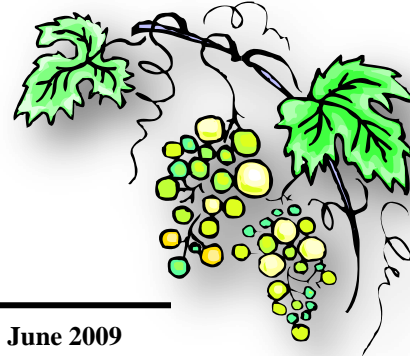


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COMING SOON IN CHURCH NEAR YOU!!! **Abiding Savior's 50th Anniversary!!!** **~ 1960 TO 2010 ~**

Our Theme:

*The faces have changed! The buildings have changed!
Even the palm trees have changed! BUT.....*
JESUS IS THE SAME.....YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER.
Hebrews 13.8

Prepare Yourself for the Celebration to Begin!!!

Many ACTIVITIES (and mini activities) this coming year will help you recognize the faithfulness of God to Abiding Savior! While it is always a time to celebrate our blessings, we are taking the year 2010 to focus on them... a little more!

1. Would you like to learn of some of those who have been a part of our beginning?
We hope you would BUT...we are not stopping there!
2. Would you like to know more about who we are today?
We hope you would BUT...we are not going to stop there!
3. Would you like to learn more about where God is leading us into the future?
We hope you would...

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration isn't to say "Ain't we been great!" It's to PRAISE God!!! Taking the time to SEE His greatness!!! And CELEBRATE!!!

It isn't a one day event to have a big party! It is many AND mini reminders (events, photos, history, etc.) during 2010. Celebrations of "Who we were." "Who we are." And, "Who we are going to be." It is to increase and celebrate our understanding of the presence of God through you and me and all that have come before us and those who will be added.

Join us!!! Come and see!!! How all of this is going to happen!!!
Contact Carol Parks 480-946-2390

A Note From Our Pastor . . .

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Again, as always, grace, mercy and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

On December 23rd, 1776, it is said that General George Washington gathered together his “bedraggled” troops and had them listen to an inspiring speech written by Thomas Paine. It began with these now famous words, “*These are the times that try men’s souls*”. As the story goes, these words, and more, hit home. And the same bedraggled troops gathered the necessary courage to go on ahead and win the then ensuing battle.

In a similar fashion, Jesus once stood before his disciples and said, “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*”

These are tough times for us, too. There is a war going on. No question about that. But it is not one being fought with either bullets or missiles. As was the case with both Jesus and David before us, our weapons of choice are faith and Spirit. With the first we fend off anything the enemy might throw against us. With the second we cut through the deep, deep veil of gloom and doom. With both we know we will eventually realize the victory. This is God’s irrevocable promise to us. And it will be so!

This promise includes any hardship we might encounter as a result of financial distress. Just a couple of weeks ago, or so, I informed you about the ways the effects of this distress had come to Abiding Savior. It was, I must again admit, not a particularly easy thing for me to do. But with God’s help, and your kind acceptance, we got it done together. And the response has already been greater than I could have ever imagined. For this I am overjoyed to give thanks to both God and you!

This is, of course, not to say that we have no more work to do. The enemy continues to attack and the challenges he brings remain difficult for us. But tough as it is, I know now, probably more than ever before, that the goodness of God is unsurpassable; and that because this is so, our victories assured!

Keep up the good work; and be blessed of God,

Pastor Shealds



Special Events & Services

FATHER’S DAY - JUNE 21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15 – 19

9:00 am – 11:30 am

\$10.00/Child

Friday Night Event 7:00 pm

Children’s Sunday School

June 14 and 28

10:20 am



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Abiding Savior School

*"Train up a child in the way he should go
And when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6*

We had our annual Mother's Day Chapel on May 6th. We had moms; grandmas, dads and grandpas come and enjoy this special Chapel. The children then gave the gifts they made to their moms and enjoyed special snacks of lemonade and cookies. This was a great time to visit with other moms, and everyone had a very nice time.

We are now focused on graduation, which will be held on Friday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You are all invited to come and enjoy the children singing their special songs and receiving special certificates. We will then enjoy a social time in Hestad Hall.

The Last day for school is Friday, May 22. We will then be closed for a week so the teachers can clean their classrooms and toys and get ready for the summer program. We will have room for children for the summer and if you know someone interested in care, please send them our way.

Our summer program will begin June 1st and run through August 13th. We will have many fun themes this summer, including Vacation Bible School and Christmas in July.

A big "thank you" goes out to all of you who participated in the Fry's Cool Cash program. We met our goal and received a check from them for \$500.00. This money will go to purchase new toys and games for the classrooms. We also recently received a check for \$200.50 from Box tops for Education. We want to thank you for all your help with this fundraiser as well. Please keep the box tops and Campbell's soup labels coming in, as well as the ink cartridges.

We continue to pray for a full group for the summer as well as the fall.

In His Name,
Barbara McElrath
Director

Shepherd's Warehouse

*"A Generous man will himself be blessed for he shares
his bread with the poor."
Proverbs 22:9*

Shepherd's Warehouse has seen a big increase of new clients in the last few months. We are always in need of jelly, honey, personal items, cleaning items and money to help purchase items we are not receiving.

With the hot summer months upon us, we are in desperate need of water for the homeless.

Thank you for all your help, you know who you are. We hope Pastor Jim and Hazel Cline have a safe trip home.

God Bless You,
Renate

P.S. A BIG thank you goes to Richard Brierley for picking up the donation of food given by the congregation at University Lutherans Church in Tempe.

Health Ministry

When Nancy Splain was here in May, some of you asked her recommendation for attorneys to assist you on your Advance Directives and Living Wills. Nancy is sending me a list. If you would like a copy, please call the church office and I will get that for you. Also, the Epilepsy Foundation sent us some First Aid cards (How to help when someone has a seizure); these can be carried in your wallet. We have both English and Spanish cards. If anyone would like one, they will be in the Narthex on the table.

Remember, with the summer heat here now, drink lots and lots of water and stay hydrated! **Watch** your kids around pools and water. I am working to get a water safety program here for kids and adults. The Phoenix Children's Hospital has an excellent program, as does Scottsdale Health Care, so we will have one of them here. Have a great and safe summer.

In His Service,
Lynn LeFebvre

Youth Ministry

We will start our Summer Sunday school on June 7. June thru August we will hold Sunday school on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Over the summer we will have a swim party, eat hotdogs and chips while spending some fellowship together. I will call parents and give details when all is set up.

I am looking at mid July to hold our "Total Image" class for our young ladies. It will most likely be a three-day event, beginning on a Friday night or a Saturday morning. I'll send a letter to parents in mid-June!

In His Service
Lynn LeFebvre

Vacation Bible School

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

You can still sign up to help with VBS!!! Check the bulletin board in the Narthex for items we need.

I would ask that you pray to see if God calls you to serve for VBS. We will need a Game Leader, Family Leaders, Music and Drama leaders and more. Teens who are interested in helping, please contact Eleanor Brierley, 480-947-7495.

Come with us to Rome and visit Paul in Prison.

Eleanor

For the Love of Words

Little is More

Have you ever gone to the refrigerator looking for just a little snack to satisfy till the next big meal, or have you ever taken just a little nap. What about those little books we look for when we don't want to spend a lot of time reading.

I found one (96 pages) it was called Dietrich Bonkolfner. On one page was the word "Metanoia" which jumped out of the page. It said, "It is not the religious life that makes a Christian but participation in the sufferings of God in the secular life."

Most of us bear our sufferings whether spiritual or physical with sincere prayer that our pain will be removed quickly. If we compare our pain to what our Lord Jesus Christ went through. His pain is always greater, but we can become closer to Him through our pain.

I'm glad I didn't overlook the "little" book I found. It spoke volumes in just a few words.

In His Service
Dorothy Pientka

Cursillo Corner

Saturday, May 30th ~
Reunion Potluck Ultreya at
Shepherd of the Hills, 16150 East El
Lago Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ,
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(New Cursillistas are not required to bring anything)

Saturday, June 6 – Monday, June 8 ~
Tirosh #38 at St. Peter, Mesa

Lisa Cole, Caroline Jenkins, Pastor Smith, Laurie Altamirano, Rhonda Clauss, Kathryn Clauss and Carol Ann Toll are serving on team. Valerie Clauss will be attending.

***Youth from age 15 to 20 interested in attending please contact either Lisa Cole or Regina Jenkins.

Saturday, June 13 – Leaders' School at
St. Andrews, 3101 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FYI: Saturday, June 20th ~

Ultreya will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran in Prescott Valley from 2 to 5 pm. Let's plan on having a group of ASLC's Cursillo Community attending.

PLEASE CONTACT REGINA OR BILL JENKINS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO THE MANANITAS, CLAUSURA SERVICE AND/OR ANY OF THE ULTREYAS

For Your Information

Abiding Savior has been involved with Scottsdale Mobile Meals for over thirty years. Along with several other churches in the area, we have delivered meals to those in need. It has been my privilege to serve as chairperson throughout that time. Because of a variety of circumstances, this organization will no longer be in existence. Most of our last clients have been able to find other services.

I want to thank God and all those who have volunteered in the past. Many have been blessed by this service for thirty-some years.

In His Service,
Joy Miller

June

Birthdays, Scriptures, Worship Support

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Greeters

Florris Zimmerman
Pat Ashurst

Lay Readers

7 – Lenae Stenerodden
14 – Pat Ashurst
21 – Rhonda Clauss
28 – Jessica Owens

Ushers

Cindy Chapin
Dee Kett
Peggy Owens
Carolyn Hinkle

Communion Assistant

Eleanor Brierley
Roger Murphy
Donna Hilt
7- Cree Abbott
14,21,28 – Mike Mancini

Altar Guild

7 – Martha Weld, Cree Abbott
14 – Martha Weld, Tamara Hartrick
21 – Cindy Chapin, Linn Palmer
28 – Cindy Chapin, Linn Palmer

Acolytes

7 – Tara DeVries
Macenzi Stoneburner
14 – Joey Alongi
Bryan Toll
21 – Bianca Demoulin
Macenzi Stoneburner
28 – Paige Faser
Bryan Toll

Sound

Erv Toll



4 Scott Halvorsen
5 Dee Kett
7 Bob Conrad
8 Phyllis Akins
9 Phyllis Sortor
10 Virginia Weisenberger
11 Dorothy Pientka
Bill Scribner
15 Susana Guido
18 Richard Bass
Sarah Reischmann
19 Kevin Cooke
Lew Durst
20 Bill Heck
22 Jessica Owens
24 Mark Fearey
26 Vivian Goebel
Pat Hutchinson
27 Florence Mercer
28 Eleanor Brierley
June Peterson



JUNE 7 HOLY TRINITY

Isaiah 6:1-8
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

JUNE 14
Ezekiel 17:22-24
II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 21
Job 38:1-11
II Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

JUNE 28
Lamentations 3:22-33
II Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

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Eleanor Brierley	Treasurer

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ABIDING SAVIOR COMMUNITY CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Morning Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer request from
6:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. or the previous evening.
Call Lola Mae Heltman 480-839-8983

Evening Prayer Chain

Receives your prayer requests
Throughout the day until 6:00 p.m.
Call Peggy Zude 480-945-4693

We will strive to be passionate followers
of Jesus Christ who. . .

Pray	daily
Worship	weekly
Read	the Bible daily
Serve	at and beyond Abiding Savior
Relate	with others to encourage spiritual growth
Give	generously with a goal of 10% and beyond

THE GRAPEVINE

Please submit your e-mail requests for
publication prior to 12:00 noon on the
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
TO

debra@abidingsaviortempe.org
or phone Church Office at
480-947-7495

Sunday Bulletin deadlines are every Wednesday
at 10:00 a.m. for the upcoming Sunday.

E-mail information for the Sunday bulletin to:
judy@abidingsaviortempe.org

WATER

You care for the land and water it;
You enrich it abundantly. . .
You drench its furrows and level its
ridges; you soften it with showers and
bless its crops.

-Psalm 65:9,10 NIV

