

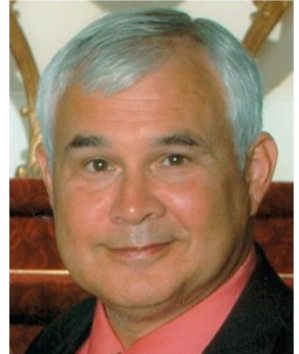


# The Proclaimer

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## A Fantastic Summer and a Fall of Expectation

As our summer draws to a close we look back on many blessings. Our youth took 27 to camp. Our children took 8 to camp. A new revitalized VBS saw over 50 children. We baptized 5. Our annual church picnic was at capacity with a fabulous deep pit BBQ. We start a new children's choir under the leadership of Keh O'Daniell (pronounced "kay"). Ginger Sickels and Dave Jenkins will lead us in Judgement House coming in October. Steve and Leila Jo Wiebe will direct our Christmas extravaganza. Our Men's Ministry saw 64 attend Men's Camp in June and studied the "4 Pillars of a Man's Heart." The Women's Retreat is still to come later this month



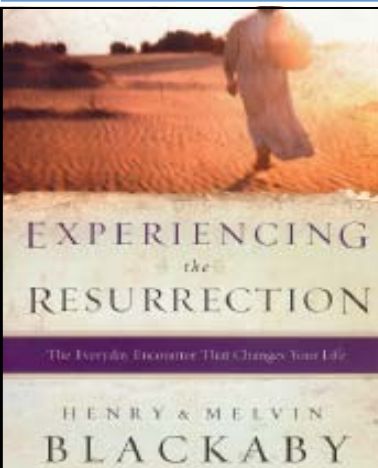
(Aug. 27-29). Are you tired yet? Awana is beginning and Sunday School is marching on. Young at Heart, under Dr. Paul Patrick, will start up again soon. They are growing and reaching new people each year. Our fiancés are stable. That is saying a lot in the times we live in.

In October we will study "Experiencing God" – A study on discovering God's Will. Some of us have been through it before, and my hope is that as we all study it, we will come together in unity and together discover God's Will.

In both the Old and New Testaments, God the Father is the same. The 7 principles explored in "Experiencing God" are:

1. God is always at work around you.
2. God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.
3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.
4. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
5. God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.
6. You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

These principles guide both the Church and individual Believers to the source of ministry and the initiator of ministry. Instead of just doing something we wait upon God.



### "Does your life exemplify the "Resurrection Power?"

We belong to a world that is perverted in many ways yet we say as Christians we are following Christ. But are we "Disciples of Christ"? I fear we are not complete disciples because we do not have the power that Jesus had. Yet He gave the disciples and modern Christians the same power. We have lost communication with God because we don't hear and obey the Holy Spirit which should give us this power. The key to the abundant life that Jesus talks about is communication with the Holy Spirit that lives in every believer.

Communication with the Holy Spirit, then obeying, gives you the power to live the abundant life in today's very volatile and troubled world. Reestablish your connection and get the abundant life back by learning the "How to's" by attending "Experiencing the Resurrection" Sunday School Class co-hosted by Ron and Jane Dissly beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.



# JOIN THE FUN – BECOME AN AWANA LEADER!

God has blessed our church through Awana over the past several years and we are so excited about all the wonderful things planned for this year. We anticipate reaching into our community and sharing the Gospel of Christ with many children. However to make our club successful we need **YOU!** We have several positions available and we would love to talk to you regarding your role. For more details contact: Ginger Sickels at 480-577-3223 or email at [awana@fbcmesa.org](mailto:awana@fbcmesa.org).

## Current Positions Available

- T&T Director
- Preschool Leaders
- Team Leaders
- Assistant Leaders
- Listeners
- LIT's
- Prayer Warriors
- Youth Leaders

Approved  
Workmen  
Are  
Not  
Ashamed

**2Timothy 2:15**

**Mark your calendars now!**

**AWANA begins Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-8:00pm for all 3 yr olds - 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**



## Jesus Makes Us Change

I don't know too many people who embrace change, but I'm starting to think that change isn't so bad. Of course, I understand that change can be really hard leaving places and loved ones. Change can also be difficult with the passing of a loved one or the change from good health to illness. However, in a different light change can be really exciting too because it will give us an opportunity to trust God and to grow as his people. Without the experience of change our growth would be severely limited.

One thing that has always struck me in the gospels is how the disciples: Peter, Andrew, James, and John were willing to change their lives so drastically in order to follow Jesus' call. Mark 1:17-18 says, "'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him". These men basically walked away from their livelihoods as fisherman because they thought following Jesus would be better. How's that for a big life change? Imagine giving up your job tomorrow to follow Jesus, would you do that? In order to follow and serve with Jesus the disciples had to make radical changes in their lives. Furthermore, the disciples'

character was changed as Jesus taught and did miracles among them. Jesus developed his disciples in such a way that they were ready for leadership when Jesus was gone.

I bring up this issue of change because our church is going through some changes. This summer at our church we have witnessed the parting of three amazing staff members: Carol Johnson, Stacie Self, and Roger Robinson. Yes, it is hard to say goodbye to these wonderful people but it is also exciting in two ways: 1) All three of these people have been called to do other things. God has led them in the direction they should go, and He will continue to lead them to good things. 2) Our church will grow by trusting God as we experience this change. Through any positive or negative change we must remember that God is for us and with us. We must be open to different people and ideas that might fulfill needs within our church. In addition, many of us must be willing to change and serve for the ministry to continue successfully. One thing that we must always remember is that God wants us to change. He wants us to be more conformed to the image of His Son Jesus.

Pastor Dave Jenkins



## 5th Annual Women's Retreat \* Sweet Life Café

August 27-29 \$100/person Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott, AZ

Brochures & Registration Forms in lobby & on website

*All money and registrations are due by August 9th*

[www.fbcmesagirlfriends.webs.com](http://www.fbcmesagirlfriends.webs.com)

Ladies... Check out our G! Groups!! They are small interest-based groups to help you meet & invite new people while doing fun activities. Currently we have Flicker Chicks (movies), Hiker Chicks (hiking), Sassy Scrappers (scrapbooking/crafts) and Lit 'n Latte (book club). We may have a few other start up in the fall. If you have ideas please let us know!



## The beginnings of GriefShare

My Name is Lenora and I am helping others with the loss of a loved one. I lost my husband on March 26, 2008. It was very hard and very lonely for me. The only thing that got me through was God and friends. But it is so hard to share with others that haven't gone through a loss like this. When I heard about GriefShare and that wasn't in our church, I knew I had to do something about this. God gave me the courage to ask if I could start a class with some help from another church member. That is how I got started and it has given me back my life and a ministry to help others, so they wouldn't have to go through this alone. Just remember that God is the one we trust the most to get us through all our troubles. God Bless Everyone!

**GriefShare** will begin meeting again on Saturday, September 18, at 10:00 in Room 218. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. It is a thirteen week program that includes both a video and a time to share. Those who deal with the subject of loss say that "the only way over it is through it." If you feel that you could use some support following the loss of a loved one, please join us. The class is led by Lenora Turner (phone 480-980-8888 or e-mail [Turner-Lenora70@yahoo.com](mailto:Turner-Lenora70@yahoo.com)) with assistance from Sandy Miller (phone 480-962-1574 or e-mail [san-draonline@cox.net](mailto:san-draonline@cox.net)). Please call or e-mail one of us if you have any questions or check out the GriefShare website at <http://www.griefshare.org>.

## *We Need You...*

Every year God uses Judgement House to bring people into a relationship with Him. This is your opportunity to be personally involved in evangelism. We need around 150 people to help with setup, tear down, tour guides, prayer warriors, parking lot attendants, refreshments, cast, extras, counselors, in other words if you are available **we have a place for you**. Please contact either Pastor Dave or Ginger Sickels to get involved today.



**The most important thing we need is for people to be invited who need to meet God!!!**



### **Unexpected.**

The Endicott's are a typical American family with busy schedules and people going in every direction. Work, school, football practice, and church, are just a few of the things that Carol, mom and scheduling coordinator for the Endicotts, plans for in order to keep the family running on all cylinders.

Carol's day planner never leaves her side and it seems like she has made plans for everything, but Carol is about to find out that even her trusty day planner can't help her when it comes to the unexpected.

### Getting Started

#### **Open Read Through**

**Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30pm**

#### **Open Auditions**

**Wednesday, Sept 8 from 7:00-8:30pm  
or Sunday, Sept 12 from 4:00-5:30pm**

## Judgement House Tour Dates

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tours will be departing from  
6:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Admission is Free  
Group Reservations available  
Invite a Friend**

# August 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Christmas Drama Auditions 3pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  12 Step Recovery 7pm	<b>4</b>  Christmas Choir Read- Thru 6:30pm  Youth 6pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  L.I.F.T. plays Bunco 6:30pm	<b>7</b>  Hiker Chicks 5:30am  Stacie Self Send-off 11:30am
<b>8</b>  <b>All-Church POOL PARTY 4-6pm @ Shepherd Pool</b>	<b>9</b>  Pie Therapy 7pm	<b>10</b>  12 Step Recovery 7pm	<b>11</b>  Regular Choir Begins 6pm  Youth 6pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Carrie Pallone Memorial Service 11:30am
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  12 Step Recovery 7pm	<b>18</b>  Choir 6pm  Christmas Choir 7pm  Youth 6pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Hiker Chicks 5:30am  Men's Breakfast 7:30am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  12 Step Recovery 7pm	<b>25</b>  Choir 6pm  Youth 6pm  Christmas Drama 7pm	<b>26</b>  <b>AWANA Begins 6pm</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Women's Retreat Emmanuel Pines-Prescott</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>Women's Retreat</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  12 Step Recovery 7pm				



**CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.....**

Yes, in about 5 months, Christmas will be upon us and we will all be in the midst of the holiday rush. It’s hard to believe we’re planning for Christmas when our Arizona temperatures have just hit their peak. Our Women’s Ministry has already given us a touch of Christmas by hosting a night of “Christmas In July”. Have you made out your Christmas list yet? True, it is a little early to be thinking about Christmas shopping and holiday baking, but now is the time to be preparing for the holiday season in the life of our church.

This year, our choir will once again bring us the Christmas message both through music and drama. Our music and drama planning team have come up with another light hearted musical that will be enjoyed by everyone.

*One Special Christmas* is an energetic, insightful, contemporary musical that communicates our need to discover the spiritual truth of Christmas amid the seasonal rush each year. The story focuses upon one particular character, John, who initially is only seeking Christmas in worldly celebrations, but eventually finds it in a place he never thought to look: his own childhood memories and a manger.

There are many places in which your talents are needed. Stage crew, costumes, singers, dancers, actors, set design and set assembly are just a few of the areas we need to fill to make this production successful.

You are invited to come to our first rehearsal on Wednesday, August 4th at 6:30 PM in the choir room. This is a great place to come and bring our gifts and talents together to be used in a great and mighty way by God. If your talent is not singing, there are many other areas that your gifts can be used. We have been given this opportunity to reach out to the world and bring them the Gospel message in an entertaining way.

Please consider this opportunity to reach others and be a part of this great ministry .... and a great time of fun too!



4-Penney Grashoff	17-Bill Wilson	23-Lavon Schaffner	28-Michelle Harry
5-Dara Boydston	18-Donald Blume	25-Dawn Clark	29-Dima Mexin
5-Glen Imboden	18-Joey Brown	26-Daniel Registre	31-Opal Brown
6-John Sickels	19-Rae Hanson-Hawes	26-Lucille Shaw	31-Kathy Registre
13-Leona Maroney	19-Steve Wiebe	27-Wilma Eaton	31-Charlotte Ward
14-Sean Johnson	20-Mary Eib	27-Kevin Stephenson	
15-Ida Mae Sweeney	22-Donna McKee	28-Jane Dissly	

7 – Rod & Karen Layman
15 – Robert & Tracy Millward
18 – Bob & Betty Cleary
24 – Jim & Sandy Miller
30 – Drew & Gay Drewry

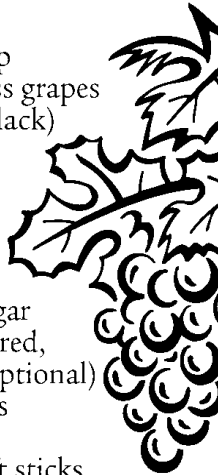


# FROSTY FRESH GRAPE POPS

Jesus is our vine, and we are to be his fruitful branches. Have "bunches" of fun making this refreshing grape snack.

### What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4½ cups seedless grapes (red, green or black)
- Food processor
- Plastic spatula
- Strainer
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Food coloring (red, green or blue; optional)
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Aluminum foil
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Another 2 cups grapes, halved (optional)

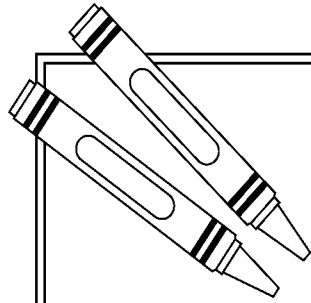


### What you do:

1. Blend grapes in a food processor until smooth.
2. With a plastic spatula, press mixture through a strainer into a mixing bowl. Discard skins and skim foam off the top.
3. Whisk sugar into juice until dissolved. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired.
4. Fill cups with juice, spooning most of the foam off the top. (If using additional grapes, put ¼-cup halved grapes into each cup.)
5. Cover each cup with foil and insert a wooden stick into the center of the foil.
6. Place cups in freezer.
7. To remove pops, take off foil and tear away cup. Enjoy!

**Variation:** To make layered juice pops, make two batches of mix from different-colored grapes. Fill cups half full with one color, cover and then insert the stick and freeze. Then fill with the remaining color and freeze again.

# Summer Fun

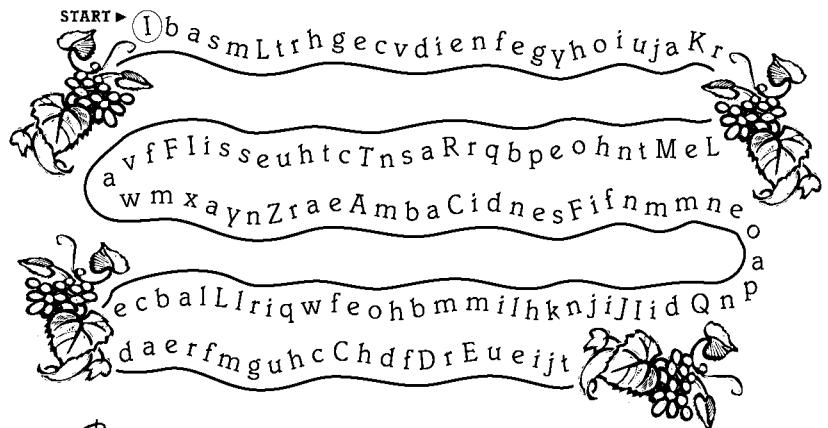


Just for **KIDS**

## The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.



“↓ \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

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apart from me you can do nothing.”

J o h n 1 5 : 5 , N I V

Answer: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.”



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## Read the Bible in a Year — August, 2010

<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
1	Psalms 65-67	Romans 2	17	Psalms 107,108	Rom. 15:21-33
2	Psalms 68,69	Romans 3	18	Psalms 109-111	Romans 16
3	Psalms 70-72	Romans 4	19	Psalms 112-115	1 Corinthians
4	Psalms 73,74	Romans 5	20	Psalms 116-118	1 Corinthians 2
5	Psalms 75-77	Romans 6	21	Psalms 119:1-48	1 Corinthians 3
6	Psalms 78	Romans 7	22	Psalms 119:49-104	1 Corinthians 4
7	Psalms 79-81	Romans 8:1-18	23	Psalms 119:105-176	1 Corinthians 5
8	Psalms 82-84	Romans 8:19-39	24	Psalms 120-123	1 Corinthians 6
9	Psalms 85-87	Romans 9	25	Psalms 124-127	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
10	Psalms 88,89	Romans 10	26	Psalms 128-131	1 Corinthians 7:25-40
11	Psalms 90-92	Romans 11:1-21	27	Psalms 132-135	1 Corinthians 8
12	Psalms 93-95	Romans 11:22-36	28	Psalms 136-138	1 Corinthians 9
13	Psalms 96-98	Romans 12	29	Psalms 139-141	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
14	Psalms 99-102	Romans 13	30	Psalms 142-144	1 Corinthians 10:14-33
15	Psalms 103,104	Romans 14	31	Psalms 145-147	1 Corinthians 11:1-15
16	Psalms 105,106	Romans 15:1-20			