

Highlights

Men's Retreat May 4 – 7th

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Men's Bible Study May 3 Rustic Cafe 6:30a - I Peter
- May 3 Scottsdale Conservatory of Performing Arts 3:00 to 6:00p Sanctuary
- May 4 Men's Bible Study -James 9:00am Room 101
- YMCA Chair Yoga May 4 9:00am Sanctuary
- Scottsdale Conservatory May 4 of Performing Arts 3:00 to 6:00p Sanctuary
- May 4 PAL Meeting 6:30p Rm 101
- May 4 Worship Team 6:30p
- May 4 7 Men's Retreat
- May 6 Young Families/Young Adults 4:30pm
- May 7 Worship Service 9:00 & 10:45a
- May 7 **Student Ministry House** Group 5pm-7pm
- May 9 YMCA – Chair Yoga 9:00am Sanctuary
- May 9 Choir Rehearsal
- May 10 Men's Bible Study -Rustic Cafe 6:30a – I Peter
- May 10 Scottsdale Conservatory of Performing Arts 3:00 to 6:00p Sanctuary
- May 11 YMCA Chair Yoga 9:00am Sanctuary
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- May 11 PAL Meeting 6:30p Rm 101
- May 11 Worship Team 6:30p
- May 14 Worship Service 9:00 & 10:45a

Connections

May Change for Change Young Life - Capernaum

"We call Young Life's ministry with adolescents with disabilities "Capernaum" because we don't think intellectual or developmental limitations should keep and adolescent from the presence of the One who promises fullness of life"

Capernaum is established and supported locally by caring people with a heart for adolescents with disabilities. Staff and trained volunteer leaders help these friends discover and enjoy acceptance, adventure and fun in the mutual friendships they develop and at weekly club meetings, special events and camping trips

Serve at Chris Becker Dining Room

Sunday, May 14th, 4:30pm

Contact Ken Andrzejewski for information kenneth.andrzejewski@genmills.com

"Our House"

(The new and improved VBS)

Thinking of things to do in June and July? Plan to spend your Wednesday evenings at "Our House"! a time for family and friends. Each Wednesday there will be a meal to share and a time for kids and adults to get to know each other and more about their faith. Put it on your calendars and look for more information to be coming soon. Talk to Pastor Michael, Shawn Chappel or Sarah Witkop if you have questions or would like to be involved.

"The Lunch Bunch"

Friday, May 26th 12:00 noon Carefree Inn Restaurant 37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree Sign Up on the LOD Connections Table

Light of the Desert Men – Spring Retreat

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

Contact: Brian Ashmore - brian@ashmoreland

Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Sunday May 21st

This is one of our favorite events

Good Food - Sweet Fellowship & Friendly Competition ©

Breakfast served at 8:00a

Proceeds from the Breakfast and Auction go toward the cost of the Junior and Senior Youth Mission Trips

Silent Auction Donations!

It is that time of year again as we call for Silent Auction Donations.

If you have any new or gently used items that would be good for the Silent Auction, please contact Pastor Michael. This year's Silent Auction is looking to be bigger and better than ever.

We are also looking for donations of tickets or passes to events or even gift cards for a romantic dinner so if you have an idea, please talk to Pastor Michael.

Global Connections

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

May: October: July: **September: November:** 9-18 4-17 12-19 10-19 Romania **Uganda** Guatemala **Philippines** 7-20 Uganda 17-30 Uganda 24-31 Cuba

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!

April Focus - "Stuffed Animals" -

We like to put a stuffed animal or toy in every shoebox we fill. Now is a great time to find these items on sale. After Easter sales are awesome at Target, WalMart, Walgreens, CVS, Big Lots and the 99 Cent stores. We cannot put candy or any liquids in the boxes. However, stuffed animals, t-shirts, socks, balls, cars, and any other small toys are perfect for the shoeboxes. Items brought in to the church should be left in the office. You can bring your donations to church any Sunday. Our goal is to fill 1,600 boxes! 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 Kent – godly wisdom & grace in his leadership role with the creative team in Dhaka.

Fellow workers at LAMB day by day

Prayers of comfort to the Saha family, in the passing of Stacy's father.

Bosnia -

Pastor Karmelo Kresonja

Search for a building

God would enable us to equip the Body to evangelize and move out in their spiritual gifts

(we will be offering teaching and tools for discovering spiritual gifts)

For new people to come who want to grow in Christ and serve Him with all their hearts Rebuilding our worship team

Children's ministry

The Eikosts

The Opaceks

- Pray that God give us the wisdom and strength
- Pray to be useful tools in the hands of Christ
- Pray to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit
- Pray for the people of the villages that we visited
- Pray for the people that drink coffee and we witnessed to them

Thank you for your prayers!

Pastor Sasa

Join us in praying for:

- Praise God for all the people we have been able to help, employ and sponsor throughout the past 15 years
- Pray for IHTUS' current financial situation as business is not going so well and we need wisdom on how to go forward
- Pray for God to send us a new partner/supplier who would be willing to send us quality merchandise on a regular basis
- Pray that the Lord continues to use IHTUS to be salt and light among the customers and communities we are serving

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

April Wish List

Pasta Sauce Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cream Soups, Spaghetti and Macaroni; Standard size Shampoo and Conditioner, Bars of Soap, , 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 <u>foothillsfoodbank.com</u>

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

Celebrate Recovery

Helps Adults with: Chemical Dependency, Alcohol, Gambling, Anger, Sex Addiction, Codependency and Eating disorders & Abuse. Tuesday at 7:00p

Carefree Highway Community Church

5025 East Carefree Highway, Cave Creek AZ 85331

Desert Foothills Al-Anon

For loved ones affected by another's drinking or substance abuse. Tuesday at 7:00p Christ the Lord Lutheran Church 9205 E Cave Creek Rd, Carefree

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.

Thursday at 4:00p

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, in the Lounge of the Fellowship Center.

34605 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85262

P.A.L. - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Support for parents of loved ones who struggle with addiction Thursday at 6:30p Light of the Desert Lutheran Church 33175 N Cave Creek Rd. Cave Creek AZ 85331