

MARCH 2025

*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



## Time Keeps Marching On!

I can't believe it is March already. It seems that time moves faster and faster the older we get. We feel this way even more when things have piled up on us because of change or life just seems to throw more at you. We all have the same 24 hours in a day, it just seems that sometimes we let one thing dominate our lives. Perhaps that one thing is a decision we have had to make, or an article we have needed to write, or someone we have needed to see.

Time passes quickly when we don't take time to stop and consider what is important. We all come to a point in our lives where we need to stop and take time to take care of things. Tax time always seems to do that for me. Getting documents, tax forms, receipts and other things together so that I can file the return.

As a follower of Jesus, we want our time to count for God's Kingdom. We want it to be used to draw us closer to Him. We want it to be used to show someone we love them and Jesus cares about them. We all have people that we love and because of other things taking up our time, we fail to reach out to them and let them know we care.

The worst feeling in the world is when someone passes on, goes to be with the Lord and we have failed to see them or share how much they mean to us. I recently had a conversation with someone asking me to go and visit a person who was on hospice. I told them I would make it a priority.

Why? Because I want to make time for those situations.

Jesus said in **John 13:34,35**, “**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**”

Time is going to continue to move forward, it will “March On”, but we must remember to make time for those things God has given us to do. Pray for one another that we will take time to show the love of Christ to those who are lost and hurting. Pray that we will reach out and show love to one another by helping others with our time.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Pray for your Pastor to use his time well.

Sincerely,  
Pastor George



### **March Birthdays**

3/1  
*Nora Jenson*  
 3/8  
*Kirby Alstrom*  
*Manny Sandoval*  
 3/10  
*Pat Merritt*  
 3/13  
*Faith Tomkiewicz*  
 3/14  
*Lori DeNike*  
*Susana Savea*  
 3/20  
*Mark Flippin*  
 3/22  
*Toots Jenkins*  
 3/25  
*Fernando Navarro*  
*Renate Collins*  
 3/28  
*Peggy Stedman*  
*Bobby Sullivan*  
 3/31  
*Mollie Knochenbauer*



### **March Events:**

#### **March 14 & 15th**

Rummage Sale  
 7am -2pm

#### **March 20th**

PAL's Community Awareness Mtg  
 Noon – 2pm

#### **March 28th**

Chimichanga dinner and Movie  
 5pm

### **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.

### **March Anniversaries**

1<sup>st</sup>  
 Rick & Karen Bickman

11<sup>th</sup>  
 Sisto & Rita Holquin

17<sup>th</sup>  
 Ted & Kathy Cole

We are called to preach  
 the Bible.  
 Not to prove it.  
 The Holy Ghost is all the  
 proof we need.

A.W. Tozer

# CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Love God Love Others  
Share Jesus Christ With Everyone  
Serve Our Community

March 14th & 15th  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

Raising money for our new building fund

March 14th & 15th  
7:00am to 2pm  
Desert Shores Community Baptist Church  
2625 Landon Drive  
BHC AZ 86429

## 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.

## SIMPLE WAYS TO BE A BLESSING!

### Items needed for the BLESSING BAGS:

Water  
Toothpaste  
Vienna Sausage  
Tuna Kits  
Soap  
Pack of napkins and utensils  
(Can pick up at Smart & Final in individual packs)  
Combs  
Assorted Toiletries  
Fruit Cups

## 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.

*“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go.”*  
*Abraham Lincoln*

**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](mailto:Ljneitz57@gmail.com)**

**Or text them to  
928.201.8924**

## Included in God's Family

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Serve the Lord with gladness!*

*Come into his presence with singing!*

*Know that the Lord, he is God!*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and his courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

*For the Lord is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*(Psalm 100)*

I wandered in those doors  
again,

more habit than

conviction,

propelled more by duty  
than joy.

I'd made that entrance

ten thousand times,

more muscle memory

than spiritual

energy.

I was afraid not to

be there

more than I wanted to

be there.

Habitual words of

hello and welcome

greeted me,

sprinkled with random

Bible words.

I smiled and mumbled

niceties in

return,

not wanting to linger

long enough to be

personal.

I went directly to

my seat,

I had claimed it

years ago,

no nameplate, but it

was mine.

I sat in it every week

and was unsettled

on this Sunday when

someone else

claimed it.

Wait, what?

Don't they know?

I looked around at the  
unremarkable  
group of people,  
surveying the crowd,  
as they shuffled to their  
self-assigned seats:

students

plumbers

clerks

piano teachers

housewives

doctors

dads

delivery drivers

bosses and

baristas.

All living in the endlessly

mundane,

occasionally

marked by moments of

tragedy and triumph.

Many troubled,

many sad,

many burdened with

regret,

many weary,

many carrying scars of

worlds no more,

many searching and

hungry,

many temporarily

satisfied,

many hoping for a better

day,

those who knew they were

needy

and needy ones who

didn't,

many with questions

not soon to be

answered,

everyone an interpreter,

theologian, and a

philosopher,

holding with both hands onto

belief,

visited regularly by

doubt.

No one in the room

had the kind of

life

that would become a

book

or Netflix miniseries.

Most lived in occasionally

disturbed

anonymity,

in a world too busy

too driven

to notice.

Good day-by-day people

enduring

surviving

faithful

but

not the kind of

power people

you want to post an

Instagram picture of

being with.

I bowed my head for a

moment

and when I looked

up

everywhere I

looked I saw

grace.

Every person a

story of sin forgiven.

Every person a

story of divine love.

Every person a

story of reconciliation.

Every person a

story of restoration.

Every person a

story of new identity and

potential.

Every person a

story of destiny secure.

Every person knit

together

with every other person,

in a miracle of divine

love.

Together each story had been

embedded in God's

great

eternal

redemptive story.

Beautiful people,

made beautiful

by grace.

Precious people,

precious to the heart of

God.



Now gathered together  
to celebrate their  
inclusion and  
connection  
and to hear once again  
that old old story of  
grace.

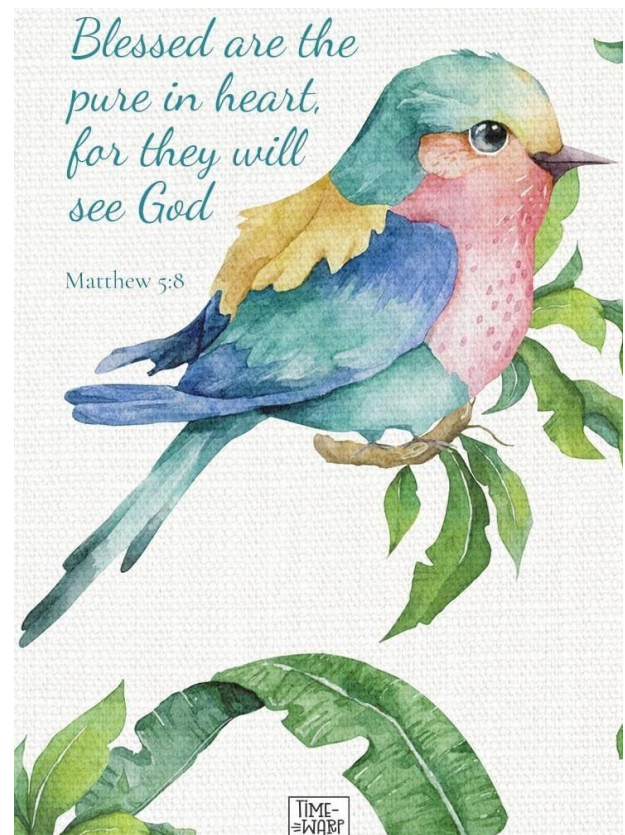
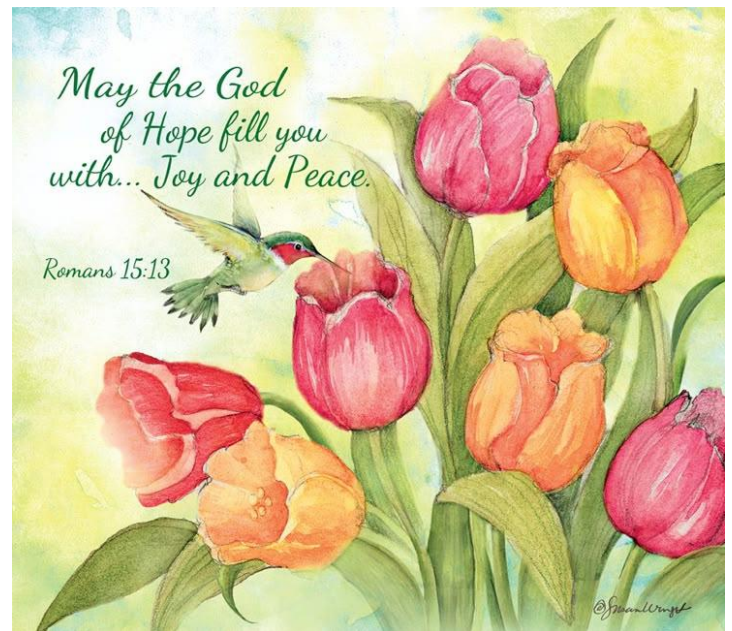
I sat in my little  
self-assigned seat  
and smiled,  
glad that I had  
walked in those doors that  
morning,  
glad to gather with my  
remarkable family,  
glad God thought to  
include me.

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You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to  
shame.  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I am the Lord your God and there is  
none else.  
And my people shall never again be put to  
shame.  
(Joel 2:23–27)

**A Prayer for Today:** God, I need to see and  
appreciate your story of grace in the lives of  
others and in my own life as well. Help me to  
cherish it, particularly in the lives of my church  
family. It can be so easy to switch into  
autopilot once I walk into church, but please  
help my heart in those moments when it's  
effortless for me to check out and go through  
the motions of a Sunday morning service. Help  
me to appreciate the church family you've  
given me, and help me to never tire of  
communicating my gratitude toward you for  
providing for me in this specific way. In Jesus'  
name, amen.

[PaulTripp.com](http://PaulTripp.com)



## SANDWICH MINISTRY

Desert Shores Church is blessed to have wonderful volunteers who make sandwiches for those unfortunate people presently experiencing homelessness.

Next month we will need to make a NEW sandwich schedule for April through September, so I need to know if you will continue to make sandwiches.

Remember if you are away for part or all of the summer you can give me the dates you're not available and I can work a schedule around your time here.

If you are not making sandwiches at this time and would like to, please notify me and I will be able to answer questions and get you on the schedule. You can make sandwiches once or twice a month. Please pray and consider being a part of this ministry.

The sandwiches you provide will be taken to the homeless shelter in Bullhead City to supplement their provisions. There is always a need for sandwiches, water, and other food items for the homeless population. Won't you help by making sandwiches once or twice a month?

Call or text Karen Bickman at 928-201-7879 if you will be making sandwiches. Thank you and God bless!



# More Help!

## Make A Long-term Choice!



Worship/Online Director Brandon and volunteer Brittney are part of the team that makes sure our newest "congregation" gets live broadcasts of the Saturday and Sunday worship services on YouTube.

Those watching the online worship services are increasing to where we are averaging over 100 viewers a week and Brandon needs some more helpers.

We have also added the Wednesday night Bible Study every week.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the office and let Brandon know. You must be willing to commit long-term because of the training



## Amir's Bible Bites Devotions

### A Warning from Jesus

When considering Bible prophecy, the first thing we need to remember is to not approach what we read like we would a weather prediction, as if there is simply a percentage of a chance of it happening.

Everything the Bible says about the last days will happen exactly as written, including both the clearly stated and the only implied.

#### Matthew 24:4-8

**And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."**

Remember, the question the disciples asked was about the end of the age and the signs of His coming. Thus, the context of the answer is the same as the question. Jesus clearly stated there will be false Christs, wars and rumors of wars, international and ethnic tensions, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. And all of this is preceded by an admonition to not be deceived, which implies there will be efforts to spread lies concerning the signs of His coming and the end of the age.

That means that in the time of the signs Jesus mentioned, there will be deceivers who say the increase in those things means nothing. The deception is also much broader in that some will deny that modern Israel is Biblical Israel. Others will deny that the rapture is a Biblical doctrine. The apostle Peter said that some will even scoff at the idea that Jesus is coming again at all (2 Peter 3:3).

The truth is that if God said it is going to happen, it will happen just as He said. We also know there will be a comparatively short duration of time during which the signs that His coming is soon will be evident.

We are living in such a time today. The deception concerning both the Bible and the evidence of the last days is in full swing, and the scoffers and deniers are all around us. The tragedy of all this is that during this time when they ought to be more confident than ever that the Bible and its end times prophecies are one hundred percent true, they scoff at the idea of His return instead.

Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus,





*Everything good—in this world and in your life—is a gift from God. If you wrap your mind around that truth, you have something to be thankful for every day. The promise of eternal life. The view from your favorite vacation spot. The skills, abilities, and qualities that set you apart from others. The taste of your favorite food. The people closest to you.*

*What would happen in your relationship with your spouse or other loved ones if you treated them like the gift from God that they are? If you spent time appreciating the many ways they bring you joy and brighten your day? If you found creative and meaningful ways to let them know how thankful you are for them? Imagine the possibilities.*

*Greg Laurie 2/26/2025*

## **HYSSOP**

*I love the way the Bible connects the Old Testament to the New Testament through symbolism. Take, for instance, the seemingly insignificant branch of the HYSSOP bush that was used in Exodus 12:22 to apply lamb's blood to the vertical and horizontal door posts of the Hebrew's homes before the first Passover. When the death angel saw the blood that had been applied with the hyssop, he PASSED OVER that house and spared the life of the first born within that home.*

*Some 600 years later, when David was repenting of his sin with Bathsheba, he asked the Lord to "Purge me with HYSSOP," referencing the branch of the hyssop bush that applied the blood to the doorposts during Passover. He was, in essence, asking the Lord to PASSOVER his sins and not treat him as his sins deserved.*

*Then, around 900 years after the life of David, you find the HYSSOP branch being mentioned again ... at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. John 19:29-30 says, "They filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on HYSSOP, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"*

*So, look at this beautiful symbolism that connects the Old Testament with the New Testament. A branch from a seemingly insignificant plant was used to apply blood to the vertical and horizontal doorway CROSS BEAMS of the Hebrew home. And, the same seemingly insignificant branch was raised to the vertical and horizontal BEAMS OF THE CROSS, 1500 years later. It was a blood-soaked cross ... not stained with the blood of an innocent lamb, but with the blood of the God's Son ... THE LAMB OF GOD. Now, all those who apply that blood to their lives need not fear the angel of death ... they experience their own personal PASSOVER.*

*Psalm 51:7*

*Purge me with HYSSOP, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*My morning walks with God 2/17/25*