

“For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,  
And My blessing on your offspring;” Isaiah 44:3 NKJV

# Gila Valley Baptist Church Newsletter

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## What Will Church Look Like Going Forward?

This is the current million-dollar question. What will our church look like as we move forward? The answer? Well, “reopening” church could look very different for everyone in the upcoming weeks, months—possibly stretching into next year.

From what we’ve heard, reopening rural churches will look different from urban churches, large churches will look different than small churches ... you get the picture. It will even look different for different segments of your congregation.

Whatever ways you choose to move forward, stay encouraged that God’s Church will not fail.

***“Upon this rock I will build my church,  
and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.” Matthew 16:18 (NLT)***

*A New Reality?* Yes, have faith. Yes, do not be fearful. But also care for those around you with the upmost love and take their needs into consideration.

This pandemic will have affected everyone differently. There will be real traumas that we will have to walk through after this—like helping children cope with worry for example, or even recognizing abuse. So, we should make every effort to stay in contact with people. Emailing, texting, and calling should all continue as touchpoints within the body. Again, it’s so important to keep in touch with our church community. Just because someone isn’t ready to attend church in-person, doesn’t mean they aren’t wanting to be part of the church body. Hearing from different people could help spread goodwill and joy to one another during this crazy time we are facing.

*And, here we go!*

Some of us are hesitant, while others are very anxious and excited as we reopen the doors. All of the feelings are real and relevant. There really is not one right way to do it. No matter what—we know that God is with us. He goes before us, He is in the middle of these messy times, and He will remain faithful.

Copied from the Ministry Spark Team 5-27-2020

# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

**Youth Group:** Is held at GVBC's fellowship hall on **Wednesday evening's beginning at 6:00 P.M.** We would love for any student in the 7<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade to come and enjoy the food, games, and in-depth study of God's word. **Sponsors: Beau Jackson & Tammy Clifton.**



**Fall 2020 Youth Calendar:  
Wednesday Youth Nights  
Starts at 6:00 PM**

Our prayer is that we can meet in person. **This schedule is tentative until it can be finalized according to safety protocols.**

August 19th Kick-off Party

September 2nd

September 16th

September 30th

October 14th

October 28th

November 18th

December 2nd

December 16th Christmas Event

Hey, 180 Youth Group! We hope your summer is going well so far. Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We will continue to have several Zoom game nights throughout the summer. See the schedule below. With your parents' permission, download the game app Psych on your phone and join us for a fun game. Zoom meeting ID and password will be posted on Facebook and Snapchat. If you are not receiving updates on either of those platforms, please let me know. I can't keep you updated unless I know how best to update you. **My cell is 505-697-2811.**

**June 24th, 7:00 p.m.**

**July 8th, 7:00 p.m.**

**July 29th, 7:00 p.m.**

Be watching for other updates. Keep encouraging one another and please don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything. Beau

## YOUTH GROUP

*"You who are young, make the most of your youth. Relish your youthful vigor. Follow the impulses of your heart. If something looks good to you, pursue it. But know also that not just anything goes; You have to answer to God for every last bit of it." Ecclesiastes 11:9 MSG*

## Kid's Korner

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will be released from teacher to parent when picked up from the same spot.

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### Team Kids will (tentatively) start

**Tuesday, August 25th**

Team Kids meet every Tuesday throughout the school year.

The program starts as soon as school lets out and goes until 5:30 pm. Children can be picked up from school and shuttled to the church. Please contact us if you would like details on having your child/children picked up from school or would like more information about Team Kids. At Team Kids your children will enjoy recreation time, fun crafts, a snack, and most importantly learn about and experience God's love. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Kartchner at 535-2437, Jessica Allsup 535-2310.

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

***All dates and times for events are tentative and based on CDC and State mandates. Please follow us on Facebook or on the church webpage for current information.***

**Gila Valley Baptist Church in Gila, New Mexico is seeking a full-time pastor.** We are a small, but very active, southern Baptist church with approximately one hundred members and very active children's and youth ministries. Seminary attendance or training is preferred. Candidate should possess strong biblical theology, as well as, good organizational, communication, and leadership skills. **Email resumes to: [gilavalleypastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:gilavalleypastorsearch@gmail.com).**

**Pastor Search Committee Update:** Please continue to be diligent in prayer for God to prepare the heart of the man He will ordain as our next pastor and for the pastor search committee to seek God's guidance and direction as we move forward through this process.

**Church from your car:** We understand that some of you won't feel comfortable returning to church gatherings just yet, and we stand by and respect your decision. **You are welcome to join us from your car in our parking lot, tune in to FM 107.9.**

**Business/Deacons Meetings:** *All members are encouraged to attend the Business Meetings* that are held on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday of the month. **Business meetings begin at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8th.** Deacons meet the same night at 6:00 pm. The following dates complete this quarter: **August 5th, and September 9th.**

**Potluck Lunches:** The Hostess Committee invites you to the potluck lunches the first Sunday of each month. Our potluck lunches for the next quarter will be on; **Canceled-July 5th, August 2nd, and September 6th;** immediately after the Morning Worship Services. Come and share your favorite food with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

**The Power of a Praying Wife/Husband Books:** If you desire a closer relationship with your spouse, you will appreciate the life illustrations, encouraging Bible verses, and the assurances of God's promises and power for your marriage. **Stormie Omartian's bestselling "The Power of a Praying" series** (more than 23 million copies sold) is rereleased.. Stormie joyfully inspires you to develop a deeper relationship with your husband/wife by utilizing the amazing power of prayer. This uplifting resource is packed with practical advice on praying for specific areas of your married life. ***Our church library has a supply of books for you to take. No need to check them out or return them!***

**Men's Baking Competition:** The 3rd annual competition **has been postponed. Please watch for a new date.** Many of the men have been honing their recipes and skills. We look forward to what yummy confections they prepare for us this year. Top 3 winners will get bragging rights.

**Church Library:** The Gila Valley Church wants you to Check out the Library! If you are interested in seeing something added to our collection please contact the church office, 535-2977 or contact JoDee Birch. Also, **please look at home, maybe on your bookshelves. Do you have any church books or videos that you can return?** Thank You.

**GVBC Facebook Page and Web-page:** Gila Valley Baptist Church has set-up a Facebook page to help get information out to all the members. You can search for the page under Gila Valley Baptist Church. Please "like" our page so you will be able to see our posts. Please check out the church web-page. The web address is: [gilavalleybaptistchurch.com](http://gilavalleybaptistchurch.com).

**Operation Christmas Child Year-Round / Purchasing & Packing Ideas:** Suggested July, August & September items to buy for a box: clothing, school supplies and games.

# Sunday School

Gila Valley Baptist Church offers Sunday School Classes for everyone! No matter your age or how deep your knowledge of the Bible.

*Every Christian Ought to Know the Bible!*

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

The starting place in Christian growth (continued growth) is to study the bible. Studying the bible will teach you about:

- The validity of the Bible.
- The Bible is His story.
- The Bible is one book, Genesis through Revelation.
- The bible has one theme—redemption. One hero—Jesus and one purpose—the glory of God.
- The fulfilled prophecy of the Bible.
- The word of God has transforming power.

The study of the bible will stir the conscience, convict the mind and

convert the soul. (What Every Christian Ought to Know, by Adrian Rogers)

Please join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:45 AM. **You are Welcome here!**

*GVBC offers classes for everyone! Each lesson has an overview of the study in a 45 minute classroom environment. We encourage you to study with us. Sunday School starts at 9:45 am.*



## Good one....



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

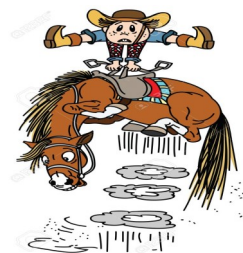


"How come there's a forbidden fruit, but not a forbidden vegetable?"

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to

walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top

of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"



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**Nomination Committee:** Every member of every church should be serving in some way, and every servant of the Lord should remember that it's more than just serving others; it's loving them: "*Serve one another humbly in love*" *Galatians 5:13*. **New duties and nominations assignments will take place in July and August, effective in September. Pray about how you can serve God and your church.**

**Southern Baptists Celebrate 175 years:** Since 1845, almost 25,000 Southern Baptist missionaries have shared the gospel, made disciples, planted churches and planted their lives in 185 countries around the world. This interactive timeline celebrates 175 years of Southern Baptists on mission through the International Mission Board, which was originally called the Foreign Mission Board. Get to know missionaries whose names may have been forgotten but whose stories remind us of the power of God and the courage of His people. Learn about significant moments in Southern Baptist history, often shaped by events happening in the world at large. Celebrate God's faithfulness through 175 years of remarkable missions history. [www.imb.org/175](http://www.imb.org/175).

## Keep Looking Up

By Anne Graham Lotz

Have you ever wondered what happened to the disciples of Jesus?

All of our Lord's beloved disciples, with the possible exception of John, died a gruesome death. Why? Not for saying Jesus of Nazareth had been crucified—the world knew and confirmed His death. The disciples were tortured, vilified, exiled and executed for saying He had risen from the dead! They were put to death for their conviction that Jesus Christ is alive! And He is Lord!

Have you ever wondered if you could maintain your commitment to Christ under intense pressure and persecution? How can you and I be faithful ... to the end?

The Apostle Peter penned a letter to the early church that exuded passionate love for Christ and exuberant joy in knowing Him, even though his relationship with Christ would cost him his life within the year! How could he maintain a joyous, faithful commitment to the end? Because Peter kept looking up.

As we live in a world that is shaken at almost every level and in every area, we too can face tomorrow and maintain our joy because Christ lives! Let's stay focused on our risen Lord every day—and keep looking up as Peter did!

*Heavenly Father, these are such crazy times we're living in. Every day brings new challenges. But we know that in the midst of any circumstance we only have to look to You to have our joy renewed. Thank You for staying so close to us during this time. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

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### The Truth Sets Us Free

The battle to overcome your emotional struggles is a battle for your mind. If you are worrying, stressed out and depressed, it is because you are thinking things that are not true.

In 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Paul writes, *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."*

It is not our flesh that we fight but rather our minds and what Satan tries to do to our minds. One of Satan's favorite strategies is to plant his thoughts in your mind so completely that you come to believe they are your thoughts, so you will begin to act on these thoughts.

If you will set your mind on the things of the Spirit, you will have both life and peace. You will also have purpose, meaning and joy. With the Holy Spirit governing your thoughts, external circumstances do not dictate your responses. If you want to overcome your emotional struggles, change your thoughts. If you seek to be set free from that which holds you hostage, then set your mind on God's truth. For His kingdom, Tony Evans

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### **SUNDAY**

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY**

**TeamKIDS**—after school to 5:30 p.m.  
(August through May-see page 2)

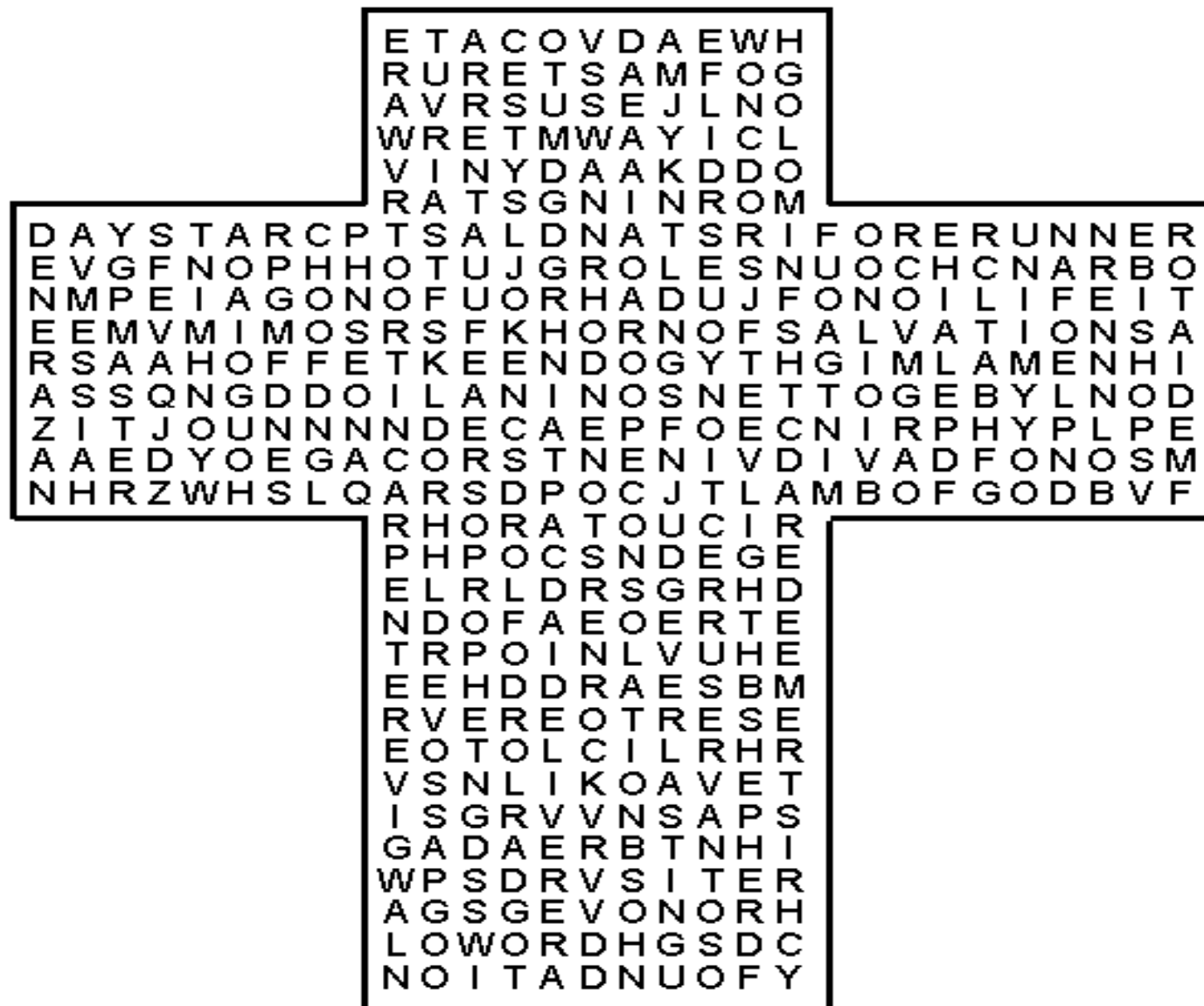
### **WEDNESDAY**

**Youth Group**—6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
(scheduled August through May-see page 2)

*Exalting the Savior,  
Equipping the Saints,  
Evangelizing the Sinner*



## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



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Almighty  
Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolation  
Cornerstone  
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Day Star  
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Emmanuel  
Everlasting  
Faithful and True  
First and Last  
Forerunner  
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High Priest  
Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
Judge  
King  
King of Kings  
Lamb of God

Lawgiver  
Life  
Light  
Lion of Judah  
Lord  
Lord of Lords  
Master  
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Mediator  
Messiah  
Mighty God  
Morning Star  
Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet

Redeemer  
Resurrection  
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