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## This Week at the Oasis

#### From the Desk of Pastor David

After several face-to-face meetings, conversations with references, and much prayer, I believe we have our next staff person to oversee youth and children. Since he'll be new to the Oasis, his position will be **youth and children's director**. If directors approve, and if he's as good a fit as I believe he'll be, we'll probably ordain him as our next pastor in December or January. Since the directors must still approve of him, I'll hold off introducing him until next week's newsletter. In the meantime, I'm really excited about bringing him aboard and I'm certain you'll fall in love with his family, too.

I'm excited to announce that our own Annie Valencia wants to serve us as a part-time, **college intern** to help us make disciples at Pima and Oasis. Annie just graduated from the University of Arizona and will begin work on her master's degree at UA in the fall. Annie's very qualified for the position and would do a fantastic job. I'm confident the directors will approve! Over the summer Annie will raise support, so you may be hearing from her soon. In the meantime, continue to pray for us as we continue to search for a male **college intern** to help us, too.

If you haven't found a **home church** yet, please check out a few (you'll find the details on page two). I'm confident there's a home church that will fit you and your schedule. As you visit each one, ask God to lead you to the one that's right for you. My prayer is that you'll commit to the home church where you can best serve and grow.

As I mentioned last week, we need more **volunteers** for nursery and junior church now that we're growing. In fact, we just added a second junior church classroom to the second service on Sunday. One of the advantages of having two services is that you can occasionally serve in one service while always attending worship in the other service (the one you prefer). So, if you attend the first service, please consider volunteering once a month in the second service (or vice-versa). You'll spend more time at the Oasis once a month, but you'll still hear the message, experience the worship service and see your friends. We could really use the help!

Keep taking pictures in front of our sign and post them to Facebook with the hashtag: **#oasishasland**. You're helping us create a buzz on social media!

Sunday we continued our series through Luke with 7.18-35. If you missed the message, you'll find it <a href="here">here</a>.

It's clear that Jesus doesn't want us to condemn others, but we do have to "judge" or evaluate leaders, people, and ideas all the time. We learned that discrimination is necessary—we must constantly choose between competing candidates and ideas. So, what should be our guide? How can we "judge" in a way that honors God? Check out this week's message for more details...



Paul and David at the Easter egg hunt

#### **Happy Birthday!**



(No birthdays this week)

Annual Budget for 2016 Monthly Requirement April Contributions Over/under for April	\$229,175 \$19,098 \$15,653 <b>\$3,445</b>
Contributions 2016 YTD Operating expenses 2016 YTD	\$91,407 \$89,284
Over/under 2016	\$2,123



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# Coming Soon...



Naomi facepaints at the Easter egg hunt

Faith facepaints at the Easter egg hunt

"We're a network of home churches committed to reproduce leaders for the Kingdom of God."

#### Important Dates

Leader meeting	Sunday, June 12
Directors' meeting	Sunday, June 12
Fuge	June 16—22
Leader meeting	Sunday, June 26
Coffee	Sunday, June 26
Leader meeting	Sunday, July 10
Directors' meeting	Sunday, July 10
Leader meeting	Sunday, July 24
Coffee	Sunday, July 24

#### Check out a Home Church!

Sundays at 6.00pm (Brian & Allie Dougherty) The home of Brian & Allie 449 W Charles L Mckay (520.395.7103)

Tuesdays at 6.00pm (Grace Gainey) Civano Coffee House 5278 S Civano Blvd (520.551.2764)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm (Glen & Beverly Reed) The home of J. L. & Becky Burnett 9971 E Watson Drive (520.982.1924)

Wednesdays at 7.00pm (Tom/Annette Weneck) The home of Tom & Annette 9716 E Paseo San Bernardo (520.834.4631)

Thursdays at 6.30pm (Juan & Norma Rivera)
The home of Dave & Olga Enfield
9781 E Paseo del Tornasol (520.284.0062)

Thursdays at 6.30pm (Annette Ferraioli) Tucson Meadows Community Center 2121 S Pantano Road (520.256.4550)

Thursdays at 6.30pm (Scott Buster)
Brittany O'Neill's apartment
9555 E Shiloh, #1103 (928.581.6666)

Thursdays at 6.30pm (Bob & Eva Koltanowski) The home of Bob & Eva 9013 E Sugar Sumac Street (520.850.2176) MAY 16, 2016 VOL 7 ISSUE 16

#### A New Start: Jesus' Ministry Begins Luke 2.41 – 7.50

05/22 Luke 7.36-50

www.oasisritaranch.com/resources/message-series-archive/

#### God's Blueprint for Relationships

05/29	Spiritual Community
06/05	Spiritual Authority
06/12	Singles
06/19	Our Parents
06/26	Marriage
07/03	Civil Authority
07/10	Divorce/Remarriage
07/17	Parenting our Kids



### **Cultivate Faithfulness Campaign**

We have a balance of \$31,458 in our long-term savings. We earned \$21 interest in April.

Our directors have decided not to move a 7900 square foot modular building to our property. We've decided the costs and liability are too high, and acquiring the building would likely postpone the long-term development of our land. So, thank you for your prayers. Letting this building go is difficult, but it removes a huge weight from our shoulders. Now, we'll focus on taking baby steps to prepare this land (slowly) for eventual construction.

Each month we continue to make our large payment on **principal** without borrowing from savings and we're on track to pay off the entire loan in five years.



Setting up the Easter egg hunt



Bob helping at the Easter egg hunt

"Learning how to love God and others well for nineteen years"



### A Missionary Minute

Pastor Julio and his family live in Los Mochis, Sinaloa. This is just across the Gulf of California from Cabo San Lucas. They're originally from Los Mochis and met at seminary in Nogales, Sonora. After pastoring at a local church in Nogales and working at the seminary, God finally gave them the green light to move back to Los Mochis to plant a church.

They have four boys (we don't have a new family picture yet) and they've planted a growing and thriving church. The church is very outreach-oriented and is planting a new church in an outer, more impoverished area of the city.

Please pray for their family as I know they live on very little. Pray that God would keep them healthy, provide for them, and give them fruit in their ministry. Some of you have met Pastor Julio, but many of you have not. I wish you could all meet him. He's a generous, humble servant and it's a privilege to support him. Thank you for your generous hearts that make it possible for us to be part of God's work even in Los Mochis!





OUR MISSION IS TO TURN UNCHURCHED PEOPLE INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

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Our Spiritual Family