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Larkspur Connection

Our Mission: Larkspur Christian Church exists to spread God's love
through serving and making a difference in the community.

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JANUARY 2010

All Church Retreat

Pastor Cobos is planning an all church retreat on Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. here at Larkspur Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be setting the Master Calendar for 2010 and we encourage all committee chairpersons and members to have their planning dates available to place on the calendar.

All members and friends attending Larkspur Christian Church are invited to participate in our yearly planning. This is a great opportunity to address any issues you have concerning Larkspur and there will be ample time for questions and discussion.

To cut costs of the retreat we are asking everyone to bring their own snacks and lunch.

Hope to see you in attendance!

Fun Fellowship Music Prayer

Thank You!

Thank you to the Membership Committee for sponsoring the Church Banquet and to the Christian Education Department for the

Christmas program. We also want to thank Scott Seago for being our special visitor and doing such a great job as Santa this year. We had 118 in attendance. In addition,

thank you to the folks who provided the food and to all the helpers who setup and cleaned up.



Christmas

God has made each of us a steward.



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Christian Resolutions for the Year 2010

It is a new day; we have begun the year 2010. New Year's Eve has always been a time for reviewing our past and making some changes for the future. Let's pause for a minute and reflect on the changes we want (or need) to make and resolve to follow through on those promises and changes. And as you make your top seven New Year's Christian resolutions, think about this:

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

-- Thomas A Edison

Most New Year's resolutions demand commitment, hard work, discipline and faith.

Focus more on Christian Spirituality. For us Christians, spirituality is about relationships. A personal relationship with God, with others and with self. With in those relationships we try to find ways of relating to nature and the environment. Christian spirituality is trying to see God in everything around us, to create peaceful communities and welcoming atmosphere. Spirituality means being kind and enthusiastic, being gentle to yourself, to others and to the Mother earth.

Heart Fitness. According to some research, people who go to church or attend religious services live longer, are healthier and are more happy people. The scripture states: "Out of the abundance of the heart your mouth speaks." In the year 2010 let's take care of our hearts. Let's do some spiritual exercises that help our hearts to stay strong, like praying more often, going to church more often, being in silence more often, meditating more often, give a good massage to your heart by being compassionate and smiling more often.

Grow and Mature. Over 66 percent of adult Americans are considered overweight or obese by recent studies, so it is not surprising to find that weight loss is one of the most popular New Year's resolutions. According to church studies only 10 percent of church membership is fully committed to grow and mature in their Christian life and in supporting of church ministries and programs. How do we grow and mature in our Christian life? Make plans to grow and stay focused. Plan to be part of that vacation bible school, spiritual retreat, committee, mission trip and stay focused. Be responsible, reach the goal, go to the end, and give good fruit. Some one said "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do".

Quit something that is bad for you. Even if you have tried to quit a bad habit before and failed, don't let it get you down. The average person tried at least four times and failed (especially smokers). (Article continued on page 3)



Please Join Us!

The next DWM/CWF meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All women attending Larkspur Christian Church are invited to attend.



Please Join Us!



CWF supports the church recycling efforts by bringing in newspapers, magazines, catalogs and aluminum cans to church.

(Minister's Moments continued from page 2—Christian Resolutions for the Year 2010)

The good news is that there is a lot of help out there if we want to quit bad habits. You are not alone; God is at our side to help us and to give us the strength to start a new life, because today is the first day of your new life.

Enjoy life more. We live stressful lives, we have hectic schedules. So as our New Year's Christian resolution let's promise ourselves that we will "enjoy life more". Take up new hobbies, try something new, teach a Bible class, or help someone read the Bible. Go to a theater performance or create one and perform before the congregation. Take a leap of faith. Travel to a holy place. Take a trip to the Holy Land.

Learn something new about Christianity. There is so much we don't know about church, Christ, and Christianity overall. Buy a church history book, read about the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the church. Learn about Saint Augustine, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Campbell or the Disciples in Australia.

Help Others. New Year's resolutions are about ourselves, we need at least one non-selfish New Year resolution. Volunteerism can take many forms. The church is a volunteer organization. We are committed to be servants to others and to do it with love and care.

As you begin this year of 2010 make your spiritual life a priority, for it is written: "Search first the kingdom of God, and the rest will come to you."

Have a Blessed 2010.

Your Pastor,
Job J Cobos



Financial Report

General Fund Income—November 2009

\$6,860.76

Other Income:

\$6,227.22

Total Operating:

\$13,087.98

General Fund Expenses:

\$8,054.83

Average Weekly Giving—4 weeks

\$1,715.19

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When I say good morning - I mean to say:

**G-od
O-ffers us His
O-utstanding
D-evotion to**

**M-ake us
O-bedient and
R-eady for a
N-ew day with Him.
I-nspire others please,
And
N-ever forget
G-od loves you!!!**

January Birthdays



4 Tim Johnson
6 Christy Comer
6 Sherri Hildebrand
8 Pam Delgado
12 Candy Paulovich
15 Taylor Noble
16 Carolyn Barger
20 Karl McBride
22 Eva Van Ess
25 Alexia Delgado
31 Evelyn Davidson



January Anniversaries

29 Bob and Gloria Luker

Congratulations!

If anyone was missed or your date is wrong, please let Marge Day know. It is not our intention to leave anyone out.

Thanks for your help!

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Bible Verse for January

Anxious

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

You are Invited



You are cordially invited to attend a baby shower for Billy Blackburn and Casey Wall on Sunday, January 10, 2010, after worship service.

Billy and Casey are expecting a girl in February.

The Membership Committee, under the leadership of Donna Manor, will be the hostesses and hosts for this blessed event.

Come and join the group for a wonderful time and fellowship.

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You Are Invited

We have four tickets available to view the movie “Letters to God” for Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arrowhead Fountains 18 theatre.

This special evening is exclusively for church and ministry leaders and their spouses.

This film, inspired by a true story, has the potential to create something very special .. A movement of compassion centered on bringing hope to millions who have been touched by cancer.

See Marge Day for the tickets.

Sunday Sermons and
Lectionary Texts

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Second Sunday after Christmas
Birthday Sunday

**Sermon Title: "Spiritual
Blessings for the Year 2010"**

Scripture Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

Scriptures:
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sunday, January 10, 2010

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Pulpit Guest

Scriptures:
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon Title: "Got Wine?"

Scripture Text: John 2:1-11

Scriptures:
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon Title: "I Need You"

Scripture Text: I Corinthians
12:12-31a

Scriptures:
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 31, 2010
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Sermon Title: "How to know
the true love"**

Scripture Text: 1 Corinthians
13:1-13

Scriptures:
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Luke 4:21-30

*Please take the time to read the
scriptures before the Sundays sermons
to give you a better understanding of
the morning message.*



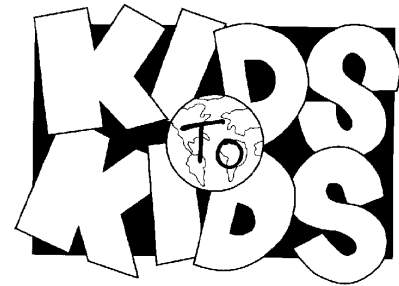
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Welcome!

Larkspur Christian Church extends
a hand of welcome to our newest
staff member, Laura Hunter. Laura
begins her new duties on January 3,
2010, as Minister of Music.

Laura has a Bachelors Degree in
Music as well as a Masters Degree
in Music. She also owns her own
business, Hunters' Music Studio,
where Laura teaches voice and
piano. Please welcome Laura to
our church family.



The youth did an outstanding
performance presenting the Biblical
Character Interview—A Visit to
Bethlehem, on Sunday, December
20, 2009.

Though it was two thousand years
ago when the event of our Lord's
birth occurred, the play set forth
the Biblical circumstances and call
for their testimony as if it were a
contemporary happening.

The Cast:

Interviewer—Ciara Delgado
Mary—Mary Lawler
Joseph—Vince Paulovich
Innkeeper—Ashli Lawler
Shepherds—Gaby Oropeza, Alexia
Delgado and Brianna Delgado
Simeon—James Paulovich
Herod—Ed Pearlman
The Magi—Tyler Pearlman

The youth thank all of you who
have shared with us a common
encounter.

Coming Youth Events:

It is time to clean our sponsored
street, 51st Avenue and Peoria to
51st Avenue and Cactus sometime
in January. If you are willing to help
out with this project please let
Faye Pearlman or Christy Comer
know. The more we have, the
sooner we finish. Thanks for your
help and support!

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so very much for your kind and loving expressions of sorrow over the loss of my son, Aaron.

Our God is a mighty God and because Jesus said I go to prepare a place for you, and where I am you will be with me, we can face the days ahead!

The flowers were so lovely.

God bless you one and all.

Madeline Williamson
Debbie Williamson
Jeffrey Williamson
Rhoda & Bill Barr

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**REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Pastor Cobos and Family

Dennis Barger	Michelle Lawler
Rhonda Barr	Joseph & Nicole Loupe
Thelma Beach	Les & Sadie Lowrey
Billy Blackburn	Bob & Donna Manor
Amy Blankenship	Marion Manor
Austin Blankenship	Karl McBride
Zachary Day	Matthew Mills
Eric Dudley	Nancy Moses
Eric Dudley	Pat Noble
Glossup Family	Candy Paulovich
Mary Jane Hart	Jack Pesnell
Hicks Family	Joyce Ruble
Tim Johnson	George & Leota Shaw
Marion Jones	Mary Wells
Rick Jones	Brenda Wharton
Jesse Kessler	Madeline Williamson & family
Mike Kessler	

Bashas' Shop & Give Fundraising Program—runs from now to April 30, 2010

When you link your Bashas' Thank You Card to Larkspur Christian Church ID number **23174**, Bashas' will donate 1% of your grocery purchases to Larkspur Christian Church.

- As always, there is **no cost** to participate in this program.
- Larkspur can **earn up to \$5,000**, more than any other local supermarket fundraising program!
- We now have **one extra month** to raise additional funds. Bashas' extended Shop & Give by a month to help Larkspur earn even more.
- Larkspur can now receive a **quarterly check** for the funds we earn, provided that we earn at least \$25 during each quarter. That means no more waiting for a check at the end of the program for the amount we earned!
- **Supporters who participated in last year's Shop & Give program must re-link their Thank You Card at the start of this year's program.**
- Individuals only have to link their Thank You Card to Larkspur's group number once. The link remains active until April 30, 2010.
- Larkspur's Group ID: **23174**

**Remember—Shop Bashas'
Thank you!**

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The Larkspur Christian Church staff wishes to thank each and every one of you for the Christmas gifts this year. It is our pleasure to serve you. Blessings to you all. Pastor Cobos, Marge Day, Roberta Pesnell, Maria Cervantes, Marion Jones, and Phyllis Murdock.



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"At Larkspur..... It's the love"

January 2010 Calendar of Events

- 01 New Year's Day
- 03 Welcome in the New Year
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Birthday Sunday
- 10 Baby Shower for Billy Blackburn and
Casey Wall after worship service
- 16 CWF meeting—10:00 a.m.
- 17 Youth Sunday—Board Meeting after
worship service—bring a dish to share
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 30 All Church Retreat—8:30 a.m.—4:00
p.m.



Mail Box



Elder Workshop

"A Day with Gary Straub"

Arthur of: *Your Calling as an Elder and Your Calling As a Leader*

Sun City Christian Church
9745 West Palmeras Drive
Sun City, AZ 85373-2253
623 972-6179

February 6, 2010

Saturday Morning and Afternoon
Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided

All Elders and Church Leaders are encouraged to attend this seminar/workshop.
Packets with all the details will be sent to all the churches in early January.
Registration forms will be included. The workshops are free.
Plan now to attend.

Serving in January 2010

Elders: Christy Comer and Kega Leffard

Diaconates: Carolyn Barger, John Delgado, Jesse Kessler, Phyllis Murdock

Worship Leaders: 03 Christy Comer
10 Evelyn Davidson
17 Youth
24 Ann Comer
31 Eva Van Ess



Door Greeters: TBA

Open/Close Building: 03 Donna Manor
10 Vern Glossup
17 Kega Leffard
24 Phyllis Murdock
31 Vern Glossup

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