

La Palabra

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A Message from Brant

Almost all of us say it, “I’m so busy.” School, work, sometimes both at the same time. Active children, aging parents, absorbed lives. Why, I even hear those who are retired talk about going on vacation!

Our busy-ness sometimes works against our best intentions. We know we should take time to catch up with an old friend. We wish we could sit down and write a thank-you note. We’d like to have time to be still and know God.

During these coming days of summer I’d like to encourage you to find peace in doing all these things. While we sometimes tend to think of vacation as doing nothing, perhaps there is a more restful way to spend at least some of our time, a kind of purposeful but paced activity. Here are a few ideas:

- block out a whole afternoon for that phone call to your old friend. The leisure of time will let you savor the call, and chances are you’ll still have time to deal with the unexpected responsibilities or opportunities that come up that day just because life is life.
- e-mail is great: quick and easy and convenient, but why not buy some really nice stationary and a good pen and re-claim the lost art of letters? Plan a lazy morning (maybe two or three) to sit down with a cup of coffee and write to people from your past. They will be delighted to have the basic tactile joy of your letter, and you may re-discover a kind of creativity you had forgotten.
- take Jesus to the beach. Why not use an hour or so to record a few thoughts in a journal, or to “pray what you see,” giving thanks for the beauty of the water, the sky, the warmth of the sun? Or swing by the Christian book store and pick up a title that interests you, something different than you normally get to read, maybe a good Christian novel, or perhaps a book on better living. Some titles I’ve read of late (and would recommend) include *Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith* (Bill Hybels) and *In Search of Deep Faith: A Pilgrimage into the Beauty, Goodness, and Heart of Christianity* (Jim Belcher).

In Christ!

Brant

P.S. It’s not too late to get in on a trip to the Holy Land with others in our church family! So far five of us (myself included) have committed to go but there is room for several more from our church (other churches are going as well). Cost would likely be in the range of \$3,500-\$4,000 per person for a 10 day trip. Please contact the church office at 964-8606, or email Brant directly at pastor@fpcmesa.org.

Looking ahead: during July we’re going to try something new! Inspired by your response to the “incident” of last year, we’re going to bring everyone together into one worship. July 6th and July 13th we’ll worship together in the Sanctuary, and then July 20th and 27th we’ll worship together in Fellowship Hall, all with a variety of musical styles. Watch for more information on “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” coming soon!

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A major reason for making a faith-based choice and sending your kids to Vacation Bible School is likely to be the content. There are a million sites in this country where kids can go during the summer to learn how to play baseball, basketball, football or how to swim but there are considerably fewer places where kids can go to actively learn about how to live like decent human beings who have concern and respect for others and faith in God. If you want your child to grow up to be a major league athlete, you probably should spend lots of time and, of course, money in finding the perfect camp to advance his career. But if your goal is to raise a child who has a sound moral and spiritual footing and is ready to face the world, you may want to think again about the value of sending a child to VBS. FPC is doing SonTreasure Island from June 16th - June 20th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Cost is only \$15 for the entire week and children age 5 - 13 are invited to attend! Registration forms are available on the church website, in the office or there will be a sign up table at Fellowship time each Sunday in June until VBS begins. The first 50 children registered will get a *free t-shirt*!

Vacation Bible School HELP Needed! Decoration will take place on Monday, June 16th at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping to transform the church into an island paradise, please let Jennifer Martin or Jasmine Couillard know.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Staff Training — Training is mandatory for all volunteers! Please mark your calendars for **June 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** We will serve you dinner and you will be ready to begin our week of camp.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items to Vacation Bible School from our donation tree! Your assistance helps lighten the load and the budget. If you did not get a chance to donate and want to do something, a cash donation is always appreciated.

Summer Sunday School began Memorial Day weekend! The children are enjoying a mixed age class (preschool through sixth grade) in the Jackson A classroom. Please join Lanai Mills and John and Jasmine Couillard each week from 10:30 – 11:20!

June Birthdays



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| Renita Jurgensen | 2nd |
| Ellen Hickey | 3rd |
| Victoria Martin | 3rd |
| Ken Brause | 5th |
| Jan Smith | 5th |
| Don Anweiler | 6th |
| Gretchen Frederick | 7th |
| Matt Hayball | 7th |
| Zoe Garlin | 8th |
| Shirley Martz | 9th |
| Phillip Pagels | 9th |
| Skip Anderson | 10th |
| Ellen Gillespie | 10th |
| Jeannette Laurie | 10th |
| Eleanor Daniels | 12th |
| Jack Oliver | 12th |
| Todd Ramsey | 12th |
| Jennifer Grace Martin | 14th |
| Joan White | 14th |
| Kayla Bozmoski | 15th |
| Wanda Gibbs | 16th |
| Bert Lanstra | 16th |
| Thomas Wells | 16th |
| Cheryl Gregory | 18th |
| Steve Ambri | 19th |
| Beth Ambri | 20th |
| Ruth Peake | 20th |
| Avonelle Marshall | 23rd |
| Jack Gunter | 25th |
| Charles Wells | 25th |
| Richard Koch | 26th |
| Sara D'Spain | 28th |
| Ann Harbin | 28th |
| Carol Anderson | 29th |
| Benjamin Nguyen | 29th |
| John Halverson | 30th |

Editor's Note: If your birthday is missing or we have the wrong date, please call the office so we can update our records. We wish a special day to anyone we have missed.

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

Radebaugh, Lillian
6945 E. Main St., #2137
Mesa, AZ 85207
(New apt. number)



Thank you to all who prayed for Miron's healing. He is progressing well. Praise God!
Many thanks,
Miron & Carol Webster

Calendar Notes

June 8

Outgoing Officers BBQ

June 11

Youth Bowling

June 15

Father's Day

June 16

VBS Set Up / Training

June 16-20

SonTreasure Vacation Bible School

June 17

Befrienders

June 22

Commissions & Session met

June 25

Youth Dive-In Bible Study

June 29

Monthly Food Drive
Youth Magic The Gathering Tournament

June 30

Campus Closed through July 11th

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

FPC



Save these dates
for more summer fun!
7/9, 6:00 — GameWorks
7/23, 6:00 — Stratum Laser Tag

Save the Date
**Southern
Island VBS**

Are you signed
up to help???

June 16 - 20
6-8:30 PM

What Up?

MAGIC THE GATHERING TOURNNEY

Date: June 29th
Time: 1:30
Format: Open format (aka, you can play any magic cards ever made EXCEPT uninged and unglued cards)
Cost: None
Tournament Type: Swiss—# of rounds based on attendance.
YES THERE WILL BE PRIZES PROVIDED BY GRAY!

Wednesday
June 11th, 6:00 — 8:00pm
Meet at AMF Bowling Lanes
2115 E. Southern Ave.
Cost: 10 bucks

[Call youth team member
if you need a ride]

June '14



DIVE IN BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesday, June 25th, 6:00-8:00pm
Snitzer House
(825 N. Alamo Circle, Mesa)
BRING: \$3 for dinner
Bathing suit and a towel
(scuba gear optional)

Sunday Mornings @ 10:30
with Gray and Todd



YOUTH TEAM: John — (602) 284-7311, Gray — (480) 459-8071, Katelyn — (602) 790-0373, Todd — (480) 495-6109, Mary Jane — (480) 586-7263