



THE JOASH CHEST FUND

I don't know about you, but I love being a part of what God is doing at Grace Community Church! People here are faithful, fun, genuine, loving, inquisitive, generous, and willing to step out to try new things.

Over the last three years, in spite of covid19, we have seen our worship attendance and participation in church activities increase significantly. It seems like we see more new people every week... many of whom are sticking around.

As your Pastor, I am amazed with how I see the Lord's hand at work in our congregation.

As our congregation flourishes, however, so does the use of our beautiful facility. Some of our founding members realize that much of our equipment, furniture and machinery is more than twenty years old.

Just in the past two years we've had to replace two of our twelve aging air conditioning units. Our sound and lighting systems in the sanctuary are not fully functional. The roof has sprung several leaks. And our carpeting is starting to show signs of deterioration. All of this is the normal kind of wear and tear that happens in the life of a house of worship.

In the Old Testament, there is a marvelous story of how King Joash and Jehoiada the priest wanted to renew and restore the Temple which had fallen into disrepair.

In 2 Chronicles 24:8-10 we're told, "At the king's

command, a chest was made and placed outside, at the gate of the temple of the Lord. A proclamation was then issued in Judah and Jerusalem that they should bring to the Lord the tax that Moses the servant of God had required of Israel in the wilderness. All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full."



As the biblical account goes, the people were so enthusiastic in their giving that the chest was filled up over and over again, so much so that they were more

than able to cover the expenses of the restoration.

Here at Grace Community the only King we have is Jesus and there are no taxes levied on us by the church. We are, however, encouraged to be good stewards of what God has given us. That includes our facilities, furniture and equipment.

This is why we are establishing the Joash Chest which is currently being built for display.

We are praying that the Lord will undergird our financial position to the point that when *equipment breaks, furniture wears out or things become obsolete* we have a substantial reserve to cover those costs.

Jane and I are praying about how we can give a special gift to the Joash Chest Fund that is over and above our

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normal giving (we don't take anything away from what we tithe). As God has blessed us, we want to bless the church.

We would like to encourage you to join us in making a generous gift to the Joash Chest Fund which will ensure that our ministry facilities are well maintained and upgraded.

Please pray about how God would lead you in generous giving.

Just as *"All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full..."* Jane and I look forward with eager anticipation to gladly fill the Joash Chest with you!

With Love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeff Mansley'.

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MISSIONS



Choices and TPUSA Faith: The Perfect Partnership

In recent years, the need for Christians to join one another on many fronts has become increasingly urgent. Choices Pregnancy Centers have never been standalone operations. We function as a part of a greater community of like-minded Christians who take a stand for life.

For that reason, Choices is proud to announce our new partnership with TPUSA Faith! TPUSA Faith is a branch of the grassroots organization, Turning Point USA, focused on networking with and serving Christian leaders, pastors, local faith groups, community impact events, and Churches across the nation.

To read more, visit <https://www.choicesaz.com/choices-and-tpusa-faith-the-perfect-partnership/>



JOASH CHEST FUND ANNOUNCES

\$25,000 MATCHING GIFT!



That's right! We have received a donation of \$25,000!!! The donors hope this gift will be matched by March 31st, 2023!

This is fantastic news, especially as the Joash Chest Fund is announcing it's first campaign ever...

**TURN UP THE
VOLUME**


and raise the
ROOF

In case you hadn't noticed, our sound system has really been on the fritz lately... we never know if it's on or off. And, if you've been looking up, you may have noticed that we seem to be experiencing an increasing number of leaks in the roof as well. Ugh!

Both of these projects challenge us with some urgency. Each will cost approximately \$75,000 for a total of \$150,000. In fairness, as with any projects of such magnitude, we may face some overages.

It is exciting to see how God is already helping us meet the challenges we face with a twenty-year-old building. Won't you pray about how the Lord would have you enthusiastically participate in providing for the long-term needs of our church facility through the Joash Chest Fund?

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ELDER & DEACON NOMINATIONS

Grace Community Church has nominated the following people for the offices of Elder and Deacon. As such, these friends are making a commitment to collectively represent the “*mind of Christ*” for this, His church. This includes a commitment to pray, listen, discuss, and seek unity. It also means applying energy toward the well-being and growth of individuals and families who call this church home.

As under-shepherds, our officers are called to lead those God has placed under their care to green pasture, helping them to find and follow God’s agenda for their lives as they grow in physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and relational maturity. In all areas of leading and serving, our leaders look to the Bible as the ultimate guide for truth. Therefore, our leaders choose to place themselves under the standards of love, obedience, and accountability as contained in God’s Word.

Seeking the Lord’s help in all things, our ordained leaders make it their passion to serve others in light of God’s command to “*Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor as you would love yourself.*”

The following bios are a brief introduction to the friends who you have nominated. By God’s grace we will elect these friends for this service on JANUARY 8th immediately following worship. It is very important that ALL MEMBERS ATTEND.

BARBARA BROWN - DEACON NOMINEE

I was born in a suburb of Chicago, baptized in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and my family saw that we went to Sunday School and Church every Sunday. I was blessed with a God-loving Grandmother who shared her love of Christ with me. I was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday in 1958. The pastor laid hands on my head and read Ps 51 “. . . Create in me a clean heart Oh Lord . . .” It was if an electric shock went through me entirely from head to toe.

While I was a ‘professed’ Christian, attending church, I didn’t know about the need for a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1962, I met Mark through my brother. I remember fearing he was Catholic: this was a big deal in my family . . . avoid at all risks! On our first date I asked him if he believed in God and yes, he did. I asked if he attended church and yes, he did; First Lutheran Church in Blue Island, IL. Hurray, he would be acceptable to my family!

We were married in 1963. We moved to CA through a job of Mark’s and we were alone with no family. It was a very tough time for us. In 1966, the Government intervened and drafted Mark as the Viet Nam war was raging. God blessed Mark by sending him to Italy. At the same time, I was a lost soul out in CA. I finally had to get my life in order and I moved back to Illinois. In 1968 Mark left the military; 1969 we purchased a home in IL and in 1970 and 1971 we had our daughter and son. It was an enormously stressful time as Christine was a hyperactive toddler and Aaron was born with many orthopedic and neurological issues. When I asked the doctor why, he said it was a defective egg. The guilt and anxiety were awful as I watched our son go through surgery after surgery.

Mark worked with a Christian man who led him to a personal relationship with Jesus. He would bring home The Good News and finally I accepted Jesus into my heart.

Life has given us many ups and downs but through the grace and love of God, we have weathered all through our dependance on him. Praise the Lord.

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MARK C BROWN - ELDER NOMINEE

I was raised in a blue-collar family in a south suburb of Chicago. I was baptized as an infant and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at age 12. My family did not attend church very much while I was growing up.

I met my wife Barbara through her brother in September 1962. On our first date, Barbara asked if I believed in God and did I go to church. I said yes. She asked what church. I said Evangelical Lutheran Church in Blue Island, Illinois. Barbara was very relieved and I was immediately accepted by her family. She was accepted immediately by my family. Her family was Lutheran and attended church regularly. We were engaged in December 1962 and married in August 1963. My mother loved Barbara very much.

In 1968, I was working as an electrical draftsman in the power industry in downtown Chicago. I noticed three fellows sitting around a drafting table at lunch studying the Bible. I asked, and they agreed that I could join them. The Lord opened my heart to Him through studying with these guys and I became a born-again Christian.

A friend I worked with got a job offer with a large engineering company in Denver, Colorado. That caught my interest because I did not like Chicago or the weather. I mentioned it to Barbara and she balked at making a move because our son was under the care of Shriners Hospital for Children. There is no Shriners Hospital in Denver; the closest one would have meant traveling and staying Salt Lake City for all his needed surgeries.

Every morning before work I would have coffee and toast while I did my devotion and prayer. One morning I heard the Lord say to me, "I want you to move to Denver." I always bought the Sunday Chicago Tribune on Saturday evening but was not able to do it the week after the Lord spoke to me. So, early that Sunday morning I got the paper and after looking through the job section, a company in Denver had a full-page ad for local interviews in Chicago. It was the same company my friend had joined. I called them, had an interview, and was offered a job. We moved to Denver in 1978.

We found the Lutheran church was not meeting our needs for worshiping the Lord; we bounced around Baptist, Evangelical Free, Episcopal, Bible-based non-denominal churches for several years. Both Barbara and I missed the liturgical churches and found that the Episcopal Church fit our needs. Christ Episcopal Church, a Spirit-filled, God-loving and serving church, became our home.

After retiring in 2014, I was complaining about the cold and snow in Colorado. We liked Arizona's weather and after much prayer, in May of 2020 we made the move to Sun City Grand in Surprise.

We tried two Episcopal churches nearby and found them cold and unwelcoming. Dean and Gayle Arkema, friends from our previous community in Colorado, encouraged us to attend Grace Community Church. We immediately found the community of believers very friendly and spiritual. Pastor Cliff is a powerful preacher and gifted teacher. We both believe this is where the Lord has directed us and we are thankful to have joined GCC. We also believe the Lord is directing us to become more involved rather than just attending Sunday worship, thus after prayer and much thought, I have agreed to become an Elder and look forward to what God has in store for GCC and for the Brown's.

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CHURCH PICTURE DAYS FEBRUARY 12TH & 26TH

If you are not pictured in our Member Photo Directory and would like to be, come and have your photo taken after church on Sunday, February 12 or Sunday, February 26.

If you are already pictured in the directory and are happy with the photo, you do not need to have a new photo taken.

WE NEED
YOUR
PICTURE!

LENNIS (LENNIE) DEVINE - ELDER NOMINEE

I was born and raised in Nebraska, actually lived in Nebraska 70 years. I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. I then continued to attend the Lutheran church. I also worked for Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance early in my career.

Barb and I have been married 23 years, between us we have 5 children. They are scattered across the US.

We were snow birds for 10 years and finally bought a snow bird house in 2017. We decided to move to AZ full time in 2019. We went to Spirit Of Grace with friends in our snow bird days but never felt like it was our home.

We were introduced to Grace Church by a member asking us to the Legacy Quartet service. This member is from Nebraska and an uncle to one of my customers in Nebraska. I felt we should keep looking for a Lutheran church but Grace kept “calling”. We kept coming back and we decided this would be our church home.

I have attended church regularly my entire life. I believe Jesus is my savior. After attending Grace it finally dawned on me what Gods grace really is.

I am honored to be considered for this position and hope that I will be an asset to Grace Community Church.

GINNY PAETZ - DEACON NOMINEE

I am humbled to have been asked to join the wonderful Deacons Team already in place at Grace Community Church. All of you have welcomed my husband Steve and myself into your family and made us know immediately that Grace Community is our church home when we moved here from the East Valley in early 2021.

I first came to know the love of our Father as a 4th grade child when I felt His love sweep over me in Sunday School while singing “Lord, I want to be a Christian”. I gave my heart to Him for the first time back then. I was raised in the church, but I never understood the meaning of asking Jesus to enter my heart and take over complete control until adulthood when I rededicated my life to the Lord in my early 20’s. God protected me all of those years and guided me away from some bad decisions. But most importantly, He guided me to the love of my life, my best friend Steve. Together we grew in the Lord. We were married 50 years ago and have attended since then different churches, from small to very large Community Churches to a couple of wonderful Presbyterian Churches, as our opportunities moved us around Illinois and then on to Arizona in 2001.

As a mother of two girls, one profoundly handicapped, and as a former foster parent in Illinois, I have been faced with many challenges. But my faith in the Lord and knowing that He will never leave me or forsake me has caused those challenges to make me stronger in Him. And when even larger challenges now appear, He gently reminds me of His past faithfulness and restores my confidence in Him. As a Respiratory Therapist for over 40 years I loved serving my patients, especially when I felt as if I made a small difference in their lives. Now that I am retired I look forward to serving my brothers and sisters in Christ, and hope that I can make a difference in lives here, also. I look forward to continuing my walk in faith at Grace Community while following the call to minister to others as a Deacon in this church.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please come and help us pack bags for our next round of Saturate USA deliveries.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, AT 12:00 P.M.

STEVE PAETZ - ELDER NOMINEE

It is a great honor to be nominated to service as an Elder for Grace Community Church.

Ginny and I have lived in Arizona for 21 years. In 2021, we decided to relocate from the east side to the west side of the valley to be close to our daughters. We searched for a new church home and found Grace Community Church on line. From the moment we walked in that first Sunday, we have felt welcomed and knew the Lord had led us to our new church home.

I was raised in a Christian home. Went to church every Sunday, but I didn't come to realize that I needed a personal relationship with the Lord until Ginny and I joined a bible study a short time after we got married. My faith grew and in 1984, I was baptized again as an adult.

As I look back on my life, the Lord was always been walking with me, guiding me and lifting me up in good and bad times. When times were tough, I knew that I had the Lord and Ginny by my side. When we have had to make big decisions, like moving to Arizona from Illinois, we would always ask the Lord for his will to be done.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; Trust also in me." John 14:1

BARBARA PECKHAM-DEVINE - DEACON NOMINEE

I was born and raised in Nebraska. I was raised as a Seventh-day Adventist but as an adult, I was just not comfortable with that religion. I started going to the Episcopal church and stayed there for 25 years. I was involved in the church, but it was on automation mode.

After marrying Lennie we decided to change to "his" denomination which was ELCA Lutheran. We stayed there until they made a change in their rules we were not comfortable with and transferred to the Missouri Synod.

We retired to live full-time in Sun City Festival and started looking for a church. We visited several churches, including Grace. Our first exposure to Grace was an invitation by a member, who was the uncle to one of Lennie's customers. Lennie had called the uncle and he invited us to church. It was when The Legacy Quartet was going to be there (What would happen if we all did that!?!? At every opportunity we invited someone to church?). We enjoyed the service at Grace but thought we should keep looking. But we kept saying to each other let's go to Grace again. So we kept coming back until we decided this is where we were supposed to be.

I am honored to be asked to be a Deacon. I do believe my career as a nurse and a nurse-midwife will assist me in this position. I wonder if this is something I can do and I know I can not do this by myself but will count on prayer and the help of Jesus and I will accept the invitation.

LINDA WEIAND - DEACON NOMINEE

I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Northwest Illinois. I attended church every Sunday, as well as choir and catechism in Presbyterian reformed churches until we moved when I was in high school. Church-going was sporadic at best, but I knew God was in my life from the time I was very little. I never questioned His existence although there have been times when I was not close to Him. I attended different churches and retired here in 2017. I watched Dr. David Jeremiah until I could no longer get his program. Then I went looking for a church and found Grace Community. I was welcomed with open arms and kindness from everyone, particularly Pat Davis, who came to my rescue when I had no ride back from the hospital in downtown Phoenix. It was then that I knew I had finally found my Christian home. Whenever times were financially tough for me I always repeated to myself "God will provide." And He always has. God has blessed me with two wonderful sons Matthew and Mark, and four lovely grandchildren. I am thankful for His presence in my life and my church family, and hope to continue to grow in my faith. I pray that I can Live up to your expectations.

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DIANE WILTON - DEACON NOMINEE

My parents introduced me to religion at an early age with my baptism as an infant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, New Jersey. After that, I went to Sunday school, then Confirmation classes, and then Sunday church services. I thoroughly enjoyed all these experiences as my faith grew.

At 13, my faith was tested when my Dad passed away. I prayed extensively that he would be spared, but that was not God's plan. It wasn't easy accepting my Dad's death as what God wanted, and I did not attend church for a long time. But in time, with help from my clergy and prayers, I accepted God's plan. As a result, I returned to the church, attended Sunday services, and was married in St. Paul's in 1968, and my daughter was christened there in 1976.

In 1986, I went through an unwanted divorce. In the beginning, I prayed that the divorce would not proceed. But when it became obvious that it would, I put my faith in the Lord. I read my Bible, and prayed that the Lord would guide me from the darkness into the light. He did, and my faith grew stronger.

From that point on, I never doubted my faith and I learned two important lessons. I knew that everything that happened in my life was part of God's plan. And I learned patience. God moves on HIS timetable, and not mine. But I have also been blessed with God's grace; marrying my husband Michael, the birth of our grandson Henry, and moving to Surprise, AZ.

After moving to Surprise, AZ, I needed a new church. I tried several, but none felt right. Again, I put my faith in the Lord, and he guided me to Grace Community Church. I knew when I walked into the Narthex, that I had found my church. It was warm and welcoming. That was two years ago, and last year, I became a member of the church. I have been a member of the Ladies Bible Study group for the past two years as well. Both associations have been wonderful, and my relationship with Jesus continues to get deeper. I love Jesus, Grace Community Church, and this congregation. And I am deeply honored to be nominated as a Deacon.



Grace Community to Host

PRESBYTERY *OF THE WEST* **FEBRUARY 1ST - 3RD**

The first three days of February, Grace Community has the honor of hosting a gathering of sister church pastors and elders from all over the west. These are church leaders who truly love the Lord and have a passion for seeing others meet Jesus.

Your help is very important to us. We are asking people to assist as greeters, check-in hosts, meal servers, and trouble shooters. We will work in shifts so we all can share the load... many hands make light work!

**PLEASE SEE PATTI FRENCH TO VOLUNTEER YOUR
WONDERFUL ASSISTANCE IN ANY OF THESE AREAS!**

You are invited to attend any of the presbytery gatherings including worship which Grace Community will be leading!

WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS

There is a scam going around that has affected many churches and charities, including ours.

PLEASE KNOW THIS...

1. **Your pastor will never ask you to purchase gift cards for any reason.** The church will never contact you and request gift cards (or other purchases) of any kind, especially not through email or text messages.
2. If you have any doubts about an email or text message you receive please contact Pastor Cliff or the church office (623-975-9038). Never call a phone number provided in a potentially phony email or text message.



FINANCE UPDATE

Actual Unrestricted Contributions 1/1/22 - 12/31/22:	Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions 1/1/22 - 12/31/22:
\$321,450	\$318,000

Sincerely, Patti French, Treasurer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING THE SERVICE ON JANUARY 8TH

Please plan to attend this meeting. We will be electing new church leaders, as well as finalizing other church business.

THE GOSPEL IN GENESIS

FINDING **FAITH & HOPE**
IN A FALLEN WORLD

Pastor's Bible Study
Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

PRIORITY #1: RESOLVED...

READ THRU THE BIBLE 2023

This is the year! Don't put it off!! Now is the time to read through the Bible in a year!

Will it be easy? Probably not. But the best things in life usually take great deal of effort and diligence.

The Bible is like no other book ever written. And it will change your life!

Written over a period of 1,300-1,500 years and spanning a vast number of generations, the Bible was written in places as diverse as Rome in the West, Egypt in the South and Mesopotamia in the West! No other book can claim the amazing geographic or ethnic diversity which you find in its origins.

Authored by approximately forty different people and edited and preserved by countless scribal schools and communities, the Bible preserves for us the writings of a vast array of personalities... kings, prophets, princes, fishermen, a doctor, a Pharisee, a tentmaker and tax collector, philosophers and poets, historians, zealots and military leaders to name a few. The Bible also uses all kinds of literary genres... narrative, poetic, legal and argumentative texts. It's really quite extraordinary!

The Bible is also unique in that it is translated from a number of different languages. Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic along with a little Ugarit. It is very diverse in its teachings which includes our understanding of God (as Triune), the Incarnation, the Atonement, Salvation, faith,

works, judgement, grace, sin, forgiveness and so much more.

In all of ancient or modern literature there is simply no other book that comes even close in comparison to the Bible.

But be careful... if you don't want to experience positive changes in your life, avoid reading the Bible! Because as you examine the Scripture it will begin to examine you!!

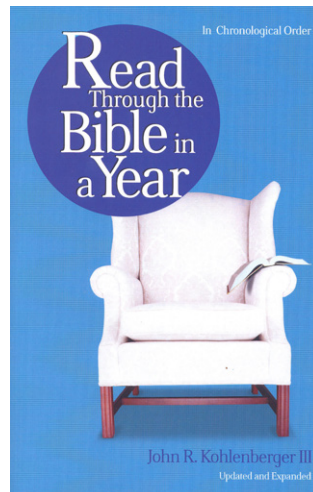
Keep in mind the 2 Timothy 3:16-17 reads, *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

The Bible is alive dear friends. It has legs... it chases after you until it changes you!

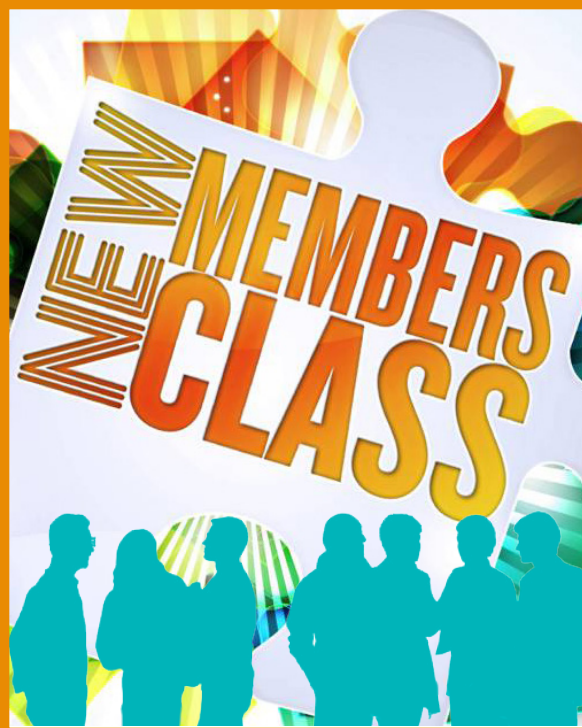
To assist you with your daily reading of God's word you are encouraged to pick up your free copy of *"Through the Bible in A Year"* by John Kohlenberger III in the *"Sheep Gate"* of the church.

Also, if you need to learn basic skills in studying the Bible, it is recommended that you participate in the Pastor's Bible study in Genesis every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Let's make 2023 the year that your understanding is deepened, your perspective broadened and your spirit is enlivened as you read the living word from beginning to end!



Pick up your free copy in the lobby!



INQUIRERS - NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Thinking about becoming a member here at Grace Community? We will be starting classes February 19th. These classes are designed to help you understand the basic beliefs, vision and functions of our church while giving you an opportunity to ask questions, laugh, and enjoy meeting new friends!

NEW CLASSES START 2/19

(If you will be traveling at all, don't worry... we have a make-up class).

SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY TODAY!

Join us on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 10 a.m. as we set aside a special day to celebrate the Sanctity of Human Life!



A LITTLE CHANGE... CHANGES LIVES!

When you fill a bottle with coins, cash, or checks you are making a positive impact on young families in our community. Thank you for providing the support that will save and change lives!

PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE ON JANUARY 15TH.

Your donations to Choices Pregnancy Centers helps meet the needs of your community by providing:

- ♥ Free Pregnancy Testing
- ♥ Free Ultrasounds
- ♥ Low Cost STD Testing
- ♥ Abortion Risks Info
- ♥ Adoption Info
- ♥ Parenting Classes
- ♥ Post-Abortion Recovery Programs

You can also make an online donation by going to ChoicesAZ.com/bbd-grace-community

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLES BY FEBRUARY 12TH.

JANUARY 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY					
<p>1</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 AM</p> <p>Communion</p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Holiday Observed (Office Closed)</i></p> <p>Men's Breakfast at Richi's Diner 8:00 AM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Prayer Gathering 9:45 AM</p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 AM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Parkinson's Support Group 2 - 5 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Worship Rehearsal 9:00 - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Sharing & Caring 10:30 AM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 8 AM - 10 AM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>UNDECK THE HALLS 10:00 AM</p>					
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UPCOMING CONCERTS

DESERT AIRES CHORUS - FRIDAY - 4 PM - 1/20

The Desert Aires Chorus is dedicated to the preservation of the music style known as Barbershop Harmony. They strive to entertain and educate audiences about the music of the heralded "Tin Pan Alley" days to the four-part, a cappella music of more recent times.



THE LEGACY QUARTET - SUNDAY - 10 AM - 2/19

NOTE:
Reservations
NOT required
for this
event!



SPECIAL WORSHIP CONCERT

From its inception in 1981, Legacy Quartet has maintained its style in the Southern Gospel tradition. The unique harmony, joy and spirit in which they sing, and the songs they have chosen creates loyal audiences wherever they perform.

WEST VALLEY SINGERS - FRIDAY - 4 PM - 3/17

The West Valley Singers are a 20-25 member vocal ensemble. They are part of West Valley Chorale, a non-profit performing arts organization based in Surprise, AZ. They are directed by Ted Faszer, with Linda Shirck as principal accompanist.



Please make reservations online at **GCC-EPC.com**

A \$10 donation per attendee is appreciated.



Women's

BOOK CLUB



The next Women's Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, January 12, at 10:30 a.m. They will be discussing *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.



SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP

STEVE JONES WILL BE LEADING
THE GROUP THIS JANUARY ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30 AM

Let's stay close together
in fellowship with the living God.

On January 8th, the group will be
viewing, *Immanuel: God Is With
Us* by Dr. David Jeremiah.



PREPARE, REMEMBER, CELEBRATE

Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop

FRIDAY, FEB. 10TH, 10 AM

Have you thought about your end-of-life plans?

So many of us prefer to put this off. It's too awkward to discuss. Then things happen and...

As believers in Christ, we realize that everyone is going to one day pass from this mortal coil, and we should be prepared for that part of the journey.

That's why we are offering a funeral pre-planning workshop in conjunction with Reverend Bill Davis of Funeralwise and Preneed Services. Bill is a very gracious man who has been assisting people with funeral planning for more than twenty-five years.

This is not a sales presentation, and the seminar is free.

PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY.

Presented by:

FUNERALwise
Prepare. Celebrate. Remember.

Socials

FOR
SIX



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our church will be putting together some small groups to help our congregation (especially new members) get better acquainted.

If you would like to volunteer to be a host for one of these gatherings, please sign up in the lobby. Betty Eldridge will contact you about putting groups together for the gatherings.

Sharing & Caring

SUPPORT GROUP

The Sharing and Caring support group will continue meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10:30 a.m.



Join us for fun and games

**Continuing on the
2nd Wednesday
of the Month @ 1PM**

Bring along your favorite games and snacks to share.

The church will provide water.



THIS FACILITY IS EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM.

Please ask for a receiver at the soundbooth.



PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer requests can be submitted on our website at gcc-epc.com/prayer-warriors

If you prefer, you can also directly contact Pastor Cliff (pastorcliff@gcc-epc.com), the church office (grace@gcc-epc.com), or your assigned deacon.

You can also sign up to be included in the prayer chain at the webpage listed above.

JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Hal Delfosse.....	1/2
Pastor Cliff Mansley	1/10
Barbara Peckham-Devine	1/12
Jane Mansley.....	1/17
Art Biermann	1/20
Sherida Stewart	1/21
Bob Bundy	1/25

ANNIVERSARIES

Debbe & Ryan Davis	1/13
Steve & Ginny Paetz.....	1/13
Bob & Jan Kallberg	1/30



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