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Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY 10 AM

WORSHIP 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

WEDNESDAY 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS..... 10 AM

Monday Night with the Turners
each Monday at 6 PM

Ladies' Devo 2nd Saturday
each month at 11 AM

Congregational Potluck 3rd Sunday
each month after morning worship



Welcome to all!
We are glad you are here!



Enter to Worship...
Leave to Serve

From the Preacher's Pen... There's always a sense of pride when someone close to you does well. A week ago our own Kimberley Myers had a great softball tournament with her pitching winning games and hitting homeruns to help win those games.

Actually all our young people bring that sense of pride. I could tell of Emily Akins and Jake Odom's work on their big jury trial projects at school. Or you could ask Sarah Evans to read something for you or show you her cursive writing. Like the writer of Hebrews, time would fail me if I told of each and every one of our young people and how great they all are! So remember to hug and love and encourage every single one of them. They are great young people! (And their parents aren't so bad, either... but that's another story.)

Casa Grande is a great congregation of people that love the Lord and show it. Did you notice the sacrifices made for our special contribution for Haiti? And while that was going on we were also collecting for the children's home.

Yet, even in the best of congregations, there are those that are struggling. In fact, we all struggle from time to time and we all need encouragement. I'd like for us to remind ourselves about the importance of what we do as Christians and the need to continue being faithful no matter what. Let's recall for a moment the lesson of...

Playing Hurt

Every sports fan, every player, every coach knows that term. A player goes down on the field with an injury and is carried off in silence. Examined, treated and taped he appears a short time later to return to the game and the crowd erupts in cheers. There's great concern for that player by family in the stands and teammates on the ground, but all admire the courage. Here is no sissy, no soft person looking for the easy way out. No, this player is willing to get up and keep going, even though they must play hurt.

There is a down side in a sports game. A player may permanently harm their body, shorten their career or even jeopardize their life by playing hurt. A baseball pitcher by the name of Dizzy Dean developed arm problems at age 26, in the prime of his career. He kept on pitching that year and the next year was out of the game, his pitching career finished. And we can think of many similar stories in life.

Having said that bit, I want us to focus on the good side of the story, on the many times that getting up and playing hurt leads to success and great gain. Let's turn from the sports field version of this story to the real life version in a Christian's life.

How often has someone quit coming to church because something was said that hurt? They've not been back ever again. Stop and think for a moment! In sports we despise a quitter, a baby that leaves the field with every twinge, every cheap shot that someone takes at them. We admire and push for and support those in sports who will not be quitters. Why would we accept something less from ourselves and others in the "game" of life?

Stay in there! Hang on! Do your job! We expect, rightly so, much from an athlete. Is not much more expected of us who compete not for an earthly perishable prize but for the crown of life? Read 1 Corinthians 9:25 and you'll see another sports fan (the Apostle Paul) making this same point.

Preachers, elders, deacons, Bible class teachers and faithful members do it all the time. Someone is always out there to second guess you and undermine what you are doing. What should they do? Suck it up, get up and give it your best!

Hey, the Bible wouldn't talk like that and God certainly doesn't expect me to act like that. Why, we've been hurt! We should just give it up!

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Welcome to our visitors today! We hope & pray you will be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon! **Last Weeks Visitors included:** Gordon & Pat Kronberg of Angola, IN.

Our Prayer List: Please keep the following in your prayers this week as you “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17): Hunter Shirley, Matthew Odom, Vance Garrett, Beulah Bailey, those who are traveling, and...

Nora McNeil: still having eye problems & further surgery.

Brandon Helton: Nora’s grandson is having further tests.

Donna Wolfe: Nora’s daughter is having tests.

Joyce Tenney: Lee’s daughter-in-law has cancer.

Carole Lineberry: Julie Evans’ aunt now with her son in Seattle. Will move to daughter’s home in Idaho when insurance allows.

Ross Turner: & Rene and the family as he recuperates.

Janie West: Flora Doster’s sister (sister-in-law to Cleo Wise & Ralph West) is improving.

Marie Bishop: Ross Turner’s cousin with health problems.

Lanae Pfiffner: health problems (Ross & Rene’s granddaughter).

Brian & Elizabeth Wohlers: trying to start their family.

Blaine Coxon: grandson of Lois Nowlin.

Wallace & Gladys Myers: continue to have health problems.

Jane O’Brian Karolack: has cancer.

Jackie Hewes: is recuperating in a nursing home.

Miles Fortier: Patty Pinney’s nephew in Germany waiting to be shipped out.

Bobbye Huffman: Greg’s mother, ongoing health problems..

Jeremiah Haller: Flora Doster’s grandson in Afghanistan.

Steve Baldridge: friend of the Hall’s has cancer.

Carolyn Christenson: friend of Kimberlee Myers with leukemia.

Celia Montijo: Terry Lara’s mother with throat cancer.

Michalyn Reid: as she continues to deal with her health.

Galen Hult: best friend of Ed Baum with colon cancer.

Emmett Johnson: friend of the Baums with stomach cancer.

Billie Lewis: improving but continues to need our prayers.

Katherine: Anna Hardin’s granddaughter losing her sight.

Bob Chambers: Jeannie Martin’s dad with heart problems.

Carol Fisher: sister to Cleo Wise, is improving.

Christine Hickerson: friend of the Hagner’s with cancer

Melanie: Heather Ries’ sister in need of prayers for strength.

Lois Roth: friend of the Halls with cancer.

Lisa Roles: wife of a friend of Billie Odom with cancer.

Ron Endicotte: friend of Bill Hall having surgery.

Ken Price: friend of the Hall’s, complications after transplants.

Krystal Dandrow: friend of Brett Myers, possible skin cancer.

Nathan & Brandi Bagley: Nathan in Afghanistan & Brandi awaiting deployment.

Tom Yencarelli: Ed Baum’s friend, crushed leg after an accident.

Lois Hillrey: friend of Max Compton with multiple illnesses.

Devin Elsner: Dawn Sullivan’s 12 year old granddaughter.

Cheryl Campbell: undergoing radiation treatments for cancer..

Tim Heun: friend of the Huffman’s, successful kidney transplant.

Skip Bailey: Ryan & Jasmine Bailey’s grandfather with cancer.

Bo Dillard: Chastity Shirley’s uncle with multiple sclerosis.

Phyllis Grover: Jackie Winfrey’s mother having tests.

Joey Razaq: safety for wife & children & a his reunion with them.

Donna Herod: treatment for pre-cancerous cells.

Heather Ries: tests and treatment for stomach problems.

Katheryn Haddad’s grandson: Ezekiel Dallas Price, faces multiple surgeries for the next year. He is now able to be home.

Dick & Lola Holloway: having health problems and unable to get out much now.

Jim Prettyman: Jean Grubbs’ son-in-law: multiple health issues.

LeGrand & Carrie Strickland family: LeGrand (US Army) severely injured by a car bomber. Showing signs of improvement.

Marie Doughty: in Medisys Assisted Living, 1301 N. Park Ave., Casa Grande. Keep both her and Bob in your prayers!

Anna Mae Hardin: is expecting to have shoulder surgery soon.

Dorothy Evans: recovering from a fall (Mike’s mother).

Freddie Hernandez: recovering from knee surgery. Now in rehab at *La Estancia*, 15810 S, 42nd St., Phoenix, (480) 759-0358

Goldie Gulley: of Coolidge.

Billie Odom: has the shingles.

Bernedette Rodriguez: (relative of Krystal Rameriz) & her baby born requiring major intestinal surgery and now improving

Victims of the Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile

Mary Ann Myers requested our prayers for her as a Christian and mother.

Max Compton’s grandson Chris: surgery this past week.

Martha Reavis: Phyllis Hall’s cousin with terminal cancer.

Sharon Polson: having more tests after her recent fall.

Upcoming Events...

Youth Devo: TODAY @ 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All our young people come & bring your families!

Men’s Business Meeting After evening worship tonight.

Ladies Devo: March 13 at 2 pm.

Third Sunday Potluck: March 21. Everyone plan to join in.

Monthly Singing: We are hosts this month, March 28 at 2:30

Prayer & Song Meeting: March 31 & every 5th Wednesday month of the year.

June: Gospel Meeting & celebration of 25 years in this location.

This Summer: VBS & **November:** Gospel Meeting

Playing Hurt

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In fact, the Bible expresses that very concept of “suck it up” with the phrase “gird up your loins.” Elijah sucked it up and out ran Ahab (1 Kings 18:46). The Lord demanded that Job suck it up and answer Him (Job 38:3). God told Jeremiah to suck it up and speak the things that God had commanded him to speak (Jeremiah 1:17). And Paul tells us to stand firm with the power of God’s truth (Ephesians 6:14).

Actually, God expects that standard of all His people who would be faithful to Him, whether they are teachers and leaders or “just” Christians! *“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* (Matthew 5:10-12)

God’s people will be hurt in this game of life; you can count on it. But the ones God is looking for are those willing to keep on keeping on, the ones who will take up their cross and follow Jesus. Hurt players in this game go to their knees... in prayer. Just look at Jesus in the Garden (Luke 22:41-44).

Every athlete that’s been injured and down on the field knows that prayer. Sure, it first begins with “let this be over;” but for those who will know victory it quickly progresses to “let’s get up and get going!”

Let’s make the effort to be the team (the church) that’s concerned about those who are hurt; you never walk away from a teammate that’s hurt and needing help. And let’s also be the kind of team players (Christians) that never give up, that are determined to be faithful all the way to the end.

— Lester P. Bagley



Check the foyer bulletin boards for news about an upcoming VBS in Chandler & Ladies Day in Phoenix.

Last Week: 6 Pew-Packers



Be “in the picture” every week!

The 6th annual Spring Tea will be Saturday, March 13



Ladies be sure to sign up on the sheet in the foyer and don’t miss out!

Last Chance for Directory Updates! See Jerry TODAY to update info & pictures. Help us make it complete!

*Doing good to all people...
(Galatians 6:10)*

Already in March our ladies working in the clothing room have given out clothing for 154 people!

Champions for Change!
For NM Christian Children’s Home

*Everyone help fill the can in the foyer. We have **9** filled cans. Remember to return yours by March 21st.*

They also need Dishwasher Detergent.

Please place in the box in the foyer.

✓ **Checkup** ✓
How are we doing?

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class = 56

Sunday Morning Worship = 113

Sunday Evening Worship = 58

Wednesday Evening = 45

Giving

2009 Weekly Budget = \$2,350.00

Contribution Last Week = \$2,211.50

Special Contribution for Haiti (total) = \$1,886.03

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning March 7

Adult Bible Class: • *Study & Grow* Pat Curo
 Announcements: Curt Odom
 Song Leader:..... Pat Curo
 Prayer:..... Jerry Odom
 Serve Communion:..... Jake Odom, Mike Evans, Roger Brush,
 Mike Shirley, Max Compton
 Sermon: • *Standing or Sitting?* Lester Bagley
 Closing Prayer: Ralph West

Count Contribution: Jerry Odom & Pat Curo

Sunday Evening March 7

Song Leader:..... Mike Farrow
 Prayer:..... Jim Holder
 Sermon: • *A Tale of Two Flowers* Lester Bagley
 Serve Communion:..... Brett Myers
 Closing Prayer: Delbert White

Wednesday Evening March 10

Song Leader:..... Brett Myers
 Prayer:..... Roger Brush
 Devo: TBA
 Closing Prayer: Bill Hall



Anniversaries



March 17: *Lewis & Chantelle Acuna*
 March 18: *Brian & Catrina Aragon Campbell*
 April 1: *Ross & Rene Turner*
 April 5: *Archie & Karen Petterson*
 April 6: *Rick & Patty Pinney*



Birthdays



March 7: *Stephanie Davis – Joshua Huffman*
 March 9: *Justin Kimberlyn*
 March 12: *Tom Sullivan*
 March 13: *Phyllis Hall – Rene Turner*
 March 13: *Cindy Turpin*
 March 15: *Lynn Shirley – Addisyn Pascucci*
 March 20: *Brittani Perez*

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