

Month At A Glance

“Praying Still”

By Pastor Steve Gibson

We have a history of encouraging prayer at the beginning of each year. Ever since Jesus admonished His followers to watch and pray (Mark 13:33), was there one year when it would have been wise to skip an emphasis on time for prayer? Probably we would agree that every year is a great year to remember to pray—from the very start.

Our church has provided us with useful resources in making prayer practical as well as a time for meaningful fellowship. The website www.revivalandreformation.org is a hub for those wanting to seek God’s Holy Spirit in their lives and in our churches. On the site we are encouraged to plan for prayer and fasting on Sabbath January 2. Then each remaining quarter’s first Sabbath (April 3, July 3, October 2) are likewise designated. Maybe you’ll want to put those dates in your phone or on your calendar.

There is even a daily devotional available on the site, as well as an option for United Prayer via Zoom. You don’t need to pray alone if you prefer to join others.

One other section on the Revival and Reformation site is the 10 Days of Prayer (www.tendaysofprayer.org). This is a worldwide, annual opportunity to begin the year with a prayer focus. This year’s theme is Seeking Revival. The key text is Zechariah 4:6, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

Each of the ten days has a theme and accompanying materials:

January 6	Jesus’ Most Precious Gift
7	Grasping the Gift
8	Surrender is the Key
9	Putting Revival into Practice
10	Spiritual or Carnal: What’s the Difference?
11	God’s Solution to our Struggle
12	Praying God’s Promises
13	Obedience through Jesus
14	Do I Work for God—Or does He Work through me?
15	Seeking Revival Together
16	Seeking God’s Spirit

For those who are inclined toward math, the above might appear like 11 days of prayer. Isn’t it wonderful that God is generous and gives us a free bonus?

If some of the topics above look like themes that speak to your heart, why not plan now to participate in prayer this January. Who knows, you might end up continuing a plan for prayer all through 2021. If we plan to be living soon in God’s presence, it makes sense that we spend some time getting acquainted. He’s looking for friends.



January Calendar

Church Work Bee
December 27th 8-10 a.m.

Sabbath School
Adult in person 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Adult Via Zoom 8:45 a.m.
Primary and Junior via **Zoom**
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Church Service
In person and Live Stream
11:30 a.m.

Prayer Group
Wednesday’s 7:30 p.m.
Call 1-971-224-6616 Code: 278589

Great Controversy Reading
Sabbath afternoon @ 3:30 p.m.
Look for an email with Zoom information.

Tithes & Offerings
Below are a couple of ways you can give your offerings:

Mail to: **Cathy Fields**
P.O. Box 15332
Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Go to www.desertcovesda.com and click on ‘Online Giving’ and follow the prompts to give that way.

OR...Bring it Sabbath mornings and there will be a box in the hallway to put it in before or after the service.

Email: pastorstevegibson@hotmail.com **Physical Address:** 12400 W Desert Cove Road, El Mirage, AZ 85335

Mailing Address: 13954 W. Waddell Road, Suite 103 #616, Surprise, AZ 85379 **Website:** www.desertcovesda.com

Your Monthly Health Nugget Will be back February 2021

Holiday Food Baskets

Thank you to each and every one of you who donated food, funds or help bag and deliver the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. We were able to help 16 families this year. Praise God for his many blessings.



Church Attendance

Since COVID is still wreaking havoc in our country and around the world, we want to be even more careful. We have had a number of our members contract COVID and even though they did not get it from being around someone at church, we don't want that to happen in the future. If you are going to attend church in person, please use the hand sanitizer as you enter the building, wear a mask (there are some on the table in the hall) and keep a 6 foot distance from others who have chosen to attend. Please, this is for everyone, not just a few who choose to follow the suggestions.

Vegan Cashew Pineapple Stir Fry with Celery

2 T Sesame Oil
1 inch piece ginger, grated
1 1/2 cups cashews, toasted

1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
8 stalks sliced celery
1 1/2 cups chopped pineapple chunks

2 cloves garlic, minced or grated
2 bell peppers, thinly sliced (red & yellow)
2 green onions, chopped

For the pineapple stir fry sauce:

1 cup pineapple juice from 20 oz. can pineapple
1 pinch red pepper flakes

1/4 cup soy sauce
1 T corn starch

1. heat the sesame oil in a large skillet. Add the sliced onion, minced garlic, grated ginger, and chopped celery and stir fry for about 5 minutes, or until the onion and celery soften.
2. Meanwhile, combine all the ingredients for the sauce in a medium bowl and whisk in the cornstarch until no clumps remain.
3. Add the sliced bell pepper and the sauce to the skillet (make sure to scrape out any cornstarch if it settled to the bottom of the bowl), and stir. Bring to a gentle boil, then reduce the heat and cook for 2-3 minutes, or until the sauce thickens.
4. Stir in the pineapple, cashews, and diced green onion. Carefully taste the sauce to see if it needs salt or more sweetness—season a pinch with salt or brown sugar in that case. Serve warm over rice.

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