

# GILA VALLEY

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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### Stop Playing Church

In the last month, we have seen 6 new church members join us in our mission of Empowering the church to share the gospel, equipping believers to grow in their faith, and encouraging families to minister to their children. Praise God! We hope to see more people in our community take their faith seriously and get connected to a local church.

Have you ever heard of the term “Playing Church”, it's very common inside the church walls and even outside the church walls. Let's talk about both:

Inside the church walls:

Church members may be able to share a few Bible stories with you, but their faith is very shallow. In fact, if they didn't post about it on social media, we wouldn't know about it by the way they interact with others in the community. Often these people are great at gossip, they are at church every week that is humanly possible and they may not have a great reputation even among other church members. Anytime I am sharing about what God is doing at Gila Valley I tell people that,

**We are not a perfect church, but we worship a perfect God**

The church is full of sinful people because these people know how much they need Jesus. As you're reading this, maybe you're thinking of someone. First, I apologize if you have experienced a negative conversation or been hurt by someone in our church. That's not okay. Second, if you are a Christian then you would know that He who is without sin should throw the first stone. (Only Jesus was able to condemn, and he didn't He showed mercy.) Third, if you're an unbeliever, I want you to know that Jesus is perfect, and died for us because our sin separates us from a perfect God. Now as Christians we are seen as perfect by God through Jesus. That is called grace. Would you consider learning more about what a Christian looks like, and forgive those of us who didn't live out what we claim to believe? Maybe they were “playing church”.

Outside the church walls:

Only in America is it popular to go to church somewhere. In fact, when those “playing church” outside of the church walls are asked, “Where do you go to church?” They name a church that they used to be a member of but no longer attend. They name a church that they went to when they were 12, or maybe even during a special service or funeral for a friend. Don't believe them. They're just “playing church”.

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# 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 2021 Youth Calendar Wednesday Youth Nights 6-8p

August 18th – (Kick-off Party)  
September 1st  
September 15th  
September ? (During the week of the Fair, we will have a mission opportunity. Date TBD)  
October 13th  
October 27th  
November 3rd (Tentative Special Fellowship)  
November 17th  
December 1st  
December 15th – (celebration)

Fourteen members of our youth group just returned from StuCamp 1.0. What an awesome experience! We had such a great week with these young people. Each of us, sponsors included, grew in our relationship with Christ and came home refreshed

and renewed. We rejoice with Lilah Sine as she gave her life to Christ while at camp. Please pray for Lilah as she begins her walk with Christ and join us in welcoming her to the family of God. We also had five other individuals commit themselves to pursue student ministry. We have some truly amazing, Godly young people in our group, and it was a joy to spend the week with them and watch God work in their hearts and lives. Thank you to Jessica Allsup and Tammy Clifton for being awesome sponsors. We cannot wait to kick off the 2021-2022 year. This semester we will have some great opportunities to study, fellowship, do missions, and have fun! Tell your friends and be ready for a great semester of youth group. Youth will return to our regular schedule. We will also begin having refreshments as well. Watch for more details on this and an opportunity to serve our youth in this way.

# 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

### Vacation Bible School

Hosted by Trinity Presbyterian Church

Destination Dig VBS

Monday, July 5, 2021 — Friday, July 9, 2021

9:00 am — 11:45 am

Southwest Christian Center: US HWY 180  
Buckhorn, NM 88025



### Team Kids will start Tuesday, August 24th

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 at 535-2310, or Anita Jackson at 535-4121.

- \* VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.
- \* Pre-registration for children 4 yrs. old to completed 6th grade and volunteers is required  
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/955e1b>

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Gila Valley Baptist is excited to announce that God has called Nathan Peterson to be our pastor. Nathan has been involved in ministry since 2007, most recently in Sherman, TX. We are thankful for the calling on Nathan's life and can't wait for everyone to meet and welcome Nathan, his wife Amanda, and sons Elliott and Kaydon.

**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 7th.** Deacons meet the same night at 6:00 pm. The following dates complete this quarter: **August 4th, and September 8th.**

**Potluck Lunches:** The Hospitality 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 4th, August 1st, and September 5th;** 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 **was held on Sunday, May 2nd with numerous entries. Thank you to all the men that participated making this event spirited.** Congratulate the top 3 winners: 1st place-Clay Means, 2nd place-Marvin Kartchner and 3rd place-Jason Clifton. *Thank you to Carolyn Percy for judging the desserts.*

**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 or Jane Tibbs. **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: **gilavalley.org.**

**School Prayer Walk-** Join your church family as we Prayer Walk the Cliff Schools campus the Sunday before school starts to pray for the administrators, staff, teachers, and the students. Watch for specific time and date information.

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

**Support Gila Valley Baptist Church:** Gila Valley Baptist Church has set up an AmazonSmile account. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchases to GVBC when our church is selected by customers. Next time you order please go to **smile.amazon.com** and select Gila Valley Baptist Church before you order. Thank You. for supporting our church.

# Sunday School

Promotion Sunday will be held on Sunday September 5th during the Sunday School Opening at 9:45 am. Promotion Sunday is bittersweet. Transition is tough—for kids and adults—but it's also exciting as it marks a new season.

Promotion Sunday may be just one of many events on your ministry calendar but it marks a time of transition and transformation in children's lives.

With time and intentionality, you can partner together with families and the Lord in the faith development of your church's youngest disciples.

Here are 10 tips to help you navigate your Promotion Sunday like a pro.

1. Pray-That they will make having a relationship with the Lord a priority.
2. Train-Review routines and procedures with the kids/family.
3. Equip-Update parents on any changes from last year.
4. Meet-make connections with kids and parents.
5. Preview-Be mindful of changes.
6. Map-build anticipation and help kids get used to the new room.
7. Give-a calendar of upcoming family/church events.
8. Own-plan an activity for the kids to own their new classroom.
9. Connect-outside of church for a week or two i.e. send a card.

10. Pray some more! Pray for your kids every day.

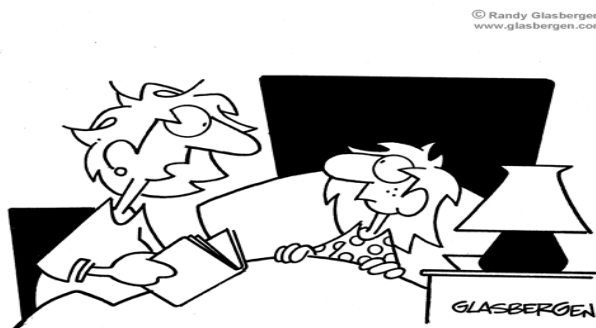
Please join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:45 AM. **You are Welcome here!**

*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.*

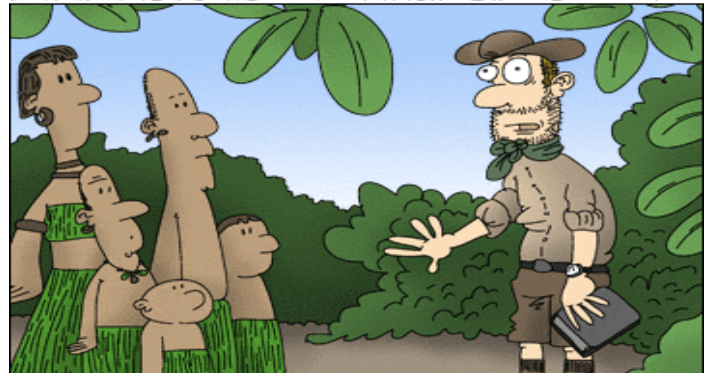


## Good one....



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(See Matthew 28:19)

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IT TOOK SO LONG TO GET TO 'ALL THE WORLD' THAT, ONCE THERE, HE TOTALLY FORGOT WHAT HE WAS GOING TO SAY

## Clocks

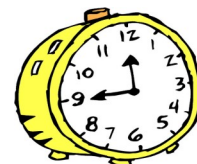
A man died and went to heaven, where he met St. Peter sitting at a desk in the middle of a great hall. On the walls were millions of clocks.

"What are those used for?" he asked. St. Peter said, "there's one of them for every living person on Earth,

ticking out the days of their lives."

The newcomer noticed that the hands of some of the clocks were moving faster than others. "Why do they move at different speeds," he asked. St. Peter said, "Every time you tell a lie you lose one hour of your life and your clock speeds

up." The newcomer looked around and then asked, "Do you have a clock for the President?" St. Peter said, "Yes, it's in the back room. We use it for a ceiling fan."



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## BAPTIST CHURCH

### How to Grill the Best Burgers

#### Ingredients

2 pounds 80/20 ground beef, cold

4 cloves minced garlic

2 tablespoons minced onion

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 3/4 teaspoons freshly ground pepper

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

6 hamburger buns

Butter for buns

**Make the burger mix:** Put the cold ground beef in mixing bowl. Sprinkle the other ingredients evenly over top. Fold the meat over a few times to get everything mixed. This entire process should only take about 30 to 45 seconds. Don't over handle the meat.

**Shape the burger patties:** Rather than forming the patties in your hand, form them on a tray. This makes it easier to shape the patties without over-handling or warming the meat. I like to use a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper, but any tray or platter will do. On the tray, divide the meat into 6 equal parts (about 5 1/4 ounces each). Gently form each portion into a patty that is 4-inches across with 1-inch sides and a shallow depression in the middle. You want the outer 1/2 inch of the patty to be slightly taller than the inside. This keeps the patty from shrinking too much and from puffing up in the center during grilling. Cover the patties with plastic wrap and transfer to the fridge while you heat up your grill and butter your buns.

**Heat the grill:** Heat a gas or charcoal grill to 450 to 500°F, or hot enough that you can only hold your hand above the grill grates for about 1 second. Butter the insides of all the buns and set them near the grill.

**Grill the burgers:** Place patties on the grill over direct heat. Cook to your desired doneness: For rare burgers, cook for 4 minutes total (125°F), For medium-rare burgers, cook for 5 minutes total (135°F), For medium burgers, cook for 6 to 7 minutes total (145°F), For well-done burgers, cook for 8 to 9 minutes total (160°F). Flip the burgers at least once during cooking, or as often as you wish. Do not press down on the patties at any time.

**Add the cheese and toast the buns:** When you have about 1 minute left on the cooking time, add the cheese to the burgers and the buttered buns to the grill over indirect heat. Rest the burgers: Remove burgers and buns from grill and transfer to a clean platter. Let the burgers rest for 1 minute before serving.



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### Worship Team

#### *The Story Behind the Song "What a Friend"*

Joseph Scriven was an Irishman with a life of bitter disappointments. Poor health cut short his career as a military officer; his fiancé drowned in a terrible accident the night before their wedding day; and after moving to Canada, he suffered the sudden death of a second fiancé. His poem of faith and confidence in the power of prayer has encouraged many generations of Christians: "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!" As Jesus prepared his sad and frightened disciples for his coming death, resurrection, and ascension, he wanted them to live joyful and fearless lives. He promised them that he would be with them always, every day, and that he would personally guarantee that all their prayers were favorably received at the Father's throne in heaven. "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete" (John 16:24). With complete and childlike confidence that everything you tell God is important, and that through your Savior Jesus Christ everything will be answered in the perfect way at the perfect time, take it to the Lord in prayer. Oh what a friend! (Time of Grace Ministry)

We are excited to see God work in the next few months through our worship service. Be ready for some fun as we kick off VBS on July 4th as well as wrap it up on July 11th. We are excited to welcome a few new faces to our worship team over the next month as well. What a blessing to have so many obedient in using their gifts to serve in this way.

We challenge you to take the "30 Day Challenge". Listen to Christian radio/music for 30 days straight and see how God can work in your heart and mind. We'd love to include your testimony here as you complete this challenge.

"Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful act" Psalm 105:2.



# MISSIONS UPDATES

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- ⇒ **Pre-registration is required** for children 4 yrs. old to completed 6th grade and volunteers at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/955e1b>
- ⇒ VBS Director: Jolene Jones 535-2133.

**Farmers to Families Food Boxes:** Gila Valley Baptist Church was blessed with the opportunity to distribute weekly food boxes to deserving

families in our community. We started on February 5th with 10 boxes. The government program, Farmers to Families, ended the last of May with the church serving as many as 45 families. Thank you to everyone that helped pick up, distribute, deliver, call and minister to our community.

**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 Baptist Convention:** We Are Great Commission Baptists! Baptists are committed to; Love-Southern Baptist churches display love of their neighbor, their enemy, their community, and God's people. *Proclaim*-Southern Baptists are a people committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. *Give*-SBC Churches prioritize generosity to support work in North America and around the world.

## Stop Playing Church

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As you're reading this maybe you can think of someone, or maybe this is God asking you to stop "playing church" and explore the biblical definition of church. Odds are that you have been hurt by someone in the church and are struggling in your faith. I want you to know that at Gila Valley, we are a church full of broken people looking for healing in Christ. There is a quote I want to share with you.

**"The church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners."**

Do you love Jesus, and desire to grow in your relationship with Him? If so you're probably attending church as often as you can, after all, it is the best place to learn about God. Some people call themselves "Christians" and have no desire to follow

Christ. I would say that those people are not just "playing church" but they're not truly Christian. They may even know all the Bible answers, but there has been no change in their life that represents the fruit of the Spirit.

If people inside and outside the church stop "playing church" we would be able to know the difference between genuine Christianity and genuinely lost sheep that need to come back home.

Family First,  
Nathan Peterson

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## Welcome our New Members

**Maci Weaver 4-25-2021**

**Hunter Weaver 4-25-2021**

**Leigh Ann Weaver 5-5-2021**

**Barbara Allyn 5-5-2021**

(condolences to the Allyn Family-Barbara passed away 6-10-21)

**Jeanne Overstreet 5-5-2021**

**Jack Klein 6-6-2021**

We are thankful that God has directed your life's journey to the Gila Valley and our church. We are blessed by you!



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### Church Deacons

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Beau Jackson 535-4121

Marvin Kartchner 535-2437 (Chairman of Deacons)

Jerry Woodrow 535-2173



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## SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.

*Join us from your car in our parking lot,  
tune into FM 107.9*

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.

(as scheduled August through May-see page 2)

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