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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 2012

Installation of 2012 Church Officers Sunday, January 15, 2012

Executive Officers (One Year Term)

Board Moderator

Jim Andrews

Vice Board Moderator

Donna Manor

Secretary of Congregation and Church Board

Eva Van Ess

Church Treasurer

Phyllis Murdock

Church Financial Secretary

Marion Jones

Elders

Chairperson for 2012

Madeline Williamson

2012

2013

2014

Christy Comer

Madeline Williamson
Donna Manor

Jack Pesnell
Brenda Wharton

Diaconate

Chairperson for 2012

Phyllis Murdock

John Delgado
Carolyn Barger
Jim Andrews
Joan Andrews
Phyllis Murdock

Marge Day
Jesse Kessler
Candy Paulovich
Vince Paulovich, Sr.
Vince Paulovich, Jr.
Dutch Van Ess
Eva Van Ess

Betty Barber
Marion Jones
Ed Pearlman
Faye Pearlman
Tyler Pearlman

Corporate Directors

Chairperson for 2012

Jack Pesnell

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Robert Hicks

Dutch Van Ess

Congratulations!



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“Our prediction for 2012 comes from the Scripture and God’s inspiration through the Holy Spirit.”

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2012

Predictions relating to the year 2012 are everywhere, no matter whether they relate to global catastrophes, changes of consciousness, the church or mundane predictions, science and economy commentaries about what will happen in 2012 are without number. We know that a lot changes will happen this coming year, because many of us have already experienced drastic changes last year to the point that our lives were changed forever.

The predictions for 2012 could come from any source: spiritual, religious, scientific, political, economic, medical, astrological etc. Which ones turn out to be correct will be revealed in the fullness of this coming year.

We all pretty much know that 90% of what is going to happen during 2012, we originated it. If we do not exercise we will get out of shape; if we do not save we will not have money for the emergencies of life; if we do not finish that class we will not graduate; if we do not love we will become indifferent; if we do not share what we have our hearts will hardened; if we do not practice prayer and read the Scripture, we will be disconnected from God and His community, the church. Our prediction for 2012 comes from the Scripture and God’s inspiration through the Holy Spirit.

As we enter into the New Year let's keep these resolutions so we can make good predictions.

First resolution: make things last forever. Albert Pine said; “What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal”. So if we want a good year be kind to others, offer hospitality and help someone because those acts will never die.

Second resolution: be a good farmer. The Bible is clear in Galatians 6:7-10 “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whosoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal Life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” We all know pretty much what we want from our family, friends, country, and church and from God. As we walk into the New Year, let's walk with confidence that we are going to plant and sow the best so we can reap the best this year can offer.

Third resolution: always keep in mind that God already has good predictions for you. “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11



Have a happy 2012



Thank you to Pastor Cobos and the Worship Committee, under the leadership of Christy Comer, for the wonderful and inspiring Advent Services, Christmas Eve Service and Christmas Sunday Service. All of the Services reflected on, “Jesus is the Reason for the Season”.

The Christmas Cantata was outstanding and all of the special music at the different services were magnificent.

Thank you for the time and effort you put in for everyone to experience and enjoy.



Special thanks to the people who donated candy and fruit for Santa’s Sack. The Sunday school youth, Pam Delgado and Mark Shaw, filled the sacks to hand out at the Christmas get together. Thank you to Brenda Wharton for making the arrangements to have the sacks filled and providing a Santa.

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks to share at our annual get together. Thank you to Donna Manor and her committee for the decorations, drinks, and setup.



That’s Entertainment!

The X-tension Chords Quartet, under the leadership of Julie Frye, provided the entertainment after dinner. They sang some oldies, some traditional Christmas sing-along songs, and even sang a special song to Santa.

Thank you X-tension Chords for providing the entertainment for us. Thank you, Pastor Rafael Grado for being Santa and such a good sport!



Thank You!

Please accept our warmest thanks for the cash you presented to us at the church Christmas Eve Service. Your generosity is another expression of the many thoughtful ways in which you care for us.

The Staff

Disciples Women's Ministry

MEETING NOTICE



Saturday, January 21, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to attend the meetings held on the third Saturday of each month and join the group.

Remember to support the DWM by saving the UPC Code from Campbell Soups, eye glasses, blankets, diapers, small toys, empty pill bottles and labels for education. Your help is appreciated.

This and That

Directory Changes

Rhonda Barr
16624 N. 2nd Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85023

Vern and MaryAnne Glossup
11185 CR 4127
Lindale, TX 75771

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Thank you everyone who participated in the recent Work Day. Everything looks clean and shining!

In an effort to continue to improve our facilities, we contracted out to have the ceiling in the sanctuary sanded and varnished before the new speakers were installed. It looks wonderful. Thank you to Roberto Batello and his team for doing such a great job!

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Reminder! First class postage stamps will increase one cent in the middle of January, 2012.

A first class stamp will now be 45 cents. However, you can still use the Forever Stamp.

Lectionary Texts

January 1—First Sunday after Christmas

Scripture Readings:
 Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

January 8—First Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings:
 Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

January 15—Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings:
 I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18
 I Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:43-51

January 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings:
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Psalm 62:5-12
 I Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

January 29—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture Readings:
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Psalm 111
 I Corinthians 8:1-13
 Mark 1:21-28

Bible Verse for January

Waiting

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty; or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

-1 Timothy 6:17 (NRSV)



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- Melanie Armeli
- Dennis Barger
- Rhoda and Bill Barr
- Rhonda Barr
- Felma Beach
- Pastor Cobos
- Zachary Day
- Eva Marie Johnson
- Debbie Jones
- Les and Sadie Lowrey
- Nancy Moses
- Joyce Ruble
- Steve Van Ess
- Mary Wells
- Brenda Wharton
- Madeline Williamson
- Cynthia Woods

Upper Room

The January-February issue of the Upper Room is now available in the narthex. The cost is sixty cents each.

The Upper Room is a daily devotional guide and also offers an easy plan to use in small groups for devotional time together.

Pick up a copy on any Sunday. Let's make 2012 a season of prayer.

World Day of Prayer: March 1
 National Day of Prayer (USA): May 3

Global Day of Prayer: June 12
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New Sound System

Through the generosity of several church members, we were able to purchase a new sound system , new speakers and new microphones for the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Martin Tapia designed the new system and then purchased the necessary equipment and installed the system for us.

December 18th was the first Sunday we were able to use the system and the feedback from the congregation was very positive.

On a sad note, Martin Tapia lost his mother on December 23rd. If you wish to send your condolences, you may do so at:
 Martin & Lori Tapia
 3729 W. Geronimo Street
 Chandler, AZ 85226

Financial Report

November 2011

General Fund Income:

\$4,899.10

Other Income: \$1,512.08

Total Operating: \$6,411.18

General Fund Expenses:

\$5,822.15

Ahead for the Year: \$11,233.19

Average Weekly Giving:

\$1,224.77 (4 weeks)

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Year To Date

General Fund Income:

\$64,614.87

Total Operating Income:

\$83,857.96

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Stewardship Thoughts

Living within a realistic Budget reduces stress and creates possibilities for the Practice of Generosity.

Exercising power and discipline in our spending can free us to be more generous.



January Birthdays

January

- 06 Christy Comer
- 06 Sherri Hildebrand
- 08 Pam Delgado
- 16 Carolyn Barger
- 22 Eva Van Ess
- 25 Alexia Delgado
- 29 Kim Eakins-Largent
- 31 Evelyn Davidson

Blow out those candles and have a good time!

January 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.

*We want to wish you a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** or **ANNIVERSARY** when your special day comes.*

Thanks for your help!



Beginning January 1, 2012, and continuing through the end of the year, the new church office hours will be as follows:

Tuesdays: 12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: 12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

The church board, which authorized the change, hopes that this change will not be too inconvenient for members to carry on the business of the church.

Please make every effort to address church business on these two days.

We trust the Lord will lead us in this change.

Note:

The church Administrative Assistant will be on vacation January 12, 2012 through January 24, 2012. Phyllis Murdock will be in the office during regular office hours during this period.

Farmer's Market "MOM"

DATE: 01/07/12

TIME: 08:00 A.M.

Produce from Nogales, Mexico will be available for sale at Larkspur Christian Church, 3302 W. Larkspur Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85029.

602-866-7161

larkspurcc@qwestoffice.net

www.larkspurchurch.org

- 60 pounds of fresh produce for \$10.00 available through Market on the Move "MOM"
- This is a great opportunity to have fresh produce for your family, friends and neighbors.

8:00 a.m.—Noon
Saturday, January 7, 2012
Come One! Come All!



Larkspur Christian Church is located between I-17 and 35th Avenue—just north of Cactus.



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"At Larkspur It's the love"

January Calendar of Events

January 1—Abbreviated worship service at 10:00 a.m.

January 4—Women's Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

January 7—Farmer's Market—8:00 a.m.—Noon (Workers start at 6:30 a.m.)

January 8—Donna Manor, Pulpit Guest—Birthday Sunday

January 11—Women's Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

January 15—Worship Service and Installation of Officers

January 17—Bible Study and bring a sack lunch—Noon

January 18—Women's Bible Study

January 21—CWF Meeting—10:00 a.m.

January 22—Regular Worship Service

January 24—Bible Study—Sack lunch—noon
 Newsletter Deadline

January 25—Womens Bible Study

January 29—Worship Service

January 31—Bible Study/Sack lunch-noon



**January 24th
 Deadline
 For newsletter**



Year End Reports Due

If you were an officer, committee chairperson, or a member of the Church Board, you will need to submit a year end report of your duties, activities, accomplishments, disappointments and recommendations for the Annual Report that will be published in February. By submitting a report, it will help the new person get started with their planning and responsibility.

If you are unsure how to write a report, please refer to last year's Annual Report for reference.

The deadline for the reports is February 7, 2012.

Please turn in your year end report to the church secretary by the deadline. Thank you.



Serving in January 2012

Elder: Brenda Wharton

Diaconates: Pearlman Family

Worship Leaders:

01	Eva Van Ess
08	Madeline Williamson
15	Youth
24	Christy Comer
29	TBA

Greeters:

01	TBA
08	TBA
15	TBA
24	TBA
29	TBA



Open/Close Building: TBA

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