

NEWSLETTER



“Beginning”

By Pastor Steve Gibson

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”. Genesis 1:1”

Scripture makes clear from the start just where God belongs. He belongs in the beginning. He belongs in the beginning of my day. Before I can even begin to line up what needs to be done, I need to ask God to guide me. How could I be so foolish to think I’m smart enough to figure out the best plan for the day?

God belongs in the beginning of my year. He knows the end from the beginning. He sees what choices can best help me to arrive where I need to be by His grace. He wants the best for me. He wants me to be saved and He wants to guide me in reaching out to others with the good news of salvation. How could I ask for more?

God belongs in the beginning of our year as a church family. Only He knows what will transpire over the course of the year, yet we still make plans as we ask for His guidance in making them.

January includes a Diabetes Undone seminar for our community, especially those who chose our church as their Health Information Center when they attended the Pathway to Health event in Phoenix over Christmas.

The first weeks of February will include a seminar on living longer based on the first chapters of the book of Daniel, leading up to an evangelistic series from February 23 to March 10. C A Murray from 3ABN will be with us to lead out in this series. Please be praying for this outreach and be thinking of people you might invite to join you in attending.

We are planning for another series of meetings in the fall, but it’s not necessary to wait for a series of meetings to invite someone to church. Few will come uninvited, but some will come if you ask them.

The wonderful truth about including God in the beginning is that for those who make this a priority, there is salvation in the end. Apart from Him, there is no life, but when we are connected to the source of life, we can truly live. This is His desire for us. Jesus came to give us life (John 10:10). Let’s continue to praise Him throughout this new year.

January 2018 Highlights

Women’s Ministry Meeting

January 6th after potluck

Diabetes Undone

Turn over for dates and times

Adventurer’s Club Meeting

January 13th @ 2 p.m.

Elder’s Meeting

January 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Board Meeting

January 11th @ 7 p.m.

Health Ministry Meeting

January 20th @ 1:30

Men’s Ministry Breakfast

January 21st @ 8 a.m.

Senior Link Event

January 24th @ Noon to 2 p.m.

Deacon’s Meeting

January 27th after church

Good Samaritan Meeting

January 27th after potluck

VBS Meeting

January 27th after potluck

Church Work Bee

January 28th 8-11 a.m.

Adventurer’s Club Meeting

January 28th from 2-3:30 p.m.

Prayer Group & Bible Study

Wednesday’s from 7-8 p.m.

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MINISTRY NEWS!

Upcoming Events, Announcements & Inspirational Thoughts

The Common Cold

Keeping colds to a minimum is about strengthening immunity, especially through the winter season. Runny noses, stuffy noses, sneezing, dull headache, and sore throat are some of the symptoms of a common cold. Feeling under the weather and lethargic goes hand in hand with these symptoms. Some causes of a cold is a poor immune system, lack of zinc, poor diet, too much added sugar, too many late nights, being run down, chronic stress, air travel, and lack of ventilation indoors. Some things that will help to stop getting a cold is eating garlic, eating soup, eating vegetables like onions, ginger, and scallions. Hot pepper can also clear out a stuffy nose. Radishes added to soups and salads, drinking lots of liquids, chamomile, peppermint, lemon and honey, elderflower, and linden teas are all also good. Avoid dairy products and sugary foods. When sugar is eaten in large quantity, the white blood cells are decreased which weakens the immune fighting ability. The goal is to maintain a strong immunity to keep colds away.

“And the Lord will take away from you all sickness and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt (the world) you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.” Deuteronomy 7:15

Health Ministry Leader/Servant of God, Sylvia Hayashi

Diabetes Undone

The Diabetes Undone classes for the people who attended Pathway to Health will begin January 8, 2018. They will be each Monday and Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. through January 30, 2018. If you would have diabetes and would like to attend, please contact Jack Nickerson at 616-403-4664 for availability.

VBS 2018 Meeting

Our VBS Program will run from June **25, 2018 through June 30, 2018**. If you want to be involved in this program where we get to bring Jesus and His love to our church children and children from the community, please plan to attend a meeting on **January 27, 2018** after potluck.



A snapshot of our December Cosanti Foundation tour.

January Senior Link Event

January 24th, noon to 2 p.m. at the **Musical Instrument Museum**.... This once in a lifetime experience takes place at the only facility of its kind in the world. Begin with lunch in Café Allegro on Main floor followed by a guided tour of the current **Specialty Exhibit** (Ancient Musical Treasures from Central China) and a **Behind the Scenes** tour of the Museum. \$20 PP (plus Dutch Treat lunch). 4725 E Mayo Blvd, Phoenix 85050

Bean Salad

2 cans black beans, drained & rinsed
1 carrot diced small or grated
2 Roma tomatoes seeded and diced
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
Salt to taste

1 can white beans of choice, drained & rinsed
1/2 red bell pepper, diced small
2 T finely diced red onion
1/2 cup chopped parsley
Juice of 2-3 limes

1 cucumber diced small
1/2 yellow bell pepper, diced small
1 stalk celery diced small
2 leaves chopped fresh kale

Mix together and let set in the refrigerator for at least two hours.

Suggestions: You can add other vegetables if you want such as broccoli flowerettes, thawed frozen corn, thawed frozen peas, etc. You could also add a cup of cooked quinoa and some fresh chopped mint. The variations are endless.

By Cathy Fields