

AUGUST 2024

*THE PURPOSE OF DESERT SHORES COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO SHARE THE LOVE AND SAVING GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST WITH EVERYONE, THROUGH GOD'S POWER, MAKE DISCIPLES WHO LOVE GOD.*



**“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations” Matthew 28:19**

# *The Beacon*



## **Pastor George Thoughts**

### **Inspired by the Word!**

I know it is difficult to be inspired when the temperatures are in the 90's for the low and 115 for the highs. It is real easy to want to just stay inside, avoid the world outside and vegetate. I must admit to all of you that it has been difficult to want to get things going back to their normal pace. I have been grateful for the reduced schedule and limited activities.

But August is upon us and it is time to re-engage and re-energize ourselves into the ministries that God has given us to reach others for Christ. But how do we get energized and excited about the ministry before us. We need to be inspired by the Word! I mean several things by the Word. First and foremost, I mean inspired by the Word, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Let me remind you of John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Jesus is always the primary source of our inspiration. He is the One, the One and only begotten Son of God. He is our inspiration for loving others. As we continue through the book of John, we are going to be inspired by Jesus to serve others as we serve God. Jesus, tired and hot from the journey from Judea going to Galilee stopped along the way in Samaria. He didn't let His physical weariness keep Him from ministering to the Samaritan woman at the well. He had living water to share with her. His disciples didn't see the food Jesus had to sustain the ministry before them. We can focus on the problems, the conditions, the struggles or we can focus on the Word, Jesus Christ. Jesus wants us to see that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ministry is all over the place if we will just open our eyes. Jesus sets the example and calls us to be inspired by the record of His actions we have recorded in the Word of God. God has given us the Inspired Word of God to encourage, lift us, motivate, focus, change attitudes, to change us. I know that we need to be in it daily to see the ways God works. We need to read it and allow it to strengthen us. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is “... is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” God's Word can inspire us to face difficult situations. It confronts us in areas that we fall short of what God calls us to do. It reminds us that nothing is impossible with God. It is strength and refreshing for us to do the work God has given us to do.

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## August Events:

### August Birthdays

08/02  
Jackie DeVall  
Larry McNair  
Sue Deters  
08/03  
Barbara Suebert  
08/04  
Judith Barber/Sanick  
Rita Holquin  
08/07  
Patrick Tucker  
08/09  
Garrett Dennison/Pisano  
Ted Cole  
08/17  
Ray Sloan  
Tom Potter  
08/18  
George Lyman  
Norma Province  
08/19  
Melissa Baldwin  
08/20  
John Sullivan  
Lynda Neitz  
08/21  
Ruth Russell  
08/25  
Rick Stilt  
08/27  
Christina Andersen  
08/30  
Lee Rowen

August 6th  
Missions Team Meeting  
1pm

August 9th  
Deacons Meeting  
9am

August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
RUMMAGE SALE  
(Volunteers needed! See Roberta  
Marmolejo)  
7am -1pm

August 13th  
First day of JOY After school  
3:30pm

August 14th  
AST meeting  
4pm

August 28th  
Quarterly Business Meeting  
6pm

**Men's Bible Study at Pastor's  
House resumes August 6**

**Women's Wednesday Bible Study  
resumes August 7**

## Weekly Events:

Sunday 9:00am Sunday School  
9:00am Faith Builders Class  
9:00am Titus Women  
10:30am Worship Service  
2:30pm SunRidge Village

Monday 5:00pm Choir Practice  
5:00pm Creation Series  
6:00pm Praise Team practice

Tuesday 9:00am Prayer Team  
10:30am Davis Place  
1:00pm Silver Creek  
2:30 Joshua Springs Memory Care  
3:00pm Joshua Springs  
**6:30pm Men's Bible Study**

Wednesday **8:00am Men's Bible Study**  
**9:30am Women's Bible Study**  
**6:30pm Bible Study - Galatians**

Thursday 6:30pm Family Game Night  
Last Thursday of the Month  
1:30pm Legacy  
8:00pm Young Adult Bible Study

Friday 8:00am Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30pm Movie Night  
Last Friday of the Month

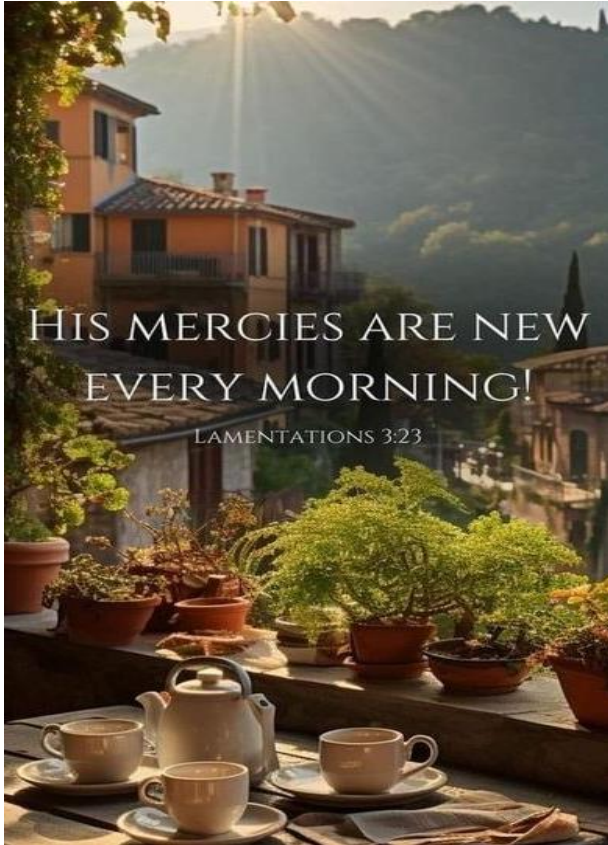
Saturday 8:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
First Saturday of the Month  
6:00pm Contemporary Worship Serv.

### August Anniversaries

4th  
Stan & Sue Deters  
12th  
Richard & Linda Cotterall  
17th  
Willie & Myrna Allen  
23rd  
Bob & Dianna Stewart

**NO GAME NIGHT  
NO MOVIE NIGHT  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

# CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



## COME PRAY WITH US!

**Philippians 4:6**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by **prayer** and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**Psalm 92:1-2**

It is good to praise the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your loving devotion in the morning and Your faithfulness at night

Our Prayer Meeting is at 9:00 on Tuesday Mornings! Please join us!

If you have any requests or praises you can email them to

[Ljineitz57@gmail.com](mailto:Ljineitz57@gmail.com)

Or text them to  
928.201.8924

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
RUMMAGE SALE  
AUGUST 9TH AND 10TH  
7am to 1pm  
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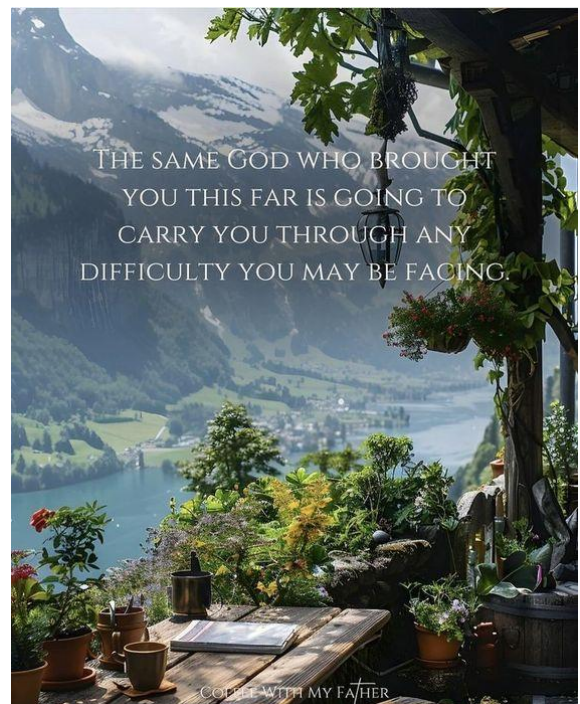
## SENIOR MINISTRY

This is the schedule. Please look it over and see what time slot would work for you.

**Sunday at 2:30 at Sunridge Village**  
**Tuesday at 10:30 at Davis Place**  
**Tuesday at 1:00 at Silver Creek**  
**Tuesday at 2:30 at Joshua Springs -  
Memory care**  
**Tuesday at 3:00 at Joshua Springs**  
**Thursday at 1:30 at Legacy**

Interest? You may want to join us at a service and make a new friend (or friends), sharing Jesus and filling a void in their day.

Please contact **Rick Bickman at 928.444.4504** or **Karen at 928.201.7879** for more information.





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You and I are God's messengers. We are his witnesses. We need to be inspiring others to take on challenges, to fight the battles they face, to be strong when facing adversity. Our words need to be uplifting, inspiring. I wonder sometimes if we watch or are mindful of the things that come out of our mouth. It is easy to criticize someone who is speaking with a foul mouth or hateful words. We need to be ready with words to help others not give up or look at things with the mind of Christ. It is easy to criticize but much harder to build up. I hope that as we turn the corner on a hot, difficult, tedious time in our life, we can look to our Savior, God's Word and other believers for encouragement and inspiration.

God Bless,

Pastor George

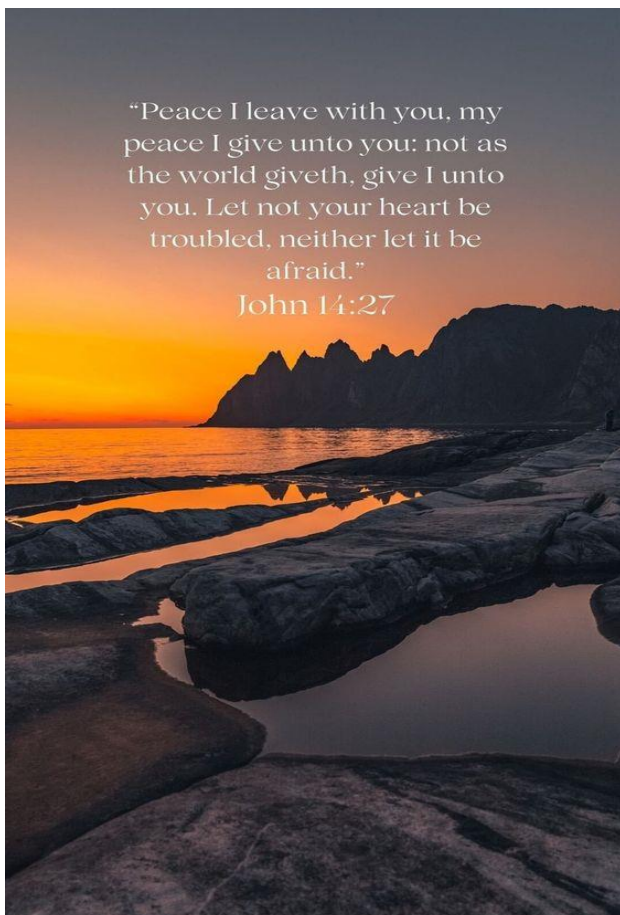


## We Are Growing Help Wanted!

The online ministry continues to grow and needs volunteers who are willing to commit to long term service. No experience is needed as Brandon will train you in the specific equipment you'll be handling.

We would all love to have Brandon honoring God with his musical talents as he has showed us over the last few worship services. But that can't happen until he gets more help producing Saturday and Sundays' services.

See Brandon or leave a message in the office if you can help, please.



# HOW MUCH LONGER CAN IT BE?

**Jonathan Brentner**

## Provocations?

What the world recently witnessed in Paris tells us that Satan no longer lurks in the shadows, but now operates in the open for all to see. What seems to be a clear attempt to provoke the Lord, a scene from the Olympic opening ceremonies pictured drag queens seated at a table in the same way that Leonardo da Vinci painted Jesus and His disciples at the Last Supper.

On social media, I viewed videos of what I believe were intended to represent two of the horses of the apocalypse. In one of them, I saw a veiled rider on a white horse riding through the streets of Paris with the Olympic flag behind him. The correlation between this and the antichrist riding throughout the world in Revelation 6:1-2 was clearly evident.

Such over-the-top mocking of Jesus and His Word went beyond anything I could've imagined. Was not Satan seeking to provoke Him with such images? Was he using the world stage to incite the beginning of the judgments that will take place after the Rapture?

Why would Satan seek to incite the Lord in such a way? Does he not realize that the book of Revelation spells his eternal doom?

## Jesus Is Coming Back

All these things speak to me of Jesus' imminent appearing. Yes, many of us have been saying this for a great many years. However, the skies are darker than ever before; Satan is working overtime to prepare the world for when the antichrist appears riding on a white horse. This time, it will be for real.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, the Apostle Paul tells us that restraining force of the Holy Spirit is now preventing the appearance of this "man of lawlessness." It's His working through us, the Church, that's now preventing the arrival of the "man of lawlessness" on the world's stage.

We also know that the devil will not be able to goad the Lord into intervening in the world until the perfect time set in His sovereign plan for the ages. We know Jesus' appearing is imminent, but we do not presume to know when the Rapture will happen. On the other hand, given the explosion of sins all around us, we don't make the equally imprudent mistake of assuming it cannot happen today, this week, next month, or later this year or next.

## It's the Best News Imaginable

How did Paul preface his comforting words regarding the Rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:11? He began by wiring, "For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord." Of course, we acknowledge his epistles as inspired Scripture, but here the apostle saw fit to ensure to emphasize that his words came directly from the Savior. Verses 16 and 17 from chapter 4 summarize our great expectation:

*For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

This is the best news imaginable! There's coming a time when the dead in Christ will rise and we who remain alive will join them in meeting Jesus in the air. It cannot get any better than that!

What a great blessing we have to live at a time when we see so many precursors to the events depicted in the book of Revelation. It's more than just a possibility that many of us will still be alive when Jesus appears, raises the dead, gives those of us that remain immortal bodies (1 Corinthians 15:47-55).

It's not that I don't make plans, set goals, or enjoy the things of this life with which the Lord has blessed me. I do. However, if I had the choice between winning five hundred million dollars in the lottery versus the Rapture happening today, I would choose the latter every time (even if it included a restoration of my youth). There's no earthly luxury that can even remotely compare to the glory that awaits us at Jesus' appearing.

The mocking of our faith that took place last Friday in Paris beckons us to look up knowing that the day of redemption draws ever so close. And it will be so much better than we can even imagine.