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**From The Pastor:
"Struggling With Scripture"**

In his book *Visions of Vocation* Stephen Garber points out that James Billington currently serves as the 13th Librarian of Congress, overseeing the largest library in the world. The Library of Congress was established by an act of Congress in 1800. In 1815 the Library accepted 6,487 books from the library of Thomas Jefferson. As of 2012, the Library of Congress had a collection of more than 155 million items, which included more than 35 million cataloged books and other print materials in 470 languages and nearly 120 million additional items in various formats.

In the midst of managing this enormous collection, Billington argues that it's even more difficult for our nation to know what to do with all of this information. Describing the contemporary world as "an info-glut culture," Billington asks a probing question: "But have we become any wiser?"

You may know that the Bible is really a library of spiritual books. Some of the books focus on laws, some on history, some on poetry and wisdom, some on the prophets, some on the gospel of Jesus and some on telling the early church's history through letters. In total there are 66 books in most Bibles.

If you have read the Bible on your own, you may have struggled with some of the scriptures. You may have wondered how Noah fit all the animals in the ark and how did he keep them from eating each other? By the way, I don't think the solution depicted in the recent "Noah" movie would work. You might have been repulsed by the violence done in the name of God. You also may have wondered why we ignore some rules in the Bible and then closely follow others. Why will

Jody Topping preach in May when the Bible says that women should remain silent? As we wrestle with the scriptures we are led to ask, "Is the Bible full of God's words or human's words."

Starting on April 27th we began a Sunday morning sermon series that deals with our struggles with scripture. We will deal with the questions I have posed. And, more importantly, as we seek to understand the scriptures we will become wiser in understanding this library of spiritual books we call the Bible. I will see you on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

*Fred***Sermon Series:
"Struggling
with Scripture"**

The Bible contains some of the loftiest and most beautiful verses in literature. Millions look to it for inspiration and guidance. At the same time, some parts are confusing and others are deeply disturbing. Did God really command violence and genocide? Was the earth really created 10,000 years ago? Are women required to be silent and subservient? Are these the words of God or mortals? If you've ever had questions about the Bible, we'd like to invite you to join us for a series of honest and frank messages entitled, "Struggling with Scripture"

May 4 – Silence is Golden for Women?

May 18 – How Did the Animals Fit on the Ark?

May 25 – Did God Command the Violence?

June 1 – God's Words or Human's?

"Following Jesus, Serving Others"



Christian Education

By Katharine Keller

"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."

Vacation Bible School JUNE 9 – 13th

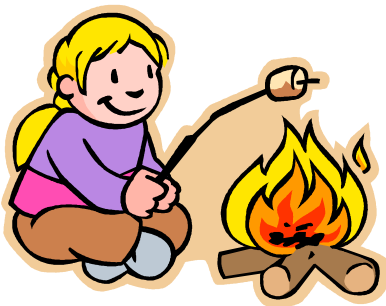


It's time to register for Vacation Bible School 2014! Please come by the church office to get a form or pick one up in either church building. We have a fun, exciting and COLORFUL week planned. Times are **9 am – 12:30 pm**. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 max per family for three or more. Talk it up with your friends or invite the neighborhood!

We are looking for adult and teen volunteers who want to help make this VBS memorable for children age 4 through fifth grade.

We are still in need of the following items: bright or neon acrylic paints, pool noodles, gold fish crackers, M&Ms, small pretzels, graham crackers, white cake frosting, and confetti cake mix.

If you have any questions or want to help, please call Katharine in the church office.



Time For Fun, Time For Nature.... It's Time for Camp!

Brochures for **Mingus Mountain Camp**, our Methodist

Camp in Prescott, are now available. Camps begin with children who are entering third grade. Jody Topping will be facilitating the Senior High Camp; and Katharine is now chair of the Conference Board of Camping and Retreat Ministry, so feel free to talk to her about Mingus Camp. Following is the listing of the graded camp dates: **June 2-7th, Grades 3-6; June 9-14th, Grades 3-8; June 16-21st, Grades 3-9; June 30-July 5th, Grades 9 - Graduated Seniors; July 7-12th, Grades 7-9.** Scholarship money is available for campers.

Kids' Kapers



Once again this summer we will be offering fun outings or activities once a week, with the exception of the week of Vacation Bible School. Pamphlets listing all the activities will be available at the end of May.

If you would like to help chaperone or plan one of these activities, please contact Katharine in the church office. She would love your input and your participation!

In the past we have visited the police station, had breakfast in the park, hiked around Boyce Thompson Arboretum, painted tiles at As You Wish Pottery, and had a game day, just to name a few. You can see we have lots of fun, so plan on joining us if your schedule allows.



Save the Date! Outdoor Family Movie Night Friday, May 16th at 7:30pm



We will be showing Disney's "Frozen".

Bring your own chair. Popcorn and water will be provided. And, be sure and bring your friends and neighbors!!



Congratulations to **Robbie Adams, Addison and Cole Geiger** and **Peter Wehle** on their confirmation into the church! They were received into the loving care of Gold Canyon United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 27th, 2014, and we know your loving care will blanket them as they continue to grow in Christ. See pictures of some of our confirmation class experiences on the next page.

LENTEN WORSHIP



Sidewalk Children's Ministry

Sidewalk ended the weekly gatherings on April 26th, with a Family Picnic. Our ministry will resume in October.

Several children would like to attend our Vacation Bible School **June 9th-13th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** We are in **need of 1 driver and 1 adult chaperon** to transport the children to and from VBS, using our Church van. If you are available June 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th or 13th and can serve in this capacity, please contact Sherry Hussein at 480-529-9621. Adults involved in children's ministry need a background check conducted before you serve. This is a simple process, and you can complete the form in the Church office.

Several children from Sidewalk are also interested in attending summer camp at Mingus Mt. in June. We are so grateful for all the donations from our Church Family, which help us to provide these opportunities for the children!



We continue making home visits during the summer months, providing the children and their families with spiritual nurturing.

Blessings to all who gave their time, donations and prayers to this ministry!



We hope you were able to join us during this blessed season. But if not, we invite you to view any of our worship services on-line at:

<http://goldcanyonumc.org/sermons/>





Gold Canyon UMC Youth

**Gold Canyon United Methodist
Youth Group News**



Wendy Moore, Youth Director

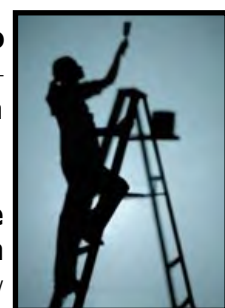


YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

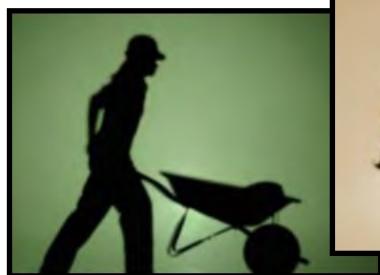
JUNE 29 - JULY 5, 2014

BURLINGTON, NJ

We are moving toward our goal to fully fund the 2014 mission trip. **Would you like to become a shareholder and support our Youth Mission Trip for 2014?** Please contact Wendy Moore if you are interested in donating to help our youth as they reach out in service to others.



Full shares are \$400, but any donation will help and will be much appreciated. If you can't support financially, please pray for a safe and successful trip for all involved. Pray for us to touch lives by holding Jesus in our hearts and representing his love in our actions.



*"Meet your
Fears With
Faith"*
-Max Lucado

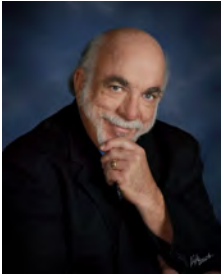


THANK YOU!

A big "thank you" for all the youth who helped with the EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

This is our youth in action in our community.

Have a safe and joyous month!



Music Notes

Amazing how fast time flies! Seems like the time between Christmas and Easter is just a blur! I am writing this during holy week and reflecting on the days before Jesus died and was resurrected.

Pastor Fred reminds us that the Cross of Christ is **indeed a reflection and promise of God's love for us**; and not just His love, but the power of His love – even over death! That is really a lot to take in and digest!

While life seems to slow down a bit now, after Easter, it still continues as we plan for activities and events for the future: anthems for Sunday, Performing Arts Series, discovering new music for the Organ, Choir, Canyon Carillon, Chanters, Youth Handbell Team, Joyful Noise/Fun With Music, and the Orchestra. I am getting excited about participating in the Area 11 Festival, the National Seminar of the Handbell Musicians of America, visiting my daughter Regina, son-in-law Mark, and granddaughters Brooke (3 yrs.) and Daphne (1 yr.)!

I am also excited about finishing my rehab! As most of you know, I had my right knee replaced the week after Easter. Hopefully, both legs are now straight (left leg was one inch longer than my right leg after replacing my left knee last year). I am amazed at how medicine has changed and grown over the years! Indeed, the "Million-Dollar Man" is no longer science fiction! In fact, I don't doubt that the theory of the show *Intelligence* is that far away! I am really looking forward to being able to ride my bike again and get some exercise, walking around sight-seeing with my wife Martha (yeah, even shopping!), and going up & down stairs without pain. Thank you all (in advance) for your prayers, cards and well-wishes! (Again, I'm writing this the week before Easter.) What a great community of caring, supportive, wonderful people we have here at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church!

This month, I hope those who are still here will take some time to drive around the desert and look at the beautiful wild flowers that God gives us to bring new color to the desert. And I hope those that have departed for cooler climates will take some time to explore the beauty that God has given to "your neck of the woods". I hope we all will take time to listen to the beauty of nature's new music, smell the wonderful scents of nature's new life, taste the flavors of something new that you have not tasted before, and go see and experience some

new event. It is truly amazing - all that God gives us to stimulate our senses and bless our lives! What a great God we have! What a great God we serve!



Blessings to all,

Doug

Douglas J. Benton
Director of Music Ministries



Habitat for Humanity



Thanks to your support, we have been able to provide over \$9,000 for this year's build for Bernardino and Ana Luisa Soto and their six children. The family worked with us on the build and are very excited about their new home. That is the most of any of the churches in the coalition.

We still welcome your contributions to start getting ready for next year's build! If you are able to donate, please make your check to "GCUMC" and indicate "*Habitat for Humanity*" in the memo, or make your contribution online at www.GoldCanyonUMC.org.

We will keep you posted on our activities. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of this ministry.

**For info: Joe and Maureen Morton,
602-284-2826, MoandJoeM@aol.com**



Genesis Project and Homeless Needs

The Genesis Project, where we help feed the homeless and clothes are distributed, is still very much in need of **men's jeans** - used or new - sizes 34 - 40. If you can donate jeans, please bring them to the office and mark them for Genesis.

There is also a need for **tents and tarps** for the homeless. Please contact Gail Crawford at 480-268-0918 if you can help with these much needed requests.



TEAM OUTREACH

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to the many volunteers who made the Spring Eggstravaganza, not only a reality, but a great success in April! We were definitely a welcoming and FUN place to be, especially for those who were guests on our campus. Our next community outreach event is **Friday, May 16th** for **Outdoor Movie Night** (see Education page for details). Please invite your neighbors – these events are such an easy way for the unchurched to get to know us.



Sunday Snacks ~

Coffee hour at GCUMC comes complete with lovely snacks, overseen by Grace Markert and assisted by other volunteers. You have no doubt noticed the appealing platters of fresh fruit and cheese in addition to a variety of sweets that are available to accompany your coffee. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the coffee hour tables.

There is no charge, however, your contributions of change and folding money are important to the continuance of this hospitality. Please help keep this aspect of our Team Outreach welcome alive with your contribution!



CHURCH LADIES ADVENTURE CLUB



**Biking around Tempe Town Lake
and the Green Belt**



Kayaking on Canyon Lake

DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE*Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another... Romans 13:8 (NIV)*

March	2012		2013		2014		2013	2014
	General	Building	General	Building	General	Building	Worship All	Worship All
1st	34624	14503	36735	26112	30896	10188	1949	1865
2nd	25446	7716	21055	8440	23198	5177	1818	1892
3rd	20604	6433	24060	7476	25203	6131	1798	1772
4th	17964	5097	19752	4828	22868	7199	2005	1803
5th	—	—	23030	12972	18941	3405	2281	1630
Total	\$98,638	\$33,749	\$124,632	\$59,828	\$121,106	\$32,100	9,851	8,962

**Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

Save time, simplify your life, and support our church! In this new millennium the church is keeping up with the times by offering our givers an easier way to support our ministries. Our electronic contribution program is an automatic funds transfer program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash! **Here's how it works.** you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the church's account. You can also specify the frequency of the transfer to allow you to keep your check register up to date.

It is fast, safe, and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail, and the rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The church will issue you a donation statement for your records, and bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our general fund and/or our building fund. Designations to Missions or the Pastors Discretionary Fund can also be made. Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. We believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this program, you won't want to go back. Contact the church office now!

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

You may give a one-time or recurring donation online by logging on to our church website at and selecting "Click to Give". You will then be guided through the steps to get set up.

It's easy, convenient and costs nothing!
[www.goldcanyonumc.org]



Lost & Found ~ Have you ever thought you lost something at church? There is a Lost and Found box in the Church office that contains things like keys, jewelry, sunglasses, etc. If you think your item may be with us, stop by the office.

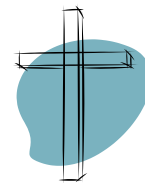
Church Wish List

Want to give back to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church beyond your pledge to the General Budget or the Building Fund? Below are some items that will better enable us to fulfill our mission as a church:

- ✚ Pave the North Parking Lot - \$400,000
(Received \$142,000 so far)
- ✚ Playground - \$20,000-40,000
- ✚ Stained Glass for upper Sanctuary windows
\$105,000 (\$3,000 per panel)
- ✚ Organ Pipes
- ✚ Building Fund Loan Payoff (2014: prepaid \$5,000)
- ✚ Food Bank Building—\$200,000



Pastoral & Congregational Care



As I prepare this article, I'm reminded by the temperature outside that summer is just around the corner!! In fact, here in Arizona, it feels like summer has already arrived! We all know that when the temperatures start to rise and our comfort levels start to wane, our tempers often follow suit. We all experience what I'll call "short fuses" from time to time, but when it's hot outside, many people sense that their "short fuses" are even shorter than usual.

What's even more interesting is this theory has been scientifically proven! According to a Princeton University Study, even the slightest increases in outside temperature can affect our ability to hold our tempers.

"The researchers analyzed 60 studies from a number of disciplines — including archaeology, criminology, economics and psychology — that have explored the connection between weather and violence in various parts of the world from about 10,000 BCE to the present day. During an 18-month period, the Princeton-Berkeley researchers reviewed those studies' data — and often re-crunched raw numbers — to calculate the risk that violence would rise under hotter and wetter conditions. They found that while climate is not the sole or primary cause of violence, it undeniably exacerbates existing social and interpersonal tension in all societies, regardless of wealth or stability." (found at <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/08/01/claim-2c-temperature-increase-will-make-people-angry/>)

Wow...who knew?? So what can we do when the temperature rises and our tempers flare? Here are a few suggestions:

Try not to react when someone says or does something that makes you angry. I know... this is easier said than done, but if you can become an impartial observer instead of an active participant during a heated situation, **you'll be less like to say or do something you'll regret later. Not reacting takes practice**, but it can be done, especially when we remember that getting angry is a choice, not something that needs to be controlled.

Take a break. When dealing with a contentious situation that could raise your ire, remove **yourself from it. The goal here isn't the fearful avoidance of a confrontation**, but the wise choice to take a break from it, especially when you feel like the situation is escalating **out of control. Later, after you've cooled off** and reassessed your thoughts and feelings, return and discuss the topic more constructively with the other person.

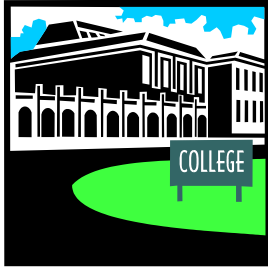
Talk to someone who can help you deal with your anger. If you feel like anger is taking over your life, talk to someone from the church: one of the Pastors, a Stephen Minister, or a Congregational Care Minister. Sometimes talking to an impartial third party, especially someone who can offer you some spiritual guidance in dealing with anger, can help you develop strategies that will stop anger in its tracks.

The pastors and congregational care staff are waiting to help you deal with these and any other **situations that might be difficult for you. Call us...**we are eager to lend a listening ear and a helping hand.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER SUPPORT OR A PASTORAL VISIT?

If so, please call Jody Topping, Director of Congregational Care, either at the church office (480-982-3776) or on her cell phone (480-766-9272). Our Congregational Care team is available to visit and pray with you whatever the reason. If you would like to receive prayer prior to surgery, please let us know when and where the surgery is taking place. We will also wait with your loved ones during your surgery if desired. If you or your loved one is hospitalized, let us know so we can visit and offer **prayer support. And, if you're dealing with the death of a loved one or a crisis in your life, please call us so we can walk that journey together. No matter what the reason, we're here to help.**



Scholarships Awarded for 2014-2015 School Year!

Congratulations are in order for 11 recently selected scholarship winners for the 2014-2015 school year. They are:

Daniel Bos	Nicholas Saathoff
Nathaniel Gingrich	Skylar Saathoff
David Moore	Amber Schmidt
Scott Moore	Caleb Shroyer
Charlie Olson	Timothy Steinberg
Shelby Olson	

The recipients met all of the requirements for eligibility and each will receive a \$750.00 scholarship. Our church is fortunate to have a member who has established an endowed scholarship fund available to members of GCUMC. Our scholarship committee has recently broadened the program to enable other members to make designated contributions for scholarships. To learn more of the details about GCUMC's scholarship program, please pick up a brochure at the Information Center in the Narthex, or in the church office.



"Honey Do" Home Ministry

Call us to see what we can help with...you might be surprised!

We can assist anyone needing repairs around their home. Who might that include?

- ♦ Someone who needs minor repairs around the home but has little or no resources.
- ♦ Those needing repairs but not having the tools or expertise to complete them alone.
- ♦ Those who don't have the time to complete repairs themselves, yet need them done quickly and professionally.

We can do jobs like changing smoke detector batteries, leaky faucet repair, replacing a faulty outlet, replacing a door lock or other small projects. Referrals or requests can be made at: goldcanyonhoneydo@att.net or by calling John or Nancy at 907-232-8203. Still need male and female volunteers with various skills!



SUPPORT GROUPS

MIND MENDERS

Meets on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. *Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.*

CANCER

This active group meets weekly on **Wednesday, at 11am, in Rm 101/102**. The group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For additional information please contact: Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483, or 480-685-7175; email: deenashe7580@gmail.com.

GRIEF

This group meets **every Tuesday** from **11 am to noon** in the Sea of Galilee Room - Education Bldg. Rev. Bob Deits leads the group each week. The group is open to anyone who has experienced a major loss, including death of a loved one, divorce, loss of body part to surgery, job loss and relocation. If this fits you or someone you know, this group will provide great help. For more information call Bob at 480-396-4838. (Also see information on pg. 15)



Thank You Everyone!

Betty Armstrong would like to thank everyone who participated and helped her celebrate her special day, in March of this year. She would like to give special thanks to **Marie, Sherry and "the sisterhood"** for all of their hard work. It would not have been the success it was without their efforts.

Thank You!

Donna Johnsen would like to give a big "thank you" to all the wonderful volunteers who helped usher during the 2014 GCUMC Performing Arts Concerts. It was great to be able to rely on your assistance during this busy concert season.

My partner, Randi Olson, and I want to let you know how very much you are appreciated!





Global Missions

"The world is my parish." –John Wesley

"...We will strive to be a church that serves our community and the world, realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people."

FELLOW MAN INTERNATIONAL

What is Fellow Man International? Fellow Man International is one of the global mission projects that Gold Canyon UMC supports through the church budget and the sale of Green Parrot coffee. Missionary, Lisa Armstrong, began this ministry in a poor mountain region of Honduras. Its' mission includes quality **health care** for the sick, sustainable **agriculture** for the hungry and **education** for those who dream, all provided in Christ's name.

After many years in Honduras establishing the mission, Lisa and her two adopted Honduran children were forced to leave the country because drug trafficking made the village too dangerous. However, through the use of modern technology Lisa continues to lead the mission remotely, while the mission physician, on-site manager and workers on location give hands and feet to specific projects.

During the last year *Fellow Man International Mission* has provided...



MEDICAL SERVICES for 6108 patients, 60-70 surgical procedures, and transported 73 patients to San Pedro Sula hospital.

MEAT PRODUCTION AND NUTRITION:

100-3 pound chickens processed every 6-8 weeks, 2500 hundred pounds of pork, affordable protein-rich foods and fresh vegetables available at the Mission's Trade Store, and donations of meat and vegetables made to the local school lunch program.

EMPLOYMENT at living wage for 15 full-time workers who staff the mission and are then able to improve their family's standard of living, support siblings' education and care for elderly parents.

SCHOLARSHIPS for Samira, a medical student completing her training, and for Josue, an FMI employee's son, learning computer technology. Once employed, he will help support his siblings in their education.

Please join the Global Missions team in supporting Fellow Man International by **giving** to the church budget, **purchasing** Green Parrot coffee, and **praying** for this mission in Honduras.

"THANK YOU"

From the Global Missions Committee

Thank you for prayerfully giving to the 2014 *Imagine No Malaria* with your early gifts and during Lent and Easter.

We are well on our way to meeting our goal in 2014. There is still time to contribute to this very important mission. And we will give you an update in the June Newsletter as to how many lives you saved with your generous donations!



2015 Costa Rica Mission Work Trips

Dates: Team 1, From **Jan 8-18th** (10 days)

AND

Team 2, From **Jan 19-28th** (9 days)

Places available: 12 per team

Cost Estimate:

\$40 / day	- room & board
\$350	- materials
\$100-200	- outing
\$750	- plane fare,
	<u>Estimated</u>

\$1,700, plus personal expenditures

Call (480-982-9314)
or email (fay.quanstrom@gmail.com)
Fay Quanstrom to reserve your place.



Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergency, please write your check to GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ##### (fill in the appropriate number)" on the memo line. 100% of donation goes to those affected.

Philippines, Typhoon Disaster Relief ~ Advance #240235

Imagine No Malaria ~ Advance #3021190

Wings of Caring - Projects ~ Advance #08595A - Supports evangelism, education, transportation & medical emergencies in rural areas

Midwest Emergencies - Projects ~ Advance #901680 - Responding to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc.

Disaster Response, International - Projects ~

Advance #982450 - Quick response to meet emergency needs around the world.

Japan Emergency - Earthquake & Tsunami ~

Advance #3021317

Liberia Emergency ~ Advance #150300

Cote D'Ivoire Crisis ~ Advance #982450

U.S. Disaster Response - Spring Storms ~ Advance #3021326

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/> -

Or follow UMCOR on Twitter at @UMC_UMCOR

GCUMC Permanent Endowment Fund

Benjamin Franklin said something like this, "The only things for certain are death and taxes." One can make many observations and arguments about this but the basic point is sound, that all humanity has certain things in common and not living forever is one of them. Therefore, it follows that everything we have will sometime in the future belong to someone or something else. Therefore, the real question is *"will we determine what will happen to our possessions, or will it just happen?"*



During my tenure as chairman of your permanent endowment committee, I have learned how GCUMC functions and how we relate to our Desert Southwest United Methodist Conference. One of the resources we have available is the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation (DSWUMF). The DSWUMF has financial planning capabilities that it would be very difficult for a local church to match, and I want to share with you some of them. These capabilities can facilitate some creative decisions for you and your family, and possibly save on taxes as well. Let's look at just a few in the **immediate gifts** category. You could—donate your home or real property to our church, receive an immediate tax deduction, and avoid capital gains taxes; designate the church as the beneficiary or owner of an insurance policy as a future gift to the church; make a retained real estate gift, designating the ownership of your home to the church while continuing to occupy it for your lifetime; gift appreciated securities which avoid capital gains taxes and earn an income tax deduction; and other ways.

Deferred gifts include having a bequest in your will, a living trust, or a charitable gift annuity. With a charitable gift annuity you can enter into a contract with the DSWUMF which pays your designated annuitant a regular fixed payment for life, then distributes the remainder to your church. There are also tax benefits to this. **Life income gifts** include Charitable Remainder Trusts, providing fixed income for your lifetime; Charitable Remainder Unitrust, a hedge against inflation; and a Charitable Lead Trust that can reduce gift and estate taxes. Many of these are complex and of course must be accomplished in compliance with all tax regulations. This is what the DSWUMF can help you do. If any of this sounds like it would work for you, please **contact Pastor Fred in the Church Office or Wally Quanstrom, Chairman of the Permanent Endowment Committee, at 630-309-3298**. One last thing - you can designate your gift for any purpose within the mission of our church that you would like. There is no charge for consultation.



Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

GCUMC
480-982-3776

Volunteers Do Make a Difference



MAY

**(that time of year we lose so many
of our wonderful volunteers, as they
head to cool country for the summer!)**

Wouldn't it be fantastic if the next time you answered the phone, it were God on the other end? He does call us often with gospel messages. One such message from Paul is in Ephesians 4:1; *"Live a life worthy of the calling you have received."* It is our opportunity to honor God with our lives as servants of Christ, serving one another.

Several times in the Bible we see Jesus, the servant, and Paul, a servant of Christ. Who among us is a faithful servant? I see several of you every time I am at church. I frequently see Grace Markert, working away to keep our kitchen immaculate or sorting the church attendance slips. I often see Dan and Phyllis Gray carting in items for the food bank. I also know when Mid Carlozzi is cooking in the kitchen. No need to even look for him, just the aroma of his recipes lets me know he is at work with his willingness to be a servant of Christ. Which of your spiritual gifts are you willing to share?



"The greatest among you will be your servant" ~ Matthew 23:11. With each day I hope you have discovered one more way to be a volunteer servant wherever you may go.



Do you have the time? If you can help with one or more of the following volunteer needs, PLEASE **complete and place this form in the collection plate, at the Information Center, or church office, 480-982-3776.**

Time

Job

30 + minutes
75 min.
40 min.
60 min.
240 min.

Hospitality
Shut-in Meals
Greeter
Bake Cookies
Office Receptionist

Name _____

Phone _____

**If you are willing
to participate
as a volunteer
using your
spiritual gifts,
please Call Jane.**



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HELP!**

**Please call 480-982-3776
and let us know
what gift you have to offer.**



May
2014

Regrets or Opportunities

A couple of years ago as I visited my dad out of state, we sat around just catching up. Out of the blue he asked me a question that took me by surprise, after all, we weren't necessarily having a "deep" conversation at the time. He said *"do you have any regrets in your life thus far...anything you'd like to change?"* Now think about that for a minute, your father asks you that question. Needless to say my initial comeback was *"well, a few things, but I'm not telling YOU about those!"* But after a good chuckle, I settled in to thinking about the question. It was spontaneous, yet I found myself wanting to give an answer, even though I felt the question needed pondering for a week or two.

As I rolled thoughts through my head, filtering whether or not particular scenarios were things I would change if I could, I realized rather quickly what my answer was. It went something like this, *"You know dad, if I am answering this question right now, without time to really put thought into it then I have to say no...there is nothing I would change. Because as I sit here and snippets of my life run through my mind I realize that if I changed any one of my decisions, actions, opportunities seized, challenges met, risks taken, lessons learned or paths followed, then I would be altering the course of my life. The good things in my life would be affected, as well as the bad. You see, I can't isolate any one thing without recognizing that it touched another in my life. There is no way I could take the responsibility of picking a regret to reverse, because I have no idea what wonderful things I might have missed out on because of it."* (I liken this to the character 'George' played by Jimmy Stewart in *"It's a Wonderful Life"*...he wished he had never been born, but when shown how his life touched so many others he was ultimately mortified at the thought)

Although that question was just that, a question, it was thought-provoking. It is something I have put a lot of thought into in the time that has passed since my father and I had that discussion. Although spontaneous decisions I make have not always been my best, I still have the same answer to this question. Even if I could, I would not change things. Often times my most difficult lessons learned have been the ones that most positive-

ly and profoundly affected me. Funny thing, these realizations just haven't generally been on my timeline, but on God's. Why is it so difficult for us to accept that?

In this week following Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, it seems fitting that we discuss moving forward rather than dwelling on past transgressions, guilt or shame. We often sabotage ourselves by trying to live the "perfect" Christian life, leaving us discouraged and drained. Truly recognizing that we are forgiven allows us the freedom to live a fuller life. When we can let go of the past, trust in what God will help us become, and seize our opportunities, our lives become more meaningful. Christian maturity involves acting on the guidance that we have already received, knowing that Christ will fill in the gaps - fill in any discrepancy between what we are, and what we should be.

What's holding you back? Revel in God's grace and forgiveness, and concentrate on your relationship with Him *now*, not on what it may have been yesterday. Instead of focusing on what you cannot change, the past, allow yourself to really *live* in all these days, months and years ahead.

If you've ever wondered what a Stephen Minister does, thought about joining the Stephen Ministry team, felt the need to talk to someone to help you get over a hurdle in your life, or would like information on how you can help a hurting friend, call the church office at 480-982-3776 and ask to speak to Kim. All Stephen Ministry conversations are confidential.

~ Kim Shroyer, and your
Stephen Ministry Team



12 *I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.* ¹³ *No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,* ¹⁴ *I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.*

~ Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

Thinking Theologically with Jody Topping



Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! Psalm 27:14

Waiting has never been something I've done very well. When I was pregnant with my first child, I *couldn't wait* for my baby to be born. We didn't know if the baby would be a boy or a girl, and just the idea of becoming a new mom was so exciting to me that I just couldn't wait!! And then, about midway through the pregnancy when I developed complications, I *really couldn't wait to get that baby out* of my bloated body!! But, as we all know, babies come when *they* are ready, so I had no choice but to be patient.

You would think that at my age I would be better at waiting, and to a certain extent I am... better than I was even a few years ago, and definitely better than I was when I was younger!! Sometimes I find it very easy to wait, but other times waiting drives me absolutely crazy! I bet it's the same for many of you. We wait for the phone to ring when we are expecting to hear some news; we wait when babies are being born, and even when our loved ones are nearing the end of their lives. Sometimes waiting can be excruciatingly painful, and other times it's exciting and full of promise.

We find many instances in the Bible of people who are waiting. The Hebrews waited to be released from bondage in Egypt, and wandered for 40 years in the wilderness before reaching and crossing over into the Promised Land. Can you imagine waiting for 40 years for anything? I'm not sure I could do that...but they did. Mary waited with excitement for Jesus, the Son of God to be born, and waited with grief as she watched her son die on the cross. We find many scripture passages, especially in the Psalms about waiting, which I think give us great comfort. Knowing that the writers of the Psalms also had to wait patiently (and encouraged others to do so as well) helps us when we find ourselves waiting for the phone to ring, for that baby to be born, or for our loved one to pass away from this life. The Psalms bring us great comfort and I don't know about you, but I'm glad we can rely upon them at times when waiting is driving us crazy!

Psalm 27:14 is one of those verses that can bring great comfort to us when we find ourselves

waiting for something important to happen. It reminds us that God's goodness comes on God's time schedule, not ours...and when we are waiting, God wants us to be strong and courageous, and wants us to remember that God is always with us, even in our waiting.

As I write this article, I'm waiting to hear where I'll be appointed as a pastor beginning July 1. As we all wait for whatever news or events that are happening in our lives at this moment, may we all be reminded that God is with us, even when we are waiting.

God bless, Jody



BIBLE BANTER

Meets every Monday,

9:30-10:30am

Mountain Brew Coffee House

6832 S Kings Ranch Rd #5

*(near the NW Corner of
US 60 and Kings Ranch Rd)*

Join us for coffee and stimulating conversation as we discuss ways we can live as faithful Christians in today's world. Don't forget to bring your Bible and any theological topics of conversation you would like us to explore!!



All are welcome!

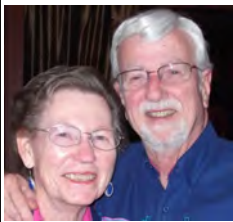
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A Note From Bob... Country Western News

The Country Western service will continue every Sunday at 5 PM, through the month of May. On the **last Sunday, 5/25, the Houser's will provide the music** and the service will be followed with a potluck dinner.

In June, July and August we will have a service on the last Sunday of each month - always followed by a potluck dinner. In September we will begin having services every week again.



Thanks to all of you who have come this season! I continue to marvel at the incredible level of excitement and sheer joy that emanates from the congregation week after week.

Bob Deits

Grief Support Group

Rev. Bob Deits will lead the grief support group **every Tuesday at 11 AM**, beginning in May. Bob has been leading grief support groups for 36 years and is recognized internationally as an authority on loss, grief and how to recover from major losses. His book, *"Life after Loss"* has become a classic in the field, having sold in excess of 150,000 copies. The current 5th edition was published in 2009. Foreign language editions have been published in Spanish German, French, Russian, Chinese, Hebrew and Greek.

The group is open to anyone who has experienced a major loss, including death of a loved one, divorce, loss of body part to surgery, job loss and relocation.

The Grief Support group meets in the Education Building, Sea of Galilee room.



SCRIP BUS & VAN FUND

If your Bashas' Community Support Card is worn out because you use it so often, you can purchase a new one at the church office during the week. The card, when reloaded and used, earns the church 6%.

The Fry's VIP card is all you now need *after you register it online* (pick up directions in the office). There is also an Albertson's key tag that gets us 1% (it all adds up!).

These funds go toward keeping our church bus and van running (gasoline, licenses, maintenance, etc.). The bus brings those individuals unable to drive to church on Sunday mornings and both the bus and van are needed to transport all the youth/adults and supplies to the summer work retreats. The next item needed is a covered structure to protect them from the Arizona sun and heat.

If you aren't already using these cards to pay for your groceries at Bashas', Fry's and Albertsons, find out how easy they are to use **at no cost to you**. Thanks for your continued participation.



Our Church History History Committee Update: Early Church Memories More Memories from Myra Berry

My first visit to Gold Canyon United Methodist Church was right after we moved here from Tempe where we attended Bethany, a huge church with a huge music program! This was 1992. We found Gold Canyon United Methodist Church at the Gold Canyon Elementary School and visited our first Sunday. There were 12 people in the congregation counting John and I. The choir was almost non-existent, so we decided to try other churches and found almost none in the area.

After several weeks, we gave Gold Canyon United Methodist Church another try, after all, they had a good minister and needed people!! Anyway, to make a long story short, we have been coming ever since. The choir grew with the help of Mary Ann Warren and Nancy Virden who came shortly after we returned the second time. The congregation grew and the rest is HISTORY!

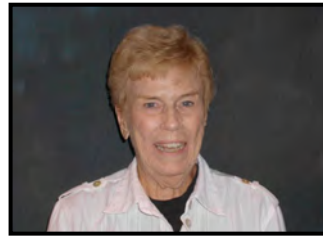
New Members



Warren & Ginger
Martindale



Larry & Dee Kness



Fran Periman



Rick & Kathy Nefzer



Sandra Tyler



Dave & Julie Burzlaff



Sandy Campbell

Gold Canyon UMC welcomed 11 new members on April 13th, 2014. Many you may already recognize as they have been actively involved in the congregation. Please welcome these "new members" of the GCUMC family when you see them!

"Stitches Unlimited" or Quilts for St Andrews Clinic

We meet on the **last Tuesday** of the month from **9 till about noon in room 101/102** behind the kitchen. We have simple ABC style quilt kits already cut with directions for putting them together. Come get a kit and sew with us or take the kit home and sew at your leisure. Bring the completed top back to us and we will put batting and backing with it, (unless you want to do that too). Some of our winter residents have told me they get a few kits, take them home and bring them back in the spring. We make toiletry bags for St Andrews as well. Those kits and directions are also available. **We not only need sewers, but someone to iron bindings, cut squares and put kits together. Come join us!**



We already have quilts started for the trip in October. There are quilts ready to be quilted. Our quilts are usually no bigger than 40" x 60" which allows us to use our **domestic sewing machines to stitch in the ditch or meander or "X" the squares to quilt** or you can be creative. If you would like to learn to quilt these simple quilts, we will be glad to provide instruction. Bring your machine and we will get you started.

We would also gladly take donations of fabric: cotton, flannel, denim, light weight corduroy, seersucker, and fleece in solids, tone on tone and kid friendly prints. Any size pieces are great donations! Quilts or crocheted afghans are also welcome.

Remember Matthew 25:40 *'The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

For questions or more info call Bonnie Becker at (480) 250 9652

Healthy Living

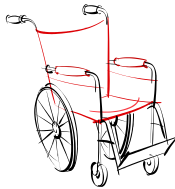
News from the Health and Wellness Ministry
of Susan Malloy, Parish Nurse

✝ May 2014!



Late Spring-Summer Greetings!

One of the services the Health & Wellness Ministry started several years ago is a Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Closet. We recently pared down the amount and types of items to 6 pairs of crutches of various sizes, one 4 pronged cane, 5 walkers, a shower chair that extends from outside the tub to inside, a smaller shower chair that fits in the tub itself or shower, a slide board for transferring from chair to bed, and a toilet riser. **We are currently NOT taking any new items with the exception of the following: Cadillac type walkers (those with seat & brakes), regular wheel chairs and a couple of canes.** It would be great to have 2 of each of these three items available.



In that recent review of what was in the DME closet, I discovered that we had too many walkers and crutches and other unused items, but also discovered our wheel chairs (2) & Cadillac walkers (2) are missing in action. If you borrowed a Cadillac walker or wheelchair from the church, please contact me, Susan Malloy, RN BSN Parish Nurse @ 480-390-1496 and make arrangements to bring it back in clean, usable condition.

Our loan policy has been recently clarified and updated for short term use of 6 weeks to a maximum of 60 days. If you find yourself needing it longer, it may be time to speak with your physician to get a prescription/order and have your medical insurance help you pay for it if it is needed long term. If this presents a hardship please discuss this with me. Medicare will pay up to 80% and you are responsible for 20% plus any deductible you may owe. Be sure that you go to a Medicare or Health Insurance approved supplier. If you have questions on what Medicare will cover go to www.medicare.gov/durablemedicalequipment for more information.

I am recommending that when you have a medical equipment need, you or your loved one, fill out a brief **DME NEED REQUEST FORM** which is available in the church office. I hope this will help us

keep better track of the items being used and returned. You never know when you may need something from the DME Closet.

We do appreciate your past generosity of giving items to those in need, however, we are maxed out space wise and as previously stated, will only be accepting the above mentioned items. Please do NOT bring any bandages, diabetic supplies, urinals or toilet seat risers due to the concern with bacteria.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in making our DME closet a benefit to our congregation.

Blessings of Health & Wellness,
Susan Malloy RN BSN

"Singles Moving Forward" (SMF)

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Friendship and New Beginnings



For Summer Activities and Updates Contact:

Judy Wells at (480)318-5087 /
wellsjdth@aol.com
or Donna Poulin at (480)671-3367,
girlydonna@msn.com

GCUMC Calendar May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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May Celebrations

Birthdays

Anniversaries

May 1 Betsy Wood
Allison Cantrell
Nathan Cantrell
Mary Seabright
Jane Heyse
Jacqueline Johnson
May 2 Kelly Gingrich
Victoria Mullins
May 3 Keith Alford
Don Parker
Albert Paone
May 4 Ronald Beason
May 5 Ione Nelson
Debra Ireland
Dee Kness
Bay West
May 6 Roy Pearson
Sandy Campbell
Betty Forest
Al Cobb
May 7 Mary Hollingsworth
Pat Osbakken
May 8 Margaret Baker
Donald DeWinter
Alice Myers
Valerie Sheridan
May 9 Susan Fitzgerald
Mae Livgard
Donna Schiager
Joyce Shafer
Ella Mae Rowe
May 10 Caroll Dage
Phalen Schuler
May 11 Charles Whitier
Jo Alford
May 12 Shirley Matthews
May 13 Eleanor Conger
Carmen Nordell
Patircia Renfer
Janet West
May 14 Wes Carpenter
Richard Svoboda
Shirley Taylor
Paul Fabish
Leslie Tabor
May 15 Peggy Dowrick
Sandy Tyler
Joyce Gingrich
Maureen Morton
Zackary Hartman

May 16 Lois Gerst
Lorna Hartman
Charlie Olson
Gerald Tippie
May 17 Gary Hunter
May 18 Laura Dinges
May 20 Joe Guerrero
Marc O'Brien
Wayne Fritz
Claudia Graham
May 21 Eve Dinkel
Don Little
May 22 Delna Mulhair
Faye Nord
May 23 Bob Crow
Michael Sheridan Jr.
Jack Twa
May 24 Jean Alton
Tom Kennedy
Kathy Nefzer
Karen Kosanke
Larry Arehart
Margie Bird
Joanne Burris
May 25 Marian Bonestell
Bev Criswell
May 26 Jack Berglund
Marilyn Horkey
Chris Houser
Jim Bell
Sam Nichols
May 28 Roy Pape
May 29 Mavis Fuher
Patti Girardi
Brett McNamee
Andrea Pape
Lucy Weiland
May 30 Bob Ancell
Katie Petticrew
Violet Reiners
May 31 Nina Pennington
Duane Vorseth
Polly Knowlton
Scott Galbraith

1-May Neil & Ann Brogren
4-May Russ & Kathy Formento
Dave & Judy Robertson
Nick & Linda Weidner
Don & Noreen Beatty - Schaefer
5-May Craig & Jill Saathoff
8-May Bob & Marian Bonestell
9-May Jack & Judy Donovan
10-May Pat & Judy Campbell
14-May Jed & Wendy Moore
Gerald & Peggy Tippie
15-May Stan & Retha Oolman
17-May Ron & Linda Borders
Curtis & Marlene Johnson
18-May Edgar & Linda Newkirk
20-May Toby & Lorrie Snyder
21-May William & Sandra Butterbrodt
Scott & Toni Galbraith
22-May Jack & Pamela Kopnick
Al & Diane Rasmussen
23-May Doug & Martha Benton
25-May Earl & Jeanine Roe
Eldon & Marilyn Weinhold
27-May Marc & Cecilia O'Brien
Bruce & Marjorie Stofferan
28-May Wes & Cheryl Carpenter
Lawrence & June Welker
29-May Bob & Donna Chase
30-May Wade & Cynthia Hoff
Charles & Marilyn Jungman
31-May Jim & Eve Dinkel
Todd & Karen Williams



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or if you find an error, please call the office with the information.
We truly don't mean to make mistakes or to leave anyone out.*



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Addressee or Current Resident

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Children's Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classrooms after the Children's Sermon.

✝ 8:00 AM ~ Adult ~ Room 101/102

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Children

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth/College Age/Young Adult

✝ 10:50 AM ~ Children

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1. Name _____ and

E-Mail _____

2. Name _____ and

E-Mail _____

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 & 9:30 AM

Traditional ~ Sanctuary

10:50 AM

Praise ~ Koinonia Room

5:00 PM

Country Western ~ Koinonia Room

Childcare Provided at ALL Services