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CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF  
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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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## Thanksgiving Dinner—November 20, 2010

This is the time of the year when we all get together to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and like last year, we plan to keep it simple.

Also, we extend an invitation to our nesting Hispanic church to join us. In addition, we encourage you to invite your family and friends.

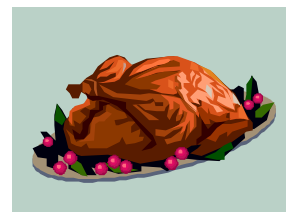
A sign up sheet will be available for you to bring the traditional Thanksgiving food, turkey, dressings, sweet and white mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, rolls and desserts. We will also need carvers, servers, kitchen help and set up and clean up help.

Please sign up with Donna Manor on the Sundays prior to November 20, 2010.

Date: November 20  
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Should you have any questions, please contact Donna Manor at 602-942-6469.

Thank you! See you there!



## 2010 Thanksgiving Offering

The Theme this year for the Thanksgiving offering is *Making a Difference*.

The education we choose reflects who we want to become.

More and more, students who want to make a difference in the world are choosing Disciples higher educational institutions. The Thanksgiving

Offering supports Disciples Colleges Universities and Theological Institutions. Special offerings will be on November 14th and 21st. **Give generously!**

God has made each of us a steward.



# The Park Bench

Please enjoy this article as much as I did. It is a pleasure to share it with you.

Your Pastor,  
Job J. Cobos

Beneath the long, straggly branches of an old willow tree. Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown, for the world was intent on dragging me down. And if that weren't enough to ruin my day, a young boy out of breath approached me, all tired from play. He stood right before me with his head tilted down, and said with great excitement, "Look what I found!"

In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight, with its petals all worn—not enough rain, or too little light. Wanting him to take his dead flower and go off to play, I faked a smile and then shifted away. But instead of retreating he sat next to my side, and placed the flower to his nose and declared with overacted surprise, "It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful too. That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."

The weed before me was dying or dead. Not vibrant of colors: orange, yellow or red. But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave. So I reached for the flower, and replied, "Just what I need." But instead of him placing the flower in my hand, he held it mid-air without reason or plan. It was then that I noticed for the first time, that weed-toting boy could not see he was blind.

I heard my voice quiver; tears shone in the sun as I thanked him for picking the very best one. "You're welcome," he smiled, and then ran off to play, unaware of the impact he'd had on my day. I sat there and wondered how he managed to see a self-pitying woman beneath an old willow tree. How did he know of my self-indulged plight? Perhaps from his heart, he'd been blessed with true sight.

Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see the problem was not with the world; the problem was me. And for all of those times I myself had been blind, I vowed to see the beauty in life, and appreciate every second that's mine. And then I held that wilted flower up to my nose, and breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose, and smiled as I watched that young boy, another weed in hand, about to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

*-Unknown*



## Please Join Us!

CWM will meet on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

All ladies of Larkspur are invited to attend CWM meetings.

We usually meet on the third Saturday of each month. However, because of Thanksgiving, we are meeting on the second



Saturday this month.

We are currently sponsoring the following projects.

- Collecting Campbell Soup bar codes
- Eye glasses
- Blankets

## Please Join Us!

- Diapers
- Small toys
- Empty pill bottles
- Labels for education

Hope to see you on the 13th of November at 10:00 a.m.



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

## CWM Auction

If you missed the Auction last month, you missed out on some great items and bargains.

A total of \$367.50 was raised toward the group's annual budget.



Thank you to everyone who stayed after worship service to support CWM here at Larkspur.

## Directory Changes

### Eric Dudley (Hicks)

#### New address

Eric.Dudley  
359th TTSB, JNCC—A  
BAF  
APO AE 09354

Eric's address needs to be printed exactly like it is for him to receive mail.

Eric says please write—he would love to hear from everyone and to get mail.

If you send packages to Afghanistan it must have a customs form filled out and attached on the package. Eric likes protein or granola bars, snack stuff, gum, sudoko books, soap, toothpaste, disposable shavers, and etc.



## Financial Report

General Fund Income—September 2010

\$ 5,742.00

Other Income:

\$ 1,751.10

Total Operating:

\$ 7,493.10

General Fund Expenses:

\$ 7,166.70

Average Weekly Giving—4 weeks

\$1,435.50

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Calling all singers! The praise singers are now practicing each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Now is the time to share your musical talent with the congregation and join the group! We need you!

Contact Christy Comer for more details.

## November

### Birthdays

- 01 MaryAnne Glossup
- 05 Rick Delgado
- 07 Bob Luker
- 08 Marge Day
- 16 Marion Jones
- 26 Alyssa Tattrie (Jones)



On October 31, 2010, the youth and adults helped with the Halloween Event.

December 19, 2010—the youth will help with Santa.

January 22, 2011, the youth and adults will work at St. Mary's Food Bank from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Larkspur youth and programs.

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### Stewardship

Thanks to the pledges we received at our annual commitment Sunday.

If you were unable to turn in your pledge on commitment Sunday, **PLEASE** bring your pledges to church or mail them in to the church office, to be dedicated with prayer to the church's mission.

With your help, we can meet our budget goal!

Thank you.

Eva Van Ess,  
Stewardship Chairman



## November

### Anniversaries

- 19 Robert & Linda Hicks
- 22 Karl & Jackie McBride
- 29 Wally & Betty Barber

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 November

#### ENCOURAGEMENT

*“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast within me: therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.*

Psalm 42:5-8 (NIV)

## Lectionary Texts

### Sunday, November 7, 2010

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost—All Saints Day

Scriptures:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-28

### Sunday, November 14, 2010

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures:

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### Sunday, November 21, 2010

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost—Youth Sunday

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### Sunday, November 28, 2010

First Sunday of Advent

## Hanging of the Greens Service

Scriptures:

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the giver of all good gifts, we praise and thank you for all your blessings to us. Forgive us that so often we are more ready to turn to you in times of trouble and need rather than to thank you in the good times. No matter what happens to us, teach us to be thankful. Help us not to take for granted your gift of life itself; our health and strength; the love and support of family and friends; the beauty of your creation. Above all, thank you for your greatest gift—the way of forgiveness you have provided by sending your Son to be our Savior.

You give us so much, dear Lord. Help us to give you something in return—the love of our hearts, a willingness to serve you and to share your love with others. Grant us day by day a true spirit of thankfulness.

Jean Fenton, Ireland  
Prayers Encircling the World

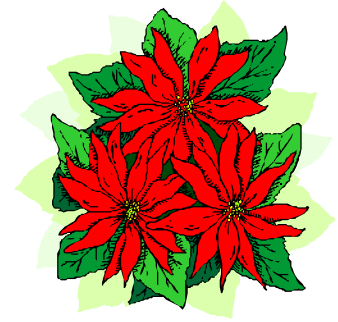
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## Support Through Other Parents

STOP is a Non-Profit Self-Help Parent Support Group. We offer you suggestions and support like none you've had before.

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Larkspur Christian Church located at 3302 W. Larkspur Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85029. Phone: 623-846-5464.



## Poinsettias for Christmas

Christmas is coming! As we celebrate the love God has shown us by sending His Son, we want to give you an opportunity to show your love to someone whose memory or presence you cherish. It is Larkspur's tradition to decorate our sanctuary each year with beautiful poinsettias.

Advent begins on November 28th. This will be our Annual Hanging of the Greens Service. If you would like to honor someone with a live or silk poinsettia plant, please bring your plant(s) by November 28th. The poinsettias will be on display from November 28th through January 1, 2011. At that time, you may take your plant(s) home with you.

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## Recipe For Thanksgiving

Two Teaspoons of Trust  
Matthew 11:28-30

One Cup of Contentment  
Philippians 4:11, 12

Three Tablespoons of Gratitude  
Colossians 1:12-14

One Teaspoon of Faith  
John 3:16, 17

*Scripture quoted is from the NIV*



Dear Church Family,

Please accept my warmest thanks for the many gifts I received for my birthday and the gifts I received as your pastor. They were very generous. I enjoyed the carrot cake as well since it is my favorite kind of cake.

Thank you again for this beautiful reminder of God's all-inclusive love and for a touching occasion and most generous gifts.

Pastor Job J. Cobos

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Larkspur Christian Church members and friends would like to thank Donna Manor for her many fund raising events she chaired this year.

She spearheaded many events such as: the Yard Sale, Annual Rummage Sale, Avon Sales, and the Craft and Bake Sales.

Donna also worked very hard chairing the Membership Committee and brought us together for pot-lucks, showers and Bingo nights.

Our hats are off to Donna for her dedication to Larkspur Christian Church.

Thank you!



**Have you noticed the property improvements?**

Property Chairman Vern Glossup has overseen the improvements on our property. The outside of the building is now painted, new tile laid in the breezeway and the white fence is now painted black to match the courtyard fence.

It has been a long three years to bring about these improvements. We are very grateful to Vern and his helpers for pulling it all together.

Of course, this would not have been possible if it wasn't for the three year Capitol Campaign pledges that members and friends committed to. It is because of your generosity that the projects were completed.

Here is a recap of the improvements:

Fencing in the courtyard, bathrooms remodeled, watering system upgraded, general repairs, door replacements, lighting replacements, outside building painted, new sun screens and other miscellaneous repairs.

We now have curb appeal. Good job Vern! We thank you for all your time and supervision to get the improvements completed.

Thank you to Rev. Rafael Grado and his team for keeping the yard maintenance up.





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

**November 2010 Calendar of  
Events**

- 06 Craft Sale
- 07 All Saints Sunday,  
Birthday Sunday,
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 CWM Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Thanksgiving Special Offering  
Veterans Sunday
- 20 Thanksgiving Dinner—4:30 p.m.
- 21 Thanksgiving Special Offering  
Congregational Meeting after worship
- 23 Newsletter Deadline
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Decorate Church—9:00 a.m.
- 28 Advent Begins—Hanging of the  
Greens Service



# Church Camp 2011

The Arizona Disciples Church Camp will be held June 26 through July 1, 2011.

Camp forms will be available beginning April 15th, 2011 at Larkspur or you can go on line at [www.arizonadisciples.com](http://www.arizonadisciples.com).

Camp Rates: Before April 30th      \$299.00  
After May 1st                              \$330.00

Camp forms need to be signed by the pastor.  
Forms must be postmarked by April 30th.

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|------|---------|------------|
| Camp | CYF     | Grade 9-12 |
|      | Chi Rho | 6-8        |
|      | CCF     | 3-5        |

Grades are for the 2010-2011 year. That is the school year that the campers have just completed prior to the start of camp.

All campers will be cozy in cabins at Camp Pinerock in Prescott, Arizona. Activities include: hiking, small groups, arts & crafts, rock wall, high & low ropes courses, water days, messy games, tie dye, creating friendships and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Plan now to attend! See you this summer at Camp Pinerock.

Serving in November 2010

Elders: Donna Manor and Vern Glossup

Diaconates: Betty Barber, Marion Jones, Michelle Seago and Scott Seago

Worship Leaders:       07   Donna Manor  
                                  14   TBA  
                                  21   Youth  
                                  28   Christy Comer



Door Greeters:        07   Jesse Kessler  
                                  14   Rhonda Barr  
                                  21   Christy Comer  
                                  28   Pat Noble

Open/Close Building: Leota Shaw/Marge Day

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