

## Pastor D's Letter November, 2022

NOVEMBER  
2022

On Halloween I drove up to Phoenix to "Trick or Treat" with the grandkids. It was fun to be with family. On the way up I listened to the radio. Everything was Halloween and spooky stories. The next day I drove home to discover three stations had already become "Christmas Stations". I may watch Hallmark Christmas movies all year long, but it was just too soon for Christmas music. However, the fact that Christmas music was on the radio flooded me with thinking about family. On the drive home I spoke with my aunt and then, my uncle.

Holidays are about Family. Thanksgiving is coming upon us quickly and it is a time for us to "GIVE THANKS" to God for his provision for us. While we sing hymns like: Come Ye Thankful People, come; Let All Things Now Living a Song of Thanksgiving; and Now Thank We All Our God, and celebrate the harvest, we also give thanks to God for the gift of our family. That is why we gather together and travel long distance to be together on Thanksgiving Day. As you gather with your family, I share with you one of my favorite stories to encourage you to greater thankfulness and giving.

One day, before everyone carried cell phones, a young man came home from college and surprised his dad at work. It was near the end of the day so the man suggested that he and his son surprise mom with a Pizza. As they walked through the park on the way to the car another man approached them begging change. Without hesitation the father fished out the change in his pocket and holding it out to the man said, "Here, take what you need."

The beggar quickly took all the change and continued on his way. The father and son took a few steps and then stopped. "Do you have any change to call order the Pizza?" The father asked his son. "No, I haven't got any change said the son." Together the father and son laughed and called out to the beggar. "Wait a second. Sir this is quite embarrassing," said the father, "but we have to make a phone call and we just gave you all our change."

With a glimmer in his eye, the beggar faced the father and son, then reaching in his pocket, he pulled out the change he had just received and said, "Here, take what you need." Philippians 4:19 reminds us, "My God will supply all your needs, according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus. As God supplies our needs, may we remember to share what we have received with others.

Yours in thanks and in giving,  
Dr. D

- Remember this is stewardship month. Let the Session know your intention to give to the church in 2023 by turning in a pledge card ASAP.
- During November we begin to renew our Mission Partnerships. This month we will renew partnerships with:  
ABCS on November 13th & Crossroads Mission on November 20th.
- Christmas will be here before you know it. Join us for a special worship service on November 27th as we celebrate the First Sunday in Advent by "Hanging the Greens!" during worship.



Lenore Maxwell; Crystal Echols; Mary Ellen Cultip;  
Mary and Bob Schaal; Missionaries around the World,  
Leonard Troxel; Betty Hammann; Makyla Ruttle; Lynn Bell;  
Cindy Michels; Kylie Rivera; The Unrest in our Country; Police  
and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our  
country; the unsaved; our military and their families;  
all those affected by COVID-19; Border Patrol;



## November

BIRTHDAYS



## December

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER  
3 Rayne Caley  
18 Brian Smith

SCOUTS  
NOVEMBER  
2 Roland Jones  
3 Rayne Caley  
3 Capri Rippey  
5 Leilani Ashwood  
5 Austin Clarke  
7 Rose Morgan  
9 Colton Claridge  
10 Justin Jeffcoat  
14 Chloe Burge  
22 Evelyn Powell  
28 AJ Goodwill  
29 Jessica Hudson

DECEMBER  
4 Joshua Roberts  
8 Linda Neal  
14 Carol Troxel  
19 Donna Goodner  
19 Rebecca Carlisle  
30 Sarah Sullivan  
30 Glen Moss  
30 Jack Carlisle

SCOUTS  
DECEMBER  
11 Patience Bowen  
14 Charlie Nance  
22 Jayden Noel  
22 Matthew Haworth  
25 Aubree Bravo  
27 Cael Williamson  
31 Jackie Shull

## December

ANNIVERSARIES

21 Paul & Sandy Schlehr  
27 Vince & Judy Apple

## CARING MINISTRIES NEWS

Thank you to all that helped with the Memorial Service and Reception for

**Bob Wilcox.**

It was well done and supported the family's wishes.

## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

### NOVEMBER 13TH

During our worship service, **Adriana Mrofka of AZ Baptist Children's Services (ABCS)** will be telling us about their continued work to provide hope and care to hurting children and families through Christ-centered ministries. They focus on providing practical help to meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs. ABCS serves the full spectrum of Arizona families, from unborn babies to senior adults. We will again this year be **sponsoring ABCS families by providing food for Thanksgiving dinner & Christmas dinner and Christmas gifts for the children.** In October we provided a Couples Night Out basket for ABCS' online silent auction.

### NOVEMBER 20TH

during our worship service, someone from **Crossroads Mission** will be telling us about the good work they are doing helping homeless families and individuals.

### DECEMBER

We will possibly have a **Zoom meeting with Crystal Echols**, missionary, living in the South Sudan.

# THANK YOU

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Glen Moss

The financial information below includes all 2022 income and expenses through September 30, 2022. The income figures include all giving, whether toward a pledge to the Annual Stewardship Campaign or donations to a Mission Partnership, a Special Offering, or any other type giving. The expenses include all expenses incurred including the distribution of monies donated toward special projects or Mission Partnerships.

## YEAR TO DATE FINANCIALS

	AUGUST	YTD
INCOME	\$24,789.21	\$185,676.67
EXPENSES	\$23,831.775	\$219,283.89*

\* Income includes gifts for special events and offerings and the Expenses also include where those special items have been "passed along" to the intended organization.



As you can see, our year to date expenses exceed our year to date income. We are fortunate that we have an Investment Account that began as the proceeds from an estate that was donated to the church. The downside is that any expenses not covered by donations and rent income from the Preschool and other users of the facilities will be charged against the Investment Account. If you need a tax deduction when you file 2022 taxes, please keep Sierra Vista in mind. We are a non-profit organization and donations to Sierra Vista are deductible for those who file itemized returns.

God is Good and we have been blessed. In all things God is faithful to us, let us be faithful to Him.  
These are the gifts of God from the people of God for the work of God.  
Let us be good stewards of His gifts.

# SIERRA VISTA SCOUTING NEWS

NOVEMBER 2022

## OVERALL PROGRAM

All aspects of the Wednesday night program are fully operating. The ADULT Bible Class started meeting again on October 5. This class, led by Pastor Darren, meets in the adult classroom in the Christian Education Building (last room on the left as you go down the hall). A "Trunk or Treat" event will be held on Saturday, October 29 in the Sierra Vista parking lot. If you wish to participate, please let Haley Hill know.

The entire unit is planning on marching in the Veteran's Day parade on Friday, November 11. This annual event allows the youth to recognize our veterans and express their appreciation for their service.

## GIRL SCOUT TROOP

Many of the members of the Girl Scout Troop attend a camp out near Martinez Lake September 30 through October 2. They had a great time in the outdoors. It won't be long until training for Girl Scout Cookie sales will be held. Each year, Girl Scouts nationwide conduct their major fundraising efforts selling those delicious cookies. For the past several years, Troop 8054 has been one of the top units in the southern Arizona council.

## CUB SCOUT PACK

The Cub Scouts held their first Pack Meeting where awards were distributed and accomplishments were recognized. This celebration which was held in the sanctuary allowed Den Leaders to publicly recognize what their boys have been doing as they earn awards and acquire new skills.

Cub Scouts are again selling popcorn to help fund the program. Popcorn sales are being held at locations throughout town. Check with your Cub Scouts to purchase popcorn.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Troop attended the Gila River District Camporee at Yuma in the West Wetlands Park from October 21 through 23. The Event was a Colorado River Canoe Float down. Over 350 people were in attendance at this event. Units from the San Diego and Phoenix areas attend this weekend event and enjoyed the competitions and relaxed atmosphere. One of the competitions was a cooking contest. The theme for the contest was an entrée which had to feature the use of apples. Troop 8054 prepared Apple Chili and was awarded First Place.

Members of the Boy Scout Troop are taking orders for popcorn and are also selling fresh Christmas wreaths and holiday items.

We are happy that the year is underway and hope that you will continue to support your 8054 scouting program and adult education opportunities. If you haven't checked us out yet, please visit any Wednesday for a great time.

# NOVEMBER 2022

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All Saint's Day

6:00 Adult  
Bible Study  
Scouts 6pm

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

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Food Sunday

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

6:00 Adult  
Bible Study  
Scouts 6pm

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

Veterans Day

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Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

6:00 Adult  
Bible Study  
Scouts 6pm

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

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Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

6:00 Adult  
Bible Study  
Scouts 6pm

Thanksgiving  
Day

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1st Sunday of  
Advent

Hanging  
of the  
Greens

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

6:00 Adult  
Bible Study  
Scouts 6pm

# DECEMBER 2022

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Agnus - DEI  
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2nd Sunday of  
Advent  
  
Food Sunday

6:00 pm -Adult  
Bible Study  
  
Scouts 6pm

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Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

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3rd Sunday of  
Advent

6:00 pm -Adult  
Bible Study  
  
Scouts 6pm

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

Agnus - DEI  
7am -3pm COM

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4th Sunday of  
Advent

6:00 pm -Adult  
Bible Study

Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

6:00 pm -Adult  
Bible Study