



**Spreading The Light
October 2017**

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.

YBA Annual Meeting
October 15, 2017
60th Anniversary
Willow Hills Baptist Church
5:00 pm.

RSVP For Dinner

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Pastors' Paragraphs

This newsletter will publish about the time our Ministry Team Leaders meet for the Annual Retreat to evaluate, plan and coordinate what we will do in the next year. Last months paragraphs mentioned that I will keep you posted on "what's goin' on" with where we're going as a church.

In about a half a months time some very exciting things have transpired. We now have a functioning "Prayer Team." This doesn't change our prayer chain necessarily, but these folks will organize to pray strategically for God to show us what to do and enable us to do that. So, we will have a more intentional process of seeking God's face for direction and provision. This is a Huge answer to prayer and possibly one of the greatest needs of our church. So far the team is made up of Fred Schaeffer, Shirley Urie, Geraldine Fricke, Linda Dombroski and Ken Miller. You can let one of them know if you want to join that team. After the Ministry Team Leaders Retreat we will have a better outline of how this team will function.

At this years retreat our ministry team leaders will be working on developing a new purpose statement for our church and considering a name change that describes to our community who we are and define for us better what we do. While it may be time for some changes, the bottom line for us does not. We will strive to love God with all of our hearts, soul, mind and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves! (*Mark 12:29-31*) 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." We exist to make disciples, baptize and teach. (*Matthew 28:19-20*) 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Please pray hard for ministry team leaders that all we do will be ("as the body of Christ") what Jesus did!

I'll be writing next month on what that will look like in the days ahead.

Pastor Mark

P.S. Put November 7th on your calendar for a three hour simulcast with Dave Ramsey, kind of a mini Financial Peace University. Invite Friends!!

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Stephen Ministries

Stephen Ministry is a proven system for training and organizing people in your congregation to provide quality Christian care to those experiencing life difficulties. Since 1975, more than 12,000 churches from 170 denominations have trained over 600,000 laypeople as Stephen Ministers. Millions of hurting people have benefitted from their care.

Equip the Saints for Ministry: In congregations and communities everywhere, there are many people who are hurting. Pastors want to care for all those who need it, and Stephen Ministry offers an effective and biblical way to provide that ongoing care. With a team of trained lay caregivers, congregations can offer high-quality care to many more people in need.

Imagine how much ministry could happen if your congregation had a team of well-trained lay caregivers equipped to provide one-to-one Christian care to people who need it. **That's the**

Stephen Ministry difference! This half-day workshop will introduce you to Stephen Ministry and show you how to get this life-changing ministry started in your congregation.

Stephen Ministry is offering an Introductory Workshop in our area. The workshop will offer 3 sessions: **Ministering to those experiencing Grief** (We are currently using these materials in the Grief Support class), **An Introduction to Stephen Ministry** and **How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way**. **Each participant** receives ready-to-use resources. **Each congregation** receives four DVDs with inspiring videos to build support for beginning Stephen Ministry.

The workshop will be held **Saturday, Oct 7th from 9a.m. to 1p.m.**

Workshop Cost: ***\$15 per person; or *\$50 for a group of four or more from a congregation.**

Please arrive early for check-in, refreshments, and fellowship. It will be held at:

Christ Presbyterian Church, 925 N. Sarival Ave, Goodyear, AZ 85338

You can register by going to www.stephenministry.org/workshop or call Stephen Ministries at 314-428-2600 or contact the church office.

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WMU Corner

By Evelyn Ross

Fall is here and the cool, crisp days have arrived along with the changing colors of the season. Holidays are just ahead of us and October is the start of the busy season.

We start this season off with turning our thoughts to the ones that are less fortunate than we are. Samaritan's Purse is a relief organization that helps with people in need all over the world and here in the United States. They have been on the ground helping recently in Texas and Florida and continue to aid in Iraq and Afghanistan just to name a few places. "Operation Christmas Child" is one of their organizations. It is through Operation Christmas Child that many children in war torn areas receive boxes with much needed items. For most of the children that receive these boxes, it is the first time that they have ever received a gift of any kind. Along with their box, each child receives a booklet entitled, "The Greatest Gift". This booklet introduces them to who Jesus is and teaches that Jesus loves them and cares for them. The shoebox and the booklet are only the beginning. Many children will have the opportunity to go through a discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey". It is through this program that many children will make a decision to accept Christ as their personal savior. It all starts with us and a shoebox filled with love, toys, school supplies and personal items. Pamphlets that explain what to put in your shoebox are available on the Operation Christmas Child table in the front office off of the foyer. This year, due to border restrictions, candy and toothpaste will not be permitted in the boxes. There will also be shoeboxes there and you are free to take one if you do not have one at home. We encourage you to personalize your boxes by wrapping and decorating them. There is also a basket on the table where you can donate items for the WMU packing party that will be held on November 9th. We invite you to this party to help pack extra boxes. There will be a running list on the table and in the bulletin every two weeks letting everyone know what items are needed for the packing party. This will start on October 1st. Samaritan's Purse's goal this year is to reach 12,000,000 children with the gospel through 12,000,000 boxes. Our goal for our church is 250 boxes. Since its beginning in 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 146 million shoebox gifts to children around the world.

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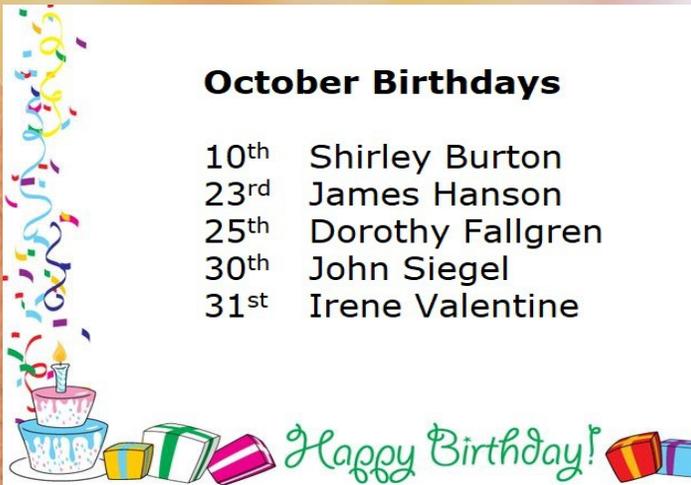
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As I write this I remember all the children that Operation Christmas Child reaches and the families that are changed because of this program. I also think about the many churches that have been started in more than 130 countries where the shoeboxes have been sent to. The most important way that you can help with the spreading of the gospel through this program is to pray. We are looking for people that have a heart for OCC and are willing to pray daily for this program. You can sign up as a prayer partner. You can sign up on www.operationchristmaschild.org website and hit the tab "serving with OCC". Samaritan's Purse will keep you updated on their urgent prayer needs.

We have a lot of events coming up in the next few months. Some of the events coming up are; preparing for the Operation Christmas Child packing party, setting up and manning the Dropoff OCC center, preparing holiday treat trays for the homebound, collecting and distributing much needed items for our displaced children in Chino Valley, collecting for the "Hungry Kids" program, and preparing for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We invite all ladies who would like to know more about missions and be involved in these events to join us on the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information you can call Diane at (928)830-0067 or Evelyn at (928)227-3327.

October Birthdays

10th Shirley Burton
23rd James Hanson
25th Dorothy Fallgren
30th John Siegel
31st Irene Valentine



DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

November 7, 2017

3 hour Simulcast

Bring a Friend

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Game Night Fireside Room
Friday, Oct 20th, 2017
6:30-8:30pm

Bring a game & snacks to share and
Let's have some fun!



Senior Adult Ministry

Hope everyone is well, and doing good.

We would like to discuss plans for our October 26th, luncheon. So bring your ideas. Also, we need to discuss plans for meeting in November and December. Since we meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, do you want to meet in November and December? If so what would you like to do? Looking forward to your thoughts and ideas.

Forever in Christ,

Your Senior Ministry Team

Carlene Gillo 928-710-3912

Denise Spindler 928-583-4025

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Children Ministry

At a recent focus group, the kids were asked to draw their Sunday school class. Most kids spent time detailing tables, chairs, and a teacher standing up with the rows of kids, but the teachers and kids were faceless and nameless. This is part of what happens when we treat faith like a subject: the people and relationships get lost. In a very practical sense, if kids know: "There someone at church who knows my name", it makes a difference. It is hard on kids to know we don't care enough about them to even learn their names. Years ago the conventional wisdom was to rotate volunteers in order to solve the volunteer shortage – it made things easier for the teachers and leaders. The unintended consequence is that the kids and leaders don't get to know each other. People (regardless of age) need relationships. If we ever want to introduce a child or youth or adult to a relationship with God, we need to introduce ourselves first. We need to focus the resources of our heart to make a personal, lasting connection with the children, youth, and adults in our community.



Kids Bible Adventure

In Bible Adventure, which meets on Sundays from 9am -10am, we are moving chronologically through the Bible. We are currently at Holy Week and the complete Easter lesson. We will begin learning about the Book of Acts in mid-November (if you want to read ahead).

PRAISE KIDZ CHOIR

Kidz Choir will begin on October 8, in the Fireside Room (Bldg B) from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. Then the kids can go straight to Kidz Worship (same room). We will rehearse music to sing in church.



ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS

Adult Choir has begun rehearsing the music for Christmas. If you love to sing, now is the time to join us. The Christmas Service will include both children and youth, so don't wait another minute to join!

HARVEST FEST

This year, the church will not be sponsoring a "Harvest Fest" - at the park or at FSBC. Your leadership team evaluated our involvement and the decision was that since we don't have enough workers to support the event, and during the event, those working don't have time to talk with the people who stop at our booth, those resources should be allocated to an activity with more benefit of spreading the Gospel.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2017</h1>					October is Pastor Appreciation Month	Building A-Worship Center B- White Building C- Family Life Center (GYM)
1 Lord's Supper 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am PCLT	2 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers 5:00 pm. Oathkeepers	3 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	4 10:30 am Grief Recovery 5:45 pm Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study	5 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study Men's Study CIA's	6 Pastor Off	7 Pastor Off
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