

MAY 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



Pastor George is taking a break this month

Our Priceless Inheritance By Jonathan Brentner

Do you know that as believers, we will someday receive an inheritance that far exceeds any earthly fortune not only in value, but also in longevity?

The New Testament often refers to our unending legacy in passages such as Ephesians 1:11–14:

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Emphasis added)

This inheritance belongs to us simply because of who we are in Christ; It's already ours even though we don't already possess it.

Our Inheritance of a Kingdom

What is this inheritance that the Lord has promised to us? James, the brother of Jesus, identifies it for us:

*Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and **heirs of the kingdom**, which he has promised to those who love him? (James 2:5, emphasis added).*

Our inheritance is a kingdom, a word we see throughout Scripture. How then do we understand the nature of this realm?

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote that as believers, God “has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son” (1:12). But since we already belong to this spiritual realm, our future inheritance must be something different.

Similarly, because we are already members of the “body of Christ,” or the Church (1 Corinthians 12:27), this also can't be our future inheritance of a kingdom.

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May Birthdays

7th
Patricia Sugden
11th
Gary Konigsmark
16th
Bob Evans
19th
Barbi Sanders
Mark Hanna
20th
Michel LaRosa
21st
Darlene Charles
23rd
Glenna Ramsey
Richard Cotterall
30th
Dallas Gran



May Events:

May 3rd
Men's Breakfast
8am
New Members Class
10am-12pm

May 4th
Baptism at the River
After church
1691 Hwy 95, BHC

May 5th
VBS Meeting
11am

May 7th
JOY Graduation
4pm
Business Meeting
6pm

May 9th
Deacon Meeting
9:30am

May 10th
Women's Fellowship
11:30

May 13th
Missions Meeting
11am

May 14th
AST Meeting

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.

May Anniversaries

4th
Don & Pat Chovanec
Billy & Glenda Earnest
11th
Ken & Renate Collins
18th
Jason & Petra Boop
20th
Elon & Sandy Holmes
23rd
James & Gerri Huffman
25th
John & Lynda Neitz

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



Drink deeply of the pure water of His Word, allow His thoughts and desires to renew and refresh your heart, and there will be a joyous outflow of the Holy Spirit to you and through you to a thirsty world.

Jack Hibbs

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

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.

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

**Or text them to
928.201.8924**

CRAZY LOVE BY FRANCIS CHAN

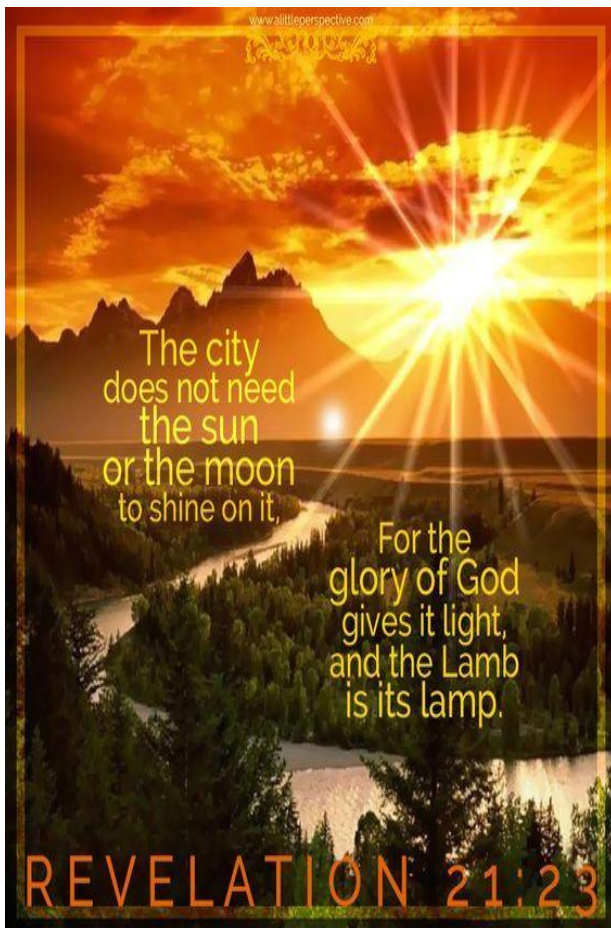
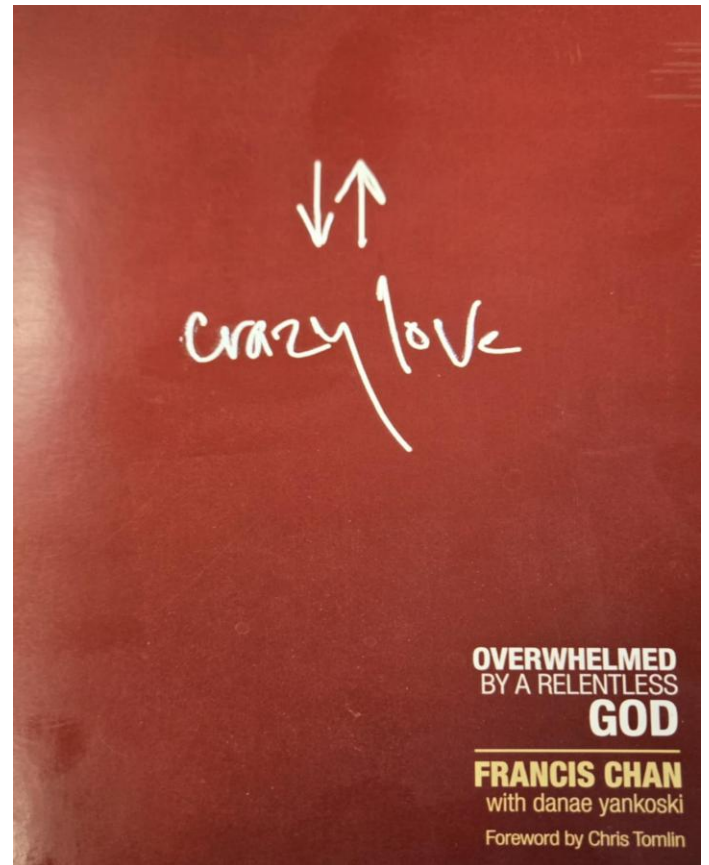
A book review by Kathy Cole
Books are found in Desert Shores Library

This book is so good! It will definitely challenge you and inspire you.

Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy, if you think about it – The God of the universe, the creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E-Minor – LOVES us with a radical unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss.

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? Gid us calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Once you encounter His love, you will never be the same.

Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.



SENIOR MINISTRY

The Senior Ministry is looking for volunteers. Rick Bickman gave a presentation at church a couple weeks ago explaining the need for more volunteers, especially during the summer when some of our regulars are away for extended periods.

Have you been thinking about checking this ministry out? Now is the best time to come and observe what we do. Are you at all curious? Have you asked God if this is something He wants you to do?

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

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

Won't you consider coming to one or two of our services and simply observe. It does not require a lot of work! You only need to show up and have fun!

Please call Rick Bickman at 928-444-4504 or Karen at 928-201-7879 for more information.

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A Physical Kingdom

If our inheritance of a kingdom must be something other than the Lord's spiritual kingdom or the church, what is it?

The only other realm identified in Scripture is Jesus' millennial reign. The Apostle John defines its length as one-thousand years in Revelation 20:1-10 and several passages throughout the Old Testament provide many details of Jesus' future reign over the nations, one that has never existed in all of human history.

At His Second Coming, the Father will give His Son, Jesus, the nations as His "heritage" (Psalm 2:7-9; Daniel 7:13-14). Amazingly, Jesus will share the wonders, privileges, and prestige of His future domain with us. As "joint-heirs with Christ" to this glorious future realm (Romans 8:17), we will reign with him in the millennial kingdom and then forevermore (Revelation 2:26-27, 5:9-10).

If these things seem a bit daunting, it's because we are not yet ready to experience this future realm or reign with the Savior.

Jesus Will Make Us Fit for the Kingdom

In 1 Corinthians 15:50, the apostle clarifies that not only do we not yet possess this future realm, but it's impossible for us to do so at the moment.

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (emphasis added)

Our "perishable" "flesh and blood" bodies patterned after Adam (1 Corinthians 15:47-49) cannot "inherit the imperishable." *It's impossible.* Fortunately, Paul doesn't keep us in suspense with what seems to be awful news, but quickly reveals how Jesus will someday solve our current dilemma.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

At His appearing, Jesus will transform our "perishable" bodies into "imperishable" ones. It doesn't matter if we are alive or already with the Lord, He will make us eligible recipients of our inheritance of a kingdom. Until then, we wait with full assurance that someday we will receive what's promised to us because at His appearing, Jesus will make us fit to share in glorious His kingdom by transforming our bodies to be like His (see Philippians 3:21).

A Sigh of Relief

Isn't it over-the-top good news to know that the church can't possibly be the kingdom promised to us as our inheritance? It can't even be an outpost of it.

What makes anyone think that our glorious inheritance as New Testament saints can even remotely be a temporal realm rife with division, false teaching, and far too many other problems to list at this time? The fact that its members get sick and die also demonstrates that it's certainly not what we will someday inherit with gloriously transformed bodies. It's not even close to how Scripture describes Jesus' glorious rule over the planet.

At His appearing, the Lord will bestow upon us a priceless and never-ending legacy that will dwarf even the most substantial bequeaths in this life. Jesus Himself will make us fit as heirs to His kingdom by giving us bodies like His, ones that will last forever without aging, sickness, pain, or death.

What could possibly be better than what awaits us in eternity? Is it any wonder that we watch and eagerly long for Jesus' appearing?



SANDWICH MINISTRY

A big “Thank You” to all those who have volunteered to make sandwiches for the hungry people who show up at the Homeless Shelter. Your generosity and commitment are appreciated by all involved.

The new sandwich schedule is complete and ready for pickup on the bulletin board just outside the office, so if you did not receive one yet, please get yours so you know your dates.

If you are not on the schedule and want to donate sandwiches, water, or other food items, you can bring them to the office at any time and they will be taken to the shelter. Water is greatly needed in the hot summer months!

Thank you again for your participation in helping this ministry.

Karen Bickman

More Help!

Make A Long-term Choice!

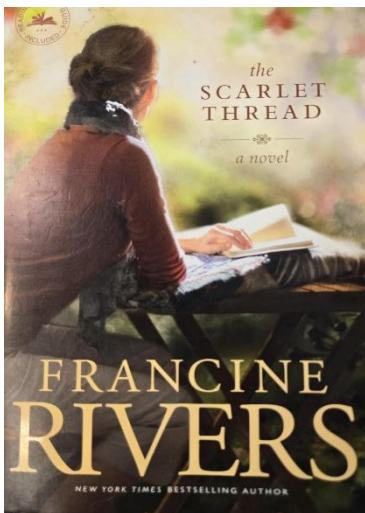


Worship/Online Director Brandon and volunteer Brittney are part of the team that makes sure our newest “congregation” gets live broadcasts of the Saturday and Sunday worship services on YouTube.

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



The Scarlet Thread By Francine Rivers

A book review
by Kathy Cole

I have read a few novels by Rivers and have enjoyed her writing. When I noticed we have a few of her books in our library, I decided to read one.

I have enjoyed this book. It's a story about 2 women who followed their husbands, albeit kicking

And screaming, to an unfamiliar area of our country.

Sierra loved her small hometown and loved living in the house she was born in. She loved her routine and figured she would grow old right where she was. One day her husband, Alex, came home saying he had accepted a job in Los Angeles. Her world was suddenly turned upside down. Soon, Sierra finds herself watching helplessly as her family disintegrates. Then she discovers an ancestor's journal. Mary Kathryn's husband took her and their children across the wilderness to Oregon. Both women slowly learn to put their trust in God.



WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?

After a series of negative things happened in my life yesterday, I found myself feeling angry about my situation. When I realized that I was angry, I got even more angry at myself for being angry (talk about “irony”). But, instead of repenting of it, I just stewed in my anger most of the day. Well, anytime you’re angry, if you hold on to it long enough, depression is not far behind it. I felt myself getting more and more sullen as the day continued on. Winnie the Pooh’s friend, Eeyore, didn’t have anything on me! I was looking forward to going to bed so I could finally put an end to a miserable day. (Full transparency here.)

Today, during my morning walk, I was reflecting on my poor attitude from the previous day. I stopped under a shelter at the park to pray and meditate ... and to repent. While I was sitting there contemplating my lack of control in my emotions, I looked up and saw this “angry rock” staring me in the face. I took a photo of it and sent it to my family with the question: “Does anybody else see an angry man in this rock?” Everyone replied back, “Yes!” Glad to know it wasn’t just me seething in my own anger so much that I could see it even in a rock wall! HaHa!

You know, when God came to Cain before he killed his brother, God asked an important question: “Why are you angry?” I’ve always focused on that question when I’ve dealt with my own anger, but have overlooked the question right after that one that God asked: “Why has your countenance fallen?” (Genesis 4:6).

It’s unavoidable, you know. If you hold on to anger long enough it will affect your countenance. It’s hard to fool people when you’ve been angry for an extended period of time ... it changes your countenance. People don’t even have to ask, “ARE YOU angry?” No, they already know it, so that’s why they say, “WHY ARE YOU angry?” Your countenance reflects the anger ... and eventually, the depression.

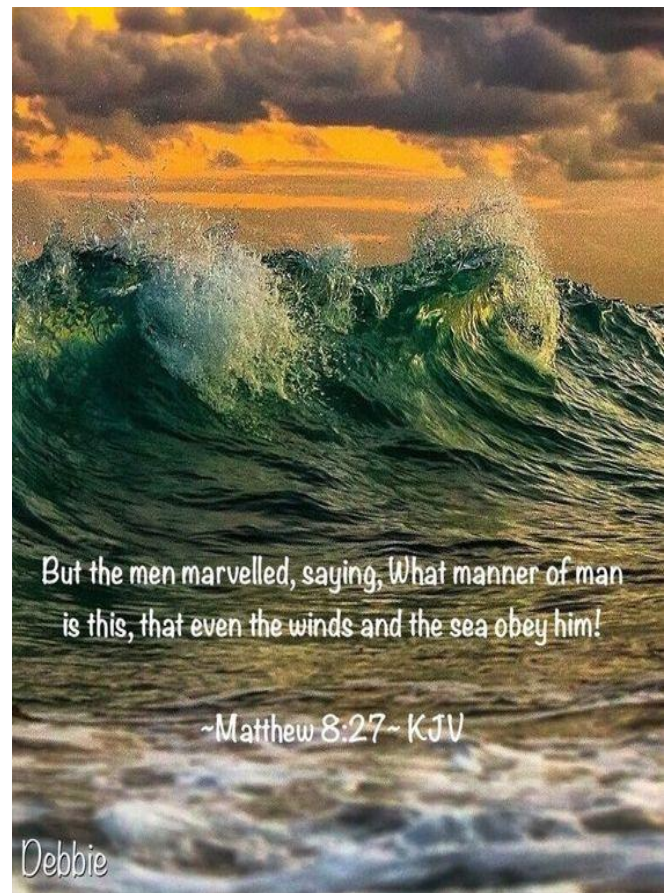
I guess that’s why I get angry at myself for being angry. It ruins my countenance ... the countenance that is supposed to reflect the Lord’s countenance. That’s what Numbers 6:26 tells us: “The LORD lift up HIS COUNTENANCE upon you, and give you peace.” I’m supposed to be displaying and reflecting the countenance of the Lord on this face, but instead I’m displaying a hard, stoney, angry countenance ... “Father, forgive me ... and lift up YOUR COUNTENANCE upon me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Psalm 42:5 □

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of HIS COUNTENANCE.

My Morning walks with God

4/22/2025



But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

~Matthew 8:27~ KJV

Debbie

Amir Tsarfati: The Hope the Messiah Brings

Few things impact the life experience of both believers and nonbelievers like hope. In some ways, hope affects both groups alike, and, in other ways, hope means something completely different. Hope requires an object, and both groups might at one time “hope” for pizza for dinner, or “hope” to pass a test or “hope” to get a raise. Parents “hope” for the best for their children, or, when facing one of many of life’s dilemmas, “hope” things will work out.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word “wait” in this famed passage means “to bind together”. It can also mean “to hope for or expect”. That sheds a little more light on the meaning here as we can better understand that those who bind together or place their hope in the Lord will experience renewed strength, power, vigor, and stamina. This is exclusive to those who wait on the Lord. When the Lord is the object of our hope, everything changes.

Psalms 31:23-24

Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! For the LORD preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Psalms 43:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

Proverbs 10:28

The hope of the righteous will be gladness, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

These verses highlight the differing life experiences of the believer and nonbeliever, and hope is even presented as a weapon for the believer with which to combat a disquieted soul.

There is also an element of hope that Christians have always had that is closer to being realized today than at any point in church history.

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

This blessed hope is described as belonging to those who have experienced the grace of God that brings salvation and who appeared to all men. That blessed hope is His glorious appearing once again, and the object of our hope is identified as our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yes, people who do not know the Lord experience hope. Yet their hopes are not the same as ours as believers. They are based on wishes combined with efforts and desires. The hopes of the world can be dashed, lost, and lead to disappointment and even despair. But for the believer, the object of our hope never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So you might say in comparison to the hope of the world, our hope is next level.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

The hope we have in Christ is so powerful it even changes the way we experience the greatest of life’s painful experiences, the death of a loved one. We do sorrow, but not without hope.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

Peter says that the hope we have in Christ is so powerful that it is visible to the degree that it causes others to inquire as to the reason we have such hope. This is one of the reasons it is so important that we not live in fear in these fear-mongering last days. It is why it is so important that we know where things are headed and not fall prey to the uncertainty and despair the world lives under today. We have a hope that is different from that of the world. Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. On Christ the solid Rock we stand, all other ground is sinking sand. We sing it, but we must also live it so others can see it and desire it.

People are sinking in hopelessness all around us today. Talk of food shortages and famines, pandemics and death, are driving people to seek escape from these things through drugs or alcohol at unprecedented levels. Many, from hopelessness, are taking their own lives at numbers never seen before.

We, as Christians, have what they need and know where they can get it. We need to live in a manner, as Peter said, that leads them to ask where such hope can be found. Our hope is not like that of the world – circumstance-related. Our hope is one that cannot be impacted by circumstances and is even more clearly visible when they are at their worst. Tell someone about the hope you have today!

Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus,