
				1  10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study 7:00 -8:00 pm CIA's	2 Pastor Off	3 Pastor Off  10:00 am Visitation
4  9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. PCLT	5  1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers  Offices Closed	6  2:00 pm Bible Study	7  5:45 pm Choir Practice  7:00 pm Bible Study	8  10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study 7:00 -8:00 pm CIA's	9 Pastor Off	10 Pastor Off  10:00 am Visitation  12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
11 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. Leadership  St. Missions Week of prayer 11- 18	12  1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers  Pastor's Prayer & Study	13  9:00 am Chino Valley Quilters / Bldg C  2:00 pm Bible Study	14  5:45 pm Choir Practice  7:00 pm Bible Study	15  10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study 7:00 -8:00 pm CIA's	16 Pastor Off	17 Pastor Off  10:00 am Visitation
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