

# LOD News Flash

## Highlights

**Lenten Service**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

**Change for Change**  
**Catch the Vision**  
**Ministries**  
**JD Hill**

## Upcoming Events & Activities

- Mar 7 PAL Community Awareness 6:30 Rm 101
- Mar 7 Choir Practice 6:30p
- Mar 8 Men's Bible Study – Rustic Cafe 6:30a – I Peter
- Mar 8 **Lenten Service 6:30pm**  
**“The Shrewd Manager”**
- Mar 8 Scottsdale Conservatory of Performing Arts 3:00 to 6:00p Sanctuary
- Mar 9 Men's Bible Study – 9:00a James Room 101
- Mar 9 YMCA – Chair Yoga 9:00am Sanctuary
- Mar 9 Scottsdale Conservatory of Performing Arts 3:00 to 6:00p Sanctuary
- Mar 9 PAL Meeting 6:30p Rm 101
- Mar 9 Worship Team
- Mar 10-12 **Agua Prieta Trip**
- Mar 12 **Worship Service 9:00 & 10:45a**
- Mar 12 Chris Becker Dining Room 4:30p
- Mar 12 Student Ministry House Group 5pm-7pm
- Mar 14 YMCA – Chair Yoga 9:00am Sanctuary
- Mar 14 Choir Practice 6:30p
- Mar 15 Men's Bible Study – Rustic Cafe 6:30a – I Peter
- Mar 15 Scottsdale Conservatory of Performing Arts 3:00 to 6:00p Sanctuary
- Mar 15 **Lenten Service 6:30pm**  
**“Great Banquet”**

## Connections

### Adult Choir

If you love to sing and would love to be a part of an adult choir please join us on Tuesday March 7, and 14 at 6:30pm to prepare a Lenten song for Sunday March 19th.

Please email Tamra if you are interested or have any questions.

Thank you, Tamra  
tamraduncan2@gmail.com

### Hiking Group

**March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30am**

The hiking group will be doing a beautiful but strenuous hike up Elephant Butte in Spur Cross. We will meet at church 7:30am. Pack a sandwich, bring plenty of water and wear hiking boots. RSVP by Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> to tamraduncan2@gmail.com.

For information call Tamra at 480-620-4762.

### Serve at Chris Becker Dining Room

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm**

Contact Ken Andrzejewski for information [kenneth.andrzejewski@genmills.com](mailto:kenneth.andrzejewski@genmills.com)

### Abundance Women's Conference

**March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 10 pm & 25<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 1 pm**

North Phoenix Baptist Church.

This organization from which it originates is Lifeway Christian Conferences which is a Beth Moore organization. Lisa Harper & Natalie Grant will be featured as well as several other speakers & teachers. The cost will be \$69. If you are interested in attending this conference, please notify Kris Larson, [kris@larsonresources.com](mailto:kris@larsonresources.com) or 480-563-5338.

### Get Ready for the LOD Women's Retreat

**April 28-30, 2017 Chapel Rock, Prescott, AZ**

#### **Sweet Life Café – Where Women Savor Time with God**

The retreat is based on John 6:35 “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The cost is only \$175 per person (double occupancy). This covers 5 delicious meals, fun and refreshing activities and comfortable lodging.

Please see Nancy Haley and Sign Up at the Retreat Table in the Narthex or you can contact Nancy at [nanc89247@aol.com](mailto:nanc89247@aol.com) or 480-766-8623

### Light of the Desert Men – Spring Retreat

**May 4-7, 2017 Lake Powell**

Spring is around the corner and that means that our annual retreat will be coming up before we know it. We have made a few exciting changes to the trip. The houseboats will be docked in the Wahweap Marina. One of the exciting benefits of being docked at the marina is having flexibility with the time of arrival. Each year we have a growing group of men who arrive on Thursday afternoon. We are opening this up to anyone who is attending. If you aren't able to make it until Friday afternoon, that is still fine.

The cost is the same as last year which is \$200. If cost is a factor in whether or not you attend - please talk to me as scholarships are available. We will be limiting the number of men to 22 this year so please let me know now if you are going to attend. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will be required by 4/16 which is Easter Sunday. You can turn in the money to the church office or to me at any time. I look forward to fellowshiping with each of you. Brian Ashmore [brian@ashmoreland.com](mailto:brian@ashmoreland.com)

## Global Connections

### Agua Prieta Home Building Opportunities

March 10-12 – two nights;      Laying all the Ladrillo Block; need large team  
March 31-April 2 – two nights;      Setting doors and windows; installing roof; celebration with recipient family

The Agua Prieta homebuilding experience is an incredible life-perspective-adjuster. God will use this weekend to help a family and change your heart. There is a job for everyone – no building experience is necessary. Simply come with open mind and willing hands. Cost is \$125 - scholarships are very available.

Speak with Jeff Grandprey, Ted Bonk, Ken Howell, Pastor Paul or Pastor Michael.

### Hope4Kids Mission Trips

There are many opportunities to take a short term mission trip this year with Hope4Kids.

I can tell you from personal experience – there is nothing quite like it.

Here are the planned trips for this year, for more information you can contact their office at (623) 979-5516 or email amy@h4ki.org.

#### **Trips for 2017**

<b>March:</b>	<b>May:</b>	<b>July:</b>	<b>September:</b>	<b>October:</b>
21- 4/3    Uganda	9-18    Romania	4-17    Uganda 17-30    Uganda 25-8/7    Namibia	12-19    Guatemala	10-19    Philippines 24-31    Cuba

**November:**  
7-20    Uganda

If you have sponsored a child(ren) with Hope4Kids they will have scheduled time for you to get to meet them.

**This is an opportunity that will change your life!**

### Hope4Kids/Kasolo Uganda

1. **Pray** for the people in our village, for their health and safety and most of all that they might each grow to have a deep relationship with God.
2. **Pray** about going on a mission trip
3. **Donate** for the Village of Kasolo
4. **Put** together a Hygiene Kit
5. **Pray about sponsoring a child**
6. **Pray about sponsoring a women** - one year educational program– upon graduation she is prepared to better support herself and her family.
7. **Pray for the famine** that is in Uganda – for God to bless the crops of the villagers and to provide for them during this time.

*We have still have children in our village signed up that need sponsors, if you might be interested let Patty know.*

### Shoebox Ministry

*It's never too early to start collecting items for our 2017 shoeboxes!*

**March Focus – “Craft Items”** - knitted scarves, mittens, hats, small toys, whistles, tote bags, jewelry, etc...

Valentine's Day may have passed, but there are lots of great bargains out there that make great additions to the shoeboxes. We appreciate all donations of stuffed animals and small toys. We are unable to put hard candy in the boxes this year, but we always need toys and clothing items. Thank you for your support. Laurie Van Fleet

### Pray for our Missionaries

#### **VOM – Persecuted Church**

Continue to pray for those who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ

#### **Bangladesh - Scotts**

Prayers for travel mercies for the Scotts, as they return to the U.S - Praise for the many blessings of their time in Bangladesh.

#### **Bosnia –**

**Pastor Karmelo Kresonja**

**The Eikosts**

**Pastor Sasa**

Join us in praying for:

- Pastor Saša and his new pastoral team
- Spiritual maturity among believers, physical and spiritual healing for the sick among us, Youth work
- Opportunities in Maglaj
- The Ilidža Church Plant

**China – Gronseths**

Please pray for God's guidance and leading in this ministry - and for good health, and protection for all involved.

**France - Goods**

Pray for their ministry in this University City that has a potential to reach over 60,000 students and their outreach to the neighborhoods.

**Lebanon – Liss'**

Prayers for safety as they continue to minister in this volatile area.

Praise for safe travel and for Kyrie's return to health.

## **Community Connections**

### **Foothills Food Bank**

**March Wish List**

**\*Dried Pasta (spaghetti, macaroni etc.)\* Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Toiletries, Feminine Products, Diapers: Sizes – Adult & Briefs, Newborn, 5, & 6**

*Donations can be taken directly to the food bank at 6038 E. Hidden Valley Dr. Cave Creek*

*Support for the Food Bank can also be given thru Arizona Tax Credits. Check out [foothillsfoodbank.com](http://foothillsfoodbank.com)*

### **Kiwanis Market Place**

Are you putting away your summer things - cleaning out those closets and deciding what to keep and what to give away?

The Marketplace is a great option for giveaways. You can drop off items Wednesday thru Saturday 9 to 1 or call them for pick-up, 480-488-8400

### **Faith Based GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Facilitated by Dr. Pat Moseley Nichols, Psychologist

This faith based support group is open, co-ed, non-denominational and free of charge. • Meetings will take place every Thursday afternoon. • 4-5:30 pm, in the Lounge in the Fellowship Center. • Desert Hills Presbyterian Church 34605 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

### **Salvation Army**

Volunteer Position for Salvation Army needs in our area. Jim Shaw is retiring. Jim reports he currently volunteers anywhere from 10 - 20 hours per week. His duties include meeting with neighbors in our area seeking crisis financial assistance and also organization of the bell ringing program during the Christmas season. This opportunity may be great even for two people to share. Anyone interested can call Jim Shaw directly at 480-595-9828.