



## Spreading The Light August 2017

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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.

*13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

Romans10:13-17 (ESV)

## Pastor's Paragraphs

This month Carolyn and I will have been here at First Southern Baptist Chino Valley for 20 years. Our kids grew up here and our lives have been richly blessed by our work and fellowship with you. Thank you for your patience and grace in those 20 years. We have undergone so much growth and transition in that time it staggers the memory. God has truly shown himself faithful and in all of our ups and downs He has sustained us.

As I write this I am in the middle of a sermon on prayer- "praying our church to it's potential."

So my encouragement to you at this milestone would be that we think about our churches potential and purpose and pray that we will fully realize that in the next 20 years.

I will do my annual "Vision Quest" this month which is just a time alone with God to evaluate, rethink and recharge as God shows me / us "what's next." I would ask that you pray more than ever before and during August 14-26 that it will be clear what our strategy for the future will be!! I know we will build on what God has been showing us as we "Love God and Love our Neighbor" as the priority for all of life. Luke 10:27 says, *And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* We must continue to implement practical ways of living that out together. Our love for God and others is evident through how we worship, serve, give and sacrifice. How we "love others" is the greatest evidence of our love for God and loving God empowers us to love others! We can't separate the two.

I really believe that what all of us need most to do right now is pray hard and ask God what He want's us to do to love our community and introduce them to Jesus. I love Romans 10:13-17 (it's on the front of the newsletter). There we see the eternal strategy to reach our world. Circle the verbs in those verses - "calls, saved, believed, heard, hear, preach, sent, obeyed" sums up our task. We'll fine tune the strategy in a way that each of us can know and know how to do what God what's us to do.

Thank you for 20 awesome years! Lets keep our eyes on Jesus and finish well!

We Love You!

*Pastor Mark and Carolyn*



**July 30, 2017 Pastor Mark Reeder  
Praying Your Church to its Potential: John 17**

1. Pray that people would sense the Glory of God. John 17:22
2. Pray that we would follow the Word of the Lord. John 17:8
3. Pray that we would be united in the Love of God for the Glory of God. John 17:10 11, 21
4. Pray that we would do the Mission of God. John 17:17 18
5. Pray that we would experience the Joy of God (Jesus' joy). John 17:13

**So:**

a) Pray Continually: 1 Thess. 5:16 18

b) Pray Strategically: For Pastors, people, prospects, the hurting, problems, purity, purpose, power, POTENTIAL; for the prompting of the Holy Spirit to let us know what to pray for and when for worship, work and Kingdom growth, for church finances, leaders, and EACH OTHER!!

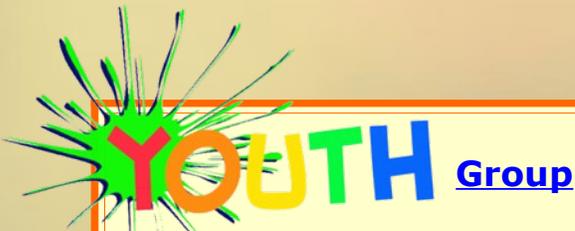
Pray for our church Strategy, that we will see what God is doing and join Him in that.

For specific ministries of the church.

c) Pray Geographically: where ministry takes place: sanctuary, classrooms, parking lot, McDonald' or the street where you live.

d) Pray powerfully: James 5:16 18. Let the Holy Spirit lead you and fill you as you pray.

e) Pray according to God' Word: John 17; Matthew 6:5 15; look at Paul's prayers for the churches, Daniel' prayer -Daniel 9; Nehemiah' prayer: Neh. 1:4 11. The Prayer of Jabez: 1 Chron 4:10



We took 10 youth to summer camp at Prescott Pines this year. Two youth from our Church made public professions of faith, one youth rededicated their life to Jesus. We also had two baptized by Pastor Mark while at camp. All I can say is God is great.

**Up coming events...**

8-5-17 Paint the youth room (final coat)

8-6-17 Promotion Sunday (there will be a pancake breakfast for the new and existing youth during bible study)

9-2-17 Spaghetti dinner and movie at the Barnes's house. More to come on that..

Greg Barnes

## **W.M.U. Corner**

By Evelyn Ross

July has now come to an end and we are now in August. My how time flies by. We are now, as all Arizonians know, in the middle of our monsoon season. When I hear the thunder and see the lightning, I definitely know that God is still in control. We here in Northern Arizona really appreciate the rain when God sends it to us.

July 6<sup>th</sup> a great time of fellowship in W.M.U. was had by all that attended. Many thanks to the ladies for the covered dishes that were brought.

The next W.M.U. meeting will be held in Mary Schilhab's home on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. There will be a mission study along with a covered dish meal afterwards. All you ladies are invited to join us and bring your favorite covered dish. There will be car pooling from the church. We will be meeting at the church to car pool to Mary's at 9:30 A.M. Should you need transportation, or if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (928)227-3327.

Coming up in September, we will turn our eyes to Arizona missions. Please pray daily for everyone that serves in our state. Please remember our church planters, new churches, disaster relief workers, Arizona Baptist Children services, Senior Life Ministries, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Arizona extension, and the many other mission endeavors in our state.

We also would like you to please join all of us at W.M.U. in praying for the unsaved people around the world along with our prayers for our missionaries and their families. We in W.M.U. want all of you to have a wonderful August. Please keep cool and safe.

### **Mark Your Calendars...**

**We will be celebrating  
Pastor Mark & Carolyn's  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday August 13, 2017**

**Covered Dish Meal  
(following the morning service)  
Ya All Come**

**Sunday School - August 6<sup>th</sup> will be promotion Sunday**

## **Men's Ministry**

Ken Miller

"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."  
James 1:22

A little boy while sitting in church, listened to the teacher talk about being saved. The words spoken really made the child think as he tried to understand what he had heard. Upon getting home after church, the boy went to his room to clean it. The mother, realizing that she had not heard her son make any noise in over an hour, poked her head in to check on her son's progress. Upon looking into the room, the mother found her son sitting on the floor, deep in thought and the room still scattered with toys and clothes. "What are you doing son? Your rooms not getting cleaned." the mother said. The son calmly explained to his mom," The preacher at church said that if I believe in Jesus, all my problems would disappear. I believe, but God isn't doing anything."

As funny as the joke is, often this is our view towards God. Many have been told that if you just believe, Jesus will fix all your life's problems, all your brokenness. That life will just be perfect. All you have to do is believe. This teaching is contrary to God's word.

You see, belief without action is just an empty thought. Abraham wasn't blessed because he believed. Abraham was blessed because he lived out his faith. Abraham's faith in God was evident by how he lived his life. King David lived his faith. The apostle Paul lived his faith. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." This is an everyday commitment to Jesus. There will be days when you stumble. There will be moments when we don't walk at all. That's why Jesus said take up your cross and follow me. That cross we carry is a reminder of Christ and all that He did for us.

It's our strength in times of weakness. It's our patience in times of false accusations. It's our forgiveness when we don't deserve it. Jesus told us to go and share the message of the cross we carry to a lost world. We have been called to share the gospel message to the whole world. Sometimes you might use words. Our actions will always speak louder than our words.

Are you living for Christ today? Are you being a doer for God? Are you sitting on your hands in your room while the clutter of life continues to pile up? A plant cannot grow if it isn't watered. Our faith or belief in Christ cannot grow if we don't commit to following Jesus.

Heavenly father, starting today, I am committing to follow you. Today I want to live more for you. This task of carrying our cross is hard. Father, please give us courage, and strength.

Most importantly Lord, hold our hand. As a father leads a child, lead us as well. Guide us in the path of your choosing Lord. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



### **August Birthday's**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Mary Schilhab    | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Chris Ballew     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Jean Christenson | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Fredrick Spinler |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | David Clark      | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Rita Lyons       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Alan Langdell    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Ann Hoins        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Shirley Buckner  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Kate Donaldson   |

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                        | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <h1>August 2017</h1>  |   |   |                                  |  | Pastor Mark will on his vision quest August 14 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> | Building<br>A- Worship Center<br>B- White Building<br>C- Family Life Center (GYM)                  |
|   |   | <b>1</b><br>2:00 pm Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House  | <b>2</b><br>7:00 pm Bible Study  | <b>3</b><br>10:00 am WMU- Mary Schilhab's home<br>6:30 -8:00 pm Youth<br>7:00 pm. Wm's Study<br>7:00 pm. Men's Study                         | <b>4</b> Pastor Off   | <b>5</b> Pastor Off<br><br>11:00 am -2:00 pm David Clark's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party- Bldg C |
| <b>6</b> Lord's Supper<br><br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:15 am. Worship<br>11:45 am PCLT<br><br>SS Promotion Day | <b>7</b><br>1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers<br><br>5:00 pm. Oathkeepers<br><br>Pastor's Prayer & Study | <b>8</b><br>9 am CV Quilters<br>2:00 pm Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House<br><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School, CV | <b>9</b><br>7:00 pm Bible Study  | <b>10</b> Mark & Carolyn's 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary at FSBC, CV<br><br>6:30 -8:00 pm Youth<br>7:00 pm. Men's Study<br>Wm's Study & CIA's | <b>11</b> Pastor Off  | <b>12</b> Pastor Off<br><br>12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C                                   |
| <b>13</b><br><br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:15 am. Worship<br>11:45 am Leadership                                | <b>14</b><br>1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers<br><br>Pastor's Prayer & Study                            | <b>15</b><br>2:00 pm Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House   | <b>16</b><br>7:00 pm Bible Study | <b>17</b><br>6:30 -8:00 pm Youth<br>7:00 pm. Wm's Study<br>7:00 pm. Men's Study  | <b>18</b> Pastor Off<br><br>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Clothing Give Away               | <b>19</b> Pastor Off<br><br>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Clothing Give Away                                  |
| <b>20</b><br><br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:15 am. Worship   | <b>21</b><br>1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers<br><br>Pastor's Prayer & Study                            | <b>22</b><br>2:00 pm Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House   | <b>23</b><br>7:00 pm Bible Study | <b>24</b><br>6:30 -8:00 pm Youth<br>7:00 pm. Wm's Study<br>7:00 pm. Men's Study  | <b>25</b> Pastor Off  | <b>26</b> Pastor Off<br><br>12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C                                   |
| <b>27</b><br><br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>10:15 am. Worship<br>11:45 am Business Mtg.                             | <b>28</b><br>1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers<br><br>Pastor's Prayer & Study                            | <b>29</b><br>2:00 pm Bible Study<br><br>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House   | <b>30</b><br>7:00 pm Bible Study | <b>31</b><br>6:30 -8:00 pm Youth<br>7:00 pm. Wm's Study<br>7:00 pm. Men's Study  |   |  |