



Spreading The Light July 2017

First Southern Baptist Church

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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.

“...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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Pastor's Paragraphs

We exist as a church to Magnify the Word of God, and Mobilize the People of God (short version of our purpose statement). This statement developed out of Nehemiah chapter 8 where the Word of God was read to exiles steeped in pagan culture and their response to it was repentance and faith. That's one of the reasons I still believe it describes what we as a church need to do. Part of what happens there is that those who understood "the language that the scriptures were written in" translated the Word for those who spoke the language of their culture. They were "mobilized" to communicate the Word of God to those around them. The power of the Word is the only life changing force adequate to reveal to us that God is creator and redeemer and knows why He created us. Like the people of that day many don't know the Word and don't know life's purpose. So in ignorance many have let society dictate for them what life is all about. That's how they became exiles - because of a "famine of the Word of God" and a failure to live life God's way. So many today are spiritual exiles for the same reason and we exist to restore honor to the Word of God by magnifying it like they did in Nehemiah's day. By the way all they did was read it and translate it for the people. God's power did the transforming work. His Word was magnified and His People were mobilized!!

The people of Nehemiah 8 were deeply convicted when they heard God's Word and realized they not only weren't doing it, they were in discipline (exile) for neglecting it. From that moment on everything changed for them.

We will continue to teach God's Word in the years to come. The authority of God's Word and the reliability of it will continue to be taught. Life application of God's Word will continue to be a theme because it doesn't matter how much of the Word you know if it is not being applied in your life. We will grow into loving God and loving our neighbor as we grow in the Word. (Matthew 22:36-40)

We will also continue to mobilize the people of God by training effective witnesses for Christ, by teaching in our classes what it means to be people of God and then be a part of every opportunity we can to connect with our community and serve them as we share the gospel with them. We will welcome every guest that visits us, follow up with them to discern if God is bringing them to our church to serve with us and give them every opportunity to get to know us. That is primarily what our Mobilization Team does. Please get a mobilization form - pray hard- and find a place to function in the body as God leads.

There is a lot that needs to be done, and a lot of folks needed to do it. If we are mobilized with a single purpose we will do it. I hope you are praying constantly for what your part is in all this and that God will lead and empower all He leads us to do so that He will get the glory for what is done! Can't wait to see how he does it!

Just want to say thank you to all that work so diligently to further the Gospel of Christ,

Pastor Mark

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRAISE KIDZ CHOIR

Kidz Choir is taking a break – it started on Father's Day (Sunday, June 18th) and will continue into September. Choir rehearsal will resume Sunday, September 17th, at the regular time (10:15am in the Fireside Room).

KIDZ SUMMER CAMP

All Pre-Registration forms are NOW do. These forms should be accompanied with your non-refundable \$50 deposit. These forms can be obtained at church (at the Lobby Display) or on the Church's website << www.chinofsbc.org >>

REMINDER: Children's Summer Camp is Monday, July 17 at Emmanuel Pines Mission Camp (same place as last year). Cost is \$185 per camper plus \$20 spending money. Contact Sandy at 48-213-6716 with questions.

ADULT CHOIR

The last activity for Adult Choir will be two songs on July 2nd (4th of July weekend). Then, we'll be off for the summer. Rehearsals restart Wednesday, September 13, at 5:25pm. Come join in the fun!

Building and Grounds

Thank you for voting me into the position of Building & Grounds. It is an honor to serve our church in this capacity. My husband and I spent 23 years serving as Directors of Camp ALOMA in Prescott. We were the only full-time employees and were responsible for everything: buildings, grounds, housekeeping, food service, programming, personnel, marketing and all other administrative duties. It was very challenging and very rewarding to serve Him in this way.

Thank you all for your support on the Work Days that have been organized. We have accomplished a great deal! I also want to thank Alan Christenson who has been my 'go-to-guy' for a lot of repairs and maintenance.

I pray God will richly bless our FSBC family as we all continue to serve Him!

In His Service,
Shirley Urie

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WMU Corner

By Evelyn Ross

Summer is here and the heat to go with it! I am so thankful we have cooling in our day and age. We all need to appreciate this comfort. After all the generations before us weren't as blessed as we are. This is also the time of year where families are enjoying God's creation as they take off on vacations.

The beginning of summer brings Vacation Bible School and a part of that is Missions. What a wonderful time we had this year. 53 children learned about 2 missionary families. One family serving in London and is sponsored through our International Mission Board, and the other family serving as Church Planters in Denver, Colorado, sponsored by our North American Mission Board. The children also learned about being missionaries themselves. They put together 15 backpacks that will be distributed to displaced children, children in crisis situations here in Chino Valley. The children also collected close to \$300 that will send 32 boxes of gifts to children in other countries through the Operation Christmas Child program! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and children that help make this possible.

In June, WMU had their semi-annual Community Pregnancy Center baby shower and also a covered dish meal to follow. Thank you to all of you ladies that participated and also to the ones that contributed but were unable to attend. Because of the generosity of you ladies, many clothes, blankets and supplies along with money were given to the center in Prescott and also our new center here in Chino Valley.

This month, we as a nation will be celebrating our 241st birthday! God has indeed blessed us in allowing us to live in a country where we are free. May we NEVER take this for granted and may all of us pray daily for our leaders and each other. We also live free because of the sacrifices of the ones that have lived before us. Many of our missionaries are living and serving in places where every day could be their last day here on earth. They are witnessing to the many people around the world that would otherwise never know about the love of Jesus. Our missionaries are fulfilling the "Great Commission" that Jesus left for all of us to do. We need to remember them in our prayers every day. We also need to pray that God will use us as missionaries here at home.

We want to invite all women to join us in WMU. We meet the first Thursday of each month during the summer and the first and third Thursday beginning in September through May.



July

10th Trudy Decker
13th Carol Blake
29th Evelyn Ross

Men's Ministry

"And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.' Mark 8:34

I truly love summer. I like the cool brisk mornings and watching the sunrise. Working in my yard. Cold lemonade on a hot afternoon. Ice cream tastes better in summer. Being able to have some sunshine after work so I can still play outside. Hot dogs and baseball. Summer is just a time where swimming pools and relaxation come to mind. Here lately though, summer has become a time of reflection. I'll never forget the fire and the 19 firefighters who sacrificed their lives. Thinking on those tragic days with reflection, I can now look back and see where God's purpose was in this tragedy. Because of this loss, I saw a community come together. Because of this loss, I read where new policies and equipment were developed for the safety of firefighters and the fighting of fire. Because of this loss, I saw support of a nation for our small community. It seems when we think tragedies in our lives are so devastating, God always works in a mighty way to show forth His glory.

This is often the case with our own lives. Many are so focused on the negatives of life to ever see where God has brought blessings. We travel down this highway of life only looking forward down the road we travel on with narrow vision. Never taking the time to stop and look back on the road to see how far we've come. To see that in our times of brokenness, God gave us strength. In our times of mourning, God brought us comfort. In our times of sadness, God brought laughter.

If we stop and look back at how far God has brought us, let us also look around ourselves at the scenery in which God has put around us. The commandment to "Love God with your whole heart and to love your neighbor (Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30-31)" is truly a two part commandment. To love God means we are open to allow God to love us. It allows us to be comforted, strengthened, or filled with joy during our times of need. When we look at those who are around us, God says love them in the same manner I have loved you. Meaning, share Gods love to others. Allow God to work through you as He provides strength, comfort and joy to those around us who are broken. The only way we can ever truly love our neighbors, is once we deny ourselves and allow God to fill us with His untainted perfect love. When we allow God's love to be the driving force that propels us down the road of life, the path we travel becomes no longer the priority. Our narrow viewed pathway, becomes a ten lane highway. We no longer travel alone, but find ourselves traveling in the company of all those whom we love. The tragedies of life become praises of joy to God.

Heavenly father, we want to take a moment to just say thank you. Thank you for always being there when I needed a friend. Thank you for always walking beside me so I wouldn't be alone. Thank you for helping me back to my feet after each time I have fallen down. Thank you for loving me so much that you were willing to die for me. Father, your grace is sufficient. May I never take it for granted.

In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Ken Miller

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2017</h1>					Building A- Worship Center B- White Building C- Family Life Center (GYM)	1 Pastor Off
2 9:00 am Sun. School 10:15 am. Russ Miller 11:45 am. PCLT Coverd Dish Lunch 1:00 pm Russ Miller 2:00 pm Russ Miller	3 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers 5:00 pm Oathkeepers Offices Closed	4 Independence Day Offices Closed	5 7:00 pm Bible Study	6 10:00 am WMU- Fireside Room. 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	7 Pastor Off	8 Pastor Off 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
9 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship	10 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	11 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	12 7:00 pm Bible Study	13 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	14 Pastor Off	15 Pastor Off
16 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship Youth leave for camp	17 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study Kids leave for camp	18 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	19 7:00 pm Bible Study	20 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	21 11:00 am Glynn Casey Memorial Service	22 Pastor Off 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
23 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. Leadership	24 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	25 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	26 7:00 pm Bible Study	27 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	28 Pastor Off	29 Pastor Off 8:00 am Work Day at the church
30 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 6:00 pm Sing & Share	31 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study				Pastor And Carolyn will be on vacation July 2 through the 16th.	