



**Glorify God
Grow in Christ and
Generously Share
God's Love and Grace**

August 2018

Although I've lived in Nevada for just over a year and a half, I still find it hard to adjust to the start of a school year in early August. Growing up in Michigan, the school year never began before Labor Day. State law favored the large tourism industry allowing for teenagers to work through the summer months. As much as I try, it's hard to wrap my head around the idea of starting school when the thermometer is still registering triple digits.

As we look to a new school year, our church leadership and staff is busy planning, recruiting, and preparing. Our Christian Education Committee is implementing an engaging new curriculum, *"Deep Blue – At Home with God,"* for grade school and junior high students that is Christ-centered and Biblically based allowing for students to study the major themes of the Biblical narrative in a two-year cycle. Our decision to adopt this new curriculum reflects our commitment to enhance the quality of our Christian Education program for children and youth.

Our Session is developing a Task Force whose purpose will be to study and explore new opportunities for GVPC to reach the needs of youth and young families. As we evaluate our current programming, staffing, and the needs of our congregation, the Task Force will work with Session to develop a long-range vision and goals that will enable our church to creatively and more effectively reach this important segment of the community and our church family. I am grateful to Session for their enthusiasm and willingness to explore new opportunities to minister to the needs of youth and families.

Our fall sermon series, *"My Heart – Christ's Home"* is inspired by the influential sermon of the same title by Dr. Robert Munger, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. In this series, we will explore what it means to give God preeminence as we imagine a house filled with rooms that represent the commitments and habits of our life. I am excited to begin our fall series because Munger's brief essay and sermon were powerfully influential in my understanding of what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

I am looking forward to the fall for so many reasons, including the opportunity to lead a mission trip from GVPC to Nairobi, Kenya in September where we will work with CARE for AIDS, an orphan prevention program. To date eight people have signed up to go and we have room for more who are willing to be a part of this exciting opportunity to encourage the staff and clients of CARE for AIDS.

This summer as I worshipped in the Presbyterian Church in my hometown, I could not help but give God thanks for the privilege of pastoring a church such as GVPC that is committed to making a difference at home and throughout the world. God is doing great things in our midst. What a joy it is to partner in ministry with you...even when cooler days and nights are still several months away.

Grace and Peace –

Pastor Adrian

August 2018

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PLEASE NOTE:

*VISION Articles are
always due on the
15th of each month.*

August Sermons

This summer we've been studying selected psalms in our sermon series, "The Prayer Book of God's People."

In August we turn our attention to Psalm 23, the most familiar of all psalms.

Author Steve Farrar writes, "There is no more dangerous psalm than Psalm 23...we are so familiar with it that it has lost its significance to us." As we study Psalm 23, we will focus our attention on the One who promises to guide us on the trails of life.

August 5

"So Much Love"

Psalm 8 ~ John 3:12-21

Speaker: Rev. Joseph Fontana
Communion Sunday

August 12

"The Trail Guide"

Psalm 23:1-2

August 19

"The Trail Boss"

Psalm 23:3-4

August 26 ~ Rally Sunday

"Fine Dining on the Trail of Life"

Psalm 23:5-6

Monday Evenings

7:00 PM at

GVPC

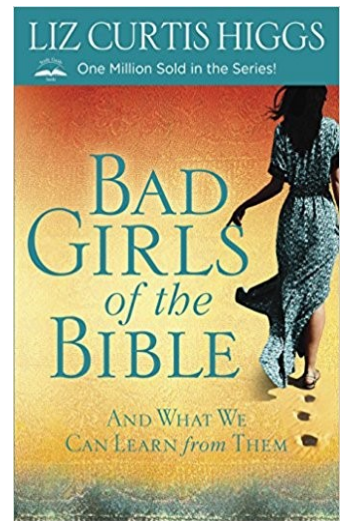
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Julie Winkler

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Ladies, please plan to join our 10-week study beginning September 17.

Sign up by email or on Rally Sunday, August 26.



Ten of the Bible's best-known femmes fatales parade across the pages of this popular and unforgettable study with situations that sound oh-so-familiar.

Women everywhere marvel at those "good girls" in Scripture—Sarah, Mary, Esther—but on most days, that's not who they see when they look in the mirror. Most women (if they're honest) see the selfishness of Sapphira or the deception of Delilah. They catch a glimpse of Jezebel's take-charge pride or Eve's disastrous disobedience. Like Bathsheba, Herodias, and the rest, today's modern women are surrounded by temptations, exhausted by the demands of daily living, and burdened by her own desires.

So what's a good girl to do? Learn from their lives and choose a better path, says Author Liz C. Higgs. Whether they were "Bad to the Bone," "Bad for a Season, but Not Forever" or only "Bad for a Moment," these infamous sisters show women how not to handle the challenges of life.

Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

This group of men meet at the church on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for Bible Study, and breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

The group is currently studying the Book of Acts led by Kurt Johnson.

On the 4th Tuesday of every month we meet at 11:30 am for a casual lunch at Barley's located at 4500 E. Sunset Rd.

For more information, contact Joe Willis at jwillis40@cox.net.

Please join us, we look forward to meeting you!

CareNotes

The latest order of **CareNotes** have arrived. These topics have been added to the displays located at the entrance to the Sanctuary:

1. Overcoming Depression and Loneliness During Illness.
2. Using Hospice Care when a Loved One is Terminally Ill.
3. Helping a Child Deal with Divorce.
4. Getting Help with an Addiction.
5. Prayers for Coping with Cancer.

The motto on each CareNote is "**Take One – and Take Heart. Give One – and Give Hope.**"

Please help yourself to these wonderful booklets or share with a loved one or friend who may be experiencing difficulty in their life.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – June/July 2018

Pastors Report

A special meeting of Session was called for June 10, 2018, to conduct a New Members Class. Attendees were examined and Session approved membership of those wishing to join our church. We are blessed to welcome new members:

Kristen Rochelle	Evangeline Gross
Lois Hubbard	Spencer Baker
Robyn Baird	Debra and Dave Warren
Linda Mann	Aubrie Jones
Luana DeVol	Kevin and Victoria Wieck
Diane Schum	Megan Atoz
Lynn Sommer	

Session approved the formation of a Task Force to research and develop future youth and young families programs for GVPC. More information is forthcoming.

Representing the Nevada Presbytery, Rod and Sam Pope will attend the Youth and Adult Mission Trip to Metlakatla, Alaska. This mission is sponsored through the Disaster Response Ministries in partnership with PC(USA) Disaster Assistance.

Property Committee

We received a donation for tree replacements, approval was given to purchase 4 Pear trees and 1 Palo Verde. Plans are in the works to refinish the Sanctuary doors before weather conditions cause more damage.

Christian Education Committee

Julie Winkler will lead a women's Bible Study on Monday evenings in the Fall on the book "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them." Stay tuned for more details. Session approved attendance of Renee Kelly and Kerry Radke at the National Youth Leaders Convention in St. Louis in November 2018.

Missions Committee

Our Backpack Drive is well underway, and we thank our church family for their donations and support. The backpacks will be delivered to Title I schools in Henderson when the new school year starts.

Worship and Music Committee

Session approved Amy Homer-Smith's fundraising concert on September 15 to benefit Care for Aids and our Steinway Piano Fund. As last year, requests will be taken until September 1 and will cost \$100 per song. Should you wish to request a piece to be performed by both Amy and Spencer, the cost is higher. It promises to be an evening with beautiful music.

Respectfully submitted,
Hanny Viner, Clerk of Session

New Member Inquiry Class

Are you interested exploring church membership and learning more about GVPC?

Please join us at the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on **Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the GVPC Conference Room**. The class will include a history of the Church, the Creeds and Confessions, Church Polity, structure of the Presbyterian Church, the history of GVPC, and opportunities for Christian Education, Fellowship, and Service.

The membership class is required for anyone who wishes to become a member of GVPC. Those who simply want to know more about the church are also welcome.

Refreshments will be provided and childcare upon request.

Please call the church office for more information, to request childcare and to RSVP (702) 454-8484.

Come join us and learn more about GVPC!

Monthly Money Matters

August 2018

The excitement of retiring the CE Building loan has subsided somewhat and we have some idea what will happen to offerings to the building fund for the rest of the year. Building fund offerings in June were about half what they were in a normal month while the loan was still outstanding. Thank you to those who continue to give to the building fund, the monies will be used to fund several projects discussed below. It is difficult to determine how much, if any of the monies that was not given to the building fund was given to the operating fund instead. The monthly giving to the operating fund normally varies several thousand from month to month, especially as we move into the summer months.

As for the building projects, Session has approved refinishing the entry doors to the Sanctuary. The Administration Committee has approved and will forward to Session seeking approval of the project to reduce the noise level in the Fellowship Hall. Estimates have been requested for repainting the interior of the Sanctuary; the Property Committee is finalizing the scope prior to seeking approval. These improvements to the campus will be underway soon.

Financially, income continues to run a bit below budget as do expenses. Income exceeds expenses by \$13,000. Thanks to the faithful offerings from the congregation and careful spending on the part of committees, we remain in good financial health.

The Administration Committee

Financial Statement -- June 2018

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Current Income & Expense				Building Fund Income & Expense	
		YTD Actual	YTD Budget		Year to Date
Offerings		\$353,502	\$357,870	Offerings	\$151,536
Cell Tower Utilities		\$3,227	\$3,700	Monthly Loan Payments	\$131,123
Other Income		\$4,259	\$8,500	Building Improvement Projects	\$0
Total Income		\$360,988	\$370,070		
Total Expense		\$347,898	\$348,325	Income Over/(Under) Expense	\$20,413
Net Income/(Loss)		\$13,089	\$21,745		
Temporary Restricted Funds		<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	Principal Balance on Loan	\$0
Beginning Balance		\$53,698	\$65,375	BF Checking Account Balance	\$35,582
Restricted Income		\$18,349	\$69,774		
Restricted Expense		\$15,266	\$78,369	Custodial Fund Balance	\$212,045
Ending Balance		\$56,780	\$56,780		
Checking Account Balance					
	Operating Fund		\$193,045		
	Restricted Funds		\$56,780		

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION
AUGUST / SEPTEMBER



SAVE THE DATES
RALLY SUNDAY
AUGUST 26TH @ 11:30

BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE!
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM GARB!

SEPT. 9TH ~ YOUTH GROUP STARTS!!! 11:30 – 2:30 (LUNCH TOO!)

WE NEED EVERYONE HERE TO HELP US TO START OFF WITH A

SEPT. 16TH ~ NO YOUTH GROUP!!! (NASCAR)

SEPT. 23RD ~ YOUTH GROUP FROM 11:30 AM – 2:30

SEPT. 30TH ~ YOUTH GROUP FROM 11:30 AM – 2:30



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN START YOUR ENGINES

SEPT. 14TH – 16TH ~ NASCAR FUNDRAISER

SEE RENEE FOR DETAILS



YARD SALE
CAR WASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH FROM 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

YOU CAN RENT A PARKING SPOT FOR \$10.00 OR
DONATE YOUR TREASURES TO THE YOUTH TO SELL!!!

CAR WASH FOR DONATION!

SERVING CHRIST WITH YOU, RENEE KELLY (702)454-8484

Senior Adult Ministries | August 2018

As often happens, the topic for this issue of “The Vision” was suggested by a member of the congregation when they left a newspaper clipping in my church mailbox. It is a clipping from the weekly column in the Las Vegas Review Journal titled “Savvy Senior” by Jim Miller. I find this column, in the RJ, has wonderful and practical information geared toward older adults.

EXTRA HELP PROGRAM

EXTRA HELP is a program that can help seniors on Medicare and on a tight budget with medication costs. About 10 million people receive this subsidy and another 2 million may qualify and don’t know it. They are missing out on hundreds and maybe thousands of dollars in savings each year. Those on the program pay no more than \$3.35 for a generic drug and \$8.35 for a brand-name drug in 2018. To qualify, one’s monthly income can’t be more than \$1,538 (or \$2,078 for married couples). There are also limits on assets.

To apply, a senior can visit their local Social Security office, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or go online to [www.ssa.gov/prescription help](http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp).

If one does not qualify for the EXTRA HELP program, other options for assistance in paying for prescriptions may be found by visiting www.benefitscheckup.org and clicking on “Medications”.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rauenbuehler, Director of Senior Adult Ministry

HEALING HEARTS

“The act of living is different all through. Her absence is like the sky, spread all over everything.”
C. S. Lewis

Did you know that C.S. Lewis wrote a book, “*A Grief Observed*.” It is about how he deals with the death of his wife. The journey of grief and healing can take months and even years and there will always be a part of us missing.

“My heart and body are crying out come back, come back.”
C. S. Lewis

If you know of someone who is hurting after the loss of a loved one, take time to give them a call, a smile, or a hug. Encourage them to come and meet with us in the conference room the 3rd Sunday of each month after second service. Our mission statement is to help heal ourselves and then reach out to help heal others.

Linda Adams, Facilitator

Children's Ministries | August 2018

New Elementary Sunday School Curriculum *"Deep Blue – At Home with God"*

Join us as our school year Sunday school classes resume on Sunday, August 12

Classes for Pre-K through 5th grade will be held during the 10:30 am service in the Christian Education building. Students begin the morning in service with their families, then proceed to classes after the Pastor's children's message.

We are excited to offer a new curriculum *"Deep Blue – At Home With God"* from Cokesbury for grades 1 through 5. Come dive deep into God's Word as we share Bible stories and learn how to live as disciples of Jesus. Continue learning throughout the week with take home Bible story pages and a downloadable mobile app that provides games and activities to reinforce the lesson. Scope and sequence for Unit 1- Jesus' Family:

August 12 - Jesus Joins His Family - Luke 2: 1-7
August 19 - Jesus and His Parents – Luke 2: 39-52
August 26 - God's Family – Matthew 3: 13-17
September 2 – Jesus Creates a Family – Matthew 4: 18-22
September 9 – Jesus and the Children – Mathew 19 -13-15

The Preschool/Kindergarten class will offer the *"Growing With God"* from Gospel Light

Celebration 9:00 am service – Is geared for children ages 3 yrs. thru 2nd grade. Celebration begins in the Worship service. After the Children's Sermon the children will proceed to class. And learn about *"My Great Big God"* from Gospel Light

Rainbow Children's Choir 9:50 am - 10:20 am - Children ages K thru 5th grade are invited to join the choir. Choir practice is each Sunday morning from 9:50 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. in room 7 of the Christian Education Bldg. The choir performs monthly on the 4th Sunday at the 11:00 am service.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION DANA'S PLACE, THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

WATCH YOUR STEP! BOOKS ARE FLYING! Dana's Place is adding some new sections to the library. Watch for new categories and new placement of books.

PHASE. 1. A section called *"Parenting Resources."* It will include Christian themed books to read with your children and may include discussion questions and explanations. It will also include donated Christian themed magazines.

New on the shelf: *"Little Visits With God,"* devotions for families with grade school children (4 copies). *"Little Visits With God, Book 2"* (1 copy). While the book involves the child's interest and participation, it offers rich instruction for older children and adults. It cultivates not only knowing about God, but to love and trust Him. It cultivates right attitudes and shows how the Christian faith is to function in daily living.

Look for *"Parenting Resources."* Happy reading!



Dr. Spencer Baker*Amy Homer-Smith**Kaymen Carter****Director of Music Ministries****Organist/Pianist**Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

Thursdays	7:00 pm	August 16, 23, 30 GVPC Vocal Ensemble Rehearsals
Sundays	9:00 & 10:30 am	Special Music (8:15 am Warm-Up ~ Choir Room)
	9:50 - 10:15 am	Rainbow Choir Rehearsal

A Time for Considering September Choices

Studies continue to show that being involved in group activities contributes to health and general well-being; together we can become co-producers of health: physically, spiritually and emotionally. Making music and particularly singing helps us express being alive, makes us feel good, consoles us, creates a sense of community, and gives more meaning to our religious experiences. As the summer wanes and we begin to feel the need for a bit more structure in our lives, make one of your choices singing in the Chancel Choir or ringing bells with the Joy Ringers. Your age doesn't matter nor does your level of experience. We have plenty of room to grow, we're friendly, welcoming and enjoy a team spirit. Won't you come along for the ride?

MUSIC MINISTRIES UPCOMING AUGUST SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 5	9:00 & 10:30am	Communion Sunday
Sunday, August 12	9:00 & 10:30am	Denise Wunderlich, soloist
Sunday, August 19	9:00 & 10:30am	Kaymen Carter, soloist
Sunday, August 26	9:00 & 10:30am	Rally Sunday, GVPC Ensemble: Rutter Rainbow Children's Choir (10:30 am)

Rally Sunday Spotlight

The Worship & Music Committee will be hosting a table at the Fellowship and Coffee time Sunday, August 26 at 10:00 am for signing up for our 2018-19 GVPC music ensembles, committees and activities. Join us at the All Church Potluck at 11:30 am, bring a side dish to share!



Dr. Spencer Baker ~ 454-8484 ext. 506

We're Moving into High Gear!!!

THE GINGERBREAD FAIR is only 2 months away. **Save this date:** Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9 am to 2 pm, for this very special event in Fellowship Hall. We are busy creating many unique hand-crafted and homemade items to sell. Profits from the Fair benefit GVPC providing funds for special items that are not included in the budget and for local mission projects.

Are you wanting to **donate** a craft item or a homemade goodie? Any completed new quality craft or bazaar item may be turned in to the Committee at any time, as we have a temperature-controlled storage area. To get your ideas flowing, we offer: decorative and other objects for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas; kitchen gifts; jewelry; table décor; greeting cards; pet items; sports items; and all occasion gifts. Homemade baked goods such as cookies, pies, breads and preserved foods such as jams, and pickles will be accepted on Friday, October 12. (Please, no food items requiring refrigeration.) The Gingerbread Fair Committee thanks you for all of your help and support.

We advertise to the community and expect another great response this year. We have established a great reputation for our Gingerbread Fair quality and unique items. Help us by spreading the news about our fair to family and friends.

Would you like to be in on the fun of helping put this together? Come join us! Our August business meeting is Monday, August 6 at 10 am, Conference Room. Our craft session is August 20, 10 am, Fellowship Hall. GFC now has its own webpage! For more information, go to the GVPC website, to Missions, then click on Gingerbread Fair Committee. Or contact one of our co-chairs: Joan Randle 702-837-7336, randljw@cox.net or Carol Jordan 702-616-1935, jordan2cbcl@cox.net.

Fellowship Happenings

The Fellowship Committee invites all GVPC members and friends to the following fun and fantastic events:

Sunday, August 26 at 11:30 am—All church potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we kick off the fall programs. The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish or desert to share.

Sunday, September 16 at 3:00 pm - Children's Ice cream social with their families. Games and activities for the children included.

Friday, September 28 at 6:00 pm - Polish Luau (first forty signed up.) Cost is 7.50 per person... tickets will be sold at services beginning in mid August. Come in your favorite Hawaiian attire to enjoy Kielbasa, polish sausages, and root vegetables grilled in our specialty barbeque. Fun and games included.

Friday, October 26 at 6:30 pm - Join us for the 2nd annual Chili Cook-off.

Please contact Bernadette O'Neill or Cynthia Dakus with questions.

Please join us at the Monthly Ladies Luncheon
All ladies are invited!

Thursday, August 2 at 11:30 am at
Olive Garden on Sunset Rd.

Please RSVP Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or
llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

**We have a great group of ladies and we extend the
invitation for more to join us!
See you there!**

Bunco

Please join us at the monthly Bunco event! We will meet on
Thursday, August 16 from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the GVPC Fellowship Hall.

There is no need to know how to play because we will teach you and you will pick it up in no time. We have a very friendly, fun and energetic group of players and we welcome you to come and join us. ***Come Roll With Us!***

For further information please contact Linda Rauenbuehler at (702) 558-7829 or llrauenbuehler@cox.net.

Our Church Family

To Pastor Adrian and my church family-

Thank you for the beautiful cards and for all the prayers and your caring words at my time of need. Michael would have appreciated all the things my church family did for us.

Thank you again for being there.

Sincerely,

Nancy Petkovic

Sacrament of Baptism

We congratulate Matthew and Tiffany Case on the baptism of sons,
Jace Matthew and Kaicelius Cashtien
on Sunday, July 22.
God's richest blessings to the family.

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Dear GVPC,

Thank you so much for the lovely memorial service for our father, Richard Fulton. We were quite touched and grateful.

With heartfelt thanks,

Cynthia Nielsen and Randy Fulton

## Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members into GVPC membership on June 10, 2018.

Robin Baird

Spencer Baker

Luana DeVol

Evangeline Gross

Lois Hubbard

Aubrie Jones

Linda Mann

Kristen Rochelle

Diane Schum

David Warren

Debra Warren

Kevin Wieck

Victoria Wieck

## Adopt-a-Park

On May 26 and June 23 our volunteers cleaned the Trail through the Wash area of Green Valley, Mountain View Park, Valle Verde from the Baptist Church to Wigwam, and the church grounds.

Thanks to Jim & Bug Bond, Ken & Esther Brown, Shari Jackson, Ted Rauenbuehler, & Rick Wagner who assisted for their time, dedication and effort in beautifying our community!

We clean the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, and we meet at the church at 8:00 am. Please contact the church office at (702) 454-8484 for more information or to volunteer!

Please consider joining us in creating and preserving clean and safe trails for all to enjoy!

## Meet the GVPC Committees

Much of the work at GVPC is done by committees chaired by Elders on the Session. Along with the chairpersons, the volunteers on the committees ensure the committee responsibilities are fulfilled and church programs run smoothly. There are 2 types of committees, Program and Administrative:

### Program Committees:

Christian Education  
Fellowship & Congregational Nurture  
Membership & Outreach  
Missions  
Worship & Music

### Administrative Committees:

Administration (Budget, Finance, and Stewardship)  
Nominating  
Personnel  
Property

Your help is needed. If you find that there is a committee that interests you or that you have gifts for, please let us know. For committee meeting times, please refer to the church calendar, weekly bulletins or monthly *Vision* newsletter. Or contact the church office and we will refer you to the chairperson.

Hope to see you at an upcoming meeting.

I just finished reading a mini-biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, by Eric Metaxas and I was reminded of this poem "Who am I?" that was written, in prison, shortly before his execution by the Nazi's [1945]. It speaks to the basic question of self that haunts our human condition: is our identity, our value, dependent on what others think of us, or are we what we think of ourselves? In this poem, Bonhoeffer gives us a precious glimpse into his own struggle with questions that haunt us all: am I the hero they tell me I am (or should be) or I am the terrified frailty that I know myself to be?

*"Who am I? They often tell me, I stepped from my cell's confinement  
Calmly, cheerfully, firmly, Like a Squire from his country house.*

*Who am I? They often tell me, I used to speak to my warders  
freely and friendly and clearly, as through it were mine to command.*

*Who am I? They also tell me, I bore the days of misfortune  
equably, smilingly, proudly, like one accustomed to win.*

*Am I then really that which other men tell of? Or am I only what I myself know of myself?  
Restless and longing and sick, like a bird in a cage, Struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing My throat,  
yearning for colors, for flowers, for the voices of birds,  
thirsting for words of kindness, for neighborliness, tossing in expectation of great events,  
powerlessly trembling for friends at an infinite distance, weary and empty at praying, at thinking, at making, faint, and  
ready to say farewell to it all.*

*Who am I? This or the Other? Am I one person today and tomorrow another?  
Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others, And before myself a contemptible woebegone weakling?  
Or is something within me like a beaten army, Fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?*

*Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine,*

*Whoever I am, **Thou Knowest, O God, I am thine.**"*

Submitted by Dave Cornell

## FRIENDS IN THE DESERT

On Saturday, July 14, we served our Friends in the Desert crowd a favorite meal of fried chicken, potato salad, corn, rolls, pickles, lemonade, and ice cream sandwiches. We served 80 hot meals, as well as 40 take outs.

On Friday, July 13 our Lunch Brigade prepared and delivered 94 sack lunches to our Friends In The Desert. Each lunch bag contains two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, chips and cookies. The FITD visitors are always delighted to receive our lunches because the dining room at St. Timothy's is closed on Sunday due to church activities.

After enjoying the fried chicken lunch served by GVPC, our Friends In The Desert visitors were given the opportunity to pick up items of clothing which were donated by members of our congregation. Our clothing needs for our August FITD visit are new white T-shirts in size large and extra large and new white crew socks. New or gently used baseball caps, backpacks, and athletic shoes are also needed. If you wish do donate any of these items, please deliver them to the church office and mark the bag "FITD" so they will be put in the correct location. If you have any questions on clothing for FITD, please call Judy Avery at (702) 528-6775.

Our August 11 luncheon will feature grilled brats with grilled onions and peppers on sub rolls, baked beans, pickles, and ice cream bars. The luncheon will be co-chaired by Lorne Schmidt (702) 738-0738 and Terry McNamara (702) 588-3803. We welcome monetary donations to purchase menu and new clothing items. We could not do it without the help of the volunteers who serve and/or provide food items for the meal listed on the sign-up board in the church Narthex.

**Food items you sign up for must be delivered to the GVPC Fellowship Hall kitchen or Sacristy no later than 11:30 am on Friday, August 10, or to the back door at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (43 West Pacific Ave, Henderson) on Saturday morning by 10:45 am.** Please mark all food items you leave at the church "FITD" with your name.

We would like to thank all of you who helped in some way this month in God's service of providing for those less fortunate. Your monetary donations allow us to purchase the fried chicken and other items needed to complete the meals. May we open our hearts to ways in sharing the love of Christ through our GVPC local outreach missions that touch and make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity and homelessness.

Blessings, Jo Ellen Lewis and Dianna Schuster Proud, July 2018 FITD Co-Chairs

## Progress Report Life Safety Task Force

The Life Safety Task Force has been meeting regularly and is working toward improving our life safety equipment and procedures. At the June meeting, Session approved purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and an institutional first aid kit. Included with the purchase is periodic inspections to assure the first aid kit is fully stocked and the AED is in always ready for use. Training is also included which will be made available to the ushers and others who are interested. The AED will be installed in the sacristy and the first aid kit in the Multi-purpose Building.

Emergency evacuation plans for each of the buildings are being developed. Maps which show exit routes and locations have been prepared and will soon be installed in each building. Scripts are being developed for periodic use to inform and remind people about evacuation procedures.

A member brought their concern about the west driveway to the attention of the committee. The concern is the proximity of the driveway to Valle Verde and the dangers involved in making a left turn from Wigwam Parkway into the parking lot or exiting the parking lot and turning left onto Valle Verde. As you are aware, the city is working on Wigwam and has temporarily directed all traffic into what was the west bound lanes which greatly adds to the congestion as traffic on Wigwam. The strong advice from the Committee is to avoid use of the west driveway until the construction is complete. The construction is likely to last for an extended period of time. The handicap ramps in the sidewalk across the street have been rebuilt. Once all those ramps are done, the contractor will start rebuilding the ramps at all three driveways into the church parking lot. That likely means that all traffic will be directed to the south side of Wigwam but the unusual congestion will continue. Before the project is complete, plans are to revamp the Valle Verde/Wigwam intersection. Among other changes will be a second left turn lane from westbound Wigwam onto southbound Valle Verde. Once the construction is complete, the Committee will again evaluate the use of the west driveway and make further recommendations as needed.



## Calling ALL 6<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

The exploration begins on August 19 from 11:30 am– 2:30 pm  
Room 1 in the C.E. building

### Deep Blue youth will...

Be with God

Love God and neighbor

Understand themselves as children of God

Explore faith and the Bible

We're glad you're here to dive deep *into* God's word with us. We'll have adventures, hear exciting Bible stories, and learn how to live as disciples of Jesus through service – just like Jesus taught! Submerge also emphasizes nurturing faithful relationships while engaging in activities!!!

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### Weekly Youth group Schedule-

11:30 – 12:15 ~ Plenty of games and activities! Woot Woot!!

12: 15 – 1:00 ~ music with Kaymen

1:00 – 1:30 ~ Group Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 ~ Lessons and exercises ~ MS Room 1 ~ HS Room 7!

### JESUS' FAMILY

September 9<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Ancestors – Isaiah 11:1 – 9

September 16<sup>th</sup> – NO youth group due to NASCAR

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jesus and His Parents - Luke 2:41

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Jesus and His Cousins – Luke 1:67,76 - 80; 3:1-18; 7:18 - 35

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Jesus Creates a family - Mark 1: 16-20

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Chosen Family – Mark3:20-35;

### SIBLINGS

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Rachel and Leah – Genesis 29: 16 - 35

October 28<sup>th</sup>- Joseph and His Brothers – Genesis 37: 1-36; 42 :1- 45

Looking forward to a GREAT year as we Grow in our Faith together!

Renee Kelly ~ (702) 454- 8484

***Live at GVPC***  
**CONCERT SERIES**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Season 2018**

**Dr. Spencer Baker, Artistic Director**

► ***Saturday, August 25th ~ 7:30 PM***

***Uli Geissendoerfer, Jazz Trio***

*Free-Will Offering*

► ***Saturday, September 15 ~ 7:30 PM***

***Amy Homer-Smith, Organ***

Our GVPC resident organist will be presenting a  
Benefit Fundraiser Concert.

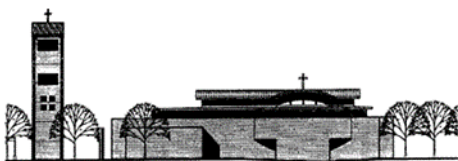
As part of the concert, Amy will take requests  
during the August  
to play the night of the concert  
(details following.)

► ***Saturday, September 22 ~ 7:30 PM***

***Emma Pease-Byron, Flute***

*Free-Will Offering*

**Great Music**  
**Great Acoustics**



**Free-Will Offering**

**How to make an Organ Concert Request.....**

Dear GVPC family and friends,

Save the date for Saturday, September 15, 2018! I am in the process of planning and performing another benefit concert. This year I have chosen to donate to two causes: Care for Aids and our GVPC Steinway fund.

Last year I took requests allowing anyone who wanted to hear a particular piece the opportunity to donate and request a chosen song(s.) I have decided to do that again this year. If you have a piece that you've heard in church, or favorite piece you've always wanted to hear played live, or even a hymn you'd like to sing, now's your chance!

For a donation of \$50, I will include your favorite hymn on the program, and you and the audience can sing along. If instrumental music is more your thing, for \$100 you can hear your favorite solo played. If hymns and solos are nice, but you want something bigger, we can bring in additional musicians to perform on this year's concert! That option will cost \$100 per musician, but I promise you, I will make it worth the cost, and you will be donating to Care for Aids and a new Steinway for the Sanctuary.

A few rules when selecting your pieces: multiple requests will cost the appropriate amounts. For example, two solos will be \$200.00, two hymns would be \$100.00, and so on. Remember that your donation(s) are tax deductible, so it's a win-win, and you get to hear whatever you want on the program.

All requests must come with sheet music (if I don't already have the piece in my library, or in a hymn book.)

Please submit your donations to Carol Johnson in the office.  
**All money and music MUST be turned into the office by September 1** to give all musicians time to prepare.

Thank you for continuing to support GVPC Live and thank you in advance for donating to Care for Aids and the Steinway fund.

I look forward to receiving and playing your requests!

Amy Homer-Smith

***If you would like to be taken off the mailing list, please call the Church Office at (702) 454-8484.***

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**Join us for  
Worship:**

**Saturday Evening**  
5:00-6:00 PM

*A Cry Room is available for  
parents with infants.*

**Sunday Morning**  
Traditional Service  
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
with Communion the first  
Sunday of each month.  
*Nursery Provided.*

**Sunday School**  
10:40 AM– 11:30 AM  
for children and youth.

**Coffee Hour and Fellowship**  
10:00 AM in the  
Fellowship Hall