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*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 on vacation

What is the Mission Field?

My experience in Germany has really opened my eyes to the local mission. Our town has a lot of areas that are slipping through the cracks. I recently found out that Mohave Valley High School has roughly 250 homeless students. In my eyes that's insane. However, this is the reality we face. The question is how do we get to the broken and lost people in our community? More than that, who is it that is supposed to go?

Did you know that three of the four Gospels have the Great commission? In Matthew, Mark, and Luke Jesus commands His people to go out into the world to share the Good News. You would think if Jesus commanded us to fulfill the great commission than we would. In the Barna 2018 study with Seed Company they found that 51% of confessing Christians didn't know what the Great Commission was. Also, that 25% have heard the term "Great Commission" but didn't know what it meant. This is sobering. The church has become inward focused. As if they are waiting for everyone to come to them. In Matthew 9:35 "35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."

Jesus showed us with His own actions what it looks like to act out the great commission. He didn't wait for people to come to Him. He went to the sick and broken proclaiming His Gospel. Then why have we fallen short in being more like Him? It seems like we sometimes get caught up in what we want God to do

for us and less of what we can do for Him. Every Christian at some point falls into this complacency. When our lives get busy, we forget about what the Lord has done for us, what he has commissioned us to do, and we start focusing more on the world. However, this article isn't to condemn you for falling short. It's to remind you of the ultimate goal. We are called to be vessels for His good works. It's time that we rise to our local mission field and show the love of Jesus Christ to everyone we encounter. The mission field is everywhere. It's right outside your front door. It may just be one click away on Facebook. It's up to you to make it your mission.

Desert Shores, if you can step up to the plate and accept your mission we can make a huge impact on our community. It starts now! Your mission can start today! Will you accept the call? Will you step into your mission field? Will you allow yourself to be used as a vessel for His good works?

On July 25th our church sent about 10 volunteers into the BHC heat to give out waters and share the Gospel with the community. Through our efforts and sacrifices 10 new people came to our church that Saturday/Sunday service. The impact was large for 10 volunteers, but the reward was gigantic! Imagine if we had 50 volunteers out there that day! Now let's get out there and show our community what Christians are made of!

My continued prayers for our church is that we can step out in faith and bring the good news of the Gospel into our community every time we step outside. I love you all and it's such a blessing to serve alongside you all.

God Bless,
Nick



August Birthdays

2nd
 Jackie Devall
 Larry McNair
 Sue Deters
 3rd
 Barbara Suebert
 4th
 Judy Sanick
 Rita Holquin
 5th
 Steven Elias
 7th
 Connie Lane
 Patrick Tucker
 Peggy Simpson
 9th
 Garrett Pisano
 Ted Cole
 14th
 John Gill
 16th
 Samuel Gommel
 17th
 Tom Potter
 18th
 George Lyman
 19th
 Melissa Baldwin
 20th
 Lynda Neitz
 21st
 Ruth Russell
 25th
 Rick Stilt
 Rebeca Edgar
 26th
 Robert Melton
 29
 Faith Silva
 Rebecca Thomas
 30th
 Lee Rowan



August Events:

August 1st
 Men's Breakfast
 8am
August 4th
 JOY Volunteer Meeting
 11am
August 11th
 Church Planning Meeting
 11am
August 11th
 JOY Begins
 3-6pm
August 12th
 AST Meeting
 4pm



Weekly Events:

Sunday	9:00am Youth & Adult Sunday School
	10:30am Worship Service
	2:30pm Sun Ridge Village
Monday	5:00pm 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 Young Adults Bible Study
	6:30pm Bible Study – Perfecting Relationships
Thursday	1:00pm Mining for Diamonds Bible Study
	6:30pm Family Game Night
	Last Thursday of the Month
Friday	8:00am Men's Bible Study
	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.
	6:00pm Youth Group

August Anniversaries

12th
 Richard & Linda Cotterall
 17th
 Willie & Myrna Allen
 Homer & Irma Griffis
 23rd
 Bob & Dianna Stewart

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



You never backslide from a place. You always backslide from a person. You don't backslide from church. You backslide from God. You don't backslide from the Bible. You backslide from the Author of Scripture. You don't backslide from Christianity. You backslide from Christ himself.

Skip Heitzig

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

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**Or text them to
928.201.8924**

Can You Really Do “ALL THINGS Through Christ”?

I love it when people quote the scripture "I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who gives me strength" - Philippians 4:13. I really believe we can!! But, before you agree with me on this, here's a really short list of things included under the heading of "ALL THINGS":

1. Forgive the person that I've been holding a grudge against for several years.
2. Love my neighbor who is a different race or nationality, and who doesn't speak the same language as me.
3. Work in the church nursery when they ask me to.
4. Stop complaining about the inconveniences that I have to deal with in my life.
5. End an argument by refusing to speak another word that causes strife.

SANDWICH MINISTRY

The Sandwich Ministry is going very well, and the people at the Homeless Shelter are very appreciative! "Thank you" to all those who are faithfully making sandwiches and delivering them to the church as scheduled.

Please Note: If you are not making sandwiches, you can still help those people in need by bringing bottled water or snack food items to the church to be taken to the shelter. Water is most essential during these hot summer months.

Thank you again for your participation in helping this ministry.

Karen Bickman

THE GREAT ZOMBIE WAKENING

By Lee Brainard

There is a powerful revival going on in America. It is not, however, a revival of truth and faith, but a revival of lies and unbelief. This swell of disruption and darkness reminds me of a zombie movie. The zombies we face, however, are not the undead but the woke, whose brains have been reprogrammed to hate the morality and ethics of the Bible. I call this revival the Great Awakening.

In the movies the undead swell their ranks by biting or scratching men, thus spreading the infection. The zombies we face swell their ranks by shaming, bullying, and intimidating men until they surrender and accept the infection — searing their conscience, flushing reason and independent thinking down the potty, and adopting the serpentine group-think.

In the movies the zombies can't be stopped with standard weapons. Likewise, the zombies we face can't be stopped with standard weapons like facts, logic, and truth. Such things bounce off of them like water balloons off tanks. How can they be so impervious to the truth? Because for all practical purposes, these folks have received the baptism of the unholy ghost. They have embraced the anti-gospel, emptied themselves of any vestige of biblical truth, and allowed themselves to be filled with the lies and venom of their father, the devil, this evil influence being administered through powerful demonic influence.

Where did the zombies come from? From the serpent and his lies. But zombies are not common sinners who can still be brought to repentance and faith. They are apostates who shunned the light with such intentionally wicked rebellion that they fried their moral circuitry and passed into the realm of brain-dead zombies. They have sold out to darkness and hate the light with the same foul passion as the devil himself.

Cain was the first zombie. He loved unrighteousness and slew his brother Abel who was righteous. The zombies multiplied and filled the world with evil. God dealt a powerful blow to this evil with the flood in the days of Noah. But soon thereafter the zombies rose to dominance again and built the tower of Babel. God slowed them down by dividing the peoples into nations with distinct languages. A few centuries later, the zombies ruled the roost in Sodom and Gomorrah and the other cities on the plain. God destroyed them by fire. But the zombies kept coming back. The zombies contended with Moses in the wilderness, with the prophets throughout the Old Testament, with Christ when he walked the dusty roads and streets of Israel. The zombies persecuted the church in ancient Rome, the Middle Ages, and the Inquisition. The zombies are still here today.

God doesn't choose spiritual giants; He makes spiritual giants of people who give themselves to His service. David was a shepherd whose own father couldn't picture him as a king. Gideon thought so little of himself that he asked God to perform two different miracles just to prove that there was no mistake. But they made themselves available to God. And God took it from there.

It's been said that ninety percent of success in life is showing up. In the Christian life, the percentage is one hundred percent. If you're a Christian, the Holy Spirit dwells within you, guiding and directing you. So "showing up" in the Christian life is a matter of following His prompting, prioritizing God's will, obeying the commands of Scripture, and living in a way that honors Christ. If you make yourself available to God in those ways, He will use you in ways you can't imagine.

Are you available to be used by God? If so, let Him know. And then listen for His call.

But the new breed of zombies surpasses the old breed in its repudiation of truth. They have gone beyond the old-school religionists, atheists, and rejectors of moral absolutes that have been around since the ancient days. This new breed started evolving out of the old during the Renaissance in the 1400s. Since then their numbers and arguments have experienced steady growth with several quantum leaps. The first was Rationalism in the 1600s. The next was evolution and Marxism in the 1800s. Things started turning sharply upward in the 1960s and 70s with Rock music, moral declension, abortion, and a huge infiltration into public education. Now it has turned up even steeper again — heading nearly vertical — with LGBTQ, man-caused global warming, depopulation, euthanasia, genocide, critical race theory, genetic manipulation, transhumanism, veganism, rejection of petroleum and cars, rejection of sovereign states, one-world government, one-world financial system, the end of freedom and privacy, all mankind wired into the system. Soon the zombie horde will reach critical mass, bringing vicious, militant opposition to the Bible, Christians, Israel, biblical morality, indeed every institution of God.

This zombie horde can't be stopped. It will overwhelm the entire world. No religion, ideology, or philosophy will be able to withstand it, Christendom included. When the world is ready, the mystery of iniquity will trot out the antichrist. For all practical purposes, the state at that time will be god: framing morality, meeting man's needs, requiring man to worship the emperor as the embodiment of god. Then the zombie message will kick into high gear, attempting to force the entire planet to accept the zombie virus.

Thank God, true believers can't be infected by the zombie message because their heart, through the indwelling Spirit of Christ, is impervious to its lies and tactics. Oh, they may struggle with it on a superficial level. They may be confused on a point or two. They may suffer loss and distress. They may shed tears. They may burn with anger. But they can't be subverted because the Holy Spirit can't be corrupted.

And thank God, too, for the rapture. We won't be on earth when the mystery of iniquity comes to a head, the man of sin is revealed, and the zombie horde takes full control of the world. We have guaranteed tickets on Morning Star Airlines for the flight out of this world before the hour of trial begins.

In the mean time, however, the church has a job, warning those who have not yet been infected by the zombie virus and offering them the zombie vaccination — not a weakened form of zombieism but the everlasting gospel — which not only preserves them from the virus but gives them eternal life.

Eyes wide open, brain engaged, heart on fire.

Experiencing Life Today *Special Abilities*

I will write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us... It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. — 1 Corinthians 12:1, 11

Most things slip away into the mists of history, remembered at most by only a few people—if any. Some special things endure, though. The works of Leonardo da Vinci, Mozart, and William Shakespeare are greatly valued today, long after the men themselves have passed on. These men had special abilities that gave their work special value and secured for them a special place in the world of achievement.

One of the most remarkable realities of human history is the survival and growth of the Christian church. The church was founded by Jesus, who spent his life in a limited sphere of influence. It was entrusted to a small group of men who had initially failed miserably to further his cause. The church has subsequently spread to the four corners of the world, touching billions and transforming society wherever its influence has spread. From a human point of view, this is a remarkable achievement. There's something special about the church.

But what is special about it may be a surprise to many people. It is not necessarily that the church is made up of remarkable people. On the contrary, Paul tells us that it is intentionally made up of few who are "wise in the world's eyes, or powerful, or wealthy" (1 Cor. 1:26). The question that must then be asked is, "How could the church become so remarkable, so unique, so special when made up of people who are quite ordinary?"

The answer is found in Paul's statement "about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us" (12:1). The church is special because she is comprised of ordinary people who have been granted "special abilities" by the Holy Spirit.

The effectiveness of the church is directly related to the church's grasp of the significance of this special gifting by the Holy Spirit. It should be noted that the "special abilities" are given to "each of us." The vast numbers of people who make up the worldwide church are impressive, but what is infinitely more impressive is the truth that these vast numbers of people have all been given special abilities by the Holy Spirit. That means there is a vast amount of special ability latent in the church.

These abilities vary in much the same way that the members of the human body differ from each other. It is the Holy Spirit "alone [who] decides which gift each person should have" (12:11).

Each man should be aware of his special abilities and be exercising them. And when a church full of people do this—it is special!

Stuart Briscoe

The Growing Hostility toward Jesus' Return.....From the Church!

By Jan Markel

I recently received an email from a woman who detailed how her church has become hostile to those of us anticipating Jesus' return. Mockers were predicted to emerge in the last days, but it is still hurtful.

Scoffers increase every year as we get closer to Christ's return—despite the signs of the times exploding, which should serve as a wake-up call for how late the hour is.

The email I received also described denigrating names that were being given to people like her who were looking up, awaiting Jesus' return—names like "*End Times Eddie*," "*Apocalyptic Anita*," or "*Doom and Gloom June*." I wish I were making this up! This is just one more church saying, "*Come Lord Jesus... but not too soon*."

Her church went on to teach that we can experience "heaven on earth" right now—and if that's the case, why be in such a hurry to be raptured out? Are you kidding? With rampant crime and lawlessness, 20 active hot wars, birth pangs causing death and destruction, broken marriages, and teens out of control, *this* is apparently "heaven on earth"?

The Bible is clear: until all things are made new, all things will remain broken. There can simply be no heaven on earth until Jesus reigns; the idea that it can is driven by "Kingdom Now" theology known as "dominionism."

Let's be honest, Earth is a sinking Titanic. It is ripe for judgment. No amount of wishful thinking can make it a Garden of Eden. Slumbering preachers and sleepy saints need to wake up and realize that Earth has an expiration date, and we are racing towards it. They also need to get excited about the fact that the King is coming to deliver His saints out of it.

Our assignment on this earth is not to continually improve it, making renovations to usher in Christ's kingdom. While the Holy Spirit operates through the church to restrain the evil of our day, we know where this world is headed. That is why many are looking for the *true rescue* known as the "Blessed Hope," the Rapture of believers, out of this Titanic. We aren't relying on the United Nations to rescue us or a false theology like "Kingdom Now." We are waiting for a trumpet and a shout (1 Thessalonians 4). I'm proud to be among this crowd, no matter what name they want to call me—and I think you should flee from any church that seems to be teaching: "*Come Lord Jesus... but not too soon*."