



The Chino Valley Chimes

July 2016



Happening this month:

- Aug 3 ~ Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Aug 7 ~ Installation of New Members: both services
- Aug 9 ~ Aroma's Pizza
- Aug 13 ~ Soul Sisters
- Aug 17 ~ Finance Committee
- Aug 20 ~ Newsletter Deadline
- Aug 21 ~ Arizona Pioneer's Home service
- Aug 24 ~ Ad Council
- Aug 24 ~ Choir resumes
- Aug 27 ~ Choir Workshop
- Aug 30 ~ Primary Election

- ◇ **Staff Meeting—**
Mondays, 8-9am
- ◇ **Adult Study—on**
vacation until fall
- ◇ **Choir Rehearsals—**
resume August 24

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Christmas in August

Remember, the Christmas Child Shoebox program starts in October, and you will want school supplies for your children's boxes.

School supplies such as pencils, erasers, sharpeners, scissors, rulers, pens, colored pencils & pens, crayons, pads of paper, glue sticks, coloring books, flash cards, small balls, pencil cases, etc., are on sale now.

If you are not planning to fill a box yourself this year, pick up some of these supplies and place them in the LOVE BOX in the narthex to be used by others who are filling boxes. Every item helps.

If you don't wish to go shopping or would like to help pay shipping costs for the boxes, please make your check payable to the church or write "shoebox" on your offering envelope. Approximately \$20 pays for the contents and shipping of one shoebox.

Thank you!

For more information, please call Nancy Mitchell, 928/636-9377.



See page 4 for one child's shoebox story.

Choir Workshop



A workshop for members of the choir, and those interested in becoming members of the choir, will be held on Saturday, August 27, from 9am to 4pm at the home of Carrie Cattabriga, 987 Kristin St., Chino Valley. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

This is a time to begin learning music for the fall and to have fun and fellowship with other singers. **All are welcome to attend.** Please call the church office at 636-2969, so we know how much food to prepare.

From the Pastor



On the way home from church one Sunday, little Johnny was crying all the way. Finally his dad asked what was wrong. Johnny replied, “The preacher said he wanted us kids brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys.”

So what does that little funny story tell you about our own homes? Do you think that maybe we should start being a little more Christian in our homes, along within our communities, as well as at church?

Being a Christian starts at home. Too many of us think it begins in the church, but what we learn in church is to be brought home and worked on throughout the week. Then we come back to church to learn another lesson, to take home and work on, again and again. It’s a never ending lesson; and when done properly, we have a home that is not only a Christian home, but one that is a relaxing and comfortable home, because we have an easy

mind, heart and soul working with God.

During my travels many years ago on business, I would fly to China and Taiwan. What was truly remarkable to me, were the amount of Chinese/Taiwanese people that **who** would come up to me and whisper that they were Christians, (notice I said whisper) and that they read the Bible daily. I found out from my interpreter that they would be persecuted and turned in to the authorities for being Christian by their fellow neighbors at times, so they would whisper it to people they thought could be trusted. I also found out that many of them learned to speak English, from reading the Bible.

I was so impressed when on a 5 hour train ride from Koeshing, Taiwan, to Taipei in the north; there was this young man who insisted on reading the Bible to me. We sat there and had wonderful discussions on many of the chapters and verses for several of hours. **of the hours**

A couple of other things that stayed with me was when they would tell me how they were raising their children as Christians, and finding underground Christian churches to go to. They were bringing Christianity into their homes, as they were taught to do at church.

Just so you know, in Taiwan, they can now openly go to a Christian church, and I have a friend by the name of Paul Funk who had gone to Taiwan a couple of years ago as a missionary to work in two of the churches for a year.

The other thing that stayed with me is how they thought that America was the most Christian country in the world, and how they all dreamed of coming to America either to visit or to live and their eyes would just light up with anticipation and wonder, just so they could live amongst the true Christians of the world.

So there you are. Another perspective on being a true Christian in this world seen by someone who read what great Christians we are. Can you bring your Christianity home with you? You bet you can, but you will need to live it on a daily basis. So invite God into your home today and every day, and see if you don’t have a happier home, a happier heart and a happier mind and soul.

Peace and grace,

Pastor Mike

Notes from a Lay Servant



Like a child...

The other day I was answering phones in the office and happened to notice on the book shelf a small book titled God's Little Instruction Book. It had been re-gifted to the church from Pastor Bob Remp. As I thumbed through it, I noticed that each page had some wise saying or advice and was accompanied by a Bible verse. Having been married for a year or two, I liked the one that said..."A marriage may be made in heaven but the maintenance must be done on earth!"...and quoted Ephesians 5:33. Boy, that's the truth! There were several more that caught my attention, but my favorite was: "Our children are like mirrors - they reflect our attitudes in life. Proverbs 20:7: *"The just man walks in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."*

Oh, the innocence of little children! Their shyness and unpretentiousness is a sight to behold. Their thoughts are genuine and sincere, the real deal. As every parent has experienced, sometimes they are too honest and tell more than they should, like what Dad said when he hit his thumb with the hammer. Don't you just love the way they are willing to

spontaneously share something with you, like the cereal they have been carrying in their hot little hand, or do something on the spur of the moment, like eat something off the floor? They know they will be physically safe if they venture from us, for we will watch out for them and save them from the dangers of the world. They test us when we say no, but when they know we mean it, they accept it.

How long ago has it been that you felt that simplicity, that acceptance of things just because that is the way it is or because someone you trust said it is so?

As we mature and grow, we experience things that change us. School and social interaction are just the beginning. We progress to learning that things are expected of us, especially when we become adults, and we learn the world is not quite as safe as we thought it was. We learn we can't accept everything everyone says and we begin to question and explore other avenues. And so goes our innocence.

The key to maintaining that innocence is to mature without becoming heavy laden. To be like a child is not to act silly or play with toys, but to have faith, to be grateful for our blessings and have a fun and enjoyable journey doing it. It is what we Christians are known for and what God wants from us. He asks that we humble ourselves in His sight and He exalts us.

Matthew 18:1-4: *"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

I so appreciate the opportunity to experience your children and grandchildren on Sunday mornings when doing Message for All People. It brings a smile to my face and to my heart to hear their take on the world and see their openness and sincerity! Let's all try to become more like these little children and be grateful for our blessings and look forward to living with Him forever!

And if the journey gets hard, ask a child!

Kathy West

David and a Toy Car (A Shoebox Story)



I received my shoebox gift in Romania at age 2, the youngest you can be to receive a box. So, I don't remember all the details of what happened. But my older sister would always tell me about the day we each received our shoeboxes and how I came to have my toy car.

I loved that toy car. I played with it all the time. I hadn't had a toy like that before. At the time, our idea of a Christmas gift was the orange my father received as a holiday present at his job.

I was born in Romania in the mid-1990s. The fall of communism there a few years before also brought about the fall of the country's economy. My parents had good jobs, as an engineer and teacher, but the crashing economy made it hard for them to even make rent on our dilapidated apartment. Our dinner each day was soup, and we were extremely grateful when we were able to add meat to that once a week.

Basic survival was our greatest challenge. Amid such trying times, I received my Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The harshness of my life was contrasted with the hope and joy I found in this manifestation of God's love.

The shoebox I received really ended up being a seed for the Gospel in my life. My parents had just begun attending the church where my

sister and I received our shoebox gifts. The shoebox distribution was a community-wide event. My parents saw how the church was reaching out to its community, believers and non-believers alike, to show them the love of Christ in a tangible way through these shoeboxes. It made a lasting impression on their own walks of faith with the Lord.

A year later, we moved to the United States. I was raised in a Christian home and pretty much grew up in church. At age 10, I committed my life to the eternal God.

Somewhere along the way, my toy car got lost in the shuffle. But I still remember it and what it represents. At first, I just loved the toy car because it was mine. Then, I became intrigued by how it worked. I never really thought about it before, but my interest in figuring out how things work, how things can be taken apart and put back together to work even better, probably started with that toy car.

Even as a child, I loved science and was always taking things apart to see how they were built. At first, it was toys. Then, I started taking apart broken computers and fixing them.

Now, I'm studying biomedical engineering at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Essentially, it's about creating devices, such as prostheses and artificial organ implants, to help people.

I've realized that God can use whatever career field people pursue to share the love and hope that can be found in Him. Your life—and how God is guiding it and working through it—can be a testimony for Him. That's my goal—to make things to help people in Jesus' Name.

The toy car I received as a shoebox gift is a clear example of how God can use the simplest of things to influence people's lives. What the gift gave me as a young child was a sense of God's love, a seed of hope in my life during a time when my family was going through really hard times.

Thank you so much for packing shoeboxes for boys and girls, especially in the age range of 2-4 years old, because the Lord can take your gift and plant a seed for the Gospel in their hearts, like He did in mine.



Shoeboxes

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS



SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters Gathering

All women of the church are welcome to our next Soul Sister gathering which will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 13th at the home of Janet Keffer, 2445 W. Road One S.

Janet will provide some light snacks and we will discuss our upcoming craft, tchotchke and knick knock sale. Please join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and getting to know each other better.

RSVP to Janet at jekeffer@gmail.com.



TRUSTEES

Your trustee's have been busy working on raising the

stage across the front of the sanctuary. Carpeting was installed on July 22 and a work day on Saturday, July 23, was very successful in moving the bookcases and all books into the library.

Now that the hallway is empty everything looks better.

Dave West, Chair



Address Changes

PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IN YOUR DIRECTORY

NANCY MITCHELL no longer has a land-line phone. If you have an old directory, please remove that number. The number in the July directory is correct.

CHAPMAN, Willie
PO Box 171
Paulden, AZ 86334

WOODS, Denise
779 Willow Lane
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
951/972-7978

A revised directory was sent out in July. Please let the office know if you need a copy.



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group met on July 6, 2016. There were 10 in attendance. The speaker was Keith from the Prescott Fire Center. This is part of the Forest

Service which loads retardant on the aircrafts fighting wildfires.

The next meeting will be Aug 3, at 7:30am. Guest speakers are all the men attending who are veterans. Breakfast starts at 7:30 and ends when we are done. To all men ~please attend and have a good breakfast and get to know the other men of the church.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/5 Marilyn Jenkins
- 8/6 Doloris Skinner
- 8/11 Roger Harlow
- 8/12 Donna Norris
- 8/12 Sue Piper
- 8/13 Lu Magoon
- 8/13 Molly Schnieder
- 8/18 Don Sappington
- 8/23 Erin Willingham
- 8/25 Kevin Nelson
- 8/25 Joyce Wise
- 8/29 Meg Goodall
- 8/30 Colleen Siler

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/2 Gary & Marti Hays
- 8/12 Richard & MaryJo Boller
- 8/19 Jack & Janis Heller



BIRTHDAYS

- 9/5 Sandra Jones
- 9/6 MaryJo Boller
- 9/9 Freedom Nolan
- 9/10 David Goodall
- 9/11 Keigan Willingham
- 9/12 Michael Fox
- 9/13 Ralph Wise
- 9/17 Sheila Petersen
- 9/27 Todd Hoeffner
- 9/28 Jim Willingham

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/6 Dan & Betsy Terry
- 9/10 Todd & Connie Hoeffner
- 9/13 Jim & Erin Willingham
- 9/20 Don Sappington & Carrie Cattabriga

August Readers

1st Service

- 7 Molly Schnieder
- 14 T.J.
- 21 *Available*
- 28 *Available*

If you are interested in reading at the 1st service on Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex.

August Liturgists

2nd Service

- 7 Janet Greer-Warren
- 14 Todd Hoeffner
- 21 Dave Starnes
- 28 Monte Colucci

+ Christian Symbols +

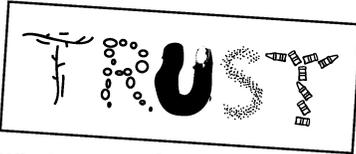


Sevenfold Flame

Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased "joy in the Lord's presence").

TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.



NEVER FEAR!

The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

What plants grow in DIR ₁

The opposite of play WO ₂ K

One-of-a-kind ₃ NI QUE

A hug and a KI ₄ S

Sour TAR ₅

To speak very loudly YE ₆ L

Immediately N ₇ W

Bees live in a HI ₈ E

A dandelion is this W ₉ E D

I ₁ ₂ ₃ ₄ ₅ in your unfailing ₆ ₇ ₈ ₉ ;
my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Under what circumstances did strongman Samson become weak?

- When a curse was spoken against him
- When he slacked off on his weight-lifting exercises
- When his hair was cut
- When he was bound with ropes that had never been used



Answer: (See Judges 16:17-19.)

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Where Do the Sunday Scripture Readings Come From?

The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of weekly readings used to varying degrees by the vast majority of mainline Protestant churches in Canada and the United States. The RCL is built around the seasons of the Church Year, and includes four lessons for each Sunday, as well as additional readings for major feast days. During most of the year, the lessons are: a reading from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading. During the season of Easter, the Hebrew Bible reading is usually replaced with one from the Acts of the Apostles.

The lections from the Hebrew Bible are sometimes chosen from the Apocrypha.

The seasons of the Church Year reflect the life of Christ. Consequently, the gospel lessons for each Sunday provide the focus for that day. The other readings for a given day generally have a thematic relationship to the gospel reading for that day, although this is not always the case. In Ordinary Time (the Sundays between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday, and the Sundays after Pentecost), the Revised Common Lectionary offers two sets of readings for the lessons from the Hebrew Bible. One set proceeds mostly continuously, giving the story of the Patriarchs and the Exodus in Year A, the monarchial narratives in Year B, and readings from the Prophets in Year C. In the other set of readings for Ordinary Time, the readings from the Hebrew Bible are thematically related to the gospel lessons. Denominations or local churches generally use either the semi-continuous readings or the thematic readings during Ordinary Time. They do not typically move back and forth between the two over the course of a single season.

The gospel readings for each year come from one of the synoptic gospels according to the following pattern:

- * Year A - Matthew
- * Year B - Mark
- * Year C - Luke

Readings from the Gospel of John can be found throughout the RCL.