

NOVEMBER 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



When the Righteous Thrive

By Greg Laurie

**“When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
—Proverbs 29:2**

Some Christians try to stay above the fray of politics. They point to Jesus’ words in John 17:16, “They do not belong to this world any more than I do” (NLT), to emphasize that believers are to be *in* the world but not *of* the world. That is, they take these words of Jesus to mean that believers should not participate in earthly government matters. They cite Paul’s words in Philippians 3:20, “We are citizens of heaven” (NLT), to suggest that we don’t have the spiritual credentials or the calling to try to influence election outcomes. But is staying away from politics really God’s will for His people? There’s an interesting detail in a New Testament story that shines some light on the issue. The story is found in Acts 27. The apostle Paul was a prisoner, being transported by boat to Rome for his trial. The journey was slow-going at first. The winds were against them. With great difficulty, the ship made it to the island of Crete and docked at the port of Fair Havens. It was there that the passengers and crew faced a crucial decision: Should they stay docked or continue sailing? The date was around October 5, which was late for sailing. The dangerous winter season in that region, when waves grew treacherous, ran from about September 14 to November 11.

A vote was taken to decide whether the ship would continue on to Phoenix, a more suitable harbor on Crete, or wait out the winter in Fair Havens. Paul voted to stay in Fair Havens. He was a veteran seafarer who had traveled some 3,500 miles on the Mediterranean Sea. On top of that, he’d already been shipwrecked three times.

But Paul was outvoted. The ship set sail—and wrecked on the island of Malta.

But the interesting detail of the story is that Paul cast a vote. He spoke up. He got involved in the process. He knew what was right. He made his case based on what would be best for everyone aboard the ship. Unfortunately for everyone aboard the ship, his vote was outnumbered, and his opinion was ignored. But the responsibility that Paul felt to vote—to get involved in the process by voicing his opinion—can apply to all Christians today because we have a biblical worldview.

We have a book that tells us what’s right and what’s wrong. And it’s absolute truth. Because of it, we know what’s helpful and what’s damaging not only to ourselves but to our country. That’s why it’s important for us to cast our vote. We must apply our understanding of Scripture to the issues facing our nation, our state, and our local community. We must work to elect leaders who align with what we find in God’s Word.

We may not always be in the majority, just as Paul wasn’t. But our input is essential. Because **“when the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan” (Proverbs 29:2 NIV).**



November Birthdays

- 11/2
Karen Peasley
- 11/4
Ben Hobbs
- 11/5
Linda Cotterall
- 11/6
Eleanor Waters
- 11/7
Rachel Silva
- 11/9
Pat Komen
- 11/11
Janie Tucker
- 11/12
Ron DeVall
- 11/17
Trevor Lyman
- 11/18
Michael Watner
- 11/19
Steve Weisz
- 11/23
Rexie Money
- 11/24
Steve Stringham
- 11/27
Mike LaRosa



November Events:

November 5th



November 7th

New Member's Class
10am-12pm

November 9th

John Sullivan Memorial
10am-

November 21st

PAL's Luncheon
12-2pm

November 28th

Thanksgiving Dinner
2-4pm

**NO GAME NIGHT
OR MOVIE NIGHT
NO WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

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.

November Anniversaries

- 6th
Dave & Toots Jenkins
- 10th
Therese & Russ Ramsey

Knowing God enables us, as believers, to display strength in times of stress and take action when the rest of the world seems to be immobile.

Kay Arthur

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



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

Interested? 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.

SENIOR MINISTRY

We are very appreciative of all the new volunteers who stepped up to help out at the assisted living homes this summer. You were very valuable to the ministry because of your dedication and faithfulness in keeping things going while we were away. We hope you were blessed by this experience if you were new to this ministry, and we invite you to continue coming if you are led by God to do so. The residents have been very thankful and appreciative of you. We have had many compliments for your work. And of course, we thank and appreciate all of our regular volunteers who go to the assisted living facilities on a regular basis. You are an important part of the senior ministry and do a fantastic job!!!

Rick and Karen Bickman

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.**

Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.

John Bunyan

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

Ljneitz57@gmail.com

**Or text them to
928.201.8924**



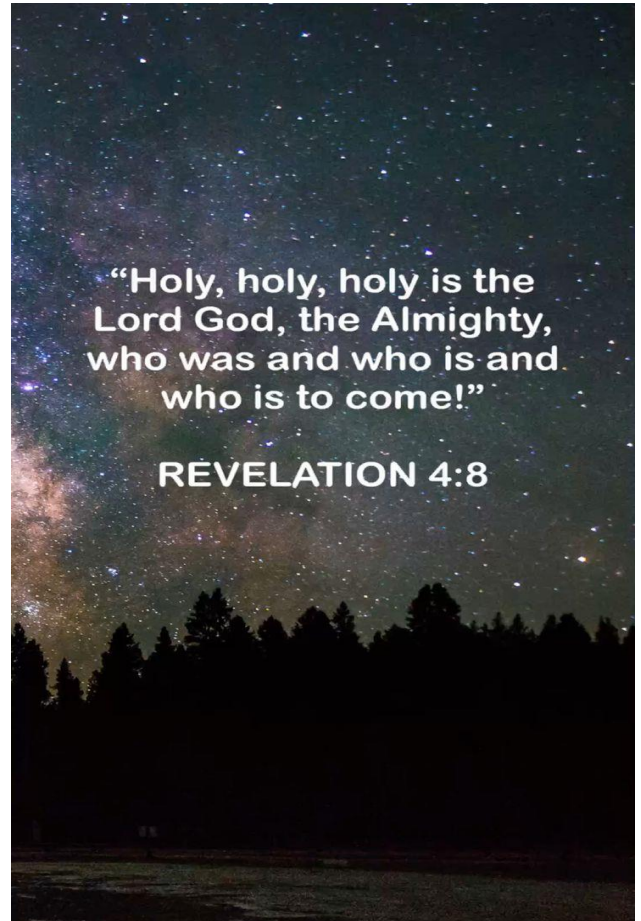
PACK A SHOEBOX!



Boxes available at the Info Center.
Boxes due on Sunday, Nov. 8.

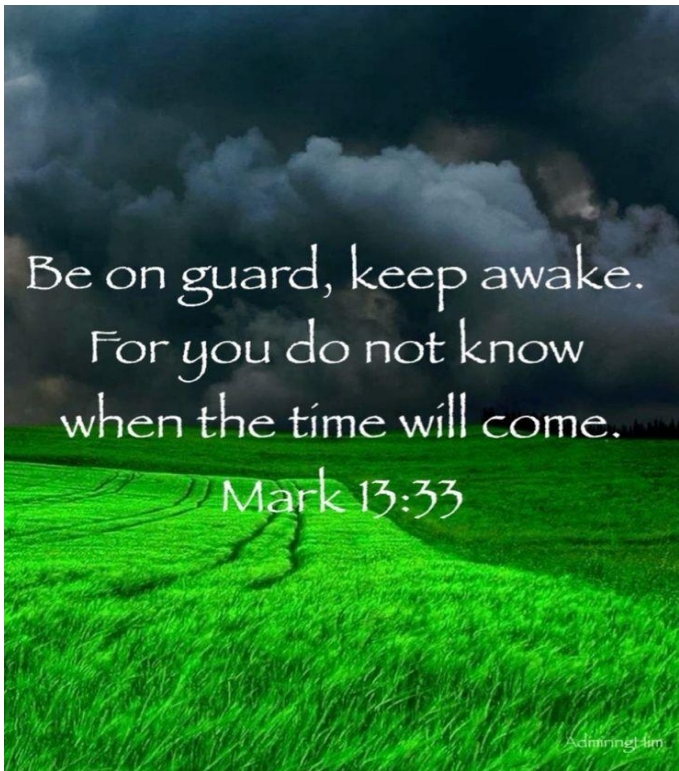
**ALL SHOE BOXES
ARE DUE BACK
NOVEMBER 5TH!!**

For more information contact
Joyce Larsen, 928-201-1017



“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come!”

REVELATION 4:8



Be on guard, keep awake.
For you do not know
when the time will come.

Mark 13:33

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JOIN US FOR DESERT SHORES COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CRAFT FAIR

FUNDRAISER

NOV. 15TH CRAFT FAIR | 9AM-2PM
NOV. 16TH CRAFT FAIR | 9AM-2PM

Desert Shores Community Baptist Church
2625 Landon Drive | BHC, AZ 86429

VENDOR INFORMATION

Recommended Table Space Donation \$30
to benefit Desert Shores Community Baptist Church
Contact Roberta Marmolejo
(951) 742-1915 or (928) 754-1111

REAL LIFE DEVOTIONS

Get Up, Get Out, and Stand

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” Psalm 33:12

When God is the focal point of a nation, the blessings it seeks to enjoy will be theirs. Yet, many American leaders are convinced that eradicating Christianity’s influence is the key to our nation’s future success—an opinion previous generations soundly rejected. While not all of America’s leaders have held deep religious convictions, many have, and most understood, that a vibrant Christian faith is essential to our future.

Founding Father James Madison referred to religious freedom as the “luster of our country.” He and Thomas Jefferson worked together to make the state of Virginia the most advanced in protecting Christian liberties.

In the twentieth century, Calvin Coolidge voiced, “The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country.”

President Gerald Ford also affirmed the role of Christianity in American life. “Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first, the most basic, expression of Americanism. Thus, the Founding Fathers of America saw it, and thus, with God’s help, it will continue to be.”

Believers have been exceedingly negligent in influencing government by not electing leaders who stand for righteousness. But the time has come when we must act differently.

God will bless or curse this nation according to the choices we make. Let us get up, get out, and make our voices heard. Let us fervently pray for the Lord’s mercy to be upon us! May He graciously provide leaders—men and women—whose hearts are aligned with His.

Awaiting His Return,
Jack Hibbs



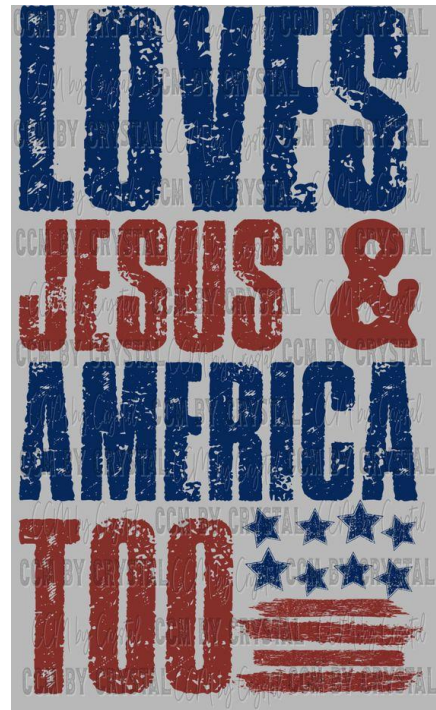
As Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

SANDWICH MINISTRY

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who will be making sandwiches for the folks experiencing homelessness. Not only are our volunteers continuing, but there were more new volunteers this time!

The new schedules are ready for pick up! If you have not received yours, please check with Kaye in the office, or look on the bulletin board just outside her office. Please make a reminder for yourself so you don't forget your sandwich dates.

Anyone who is not making sandwiches is encouraged to consider bringing water or snack type food items whenever you can. Anything you bring in will be greatly appreciated. God bless!!!

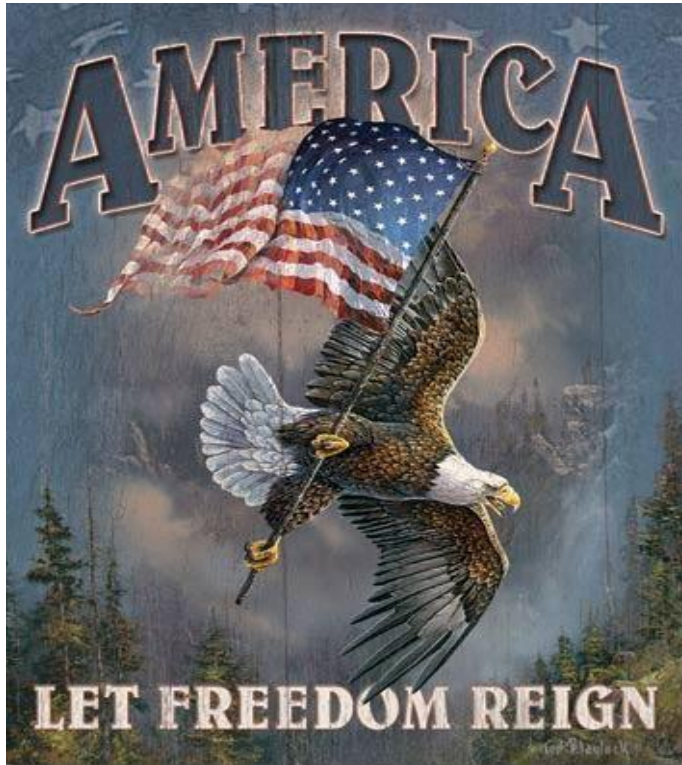


We Are Growing Help Wanted!

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.



JACK HIBBS FACEBOOK

10-18-2024



Restore us, O Lord, and
bring us back to you
again! Give us back the
joys we once had!
~ Lam. 5:21 NLT

I just love how excellent our Founding Fathers used their critical thinking skills and their mouths to create opportunities to forge a nation unlike any other in the history man. We have so much to learn if we are going to return to their logic and their God Jehovah.

"Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom. No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue; and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

- Patrick Henry

"Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master. Experience has taught us that it is much easier to prevent an enemy from posting themselves than it is to dislodge them after they have got possession, and when the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

- George Washington



"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

- Thomas Jefferson