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Fifth Annual Men's Retreat

Theme: Business and Faith: Conflicting or Compatible?

Saturday, February 9, 1991
7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunburst Hotel
4925 N. Scottsdale Road

Come join in the fellowship, fun, and time of reflection
with guest speakers:

Congressman John Kyl
member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Phoenix

Neil Lomax
former Phoenix Cardinal Quarterback;
sports announcer

Bill Jamieson
former head of The Arizona Department of Economic
Security and an ordained Deacon of The Episcopal
Church, Phoenix

Tom Shrader
President and Founder of Priority Living of Arizona

Dr. Tom Erickson and Mr. Lewis Leña will participate
in the fellowship and offer devotions. Dr. David Stocker
will join us to provide leadership in the musical portions
of the event!

Our Purpose: The Men's Retreat is designed to bring
together the men of our church and their friends to dis-
cuss a timely subject in the context of our Christian faith.

- It is a time to meet other men from our church,
to grow in friendship and fellowship.
- It is a way for the personal fabric of the church
to be strengthened.
- It is a time for fun, food, laughter, and song.

Tickets are available on the patio following each ser-
vice, or at the church office weekdays.

Family Communications Course

Family Life Division is sponsoring a one-evening
course on Family Communications. Adults are invited on
Thursday evening, February 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. to the Cal-
vin Center, here on the Valley Presbyterian Church cam-
pus.

Mr. Harry Coyle of the Northern New Jersey Counsel-
ing Service will be in Arizona to present this most helpful
event. There is no registration fee, but we ask you to
reserve your place by calling the church office, 991-6424
by February 3.

This course will focus on communication skills for in-
dividuals and families, including:

- How to get your needs met through com-
munication.
- Errors in communication that cause problems.
- Techniques for better communication.
- What is needed for communication.
- Recognizing family problems.
- Problem solving in families.
- Solving individual problems.
- Dealing with resentments and lingering
problems.
- Question and answer segment.

Harry Coyle is the former National Coordinator of the
Employee Assistance Program with the U. S. Postal Ser-
vice in Washington, D.C. He has appeared on numerous
television and radio shows dealing with dysfunctional
family systems, drug abuse, and alcoholism.

Ash Wednesday

Plan now to attend the annual Ash Wednesday service
of worship on February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
This service marks the beginning of Lent, the season of
preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

The Stewardship Committee

Thanks you for your generous support for the 1991
budget. To date we have 919 pledges for \$990,000. Your
gifts are moving us into a continuing and strong ministry
in Jesus Christ!

Personnel in the Gulf

In order that we might pray more effectively for persons in the Gulf who are related to our congregation, please call the church office with the names of family members and friends who are posted in the Gulf region during this emergency period. Use the following list of names to guide us in our personal, family, and corporate prayers.

Pray for Personnel in the Gulf

- Willet John Baird
- Christopher Coppes
- Laune Ernst
- Skipper Hall
- Richard Iika, M.D.
- Shirley Lancaster
- Michael Lindsay
- Conrad Nava
- Bobby Rumbaugh
- Craig Tolleson
- Matthew Cancel
- Steve Dale
- Robert Williams
- Russell W. Hatch
- Thomas Jefferson
- Dennis Langerud
- Alison Merrick
- Rusty Rankin
- Barbara T. Smith
- John Van Wie

American Bible Society 175th Anniversary Banquets

Monday, February 11, 12:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, Sun City; Monday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church, Mesa; or Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m., North Phoenix Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. John Erickson, keynote speaker, is General Secretary of the society and a renowned world speaker on the Bible. Tickets, \$10, are available in the church office.

Friendship Mariners

Donate your discarded prescription eyeglasses. 300 pairs, recycled, will provide the means to build a house in a third-world country for Habitat for Humanity. A basket for collection will be located on the information table at the north door on Sundays, or you may leave them at the church office.

Martha Circle

is asking for any new toys or toys in good condition to be donated to the church by February 11. The toys will be put in the nursery, toddler room and 3 year-olds' room for use by the children on Sundays, and for weekday baby-sitting. Please bring your toys to the church office marked "Martha Circle." Thank you!

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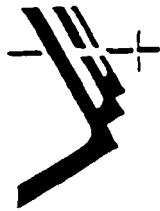
Worship Calendar

Service in Kilgore Chapel - 8:00 a.m.

February 4 - David Levan February 10 - Larry Eaten
February 11 - Larry Eaten February 24 - Tom Erickson

Sanctuary Services 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock

Tom Erickson continues the series, "He Who Comes"
February 4 (8) He Employs Sinners in His Service
February 10 (9) He Breaks the Law to Keep the Law
February 17 The Covenant of Grace
James H. Torrance, preaching
February 24 (10) He Calls to a Costly Discipleship



I am the vine & you are the branches
Pray for me
1 Jan 5:15

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VIM Opportunities



Did you know you have spiritual gifts? You do! Every one does. The gifts make you a valuable asset to the church. The summer food and lodging needs are pressing. For the best results, let us describe to you some of the specific spiritual gifts and how you can use them. The information you are sharing is taken from the Charles E. Fuller Institute's Treatise on Spiritual Gifts Analysis. For further explanation of your gifts call Martie Johnson, 941-4260.

Ask yourself this:

- * Do you find satisfaction in providing food and/or lodging graciously and willingly to people who are in need?
- * Have you enjoyed having guests in your house and sharing with them what you have?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may have the gift of hospitality. It is the special ability to provide an open house and warm welcome to those in need of food and lodging; to care for those not in the immediate family, with joy and effectiveness.

If hospitality is one of your gifts, you might consider signing up to be a host family for visiting guests of Valley Church, or host a foreign high school student through the American Field Service, or help out at the Central Arizona Shelter to assist in making the homeless comfortable, or maybe even consider being a foster parent.

Knowing what your gifts are will help you decide where to place your time and energy to receive the maximum satisfaction in volunteering. Remember, your spiritual gifts make you a valuable resource to Valley Church and the wider community.

Thank You!

Thank you Hazel Scott for the beautiful calligraphy on the certificates for our retiring elders, deacons and Foundation trustees.

College Students

The Global Mission Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. offers many exciting Volunteer In Mission (VIM) opportunities during the summer months for college students. One of the most popular and rewarding experiences is described here in order to challenge and interest a VPC college student (17-22 years old) to become a VIM!

The Donaldina Cameron House is a Presbyterian community center serving the Chinese community in San Francisco. Each summer 16 young men and women are needed to serve as live-in day camp counselors to Chinese-American and immigrant children. The counselor is assigned 10 children to form a team to work together for six weeks in camping-type activities; singing, games, crafts, nature discovery, and sports. One week of training is offered at the beginning of the experience. The cost is \$250 which includes room and board as well as accident/illness insurance. The Valley Presbyterian VIM Taskforce has some scholarship funds available to volunteers from our church.

If you are a college student who would like to make a difference, start thinking and planning now for a unique and meaningful VIM experience this summer that could change your life! For more information on this and other summer VIM opportunities please call: Gretchen Folson at 951-0209.

Grief Support Ministries

Religious holidays are hard to anticipate for those who are bereaved. The holidays aren't happy; they are viewed from a different perspective. Responding to this, our church will be having a five week Lenten series entitled "The Apostles' Creed of the Bereaved," starting Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. in the chapel, parlor, continuing on successive Wednesdays through April 3.

The discussions and leaders are as follows:

- "I Believe in the Holy Ghost,"
March 6: Larry Corbett
- "...the Holy Catholic Church,"
March 13: Tom Erickson
- "...the Communion of Saints,"
March 20: James Sterling
Chaplain,
Scottsdale Memorial Hospital
- "...the Forgiveness of Sins,"
March 27: Larry Eaken
- "...the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting"
April 3: Lewis León

These programs are open to anyone in the Valley interested in our Grief Support Ministries.

Financial Notes			
Our unaudited Treasurer's report for the year ended December 31 shows:			
Operating Fund			
			Better (Worse) Than Budget
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
CASH RECEIPTS	\$1,347,100	\$1,345,133	\$ (1,967)
CASH DISBURSEMENTS	<u>1,345,535</u>	<u>1,356,592</u>	<u>(11,057)</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	<u>\$ 1,565</u>	<u>\$ (11,459)</u>	<u>\$(13,024)</u>
Let Out the Seams Building Fund Update			
INCOME			
Cash Contributions Received		\$659,000	
Interest		<u>18,000</u>	
		677,000	
CONTRIBUTIONS			
Cash Contributions		<u>648,000</u>	
Accounts Payable		<u>\$ 29,000</u>	

Pastor's Corner

D. H. Lawrence once said he fairly "loved the letter of his own life."

What does mean? It was perhaps the most difficult thing to do in his life. He was a writer and his personality was

Even so, we do not have the dimension of power about it. Even social relationship is influenced by power. Even society is an organization of power. Nothing happens apart from power. We speak of military power, financial power, social power, and physical power.

The Bible speaks of Jesus and power. Jesus was and is a power in people's lives. We preach about it. We hear testimonies of it. Music is sung about it. And, the church makes claims about it.

Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we pray, "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory." I remember singing with great gusto the hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory on thy people pour thy power." What kind of power is in God? How does God empower us?

Lent is always a time of personal reflection and self-assessment. I want to encourage you in the weeks of Lent to consider the sort of power you have experienced in Christ. Is the power met in Jesus the very power of God? And if so, what kind of power is that, anyway? How do you name this power? Do you know anyone who has experienced it? What are its dynamics? How would you describe it? Is the power you know in Christ different from other experiences of power in your life? When has the divine power of God touched you? Are you a "teflon" person who keeps it at a distance?

I have observed that for many persons today power is associated with violence, terror, and money. Power is used in destructive and abusive ways. The choice is ours. What to do with power?

I encourage you to set time aside this Lent to consider the power of God in your life. Think about the earliest memory you have of the power of God personally. Do you associate it with truth, love, and friendship? What is it for you, your family, and friends?

Nothing quite defines God as when we say God is unsurpassed power. The question is, what do we believe and do about it? During these Lenten days with the power of the cross and resurrection of Christ inviting us to celebrate Easter, let's reflect on the meaning of the claim of God's power.

When You Go to the Hospital

Remember that hospitals do not phone the church to tell us you have been admitted. Please have your family or friends let us know so we can minister to you while you are hospitalized.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all who purchased new clothing for the children and teenagers of Sunshine Acres and who gave donations to help make this Christmas a joyous one. Mrs. Dingman wrote, "Your gifts were a real blessing to these needy children. You are helping to transform lives." Joan Herman

One Great Hour of Sharing

Have you ever considered inviting a stranger in from the cold? You can do this through a gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The money given provides direct relief for emergencies, self-development, and hunger. This offering will be taken during Lent through Palm Sunday. Extend your hand!

'90 Missions Conference

Recently, five young Valley Church members attended the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship Urbana '90 Missions Conference at Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. This triennial conference is designed to encourage and enlighten students from 101 countries, including over 1,000 from our PCUSA and 1,000 Korean nationals! The conference format was varied and included speakers, of various ethnic backgrounds, from all over the world who exhorted and encouraged insight into missions.

"Jesus Christ Lord of the Universe, Hope of the World" was the convention's theme. The youth were challenged on a personal level to see the extent of Christ's love for all of creation.

Those attending from Valley were Kim Hoke, Wally Larson, and Kirsten, R.G., and Thorstein Johnsen.

Peace on Earth Gift Tree

was a great success! Thank you for the many gifts given under the tree in the John Knox Fireside Room. Along with customers of the Bank of Scottsdale, you gave over four thousand dollars worth of toys. The Single Adult Ministry appreciates and commends your generous participation for the

Our Sympathy

is extended to Marianne Engstrom and Mari Sorvik on the death of Eric, grandson and nephew of Helen Aagaard on the death of her husband, leaving the Fred Hassig family on the death of his mother, Barbara Henscoe on the death of her mother, Ruth R. on the death of her father, and to Meda Sauer on the death of her son, Edward Sauer.

Offering Envelopes

Your box of offering envelopes contains two special envelopes at the beginning of the year. The Per Capita envelope gives you an opportunity to share in the per capita assessment of \$15 per member. The total assessment to Valley Church will be \$38,850 in 1991. These funds provide for administrative costs of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Please consider multiplying the number of members in your family by \$15 and making an extra contribution through the Per Capita envelope. The Initial Offering envelope is for the cost of the offering envelopes themselves. One dollar per member would be welcome.

Prayer Chain Requests

may be phoned to Carolyn Gleave, 991-0283; Peggy Smith, 948-9103; or the church office, 991-6424.

Need a Nifty '91 Nudge?

"God makes no apologies for how He shows His face to the human race. It is not as if He wanted something better, but He has to put up with the likes of us. Earthen vessels are God's first choice. He could have chosen the angel Gabriel, I suppose, but we were his type. If you ever get the notion that God only strings along with us until an angel comes along, you have not gotten the knack of God's style. ...Cracked pots that we are, we are God's choice... You are God's kind of clay pot."

From "How Can It Be All Right When Everything Is All Wrong" by Lewis B. Smedes. It's in our library and there's more by him!

Choir Service Schedule

January 27 Valley Voices
February 10 Crusader Chorus
February 17 Valley Voices
February 24 Carol Chorus