

# **Spreading The Light**

## **May 2020**

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**Know Jesus, Love our Neighbor's, Share Jesus**

### **Meet our Worship Leader...**

**Allow me to introduce myself, My name is Ben Wallace. I have accepted the call and invitation to be the new Worship Music leader. So, just a brief biography and background information.**

**I was born in Arkansas and at the age of 7, moved with my family to Long Beach California. I grew up there attending R.A. Millikan High School and Cal State College Long Beach as a Music Education major. Growing up in The Church of Christ, I developed a love for the traditional hymns. In 1985 my wife Ann and I joined Huntington Beach Baptist Church. My wife Ann passed away in 1997. My wife Terry and I married in 2004 ( we just celebrated our 16th anniversary) remaining at HBBC until my retirement from the Postal Service in November 2015 and our move to Paulden.**

**During my time at HBBC I served in the praise team, playing guitar and bass, the choir and special music opportunities. I also sang for 19 seasons with the Pacific Chorale. After landing in Northern Arizona, we joined Grace Baptist Church, Chino Valley. There I was in the leader rotation for the Traditional First service, substitute and fill in for the Contemporary Second service and regular bass player for the Rock-the-Flock Third service. The first of this year I answered the call to serve at FSBCCV. The COVID-19 situation has made that transition a bit of a challenge. For the last four years, I also sing with the Prescott Chorale.**

**I am looking forward to serving with this family of believers. I have always been a strong advocate of the value of all genres of music, as long as it is Scripturally and Theologically sound and Praising, Glorifying, Honoring the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and doing his work. As a worship leader, Abraham Lincoln summed up my attitude the best when he said, "You can please all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but not all the people all the time."**

**In closing, I want encourage anyone who has ever thought about wanting to be active in any aspect of the music ministry to feel free to contact and talk to me. Also, if you have suggestions for any ideas or songs you think would be suitable, please contact me with that information. I promise all correspondence will be answered as soon as possible.**

**Looking forward to serving the lord with you,  
Ben Wallace**

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## *Pastors' Paragraphs*

I really doubt that a person can have faith except for the presence of fear. Fear has been a center piece of the Covid-19 crisis all over the world. And, some of the precautions taken during all this have been good but certainly not all. The distance or masks or avoiding large crowds may be healthy common sense measures but fear has caused many during this crisis to protect themselves at somebody else's sacrifice.

In Mark chapter 4:35-40 it says...*35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"* We have the brief account of the disciples boat trip into a raging storm. The boat was filling fast and the disciples were "goin' down fast" (in more ways than one). They were scared and when guys who make their living on the water are scared there's good reason to be. Jesus is asleep in the back of the boat and the disciples wake Him and ask Him if He doesn't care that they're gonna die (verse 38). Jesus woke up-rebuked the wind and calmed the sea. Vs.39 says, there was a great calm. A powerful storm can be incredibly loud and extremely scary but the text makes it clear that the "great calm" was even scarier than the storm. Those disciples, who knew Jesus well are asking each other "who is this that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" That is a great question! He made wind and sea and they are subject to His Lordship.

Jesus rebuked the disciples for being afraid and asked them "have you still no faith?" They had seen Him do the impossible over and over again, and He did say to them "lets go across to the other side" so I think Jesus' rebuke was justified. This was another "faith lesson" for His disciples, and if the fear in the storm wasn't bad enough, they were "filled with great fear" in the calm.

There is a whole lot of fear right now. This is a great time to trust Him in faith! He will get us to the other side! He will be and is with us through the storm, and He really does care!! The calm that's coming out of the storm could be so powerful that it could be scarier than the storm itself. And we should always be asking "who then is this..."and reassuring those around us that what He did in Mark chapter four He can and will do again. We must trust Him! And Him alone!! When fear gives way to faith that always looks good on Him!!

For His Glory,

Pastor Mark

## **Assistant Pastors' Paragraphs**

**There is an old hymn that goes like this;**

**When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.**

**There are so many times in my life that God has blessed me more than I could imagine. Going through difficult times like we are now its easy to get distracted by all the news and the rumors and focus on the negative of the situation. I find myself thinking about these things and it dawns on me that God has watched over my family and me time and time again through difficulties far greater than Covid-19. Although I know friends and others have lost their jobs and their outlook for the future does not hold what it once did before, I have empathy for them and I am reminded of a few verses that give me hope and comfort. (Romans 8:18) Paul states "For I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be reveled to us." And (2 Corinthians 4:16-18) So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not the things that seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. These two verses along with this hymn remind me to stop and remember all the great things God has done for me and when I do it gives me peace and places my focus back where it should be, on God. I have learned in life that Christian remembrance is the key to spiritual blindness. So, when you are feeling down and discouraged, you may be experiencing some spiritual blindness just keep the last stanza of this hymn in mind;**

**So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angles will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.**

**With Faith in Christ,**

**Assistant Pastor Jackie Boyd**

**For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. Psalm 62:5-8**

**What a crazy time to be living. A killer virus is on the loose globally. Mass pandemonium has spurred people to binge buy toilet paper. Governments are shutting down states and nations. News media broadcasts lies instigating more hysteria. Where are we? - locked down in our houses wondering what's going on. Have you ever felt like the world outside our living room has gone totally crazy? Like everything going on is not as it appears?**

**Let me take you to a time when the apostles were facing the same type of chaos. Luke chapter 22 -24 shows a portrait of the last days of Christ and the turmoil the apostles faced. One minute the apostles are breaking bread with Jesus, then the next moment Jesus is arrested, beaten, whipped, and eventually hung on a cross to die. From the apostles view, everything they had worked for the last 3 years came crashing to an end. Their job ended without any further directions. Everyone around them hated them. The world literally went dark and dead people rose from the grave. Almost sounds like a bad horror movie. The chaos the apostles were facing is very similar to what we are facing today. Things are not as they appear. Like the apostles, it's very easy to allow this world to distract us from the truth. If the apostles would have been listening, not just hearing, though painful to watch, they would have known that everything was going to be okay. Jesus told them, just as he tells us, everything is going to be okay.**

**The lesson we can learn from the apostles is this, when everything in the world seems to be chaotic, always remember things are not as they appear. The world will always try to take your focus away from Christ. To overcome the chaos, follow the apostles lead, quarantine yourself away from the world, and sit in the presence of God. Luke 24:36 As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said "Peace be with you". May the peace of God still the fears of today.**

**Ken Miller**

**Youth Leader**

## **SUMMER'S MAIN EVENT**

**We are still planning to have our Rocky Railway VBS June 15 thru 19. HOWEVER, this depends on the Covid19 pandemic mess. If 'stay home' is still in effect, we will evaluate having it in July. All we can say at this time is "stay tuned."**

**If you are lead to help this year, please let the church office or the Bishops know (ssbishaz@gmail.com or 480.213.6716)**

## **ADULT CHOIR**

**As soon as we know about being allowed to gather, you will know. BUT, keep a song in your heart and a prayer on your lips until then.**

**LADIES: Our Thursday Night Bible Study Online is working wonderfully. If you would like a "Zoom" link invitation to attend, please let the church office know and we will send one to you. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. It's not too late to join us! We will begin studying the name of God, Jehovah-nissi, The Lord is My Banner from Exodus 17:15. We are using the Kay Arthur's book, "Lord I Want to Know You, a devotional study on the Names of God". You do not have to have the book to participate in the study so please join us!**

## **WMU-Greetings Everyone!**

**I hope you've been keeping well during this unusual time of separation and isolation.**

**Maybe you've been able to follow Pastor Mark's services online. That's been a really great opportunity while we've been shut in.**

**WMU will be meeting once we are allowed to get together again. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and from the pulpit about time and place.**

**The Annie Armstrong Offering will be ongoing a bit longer since things have been on hold for a while. The total as of the middle of April was \$390. The goal for our church is \$1,000.**

**WMU will be planning another Baby Shower for the local Pregnancy Center, probably in July. We always seem to collect quite a few very beautiful items from the ladies. This will be open to everyone, so when you hear an announcement regarding this, please know that you are welcome to attend. All ladies are also invited to attend our regular meetings.**

**If you have any questions on any of the above, please contact me at 928-830-0067 or Diane Perrigo at perrigodk@yahoo.com**

## **Food Bank Ministry**

**On April 1st at our Church we held our first Drive through food bank distribution. It was a great success and we distributed food boxes to 239 Households and 333 Individuals.**

**It was a blessing to see cars lined up in our parking lot and to know that we were helping all these folks with food assistance. A great big thanks to all of our volunteers we couldn't have done it without you!**

**Our next Food distribution will be Thursday May 7th from 8:00 - 10:00 am. I am expecting even more people in May, the word is getting around and some have stopped by our church and filled out an application.**

**Together we can make a difference**

**Roy O'Dell**

## **May Birthday's**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Ewing**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Roger Burton**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Deyla Smith**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pat Martin**
- 24<sup>th</sup> Lynne Brigham**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Robin Onken**
- 26<sup>th</sup> Janice O'Dell**  
**Carmel Stutler**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sandy Bishop**  
**Shirley Urie**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Steve Bishop**
- 31<sup>st</sup> Dakota Miller**



## A Note from our Treasurer...

**TREASURER'S NOTE:** Thank you to all who have begun using our online Giving opportunity! This helps our staff stay "germ free" and is working really well for us. One important thing to note: An email receipt will be sent to you. Please, please, please keep this for your tax records. This is the only Tax Receipt you will be given for your online donations. *Your other tax receipts for giving* (through mail, etc.) will be sent out at year's end as usual.

**\$Also, if you have any concerns about giving online, please don't hesitate to contact me.** Messages can be sent to our church email ([fsbcv@cablone.net](mailto:fsbcv@cablone.net)) or Linda can reach me by phone. Again, thank you for Worshiping through the act of Giving as we serve the Lord together.

Cindy Koubeck

## Information on our Building "C" Loan .

**This loan is not in our annual budget and depends on donations to the Building Fund over and above your tithe.**

**Balance on Loan                \$ 346,276.28**

### Monthly Payment

**Principal                                2021.44**

**Interest                                 1338.58**

**3360.02**

**Received as of 4/26/20                6242.79**



**\*\* Our interest rate has dropped from 5.56 to 4.49 .**

## **Prayer Partners**

**The Prayer Room has been updated with books on Prayer (from our Church Library) and additional Prayer materials. The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention has put out a pamphlet titled Praying The 4Ps. These materials can be found in the Prayer Room.**

**1) Pray for our Pastors**

**2) Pray for God's People**

**3) Pray for God's Providence**

**4) Pray for the Perishing As you pray for pastors today and everyday, consider praying the following in addition to what God places on your heart:**

**These are some excerpts from Pray for our Pastors.**

- Our Pastors need our prayers. They need greater strength than they possess on their own. They need to be reminded that they are approved by God. They need to know and embrace God's mercy and grace when they are faced with their own failings. They need to be assured that the call God has placed on them is certain. They need to be reminded that God has a purpose for them; to proclaim Jesus and to point people past themselves and on to Christ.**
- When we lift up our pastors in prayer, we enable them to give glory to God as they realize and recognize it is only through His empowering that they are able to humbly serve the Lord and His people, the church.**
- Thank you, Father, for saving these men. Thank you for calling them out from a life apart from you and to a life of loving you through your Son, Jesus. May they know and appreciate your great grace and mercy. May they show that same grace and mercy as they shepherd. Keep them far from sin today. Protect them from the enemy's attacks and strategies.**
- Thank you, Father, for doing what only you can do in these men and in their ministries. Whether big or small, may they give you all the glory and honor today. Help them to see where you are at work, and lead them to glorify you. Let them not glory in the things the world celebrates, but let them celebrate what they see you doing in your people. Keep them from defeat and discouragement today.  
(Submitted by Ashley Evans, Pastor of 22nd Street Baptist Church in Tucson)**

**Please remember to pray everyday for Pastor Mark, Pastor Jackie, along with all the Pastors in our State and Country. It is indeed a great privilege to pray for all of our leaders and our Pastors.**

**Thank you for your prayers,**

**Your Prayer Partner Ministry Team**