

Congregational Church of the Valley

your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

August 2011



*"And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:14

Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and one with another and do acknowledge our faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and take for our rule of life His own words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

LET'S ENJOY THE PROCESS

They tell us that there are “beginners” and “finishers.” Some people love (literally) starting a project or new challenge, but hate the process of getting it to conclusion or finality. Fewer people are “finishers” who love all of the process and tend to complete what they begin.

God is the latter. He begins, He is patient with each step of the process, and finishes everything that He starts. In your life He has started something special and is in the process of taking it to another level. None of us like change, but this is always change for the better that produces results for maturity, and greater hope.

There is excitement for some in beginning something new but the joy of finishing just isn't enough to motivate them to do the process – the little things to accomplish the task. Projects then remain undone. I know none of us are like this.

As Lori and I begin our ministry here, let us all pray for and encourage one another in the process, the day to day events, that will make us a better church and a growing church family.

Pastor Lafe

PLYMOUTH GUILD

At July's Guild meeting the ladies met for a "Back to School Breakfast". Our guest of honor was Deborah Burkett of the Chandler Public Housing Youth Program. Deborah brought with her a student, Veronica Davalos, who has benefited from the youth program. Veronica is a cancer survivor, a recent high school graduate and has plans to attend a local college and study nursing. The Guild presented Deborah with the back-to-school items that all of you so generously donated.

The mission for August continues to be the Chandler Public Housing Youth Program. We will continue to collect back-to-school items in the "School Bus" located in the church foyer. The Guild also decided to make a monetary donation to Veronica Davalos to help her with college expenses.

The Guild will help offset the cost of the new flooring for the church. All the ladies of the Guild are very excited about the new flooring.

Our bake sales will resume in September. If you have a favorite baked good that you wish us to make, let one of the Guild ladies know.

Cindy Palmer, President

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FRIENDSHIP SUNDAYS

Beginning August 21st, the third Sunday of the month will be known as Friendship Sunday. This is when we will have our potlucks and Meet n' Eat (will alternate), guest speakers, special music, etc. You are encouraged to bring a guest and ask them to join us during our fellowship time following the service. It will be fun!

ON THE HORIZON

Plymouth Guild meeting on Saturday, August 13th, at 9:00 a.m. All ladies of the church are welcome.

Board of Trustees and Deaconesses meet on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00.

Installation of Pastor Lafe and a Potluck Dinner following the morning service on Sunday, August 21st. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Plan to join us for some fun fellowship.

Monday Night Bible Study Returns! Beginning on September 12th our Monday Night Bible Study will start up, led by Pastor Lafe. Come join us.

Saturday, October 15th an Appreciation Dinner for Pastor Lyle and Carole will be held. The Palmers have volunteered to make their wonderful spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

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BIBLE STUDIES

Our Monday Night Bible Study will start up on September 12th. The study on servanthood by Gale Erwin, a Bible Teacher Humorist, will be shown by video each time and then followed by a discussion led by Pastor Lafe. Gayle Erwin was Pastor Lafe's professor in bible college. This is a very interesting study.

At the last Church Council Meeting the subject came up about a possible daytime bible study. Not all the ladies can attend an evening bible study because of difficulty driving after dark. Let Pastor Lafe know if you are interested and which day and time would work best for you.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to all members and friends celebrating their birthdays this August:

Robert Inocencio	Aug. 5 th	Joyce Newman	Aug. 24 th
Lori Murray	Aug. 5 th	Barbara Bullock	Aug. 26 th
Teagan Carmichael	Aug. 7 th	Denise Thomas	Aug. 26 th
Frank Cochran	Aug. 8 th	Phyllis Hall **	Aug. 27 th
Carole Schossow	Aug. 23 rd	Jessica Daniel	Aug. 29 th

Just as we were mailing out our July Newsletter, another member of our church was "called home to glory". Don Robinson passed away on July 4th. He will be missed by our congregation. Please keep his wife, Audrey, in your prayers. Also please remember John Porter and Betty Wilson in your prayers. Please call me at the church office if you would like me to mention you or a family member for a prayer request in the next church newsletter. We need to pray for each other.

**Be sure and wish Phyllis a happy birthday. This is a "BIG" one, her 90th birthday!! Congratulations, Phyllis!

If you have any announcement or item you wish to appear in the September Newsletter, please have it in my in-box in the church office no later than Sunday, August 28th. Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

Moderator: Paul Petroff (480)634-7124
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JULY 2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total income \$3,928.06

Total expenses \$5,240.57

SERMON TOPIC AND HYMNS

August 7, 2011

Communion Sunday
Message: "Ask, Ask, Ask"
Scripture: James 5: 13-18
Hymns: "The Lord's Prayer"
"Near to the Heart of God"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"
"At the Cross"

August 14, 2011

Message: "Love Must Be Sincere"
Scripture: Romans 12: 9-21
Hymns : "Wonderful Words of Life"
"God Will Take Care of You"
"Standing on the Promises"
"The Solid Rock"
"O How He Loves You and Me"

August 21, 2011

Installation of Pastor Murray & Friendship Sunday
Message: Charge to Rev. Ed White
Charge from Rev. Lyle Schossow
Scripture: II Timothy 2: 1-9
Hymns: "To God Be the Glory"
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"We Gather Together"
"The Church's One Foundation"

August 28, 2011

Message: "Hate What is Evil"
Scripture: Romans 12:9-21
Hymns: "Spirit of the Living God"
"Wonder Grace of Jesus"
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
"Holy, Holy"
"How Firm a Foundation"

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!!

Please see the list of Email addresses posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Pastor Lafe will often wish to communicate via email with members/friends of our church. So we need to compile a current, accurate list. Please locate your name on the list. If we have a current email address for you, it will be shown next to your name. If it is incorrect, please draw a line through it and enter the correct one. Otherwise there will be just a line next to your name where you can enter your email address if you have one or indicate you don't have email. We are working on an updated church directory, which will include email addresses. Thank you for your assistance.

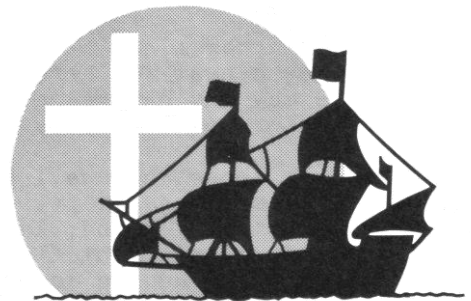
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NEW BENEVOLENCE FUND

Please notice the plastic bottle has returned to the church foyer to collect your spare change for a new **benevolence fund** for needy people of our community. This is a real need during this recession. Typically our church is contacted several times each week by desperate people asking us for a help with lodging, gas money, etc. Your spare change will help us to assist these people.

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