

“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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**Tuesday, November 3rd**  
**7 am to 7 pm**

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## The Power of Prayer

The men upon whose shoulders rested the initial responsibility of Christianizing the world came to Jesus with one supreme request. They did not say, “Lord, teach us to preach;” “Lord, teach us to do miracles;” or “Lord, teach us to be wise.” They said, “*Lord, teach us to pray*” (Luke 11:1).

The followers of Christ saw the example He set in praying, and they noted the direct relationship between Jesus’ ministry and His devout life of prayer.

What a privilege is ours, the privilege of prayer! We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving. We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud. We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting. We need to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient.

Sinners, pray to a merciful God for forgiveness! Christians, pray for an outpouring of God’s Spirit upon a willful, evil, unrepentant world. Parents, pray that God may crown your home with grace and mercy! Children, pray for the salvation of your parents!

Christians, saints of God, pray that the dew of Heaven may fall on earth’s dry, thirsty ground, and that righteousness may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Pray, believing, with this promise of our Savior in mind, “*Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them*” (Mark 11:24). “*And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*” (John 14:13)

*“Very few of us have learned how to fully develop the power of prayer. We have not yet learned that a man or woman is more powerful when they are in prayer than when they are behind the most powerful guns we have ever developed.”*

**Heavenly Father, thank You for the beautiful gift of communicating with You.  
We know that whatever happens in our lives, You always hear us when we  
pray. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

BY BILLY GRAHAM | SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

# 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 Nights, 7-8 PM

October 14th

October 28th

November 18th

December 2nd

December 16th Christmas Event

*\*schedule is subject to change*

# 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*

Our 180 Youth Group is once again meeting in person. We are so excited to be able to gather together again and learn more about and grow closer to God.

**Currently we are meeting for Bible Study from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

We hope to be back to our regular meetings very soon. During this

time though, we are taking advantage of the *YouVersion Bible App* which has given us an opportunity to study together throughout the week and then discuss what we've studied at our bi-weekly meetings. On this app we have been able to discuss together each day how God is speaking to us through his word and the study. This has been such a blessing to me, and I know others. Things may look different right now, but it is no surprise to God, and he is providing ways for us to connect even better than we did before. God is working, always working, and we are so thankful for his living word and the many ways we can study together. If you need more information about the app or our studies, please do not hesitate to ask.

## Kid's Korner

**Team Kids leaders have been prayerfully working on a schedule and a plan to start Team Kids.**

**The leaders are happy to announce that Team Kids will start on**

**Tuesday, October 13th.**



Team Kids is for children K-6th grades and meets every Tuesday throughout the school year. The program starts as soon as school lets out and goes until 5:30 pm. **We have had to make several changes, please watch the mail for more information.** At Team Kids your children will enjoy recre-

ation 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.



**Kids and parents, please join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School.**

GVBC offers classes for *infants to senior adults*. 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 9:45am.**

**Sunday Worship starts at 11:00 am.**

# 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 is seeking a full-time pastor.** We are a small, but very active, southern Baptist church with approximately one hundred members and 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.**

***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, October 7th.** Deacons meet the same night at 6:00 pm. The following dates complete this quarter: **November 4th, and December 9th.**

**Potluck Lunches:** The Hostess Committee invites you to the potluck lunches on the first Sunday of each month. Our potluck lunches for the next quarter will be on; ***October 4th is canceled, November 1st, and December 6th;*** immediately after the Morning Worship Services. Come and share your favorite food with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

**Daylight Saving Time ends on November 1st.**

**Church Library:** The Gila Valley Church wants you to Check out the Library! New books/videos are arriving. If you are interested in seeing something added to our collection please contact the church office, 535-2977, or contact Jo Dee 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 has set-up new ways for giving your tithe/offering.** We recently made available, **Tithe.ly**. Giving to our church using **Tithe.ly** is super easy! You now have many different ways to give your tithe/offering.

**#1-Give on our Church Website**—The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website, gilavalleybaptistchurch.com. The green "Give" button can be found on our home page. (You have the option to "cover fees" with options 1-3.)

**#2 - Give Online**—If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give by heading to **Tithe.ly/Give**. Once there, search for our church, and fill in the giving form.

**#3 - Give in App**—Want to give to our church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the **Tithe.ly App** from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate our church, and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

**#4 – Give by check or cash**—Nothing has changed if you want to continue writing a personal check or tithe with cash. The offering plates will always be available and part of our service.

**Gila Valley Baptist Church emergency prayer chain.** You can activate the emergency prayer chain (Dial My Calls) 24 hours a day by contacting one of the following: Deanna at 535-2437; Brenda at church: 535-2977, or 535-2126; or Eddy at 535-2175. You can contact us by using Messenger- GVBC Prayer Chain, or call anyone on the prayer chain. Requests will be prayed for and not spread without permission. Prayer Warriors: Mary, Janet, DaVonna, KayAnn, Judith, Sheree, John & Janice, and Dawna.

# Sunday School

Fall, it's my favorite time of year.... warm afternoons, and cool, crisp nights. God gives us explosions of color as the leaves change. And don't forget Thanksgiving, one of my favorite holidays. I love the emphasis on family and friends.

And there's my other reason for loving fall—a new season of Bible Study. As we settle back into a somewhat normal routine. I love it when I see all the members of my Bible study group together, studying God's word.

This fall all the Sunday School classes from the Student Class up

to the Men's class will be in the same study. We will be in the **Bible Studies For Life Study**. *Starting with the first study written by Tony Evans, "After God's Own Heart".* It will be a fresh look at the Ten Commandments. We'll focus on what frees us to do and be in Christ while looking at David. *The second study by Matt Carter, "All In",* will challenge each of us to raise our level of commitment to Christ. Jesus spent three years, fulfilling His earthly ministry, and during those three years He talked a lot about commitment.

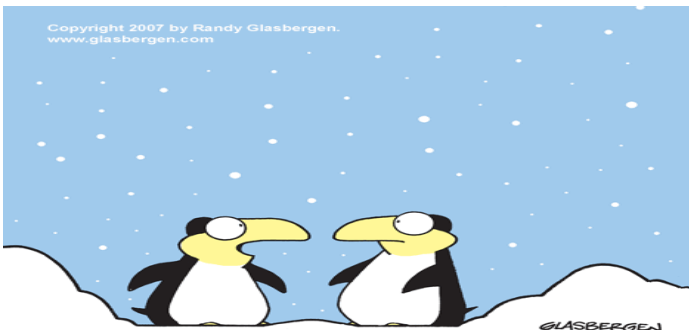
It's going to be a great fall! I'm glad to experience these studies together with you!

Please join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School. **You are welcome here!**

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## Good one....



"Faith means believing in things you've never seen...like your feet!"

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"I don't know all Ten Commandments. The only ones I remember are 'settle down', 'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth'."

## A Kitten From Heaven

A pastor had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard, and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, but the kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and grasp the kitten. He did all this, kept getting out to check, then

figured if he went just a little bit farther, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved a little farther forward... the rope broke. The tree snapped back and the kitten instantly sailed through the air—out of sight.

The pastor felt very bad. He walked all over the neighborhood, asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to Your keeping," and

went on about his business.

A few days later, he was at the grocery store, and he met one of his church members. She told the pastor, "I watched my little girl go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a kitty cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws spread out, and landed right in front of her."

## MISSIONS UPDATES

**Operation Christmas Child:** This year we have had monthly suggestions for gifts to buy for our shoeboxes. Hopefully, you have been encouraged to pack early and to pack lots of boxes. *Last year we packed 128 boxes*, an amazing record for our church. Although this has been a difficult year for many, it will be the perfect time to show our love for children around the world. Packing shoeboxes not only gives joy to the receiver but it also blesses the giver. **Kick-off for our annual drive will be November 1st. The collection day will be November 22nd.** Please pray for this ministry. We are looking forward to collecting lots of boxes in 2020. Find details and packing ideas at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**AmazonSmile Account:** Support Gila Valley Baptist Church while holiday shopping. GVBC has set up an AmazonSmile account. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to GVBC when our church is selected by customers. Next time you order please **go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Gila Valley Baptist Church before you order.** AmazonSmile is now available for iPhones and Androids. Thank You for supporting our church.

**Fall Food Harvest 2020:** The October Fall Harvest will look different this year. **The NMBCH is requesting monetary donations and gift cards instead of specific food items.** Please mark your check or envelope "Fall Harvest". ***The deadline to give to donate through the church will be Sunday, October 11th.*** You can give donations anytime to the Children's Home at [www.nmbch.com](http://www.nmbch.com) or mail a check to NMBCH, PO Box 629, Portales, NM 88130.

**SWBA Women's Retreat:** The Women's Retreat will be held on **October 9-11th in Buckhorn at the Southwest Christian Center.** Information packets are at church or register at the event. *Elaine Henderson is the guest speaker.*

**Mission New Mexico Offering:** The Mission NM Offering is a vital resource for the mission's work in New Mexico. ***You can give online anytime at <https://bcnm.com/give/>***

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** This offering supports **3,585 missionaries** who have answered the call. All proceeds go toward supporting those missionaries from entry through the exit. *To give you can mail a check to the church or go online to: [lmb.org/lmco](http://lmb.org/lmco).*

## Season of Uncertainty

(By: David C. Cook Ministries)

Everyone is doing their very best in a season of uncertainty. In this season, plan for and invest in what your fall will look like in all areas of your life. At your church—whatever it might look like. Whether you continue with the drive-up church, meet in person, or participate in other church activities.

### **Top reasons we believe a church plan is important:**

- ◆ Members—especially kids and families—need the church community.
- ◆ You need time to worship as a church.
- ◆ Clear communication can no longer be secondary.
- ◆ Life continues whether we engage in church activities or not.
- ◆ Real refuge and healing are needed.

God offers hope in dark places. Remind one another that God's Church still stands—no matter what it might look like.

We need you to consider: What is the biggest need in our community at this time? Where can our church step in with alignment with your mission? What are authorities saying about our local area and what can open?

**We can be light in the darkness and hope amid hopelessness. Not because of who we are or what we have to offer, but simply because we know Jesus.**

*Please continue to pray for and serve our church. You are vital to keeping us growing and prospering in this uncertain season.*

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### Election 2020: A Monumental Event

*Once again, the nation's future is on the line  
(Decision magazine, April 2020)*

Ideally, when electing a candidate, Bible-believing Christians should look for someone who embodies **Exodus 18:21—“men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain”**—said Michael Brown, host of the syndicated “Line of Fire” radio program and president of the FIRE School of Ministry in Concord, NC. *“We live in a very dangerous world, and there are those who want to take advantage of our freedoms in order to do harm to our nation,”* Tony Perkins said (president of Family Research Council). *“We need to pray for God’s protection over America and that as a nation we would return to God so that we might be a nation that honors Him and is worthy of the blessing we seek from Him.”* The church has the vital responsibility of being salt and light to a world mired in sin. *“I’m praying first and foremost for revival in the church. It is only as we come alive that awakening can come to the nation,”* Brown noted. *“As I’ve said for years, I’m not as much concerned with the presence of darkness as I am with the absence of light.”*

**Please pray and vote for biblical values on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020.**

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#### SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

*(Join us from your car in our parking lot, Morning or Evening, tune in to FM 107.9)*

#### TUESDAY

**TeamKIDS**—after school to 5:30 p.m.

(August through May-see page 2)

#### WEDNESDAY

**Youth Group**—7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

(scheduled August through May-see page 2)

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