



Immanuel Dove

Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (USA) Tucson, AZ

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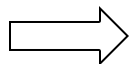
Dear Immanuel Family,

You may have seen or heard recent reports in the media covering actions taken by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its presbyteries regarding changes in the ordination standards of the church. One denominational leader called these new developments in our church constitution “seismic.” I agree.

The majority of the presbyteries in the PC(USA), of which Immanuel Presbyterian Church is a member, have now voted to loosen prohibitions on the ordination standards for ministers, elders, and deacons by deleting the phrase that they: *“live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness.”* The new amendment replaces this with a standard that church officers *“joyfully submit to the Lordship of Christ...Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”*

The difference in the wording of our church constitution means that the ultimate, overall responsibility for determining the criteria for ordination has shifted from the national church, as represented by the General Assembly and set out in the Book of Order, to the local presbyteries and local congregations as guided by Scripture and the Book of Confessions. In addition, with the specific language change, congregations and governing bodies in the PC (USA) are now at liberty, if they choose, to ordain people actively involved in a variety of sexual relationships (heterosexual and homosexual) that have not been historically affirmed by the church. This new amendment does not force churches to change their ordination standards, but it does allow for the local option to incorporate less stringent ordination requirements in the area of sexuality.

Over the coming months, the Immanuel session has the task of prayerfully discerning and articulating what ordination standards our community of faith aspires to live by in the area of sexual ethics for leadership. Immanuel and the PCUSA reaches out to all people with Christ’s love who desire to attend worship. All may join the church, whether gay or straight, as long as the individual affirms that “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.” Called celibate homosexuals and celibate unmarried heterosexuals have been and will continue to be eligible for ordination as minister, elder, or deacon. The issue that we are addressing here is the ordination standard for church officers in the Immanuel context regarding sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman.



	<h2>June 2011</h2>
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The Session will be thorough, humble, listening, and prayerful in our decision-making process with the help of the historic **Wesleyan Quadrilateral**: the *authority of Scripture*, *guidance of tradition* (the two millennia history of the Christian Church), *reason* (rational thinking and sensible interpretation), and *experience* (relationships and science). The leadership is aware that this is a controversial issue and that Immanuel is a theologically and politically diverse church. This issue is really about people, all of whom are made in the image of God, so we will engage the debate with respect and a commitment to learn.

John Stuart Mill's essay *On Liberty* written in 1859 makes a great case for why it is important to listen to other perspectives, even when we are confident that our position is correct. First, since we are fallible, if we silence an opposing viewpoint we possibly could be silencing the truth. Second, even if a differing opinion is clearly wrong, it may contain a portion of the truth. Third, even if the opinion we have is not only the truth but the whole truth, it risks becoming merely prejudice or unreflective assumption if it does not engage other ideas. I invite you to communicate with session (directed to Capri McCue, Clerk of Session or myself) regarding your thoughts about this important issue of our day that we're called to wrestle with. In the near future, we will provide avenues for discussion and learning about this topic for the congregation as a whole.

I believe it is important for the church to know where your pastor is coming from on this issue that our denomination has been wrestling with since the 1970s. With on-going prayer, reading on both sides of the issue, reflection, and discussion with other leaders I continue to believe that ordained leaders of the church (ministers, elders, and deacons) should always aspire to sexual purity in either faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness (either as an unmarried heterosexual or as a homosexual). Charity, humility, and grace should be extended to all (including church officers) because we all fall short of God's glory in so many areas, including our sexuality. I also recognize that there are mysteries regarding our human sexuality that cannot be glibly responded to with pat answers. Yet in the midst of our brokenness and the complexities of life we must continue to strive and struggle to be faithful to God's desires for what I believe to be our best spiritual well-being as laid out in Scripture and church tradition.

I am entirely committed to our connection to the national church. In addition, so many exciting things are happening at Immanuel we can get side-tracked. Our church individually and collectively has been and continues to be generous in the giving of time, talent, and treasure in our community of faith and beyond. My prayer is that we would not lose sight of the work Christ has called us to do in the midst of our differences. May we continue with renewed energy and commitment to "*discover and display Christ in here and out there.*" No matter the perspective we have, may we face this issue before us with courage, perseverance, and grace. I'm trusting that we'll figure out God-honoring and creative ways to "agree to disagree" about this controversial topic.

I leave you with Paul's words from the book of Romans: *May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Jesus Christ, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* May it be so.

In Christ,

Pastor John

LOOK WHAT
WE HAVE IN STORE
FOR YOU THIS
SUMMER

EXPLORING THE BIBLE THROUGH ART



This Summer!
June: Painting
July: Sculpture
August: Fiber Arts

For all children of God ages 3 through 103

**Every Sunday in Towner Hall through
August beginning June 5 during the
Christian Education Hour (9:45am)**



We invite all children to get cookin' at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ: WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE Vacation Bible School.

Youth will explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word.

The fun begins *June 20* and ends *June 24*.

The recipe at our café includes heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts, hands-on mission work, food science, and great music.

To be a part of all the excitement at SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ: WHERE KIDS CARRY OUT GOD'S RECIPE, complete the registration form enclosed in this Dove and return it to the church office.

If you have any question, please call Kathy Wingstrom 751-4727. Registration forms available at the gazebo and in the church office.

Adult Christian Ed classes will continue during June, July, and August during the 9:45-10:45 Sunday School hour. A variety of study and participation will include Bible study, Wellness and Spirituality, "Necessary Conversations" and "What About All This Paperwork" -- related to end-of-life concerns, The Parables, and other timely topics. A schedule of specific class content and date(s) of presentation will be forthcoming very soon. Stay tuned! Plan to be a part of the Adult Sunday School adventure.

2011 VBS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade Entering _____
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Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Circle Best Number to Call

E-mail Address _____ Home Church _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information: Name(s) and Phone # of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Photo Release:

Can your child be photographed and have their picture appear in church news articles for print and website? Yes No

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Name of Doctor _____ Phone _____

In case of an accident or illness, every effort will be made to notify the parents. If parents cannot be reached in a serious emergency, we request permission to contact your child's doctor and/or take the child to a hospital emergency room. Please sign your name on the line below in order to give your permission

Parent Signature _____

Registration Donation

Pre-Register by June 1, 2011 \$5.00/child or \$10/family **After June 1, 2011** \$10.00/child

T-Shirts = \$8.00 each

Child Sizes: _____ XS _____ S _____ Med _____ L

Adult Sizes: _____ S _____ Med _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL (\$9) _____ XXXL (\$10)

of Children _____ amount due \$ _____

of T-shirts _____ amount due \$ _____

*Make checks payable to **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**
and mail to 9252 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85710*

Cash _____ Check # _____ **Total \$** _____

Detach and keep as a reminder!



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

9252 E 22nd Street -Phone: 296-2253

June 20 -24, 2011

M - F: 8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Lead Worship on Sunday, June 26 at the 11:00 am service.

Summer is nearly here.

Why not check out some great books from Immanuel's library?
We have nearly 1500 adult titles and 450 books for kids.
There must be something for you!

For good summer reading try some of these authors of Christian fiction:

Karen Kingsbury and Jan Karon.

Carolyn Aarsen has written a Christian romance series called
Love Inspired.

Beverly Lewis writes stories about Amish families and their struggles.

Alexander Smith has a series called *The Ladies' Detective Agency*.

The library has C. S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Have you read them?

Is biography more your style? We have *The Heart of a Woman*, by Maya Angelou; biographies of Billy and Ruth Graham and others. Come take a look.

Maybe you would like to learn more about the Presbyterian church and its history:

Try *Presbyterians and the American Revolution*, by James H. Smylie (973.3);

or, *Brief History of the Presbyterians*, by Lefferts A. Loetscher (285.1)

The library has many good books to help you with Bible study, meditations, devotionals and prayer, as well as titles on care giving, grief, raising children, spiritual direction, etc.

Bring the kids to the library, too. You will find picture books marked with green tape and books for young readers marked with blue tape. Christian Ed teachers: You can also borrow books to use in your classes; and you can bring the kids to the library during church school time. We also have quite a few VHS tapes and a VHS player and TV monitor for your use.

Come to the library on Sunday mornings or, if that is not convenient, Lois can open the library for you any time during the week. If you have questions about the library please call or see Peggy Free (975-3905.) We accept donations and suggestions for additions to the library.



Session Corner

- Session approved the purchase of a new projector and screen for the Sanctuary after much work by Ed Vander Woude and Craig Zimmermann (Alternate Worship elder, Building & Grounds elders). Look for these new items to be up and running soon! The new screen will enhance what we already have. There will be a second screen on the back wall so the choir, the Praise Team and the pastors will be able see the projection during the service.
- Red Cross Blood drives and Babysitting courses continue to be hosted on our campus.
- The Personnel Team led by Elder Maggie Clifton are diligently seeking to hire a Nursery Director and a Christian Ed Director.

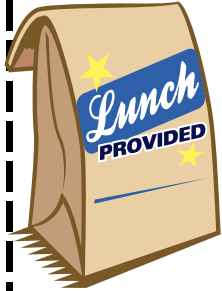
Think it might be fun to sing in the choir? Join the "Summer Choir" and sing with us for 3 weeks in June. Come at 10am on Sunday, June 5, 12, and 19. We'll rehearse the anthem and sing for the 11:00 service. Give Dr. Bill a call at 229-1327 (or email him at wwschurr@cox.net) so we can have music ready for you.



Casa Maria

Saturday, June 11

Bring your sack lunches to the church between 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.



The person making the delivery to Casa Maria leaves promptly at 9:30 a.m. Each lunch should contain two sandwiches of your choice, (no mayo or mustard), a piece of fruit, and a dessert (a couple of cookies, a granola bar, etc.). You may make as many lunches as you desire.

Remember that many of the folks who receive these lunches have problems with their teeth. Please consider this when purchasing fruit or other hard to eat foods. During the hot summer months, you might want to consider creamy peanut butter and jelly for your sandwiches. PB & J don't need to be kept cool and won't spoil if left on a counter.

In May IPC contributed 510 lunches.



•**Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will be taking a break this summer.

They will resume on September 8.

•**Lydia Circle** will meet on Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. for movies night at Sarah Tittle's home.

Please note the date has been changed because of VBS week.

•**Desert Sages Summer Schedule:** No Sages on June 21. Sages will continue to meet through the summer as long as there is interest. Now would be a great time to "check us out." In the summer you will be less busy and it will get your mind off the summer heat. Bring your favorite game and lunch and join the fun. Sages are always interested in learning new games. Call Mary Kay Bush, 885-0003 for more information.



Outing with Ann

The desert floor should be quite warm now, but it is always nice on **Mt. Lemmon** this time of year. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the cool pines for a couple of hours. We'll car pool from the church at 9 a.m. on **Thursday, June 16th**. Wear good walking shoes, bring a lawn chair if you wish, and don't forget a jacket. Sign up at the gazebo if you are interested in going.

Outing to the Movies

We'll try to find a good discount movie at **Century Gateway 12** on Kolb Road near Speedway on the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 7th**. Details will be in the Sunday bulletin on the 5th or call Ann at 298-8401.



Campers this summer are:

Senior High 1 June 4 - 11
Anthony Lorenzini

Junior High 1 June 11-17
Andrew Downard
Emily Downard
Alyssa Eazer
Michael Fennema
Stephanie Lorenzini
Jarod Rappaport
Michael Robetor
Michael Tuohy
Lindsey Weaver

Juniors 1 June 17- 22
Bella Calvano
Benjamin Downard
Matthew Downard
Annalyse Fennema
Austin Puckett
Ben Weaver

Senior High 2 June 25 - July 2
Kirk Aurand
Jamie Rappaport

Junior High 2 July 9 - 15
Conner Cech
Erin Cech
Jordyn Sanchez
Nora Thompson

Niners July 23 - 29
Kevin Thompson



Campers (and staff) love to get mail during camp!

Mail takes about three days to arrive from Tucson. Please write to the campers at:

Montlure Camp
Camper's/Staff's Name
P.O. Box 122
Greer, AZ 85927-0122

Summer Staff from IPC

Full-time paid counselors:

Josh Russell-Nelson
Kristi Critchley (friend of Jessica Brittain)

Volunteer Staff:

- JR. High 1—June 11—17
Ed Vander Woude, Counselor
- Jr. High 2—July 9-15
Rev. John Tittle, Chaplain
Jessie Hampton, Counselor
Jaime Rappaport, Counselor
- Jr. 2—July 15—22
Ann Brittain, Assistant Program Coordinator
- Jr. High 3—July 29th-August 4
Rachael Eggebeen, Chaplain
Ann Gentry, Medical Personnel
Remi Gentry, Counselor

We would like to thank the congregation for the love and support they showed our family when my mother passed. We would especially like to thank Tami Keating, our deacon, for the dinner she coordinated after my mom's funeral. We are truly blessed.



We wish to thank all of our many friends at Immanuel for their thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls after Ryan's accident. You are our family and we love you.

Ron & Kathy Parker and
Ryan Nagamine

Love, the Samoys,

Joey, Sue, Jessi, Jeremy and Craig

Dear Immanuel,

Thank you for your prayers, love and support for Fred and the family during the past several months. The Memorial Service was truly a witness to the hope of resurrection and a celebration of a life well lived. Thank you Pastor John, Billy, and the wonderful choir for making our time together very special. The strawberries at the reception were a fitting reminder of Fred's words, "It's all about God's grace."

Love,

Cheryl and the entire Wood family

Dear Immanuel Friends,

Hello! I hope this note finds you happy and well. We're doing great out here in Maryland. Although we miss Tucson, spring in Maryland is beautiful!

We're keeping very busy with the kids' school, sports and scouting events with no break in sight. The summer already seems booked up with various events.

Russ Owens and family

9431 Old Jones Lane, Dunkirk, MD 20754

Distant Presbyterian "Cousins"

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has its historical roots in the Church of Scotland, which began in the 17th Century. We share a common concern for mission, at home and abroad.

One of the early mission overtures of the Church of Scotland was in British East Africa, now known as Kenya. The East African Scottish Mission was established in 1891 when Scottish missionaries arrived in Kibwesi, where they established the first church. A school was also opened. Their work was largely among the Kikuyu, Meru and Mwimbi people.

In 1920 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland organized the Presbytery of British East Africa, with the ordination of the first native elders. Three African pastors were ordained in 1926 and in 1952 the mother church authorized the inclusion of the Presbytery of Kenya in the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, with the adoption of a common constitution. The PCEA pioneered in medical and educational work, operates three hospitals and several health centers. It directs community centers, rural development projects, secretarial training for girls, an HIV control program and relief efforts, among other activities.

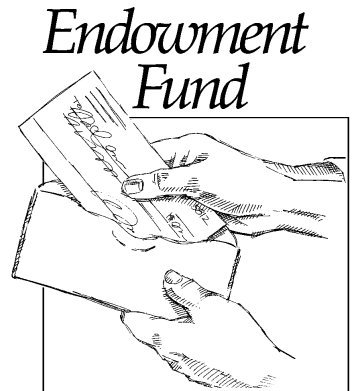
By 2006, the PCEA had 310 parishes, 450 pastors and 4 million members, one of whom is Sarah Maina with her son John, who are members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.



ENDOWMENT PROGRAM TWICE BLESSED!

A. Funds for Youth Camperships

Immanuel's Endowment program has been blessed by the receipt of a significant gift from Marc and Shirl Negus. They have specified that the income from the \$15,010 be used in the future to provide "camperships" for Immanuel Youth to participate in church camp at Montlure. The Negus' share a deep belief in the importance of the fun, learning, and inspiration offered by such experiences in the lives of young people. Further they were driven by concern that some youth may be unable to participate in the Christian camping experience without financial assistance.



The Negus Campership Designated Endowment has been established and investment of the funds accomplished with the Presbyterian Foundation's New Covenant Funds. Income earned in 2011 by the new fund will become available at the beginning of 2012. The church has been truly blessed. The thanks of the congregation are extended to Marc and Shirl for this very generous gift.

B. MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

The family of Rev. Fred Wood requested that memorials in honor of his life and witness be made to the Immanuel Presbyterian Church's Endowment Fund. This reflected Fred's conviction that the endowment program does and will continue to play an important role in fulfilling Immanuel's mission of "Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there." The response has been most generous. Over \$6,240.00 has been received to date. The family specified income from these funds be used for both missions and support of youth.

What a wonderful way to assure memorials become perpetual to one's church. That is that the funds are invested and income received each year on into the future. Many of you know that Rev. Wood was instrumental in initiating the endowment program here at Immanuel. Fred communicated to his family the value of giving to the Endowment Fund. His example is an inspiration for us to consider how we might also be an ongoing blessing to Immanuel through a gift to the Endowment Fund. The church has been blessed by the many memorials and the thanks of the congregation are extended to Cheryl and the Wood family as well as those who responded with their memorial gifts.

Fathers Day Alternative Gift Option

If your father doesn't need another tie or Hawaiian shirt this Father's Day, consider supporting fathers who have children with special needs. The Mission and Evangelism Team will be on the patio on June 5, 12 or 19 (for last-minute shoppers). You can make a donation to honor or remember a special father in your life. You'll receive a card noting support for a special

Easter Seal's Blake Foundation Program that helps fathers who are obtaining custody of their children who are currently in Child Protective Services care. The Blake Foundation program teaches what it means to be a father and parenting skills. Most of these kids have mental or behavioral health issues. The money raised may be used to provide food and refreshments for group meetings or emergency needs, such as helping a father buy a bed so the child can be placed in his home.



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Statement of Activities

General Operating Funds

April 30, 2011

	Current Month Actual April	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year to Date Budget Variance	Annual Budget
Income					
Pledges, Cash	\$27,449	\$113,182	\$110,000	\$3,182	\$330,000
Loose Offerings	6,115	17,207	18,667	(1,460)	56,000
Per Capita & Initial	145	2,640	2,000	640	6,000
Misc Income	0	848	1,430	(582)	4,290
Income Totals	33,709	133,877	132,097	1,780	396,290
Expenses					
Salaries and	\$18,466	\$82,363	\$89,131	\$6,768	\$264,841
Budget and	2,648	13,747	13,778	31	40,450
Building and	4,479	13,250	10,333	(2,917)	31,000
Administrative	167	2,110	2,600	490	7,800
Worship & Music,	965	1,914	1,767	(147)	5,300
Worship & Music,	0	1,366	1,746	380	5,649
Communications &	(816)	8,407	7,767	(640)	23,300
Christian Education	568	1,165	1,317	152	3,950
Hospitality	(32)	127	333	206	1,000
Mission and	0	0	1,000	1,000	3,000
Deacons	78	326	333	7	1,000
Expense Totals	26,523	124,775	130,105	5,330	387,290
Net	\$7,186	\$9,102	\$1,992	\$7,110	\$9,000

Statement of Financial Position

General Operating Funds

April 30, 2011

General Operating Checking Account Balance:	\$76,705
Less Funds held for Dedicated Accounts	(75,769)
Funds Available for General Operations	<u>\$936</u>
Mortgage Balance	<u>\$309,287</u>



June

- 1 Jason Rebl
- 2 Abby Fennema
Jo Gruver
Christopher Mortara
- 3 Cliff Scholten
- 4 Janis Parks
- 6 Shirley Scott
Jude Tittle
Kit Wolfe
- 7 Christian Cugini
- 9 Nancy Workman
- 11 Rich Grau
- 12 Abigail Beck
- 13 Lindsey Grant
- 14 Jamie Rappaport
- 15 Jim Keating
- 16 Laura Cech
Lorna Downard
Fred Schmidt
- 17 Craig Samoy
- 19 Pauline McClure
Ron Parker
- 20 Jessie Hampton
Carol Walitshek
- 22 Susan Hart
- 23 Joan Frad
- 24 Erminia Gomez
Bob Richards
Lilly Sherwood
- 27 Vikki Carpenter
Polly Gayer
Nancy Puckett

Anniversaries in June

- 2 Jim & Laura Cech
Alan & Peg Wetzel
- 3 Larry & Marge Biehl
- 5 Wayne and Laura Thornes
- 6 Ken & Janice Nebesny
- 15 Dean & Lorna Downard
- 17 Brian & Lindsey Grant
Ron & Kathy Parker
Bill & Shirley Scott
- 18 Elias and Jane Toubassi
- 24 James Nivette & Andrea Joscelyn Nivette
- 27 John & Ann Gentry
- 28 Lee & Diane Carey
Phillip & Denise Downard
- 29 Richard & Joy Hager
James & Christine Prichard
- 30 Joey & Sue Samoy



To Afghanistan

Chris Honeycutt, son of David and Emily Honeycutt
Michael Majors, son-in-law of John and Ann Gentry



To Iraq

John Todd & the 1-8 Calvary 2nd Brigade Combat Team-friends of Miguel Carlin

Please let the office know when these folks come home.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The family of Bud Rose who passed away on May 13. The family will be celebrating his life in Wisconsin this summer.

New Addresses:

Carol Downing
Atria Bell Court Gardens
6653 E. Carondelet Drive, Apt.#404
Tucson, AZ 85710-2153
520-456-7866


Summer address for Christina Schmelz
Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch
130 Trinity Trail
Fishtail, MT 59028



Congratulations to Sarah Maina and Lonnie (Chuck) Haith, who were married on May 20th at St Andrews The Apostle Catholic Church in Sierra Vista.

JUNE 2011

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

<p>John is on vacation May 29—June 3</p>			<p>1 12:00p Prayer Time 7:00p AA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 6:00p VBS Work Night</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 8:30a Worship/Communion 9:45a Church School 10:00a Summer Choir 11:00a Worship/Communion/ Fennema & Seel wedding</p>	<p>6 9:00a Seeker Bi- ble/Book Study</p>	<p>7 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 6:30p TOPS 7:00p Deacons</p>	<p>8 12:00p Prayer Time 7:00p AA</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:45a Casa Maria</p>
<p>12—Pentecost 8:30a Alternative Worship 9:45a Sunday School 10:00a Summer Choir 11:00a Traditional Wor- ship</p>	<p>13 9:00a Seeker Bi- ble/Book Study</p>	<p>14 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 6:30p TOPS 7:00p Session</p>	<p>15 12:00p Prayer Time 7:00p AA Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:30a Alternative Worship 9:45a Sunday School 10:00a Summer Choir 11:00a Traditional Worship</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21 Vacation Bible School 8:30 am—12: 15 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:30a Alternative Worship 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship/VBS Sunday</p>	<p>27 9:00a Seeker Bi- ble/Book Study 6:30p Lydia Circle</p>	<p>28 9:00a Staff Meeting 10:00a Desert Sages 6:30p TOPS 7:00p Ministry Teams</p>	<p>29 12:00p Prayer Time 7:00p AA</p>	<p>30</p>		