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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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## Rummage Sale Coming Soon

### Annual Rummage Sale

**August 5th and 6th**

**7:00 a.m.—12 Noon**



Start cleaning out your garage, storage lockers and closets now. You can start bringing your items to church on July 17 through July 31. The church is open from Tuesday through Thursday, 12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. to accept items. If you need a special pickup or special time to drop your items off, please call Donna Manor at 602-942-6469.

All items must be clean and in good repair.

We will start setting up this year on Monday morning, August 1st and will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to be ready for the big sale on Friday and Saturday.

If you want to volunteer to help setup, price, sort, cashier and cleanup, please give Donna a call at 602-942-6469. This is a huge undertaking and the more help we get, will make the task lighter.



FOOD                      CLOTHING                      BOOKS  
ELECTRONICS                      FURNITURE                      JEWELRY  
WILL BE SOLD!

**Remember: One man's trash  
is another man's treasure!**

**COME ONE—COME ALL!**



*This month we have suffered several deaths in our congregation. During this period, I find myself still dealing with my mother's death. I wrote this poem for myself and for the others going through fresh grief.*

### **A Time To Grieve**

As you left me my heart changed its rhythm;  
my heart got confined losing all freedom.  
My vision and my world got smaller;  
I tried to reach out to you but the heavens got taller.

You left me and some how your smile is the only thing I remember.  
The feeling of loneliness makes me feel that of this life I am no longer  
a member.

It feels like the gentle touch of your hands was my last full desire.  
As I search for meaning I realized that joy and having you have really  
expired.

As you left me I kept searching for new light;  
Searching for someone wise like you to give me a clear sight.  
I am searching for a new friend to be my constant companion,  
as you are gone there is not one who I can really call my champion.

You are gone and in my life there is no longer music, nor a song,  
and the evening in my life is turning very long.  
As I look for you in the distance:  
my body finds no strength, nor resistance.

Since you were gone I find myself whispering your name,  
feeling that every thing around me is empty and lame.  
I wish that you were here close to my fainting heart.  
But I know that as long I am in this life we will always be apart.

Job J. Cobos



Seasons of the Soul:  
Sisters Together

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Erin Wathen  
Foothills Christian Church

Women's Retreat  
Chapel Rock Retreat Center  
Prescott, Arizona  
September 16-18, 2011



**Registration forms are due by July 20, 2011.**  
Beds with linens are \$155 and bunks are \$115  
Check in begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16.

Please see Madeline Williamson for Registration Forms.

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

## Things That Make My Heart Beat Faster



- Joan and I being happily married for 57 years.
- Partaking of the Lord's Supper every Sunday.
- Going to Tempe after church to have dinner and visit with our daughter and two grandsons.
- Meeting with other members before church in the Fellowship Hall.
- Talking to my son on a regular basis about sports.
- Talking to my sister in Kansas on the phone who is on dialysis three times a week.

**Jim Andrews**

**What makes your heart beat faster?  
Let's hear from you!**



### Directory

### Changes

**Add:**

Rhonda Barr—new phone number  
602-803-7433

Jim & Joan Andrews—email  
address

jimjoan54@q.com

**Add:**

Joe & Virginia Ybanez  
3223 W. Corrine Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85029

602-663-3071  
602-663-1053

jrybanezjr@gmail.com

**Remove:**  
Ann Comer  
Rick Jones

**Lectionary Texts**

**July 3**—Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:  
 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
 Psalm 45:10-17  
 Romans 7:15-25a  
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 10**—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Pulpit Guest, Vern Glossup

Scripture Readings:  
 Genesis 25:19-34  
 Psalm 119:105-112  
 Romans 8:1-11  
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 17**—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:  
 Genesis 28:10-19a  
 Psalm 139:1-12,23-24  
 Romans 8:12-25  
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 24**—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:  
 Genesis 29:15-28  
 Psalm 105:1-11,45b  
 Romans 8:26-39  
 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

**July 31**—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings:  
 Genesis 32:22-31  
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21

**Bible Verse for July**

*Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.*

—Psalm 126.6 (NRSV)



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**Memorial Service Held**

**Richard Allen Jones**

**May 16, 1953-June 17, 2011**

We are so profoundly sorry to learn of Rick Jones sudden death. Our hearts go out to Marion Jones, Alyssa Tattrie, Hunter and Morgan as they suffer the terrible grief of losing Rick.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., here at Larkspur Christian Church.

Pastor Cobos officiated at the service.



**Mission Trip to visit our neighbors across the Border**

Apply for your Passport now so you can join us!

**December 4, 2011**

*Many of you have asked about the Nogales congregation and would like to return for a visit and worship with them.*

- We will leave on Sunday, December 4th at Templo Cristiano Central, at 7:00 a.m. in time to worship with the congregation at 11:00 a.m.
- You must have a passport.
- We will have lunch, and then return back to the Valley.
- Larkspur members and friends can help the Nogales congregation with toys for the children for Christmas. A box is in the narthex to collect the toys.
- Please let Pastor Cobos know if you plan to attend.

For more information please call 602-866-7161 or email Job J. Cobos at [jjlcobos@aol.com](mailto:jjlcobos@aol.com)

**Financial Report**

**May 2011**

**General Fund Income:**

\$6,759.75

**Other Income:** \$964.27

**Total Operating:** \$7,724.02

**General Fund Expenses:**

\$7,343.01

**Ahead for the Year:** \$2,691.49

**Average Weekly Giving:**

\$1,690.00

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**A note from Christian Church in Arizona Mission Funding Team. . .**

We have a good Disciple outreach giving record from Larkspur the past few years:

**Disciples Mission Fund**

<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
\$2800	\$2800

**Total Disciples Outreach**

<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
\$4578	\$4469

Please thank your members for their continuing support of Disciples Special Day offerings. Larkspur Christian Church is a strong Disciple Mission Partner.

Marty Hollcroft  
Mission Funding Team



**July**

**Birthdays**

- |      |    |                   |
|------|----|-------------------|
| July | 07 | Ashli Lawler      |
|      | 11 | Vincent Paulovich |
|      | 11 | Tyler Pearlman    |
|      | 12 | John Delgado      |
|      | 17 | Wally Barber      |
|      | 24 | James Paulovich   |
|      | 30 | Ciara Delgado     |

**July**

**Anniversaries**

No record.



**Congratulations!**

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

Thanks for your help!

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Stay Hydrated!



**Thank you from the graduate.**

Thank you for your encouragement and gifts during this transition in my life. This is a very important time for me and your thoughts mean a lot to me. You have done so much for me in the past and I am appreciative for it everyday. Knowing that you are thinking of me makes all these changes a bit less scary. Thank you again.

Gina Hildebrand

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Dear Family in Christ,

Thank you so much for making David and I feel so welcome at your church! We were very blessed to be a part of your service. We will definitely return the next time we are in Phoenix. A special thank you to Leota and George Shaw who tried to keep us in line and sent the lovely pictures!

In Jesus love,

Vicky and David  
1500 Oakwood  
Stephenville, TX  
76401

July Stewardship Thought  
Marge Day

*We say that we can do nothing, that we have nothing to offer .....no gifts, no talents. But all that God expects is the yielding of whatever we do have.*

I go to church. . .

to bring my tithes and offerings in thanksgiving for God's goodness to me and my loved ones.

to witness to the world the sacredness of the Lord's Day.

to unite with fellow Christians in the Soul of God in Holy Communion.

and to share my thoughts on Stewardship...

I sometimes wonder if church members must think the church is supported directly by God. That they believe a series of miracles produces money for the minister's and staff salaries, utilities, printed church bulletins and so on.

However, I believe that God often works such miracles through people and their pocketbooks and through their time and talents.

Sometimes I feel uncomfortable when asked for money in church. Then I realize that they are not asking just so they can pocket the money. The fundraisers or our annual Stewardship Drive is only asking me to support others to help support something I love.

When I give to the church, I'm not only giving to help others, I am giving to myself.

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

## July Calendar of Events



- July 3**—Birthday Sunday  
**July 4**—Independence Day  
**July 5**—Bible Study and Lunch Bunch at 12:00 p.m. Pastor is cooking!  
**July 9**—General Assembly in Nashville begins.  
**July 10**—Vern Glossup, Pulpit Guest  
**July 12**— Bible Study and bring a sack lunch- Noon;  
**July 13**-General Assembly ends  
**July 17**—Bar-B-Q after worship service  
**July 19**—Bible Study and bring a sack lunch- Noon— Newsletter Deadline  
**July 24**—Board Meeting  
**July 26**—Bible Study and bring a sack lunch, Noon

# Thank You!



To Our Dear Church Family:

We would like to thank each and everyone of you, for the prayers, the cards, the flowers and the support you have shown us during this difficult time of Ann's illness and death. A special thanks to Donna Manor and her committee and all of you who provided food for the reception after Ann's Memorial Service. A great big THANKS to Job for being with us every step of the way. We had to make some difficult decisions toward the end and Job was with us and gave us the comfort that we made the right choices. This is a big change in our lives now, but with your help and with God's help we will go on with our lives.

Thanks you so much, our wonderful church family. We love you all.

Christy Comer and Rhonda Barr

Dear Larkspur Family,

Thank you for all the cards you sent me and for your prayers. Having surgery was very difficult for me. I am doing better each day and I appreciate the kindness that you are showing me. Thank you to the members who have been transporting me to all my doctor's appointments. Thank you, above all, for your love.  
 With appreciation, Jesse Kessler

## Serving in July 2011

**Elder: Brenda Wharton**

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

**Worship Leaders:**

03	Jim Andrews
10	Christy Comer
17	Eva Van Ess
24	Donna Manor
31	Christy Comer

**J U L Y**

**Greeters:**

03	Phyllis Murdock
10	Christy Comer
17	Marion Jones
24	TBA
31	Jesse Kessler

**Open/Close Building: Marge Day**

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