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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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AT YOUR SERVICE

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CAPS FOR KIDS



Erin Hurley, is a member of our police department. She started collecting plastic bottle caps for a child to receive chemotherapy. Now she is continuing to collect these plastic caps for other children to receive chemotherapy.

For every 750 plastic bottle caps, a child may receive one FREE chemotherapy treatment.

Please save all kinds of plastic bottle caps—water bottles, soda bottles, milk containers, Gatorade or juice bottles.

Faye Pearlman and Linda Hicks will deliver the caps to Erin.

There is a box in the narthex for you to place the lids. We ask that you please wash the lids before putting in the box so we will not attract bugs.

If you have any questions, please call Faye at 602-439-2475 or Linda at 623-934-7555.

THANK YOU!

All Church Event

On Sunday, February 13th, following worship service, the Membership Committee, has made plans for all members and friends of

Larkspur, to visit the Sea Life Aquarium at Arizona Mills Mall. When finished, we will have lunch at the Rain Forest Restaurant. Please R.S.V.P. to Donna Manor. Car pooling will be available.

Prices
General Admission \$18.50
Children Ages 3-12 \$10.50
Seniors—\$15.50

Stewardship—Sharing our gifts from God.



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Rebuilding Larkspur

As I read the evaluations from our retreat that we had on the last week of January, I noticed that people who attended were pleased with the results, inspired, and they felt that their voices were heard. Our theme for the year 2011 will be “*Rebuilding Larkspur*”. We have heard God inviting us to work in his “Vineyard” (his church) and so many of you have said yes to the call: a call to be welcoming, giving and understanding.

As we rebuild Larkspur we have come to the conclusion that Larkspur is the place where we belong; the place God has called us to serve, that is the foundation of our calling at this moment and at this hour. The rebuilding will focus on three areas: Spirituality: Healing Services, Gospel Hours, Prayer, and worship services. Creativity: worship style, music and youth involvement. Christian Education: Sunday school program, bible studies and studies of interest. Our goal is to get everyone involved in the work of the ministry, to reach out to the community, to serve, and minister to one another.

Changes will be made to our worship; changes will be made on how we do things and how we operate as a church. The purposes of these changes are to find out the best way to be used by God and the best way to serve others. Not everything will be changed. We do not believe that we have to change for the sake of change. We change as a result of inspiration. We change as a requirement of our lives. We change because we are in a new day and we are forever evolving. We change because the Gospel calls us to be the people of the resurrection, always fresh, anew, committed to a renewed life. Someone said that “Action is Character.”

I really believe that change originates within us, in each of our actions, movements, thoughts and words. Action is the generator of faith. As we rebuild Larkspur, let's begin with a good foundation; let's begin by letting Christ change us, change our attitudes, our perception of others and our acceptance of others as they are. As we rebuild Larkspur, let's come to worship and fellowship with this attitude; with the attitude of giving and not with the attitude of what we can get for ourselves. As we rebuild Larkspur, let's be inspired by the Holy Spirit. He is the only one that can help us to be assertive in our call. With the Spirit by our side we can be sure that we are rebuilding Larkspur on solid ground.

Your pastor,

Job



Please Join Us!

The next DWM/CWF meeting will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All women attending Larkspur Christian Church are invited to attend.

To clear up some confusion on the meeting hours, here is the current information.

10:00 a.m. for coffee and fellowship.
10:30 a.m. for meeting.

If a potluck is scheduled (usually in June, September, and December), the meeting will begin earlier.

There is no meeting in May because we have the All Daughter Luncheon.

We do not meet during the summer months of July and August.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!



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

Cookies for Fellowship Hour



Help! We are running out of refreshments for our Weekly Fellowship Hour. If you can donate a package of cookies, donuts, brownies or snack for the fellowship hour it would be greatly appreciated.

They do not have to be home made. You can just bring your donation to church on Sundays.

Thank you for your help!



Facility Available—Did You Know???

Larkspur Christian Church rents out its facilities for weddings, funerals, classes, special interest groups and meetings. If you know of others that would like to use our facilities for a fee, please have them contact the church office at 602-866-7161. Thank you.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Dennis Barger
Rhonda Barr
Job J. Cobos
Ann Comer
Linda & Robert Hicks
Rick Jones
Jesse Kessler
Les & Sadie Lowrey
Bob & Donna Manor
Nancy Moses
Joyce Ruble

Mary Wells
Brenda Wharton
M. Williamson

Family

Melanie Armeli
Bill & Rhoda Barr
Zachary Day
Richard Flotow
Tommie Glossup
Donna Leonard

Military Personnel

Eric Dudley (Hicks)
Joseph & Nicole Loupe
Ryan—Serving in Korea
Shawn Martin
Matthew Mills & Family

Refugee Family

The Rijals

Financial Report

General Fund Income—December 2010

\$5,999.83

Other Income:

\$1,507.39

Total Operating:

\$7,507.22

General Fund Expenses:

\$6,239.48

Average Weekly Giving—4 weeks

\$1,499.95

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-Rev. Gary W. Kidwell, President

February Birthdays



08 Vern Glossup
13 Morgan Jones
24 Bob Manor

February Anniversaries

No Record.

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 February

Discipline

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid. A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but the Lord condemns a crafty man. A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted.

Proverbs 12:1-3 (NIV)



Sharing Brings Joy To Us. To Others. To God Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Ah! The joy that comes from giving someone just the perfect gift. Their utter delight is a gift right back.

Joy motivates us to share our resources with a hurting world through Week of Compassion. Where does this joy come from? From God! Sharing invites God more fully into our lives: As we reach out in love, we open the way for God to reach more deeply into us. As one contributor said, “Giving just feeds my soul! This is what life is about—not collecting things, but helping people.”

Giving from our abundance helps build clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by poverty; nurtures self sufficiency through health care, education, and job training; and brings safety, shelter, and food after natural disaster or violent circumstances have made towns uninhabitable.

Sharing brings joy to us, to others, to God. Let sharing transform you as you help transform the world through Week of Compassion.

Week of Compassion Special Offering will be gathered on February 20th and 27th.
Please give generously!

Lectionary Texts

Sunday, February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Birthday Sunday; Installation of Officers

Scriptures:

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalms 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday, February 27, 2011

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures:

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34



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



SPRING YOUTH RETREATS

Chi Rho—February 12 & 13
First Christian Church, Mesa—
\$25.00

CYF—February 12 & 13
Desert Heritage Church, Mesa—
\$25.00

Registration form and fees are due in the Regional Office by Tuesday, February 8th.

See the church secretary for the registration forms.



All adults and youth are welcome to help pick fruit at the former home of Mary Tipton on Saturday, February 12th at 9:00 a.m. Please let Faye Pearlman know if you need a ride or want to carpool from the church. Faye can be reached at 602-439-2475 or fayeppearl@cox.net. If you prefer, you can meet us there.

The fruit will be donated to the St. Mary's Food Bank.

Mary's address: 6508 W. Fremont Road, Laveen, AZ 85339.

**Please
Join
Us!**

LUNCH BUNCH

Come and join us!

Beginning March 1, 2011, we will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. to have lunch.

We will find the most unusual restaurants to have lunch and fellowship.

On March 1, 2011, we will have lunch at Richardson's Cruise of New Mexico, located at 1582 E. Bethany Home Road, Phoenix. If you want to check out their prices, please call 602-265-5886.

If you want to carpool from Larkspur, please meet in the church parking lot at 12:15 p.m., or you can go directly to the restaurant at 16th Street and Bethany Home road.

Please let Pastor Cobos or Marge Day know if you plan to go.



Thank you!



Send cheer cards to:

Dennis Barger
Sun Grove Care Center
20625 N. Lake Pleasant Drive
Peoria, AZ
85382



Did You Know????

The Interchurch Resource Center, located at 4423 N. 24th Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85016, has available the following resources. For further information call: 602-468-3810 or email director@icresource.org

New Resources

Faith and American Politics

A six session course to help congregations talk about faith and politics without judgment. Comes with DVD, a Facilitator Guide and Participant Notebook. Also contains a Civility Toolkit.

Enough by Adam Hamilton

Discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This program contains a book, DVD with Leader's Guide, and a Stewardship Program Guide. This book and DVD are suitable for individual reading or small group study in five sessions.

The Me I Want To Be

Spiritual growth can often seem difficult, but John Ortberg's humor and innovative thinking will leave you challenged, inspired, and hopeful about spiritual growth happening in you, your small group and in your church.

When Christians Get It Wrong

Why have so many young adults opted out of Christianity and the church? Adam Hamilton offers ways in which we can get it right. Group study DVD, Book, and Participant's Guide.

Discovering Christian Classics

This series contains an overview DVD and six books. An excellent selection for your book study groups.

- The Wisdom of Stability
- St. John Chrysostom, Love Chapter
- The Imitation of Christ
- The Cloud of Unknowing
- Benedict's Guide to Everyday Joy
- The Desert Fathers and Mothers

Enjoy these books for spiritual growth and knowledge from these great Christian thinkers from the past.

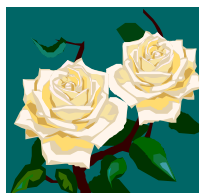
Preparing for Baptism



Do you have a child or know of an adult that is interested in baptism? During Lent, Pastor Cobos will have a class for those interested in baptism. Please let the Pastor or the church secretary know if you would like to participate in this class.

The dates and times will be determined on an individual basis.

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Thank you,

Members and friends of Larkspur.

Please accept my warmest thanks for the cards, prayers, calls and monetary donation that you gave to me when you learned of the death of my mother.

Your expressions of sympathy touched me during my time of grief. Words are inadequate to convey the full measure of my gratitude to you.

Thank you again from the depth of my heart!

Job J. Cobos
Pastor

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Church Camp

Be There

June 26—July 1, 2011



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

February 2011 Calendar of Events

- 6 Installation of Officers and Committee Chairpersons; Birthday Sunday
- 12 Pick fruit at Mary Tipton's—9:00 a.m.
- 13 All Church Event—Sea Life Aquarium and lunch at the Rain Forrest Restaurant
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 19 CWF Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Youth Sunday; Worship Committee Meeting after worship service
- 22 Newsletter Deadline



Mail Box



Phoenix Suns Faith and Family Night

- Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2011
- Game: Phoenix Suns vs. Houston Rockets
- Game Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Post Game: Special Suns Q & A / Testimonial (lower level)
 Private Concert (lower level) featuring recording artist Lincoln Brewster
- Price: \$21-200 Level (Regular up to \$76.75) \$51—Lower Level (Regular up to \$114.75)
- FREE Giveaway: Limited Edition Retro Suns Player Jersey Bags for everyone in your group.

Please let Marge Day know if you want to attend as a group. The Suns only require a \$1.00 per seat deposit. Final payment will be collected three weeks prior to the event.

Plan to attend for a great night out!

Serving in February 2011

Elder: Brenda Wharton

Diaconates: Jim and Joan Andrews, Dutch and Eva Van Ess

Worship Leaders: 06 Eva Van Ess
 13 Donna Manor
 20 Youth
 27 Christy Comer

Door Greeters: 06 Pearlman Family
 13 Pearlman Family
 20 Pearlman Family
 27 Jesse Kessler

Open/Close Building: Phyllis Murdock



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