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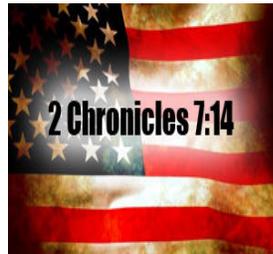
July 1, 2016

## Notes From The Pastor...

Recently right here in America we have experienced once again the horrible taking of lives in a senseless violent event. It's by no means the first of such events and it doesn't appear as if it's going to be the last. As you listen to the aftermath of this event, it's almost like a replay in the media. The same talking heads saying essentially the same things they said when this kind of thing occurred before. We have seen shootings in churches, schools, on army bases, on the job and most recently at a night club. In most all of these events, it's a person shooting people they don't even know. For reasons that are nothing less than senseless.

*So the question becomes,  
"Why is this happening?"*

Romans 1:21 is fairly clear on this issue. God tells us, as one writer puts it, "that to forsake God is to exchange truth for falsehood, meaning for hopelessness and satisfaction or emptiness but an empty mind and soul is like a vacuum. It will not long remain empty but will draw in falsehood and darkness to replace the truth and light it has rejected. The history of mankind is devolutionary and not evolutionary. The foolish heart that rejects and dishonors God does not become enlightened and freed as some like to claim but rather becomes spiritually darkened and further enslaved to sin. The person who forsakes God forsakes truth, light and eternal life as well as meaning, purpose and happiness. He also rejects the foundation and motivation for moral righteousness." Romans chapter 1:28-32 describes a lot of what is going on in America today. Verse 28 talks about the depraved mind and the rest of the passage about what it looks like. Like the verse says, it's a godless mind that is disposed to do things that are not proper. The depraved mind, the mind that rejects God and says, "God depart from us," Romans 1:22 tells us that thinking they are wise they have become fools. Those, by the way, are God's words, so if you have any objections my recommendation is talk to God about it. That's what's



## Notes From The Worship Leader...

### My Worth!

This past month in Vacation Bible School we looked at themes from the passage in Psalm 139 where we see God knows us completely and there is no place we can be where He is not. One of the sub-themes of the week was that God knows my worth. So I asked the kids this question, "What am I worth before I know Christ?" It stumped quite a few of them. So I helped them with the answer. "Nothing, zippo, zilch!" See, they are growing up in a world where the philosophy of self worth is so strong that even Christians have come to accept the error of thinking, "I am worth something, so Christ came to die for me." This is backward. Actually, Christ came to die for me so I could become worth something. Before Christ, I am a wretched sinner, hating God in my actions and will. My value has been completely lost to my sinfulness according to Romans 3:23.

This can be very hard to accept, because no one wants to hear they have no value in themselves. The Gospel however also includes the good news that God imparts His worth to us! I asked the kids how much God is worth. Most of them grasped that with His complete knowledge of us and omnipotent, all powerful identity, He is worth a lot! Indeed His is the definition of

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# JULY

## Birthday wishes to



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st** C. Mike Williams  
Ethan Durbin  
Japheth Konki
- 2nd** Brooke Garrett  
Danica Molina
- 3rd** Josette Thompson  
Justin James
- 5th** Pat Smith  
Jadalynn Morin
- 6th** Kris Williams  
Naomi Tolmachoff
- 7th** Anita Sakkas
- 8th** Wyatt Parrish
- 9th** Bill Wills  
Anthony Quinones
- 10th** Anita Tolmachoff

- 10h** Noah Yang
- 11th** Corky Richardson  
Dee Johanning Jr.
- 14th** Samuel Minyard  
Bea Pulley
- 15th** Maisy Alcaida
- 17th** Kim Wills  
Lorie Ozbun  
Jill Marston
- 18th** Kris Williams  
Nicayle Kelly
- 19th** Donna Gajdowski  
Tina Worley  
Courtney Edwards
- 20th** Toby Rogers  
Noah Chambers
- 21st** Justin Martin

- 22nd** Melba Stewart  
Dan Agazzi  
Danielle Marquez
- 23rd** Omar Olvera  
Bryan Somers
- 24th** June Chambers  
Danielle Zilly
- 25th** Michael Trexler
- 26th** Louise Richardson
- 27th** Larry Gage  
Melanie Wright  
Titilayo Yerger
- 28th** A.J. Walker
- 31st** Jimmie Creekmur  
Jayson Hayn  
Lauren Payne

## Anniversary wishes to



- 2nd** Steve & Tootsi Tatrai
- 3rd** Donald & Jennifer Holmes
- 3rd** Corky & Cindi Richardson
- 10th** John & Heather Andrews
- 12th** Jerry & Cheryl Neal
- 17th** Keith & Corynne Charmasson
- 18th** Bill & Donna Pulley
- 20th** Dale & Pat Smith
- 29th** Matt & Michele Anderson



### Notes From The Pastor Continued...

happening in America when a large chain store makes a decision that men can use the ladies restroom. Schools in America telling students they can use the dressing rooms and locker rooms, showers and restrooms of the opposite sex. Here is the depraved mind. There is no ability to see the abject ignorance of such a decision. It simply is beyond the pale to think that this kind of a decision doesn't lead to disaster at some point.

So what's the answer for a nation adrift; a nation that has generally lost its aversion to sin? A nation that is slowly becoming desensitized, yes even to an event the scope and size of the most recent shooting in Orlando. At first people are shocked, but the longer these events occur the less shocking they are. It's like they become part of what it means to live in America. Our nation is slowly crumbling before our eyes. So what's the answer? I would submit to you that the Church must respond. Jesus Christ is the only answer. Scripture says it will in that familiar scripture found in II Chronicles 7:14. Notice it's addressed to God's people. If God's people who are called by God's name humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven, He will forgive their sin and heal their land. Truth is, we live in a land today where healing is needed. We have the answer! It's found in our Lord Jesus Christ. "What will we do?" would be the question for the Church today.

Hope to see you in Church,  
**Pastor Jerry**

### Notes From The Worship Leader Continued...

worth, by which all other worth must be measured. What great grace and mercy has been given to us that we can be called the Children of God in Christ, and that God knowing our complete sinfulness and depravity would still choose to give us His worth through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. Who would not want such a gift?

**Joel McCoy**



### MAY 2016 INCOME SUMMARY

Total Offerings	\$60,205.13
Undesignated Offerings	\$45,267.06
<u>\$47,603.53 Needed</u> Monthly To Meet Budget	
Designated Offerings	\$5,967.28
Reimbursements	\$5,163.95
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,806.84

**Sunday, July 3rd**

**JOINT SERVICE @ 10:05**

with Preschool, Childrens Church & Childcare



No Elementary thru Adult Sunday School

THERE WILL BE 6:00 EVENING SERVICE



**IRON SHARPENS IRON**

PROVERBS 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

**Men's Ministry  
food night fellowship**



Tues., July 5th at 6:30, Bldg. B

See David Englehart



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**Youth Camp Reportback**

Sunday, July 17th @ 6:00 pm

Come hear what God is doing with our Youth

**Festival of Ministries 2016**

August 14th after both AM Services

Come find out about Ministry at LBC, and where YOU can serve!

**Food and Fun!** 



**Bridge Potluck**

Saturday, July 30th @ 5:30pm

In Building B

10:30 Adult Sunday School & Youth Ministry

To Bridge Relationships With The Generations



Bridal Shower for Julie Springerley  
(Soon To Be Rose)  
Sunday, July 3rd @ 12:00, Bldg B

**Harp Senior Recital**

Sunday, July 3rd  
2:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Free concert followed by light reception.

Addy Sexton Performing.



Beginning July 3rd  
Childcare will no longer be available during Sunday Evening Services

Cryroom Available



**Family Service**

The Church Office **Will Be**

**LBC CLOSED**

LAVEEN BAPTIST CHURCH Monday, July 4th



**Children's Ministry** Sign-up in Bldg B.

Wednesday Evenings  
Volunteers Needed for Summer

nursery & preschool   

Love. Grow. Serve.

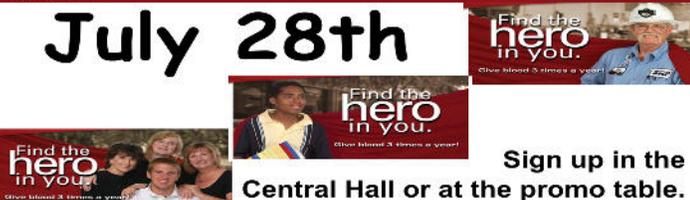


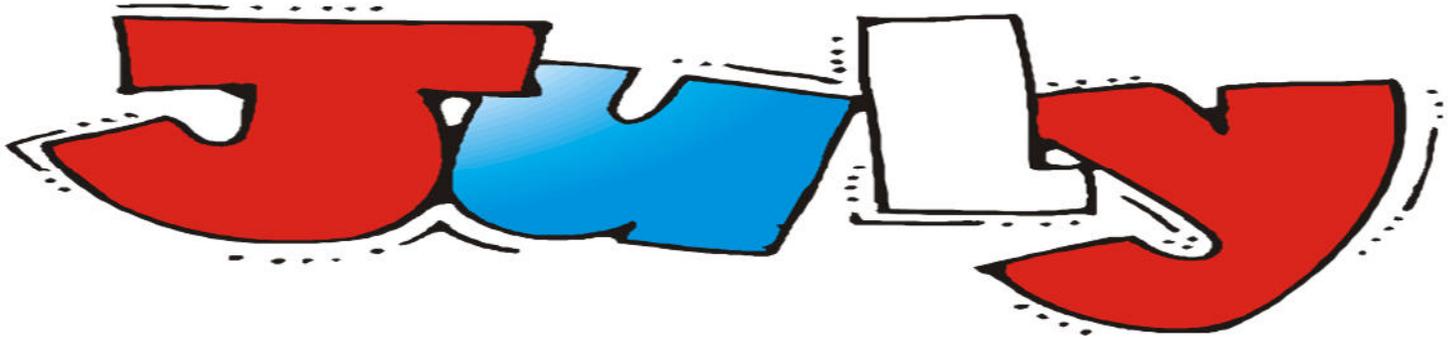
**LBC Blood Drive**

**July 28th**

Find the hero in you.

Sign up in the Central Hall or at the promo table.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Joint 10:05 Service Evening Service	<b>4</b>  LBC Office Closed	<b>5</b> Men's Independence Day Fellowship GriefShare	<b>6</b> Pastor's Study Youth	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> ZONA Youth Camp Departure Regular AM Services Missions Evening Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Helping Hands Men's Bible Study GriefShare	<b>13</b> Pastor's Study Youth	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> ZONA Youth Campers Return	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Regular AM Services Evening Service with Zona Camp Report	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Men's Bible Study GriefShare	<b>20</b> Pastor's Study Youth	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Regular AM Services Evening Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Helping Hands Men's Bible Study GriefShare	<b>27</b> Pastor's Study Youth	<b>28</b> Blood Drive	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bridge Potluck/Youth
<b>31</b> Regular AM Services Evening Service						



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