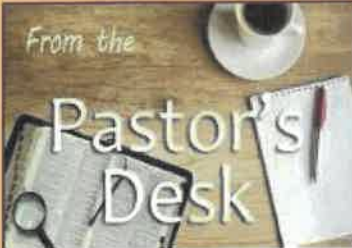


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WHO IS YOUR PORTION?

“The LORD said to Aaron, ‘You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites.’”

—Numbers 18:20 (NIV)

We understand the desire to have our portion.

From childhood onward, we learn to measure life by what belongs to us. We acquire a home, save money, accumulate possessions, and perhaps hope to leave something behind for our children and grandchildren. There is nothing necessarily wrong with these things. They can all be gifts from the gracious hand of God.

But there is something better than having a portion from God.

It is having God as our portion.

When God established the priesthood of Israel, the other tribes received portions of land as their inheritance. Aaron and the priests were different. God said to Aaron, “I am your share [Portion] and your inheritance.”

What might initially sound like deprivation was actually a tremendous privilege.

God was teaching Aaron that the greatest treasure a person can possess is not land, money, security, or material possessions.

The greatest treasure is God Himself.

That truth becomes increasingly meaningful as the years pass.

Many of the things we once worked so hard to obtain eventually lose some of their importance. Possessions wear out. Houses need repair. Investments rise and fall. Our physical strength changes. Even some things upon which we once depended can disappear.

But God does not.

There is a wonderful freedom that comes when we can say:

“Lord, I am grateful for everything You have given me, but more than Your gifts, I want You.”

The Christian life was never intended to be merely a life in which we add God to everything else we already possess. Through Christ, we have been brought into fellowship with God and made part of the Body of Christ.

Our deepest satisfaction is found not simply in what Christ gives us, but in Christ Himself.

And something beautiful happens as our desire for God grows.

The more we desire Him, the more we learn to depend upon Him.

The more we depend upon Him, the deeper our fellowship with Him becomes.

And the deeper our fellowship becomes, the more we learn to trust Him.

Eventually we begin to discover that God is not merely "Someone" we turn to when everything else fails.

He is "The One" upon whom everything else rests.

Perhaps this is one of the blessings of growing older in the faith. We have lived long enough to discover that

many of the things the world promised would satisfy us simply cannot do it.

But Christ can.

Jesus said, *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*—John 10:10 (NIV)

That abundant life should never be confused with an abundance of possessions.

Abundant life is the richness of a life centered upon Jesus Christ—a life that can possess much or little and still say, the Lord is my portion.

You may not have everything you once hoped to have.

You may have even lost some things you once thought you could never live without.

But if you have Christ, you are not poor.

In Him you have forgiveness for yesterday, grace for today, hope for tomorrow, the presence of God for the journey, and an eternal inheritance that cannot be taken away.

So perhaps the most important question is not, “How large is my portion?”

**Perhaps the better question is, “Who is my portion”?
When the answer is Jesus Christ, we can say with
confidence, “When I have Him, I have what matters
most.”**

**So why settle merely for life—
when in Christ we can have abundant life?**

God loves you and so do I!!!

From: Pastor Rick





**September 2026
Average
Monthly Attendance**

Ministries/Other Actual

Sunday Worship.....63
Sunday School.....21
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study.....22

New Members:..... 2
Ladies' Bible Study.....12
Women's Breakfast 8
Men's Breakfast Attendance.....19
Visitors.....13
Home Visitation.....03

Directory Submission Step By Step



The 2026 church directory is in work. We need pictures to complete this project. If you did not have a picture for the last directory, or need one for this directory,

please sign up for a date/time to have your picture taken. Also, the working directory will be on the kitchen side table the next 6 Sundays for you to review and confirm or correct your address, phone, and email

information. If you have any questions, please see Joanna or Amos.

Get Involved!

- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts @ 9 am.
- **Sunday School** @ 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** @ 10:45 am.
- **Ladies' Bible Study and Life Group**
- **Tuesdays** @ 10 am.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** @ 3:00 pm.
- **Women's Breakfast - Monthly:** First Saturday @ 8:30 am at a local restaurant.
- **Men's Breakfast—Monthly:** First Saturday @ 8:00 am at the church.
- **Connections Saturday** - One Saturday each quarter. Check church calendar.
- **Volunteering:** The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow? Contact the office or the committee chairperson.

Notices/Events

If you have something you no longer need or want, an upcoming event, or have a notice to share with the church, feel free to advertise it here to the members of Crossroads. Give your info to Amos (office) for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

- ⇒ We are looking for at least 1 or 2 more **Volunteers counters (members)** for the Monday following the Sunday service. If you are interested see Amos
 - ⇒ The committees provide services to the church in various areas, and we are looking for those who feel a call to serve. A list detailing the committees is on the foyer information board and the kitchen side room information board. We have 3 committees that need help: **Pantry, Barnabas, and Benevolence.**
 - ⇒ For more information and to request to be on a committee, please see a Personnel Committee member: Bob Allen, Nan Allen, Tom Bennett, Joanna Burgan, Lafe Murray,
 - ⇒ The 2026 church directory is in work. We **need pictures** to complete this project.
- ASK QUESTIONS, SEE JOANNA OR AMOS ANYTIME.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 2nd : the office closed
- Oct 3th : Men's Breakfast and Women's Breakfast.
- Oct 4th : Lord's Supper
- Oct 9th : the office closed
- Oct 16th : Finance committee meeting @ 12 pm
- Oct 18th Missions Appreciation day
- Oct 20th Property committee meeting @ 12 pm
- Oct 23th the office closed.
- Oct 25th: Christmas Box due with \$10
- ⇒ Business Meeting After Service
- Oct 30th : Halloween

Important

MEN'S BREAKFAST !



First SATURDAY of each month at 8:00 AM at the church.

Oct 3th, Nov 7th, Dec 5th

Sign up in the info area. If you can help in the kitchen, please come at 7:00 am to help "Chef" Lafe. Food, Fellowship, and God's Word

For more info Contact Lafe @ 719-342-0431



First SATURDAY of each month at 8:30 AM at a local eatery.

at Gold Canyon Café

Oct 3th, Nov 7th, Dec 5th

Sign up in the info area. Bring a friend or family member!

For more info Contact .Joanna @ 480-560-9964

GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CARE GIVERS

In honor of my dad and my Aunt who is 90, this is an important read. My suggestion is to put a copy of this with your living will papers or give it to your children now.

If I Get Dementia

If I get dementia, I want my friends and family to embrace my reality. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we're visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe those things. I'll be much happier for it.

If I get dementia, I don't want to be treated like a child. Talk to me like the adult that I am.

If I get dementia, I still want to enjoy the things that I've always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, read, and visit with friends.

If I get dementia, ask me to tell you a story from my past.

If I get dementia, and I become agitated, take the time to figure out what is bothering me.

If I get dementia, treat me the way that you would want to be treated.

If I get dementia, make sure that there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don't eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, I may have trouble explaining what I need.

If I get dementia, don't talk about me as if I'm not in the room.

If I get dementia, don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not your fault, and you've done your best. Find someone who can help you or choose a great new place for me to live.

If I get dementia, and I live in a dementia care community, please visit me often.

If I get dementia, don't act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It's not my fault.

If I get dementia, make sure I always have my favorite music playing within ear-shot.

If I get dementia, and I like to pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original places.

If I get dementia, don't exclude me from parties and family gatherings.

If I get dementia, know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.

Written by **Rachael Wonderlin**





Wisdom's Connection to Grace

It is fun to explore God's Word by studying the details that are often missed while simply reading passages within its pages. Computers have opened word studies in various translations by comparing words connected to other words (which is the point of this writing). One can simply tell the word search in a Bible program such as Bible Gateway to give all the verses that contain for example the word "wisdom." Before computers and Bible programs, we only had concordances that could only search one word. With the current computer programs a person can search all the verses in the Bible with two or three words. Anyway...

While looking again at all the verses that contained the word "wisdom" in the New King James Version, I ran across Eph, 3:10 that tells us that wisdom is manifold and that wisdom is made known through the Church. The word "manifold" is not common to our English language, so I looked up its meaning. It means varied or having differing qualities. This made sense about wisdom as Pro. 9:1 says that wisdom has seven pillars or seven important parts to its structure or building. Wisdom is therefore manifold or more complex than other biblical subjects. (We will look at these parts of wisdom in other writings going forward.)

At this point in my understanding of wisdom, it being complex had already become a reality to me as the parts only made sense separately, because together all the material about wisdom in the Bible was a bit overwhelming. But in parts these pillars began to be better understood.

Then it dawned on me to look at what other subjects are complex or manifold in the NKJV. Nehemiah 9:19 says that God's mercies are manifold. Psalm 104:24 says that God's works are manifold. Amos 5:12 says that transgressions or sins are manifold. But of greater interest to me was I Peter 4:10, which tells us that grace is manifold. Grace and wisdom being linked by complexity interested me. Love is not said to be manifold. None of the other great virtues that are to grow from our lives as fruits from the branches of our faith are said to be complex or manifold.

What can also be noted is that complexity or having unique qualities implies superiority. Grace and wisdom being manifold within the New Testament Greek word used here,





tells us that grace has parts and wisdom has parts that make both very important for us to understand. Complexity doesn't make the study easy, but it does make the study of wisdom and grace very rewarding.

This particular study of God's Word from a computer program has led me to believe that the focus or aim of the Old Testament is wisdom, while the focus or aim of the New Testament is grace. Wisdom and grace are the "bookends" that in many respects holds the entirety of the Bible together. Wisdom and grace are not the same, but both add richness and depth to having a great relationship with God as we press in to know Him better.

God bless you greatly,

From **Lafe Murray**





What Must I Do to Be Saved?

If a friend or family member asked you that question, what would your response be?

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas are on their second missionary journey in Philippi. They are arrested, beaten, and put in stocks for allegedly “throwing our city into confusion.”

About midnight, Paul and Silas were loudly singing songs of praise when God caused an earthquake that threw open the doors of their prison. When the panicked Philippian jailer arrived and found that all the prisoners were still there, he fell before them and implored, “What must I do to be saved?”

So, back to my original question: “What say you, Christian?” What is your response?

Maybe:

- Pray the sinner’s prayer.
- Walk the aisle at church and tell the pastor you want to be baptized.
- Ask Jesus into your heart.
- Keep working so your good deeds outweigh your bad.

No, no, no, and no!

E) None of the above.

All are unbiblical and are not found in any way in Holy Scripture!

Don’t laugh! These are just a few of the responses I have received from “supposed” born-again believers. What say you?

The one thing these four have in common with other false beliefs is that they are all blatantly unbiblical!

Very simply, God’s whole program for the redemption of humanity—yea, the entirety of Ho-



erate act of faith!

Early in the book of Genesis, God sets the bar for those who would identify as His:

“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

— Genesis 15:6

Belief takes center stage throughout Jesus’ ministry. In fact, in the Apostle John’s Gospel, *pisteuō* is the Greek verb used 98 times, highlighting that our faith is to be active and ongoing.

Jesus stresses the importance of possessing faith to Jairus, the synagogue official, regarding his critically ill daughter in Mark 5:36:

“Do not be afraid; only believe.”

To the desperate father of a boy in the grip of a demon, whom Jesus encounters immediately upon coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration, He says:

“All things are possible to him who believes.”

— Mark 9:23

In the very next verse, the father pleads:

“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

— Mark 9:24

“Your faith has made you well,” Jesus assured the woman with the issue of blood in Matthew 9:22, blind Bartimaeus in Luke 18:42, and the thankful leper in Luke 17:19.

In Matthew 9:28, He also asked two blind men:

“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”





To the Syrophenician woman in Matthew 15:28, Jesus said:

“O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.”

Then, in Luke 7:9, Jesus praised the faith of a centurion:

“I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith.”

A direct challenge to His own countrymen!

Most importantly, Jesus designates the linchpin of eternal life in Him:

Just believe, baby!

In the very heart of the Gospel, John 3:16–18, all three verses proclaim the love of God shown through His Son. All three verses show unequivocally:

“Whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Verse 18 keeps it real and simple:

“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already.”

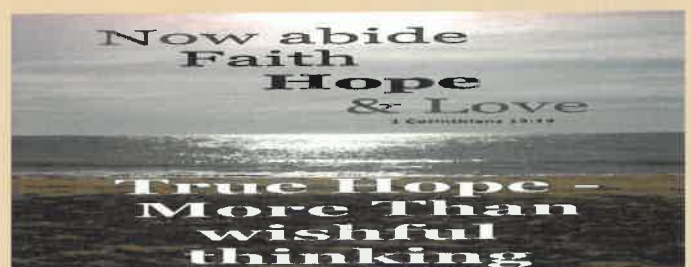
Just believe!

In John 7:38, Jesus stands in the Temple and loudly proclaims:

“He who believes in Me, as Scripture said, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water!”

All this with a backdrop of clay pots of water being ceremonially poured out and cascading down the stone altar behind Him at that moment—sweetly symbolic, for sure!

In John 6:35, Jesus said to them:





even if he dies.”

Eight days after His resurrection, He visited the disciples a second time in the upper room, this time with Thomas (the Doubter) present.

In John 20:29, Jesus gives His definition of faith and believing:

“Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who did not see, and yet believed!”

In the next two verses, John explains the reason for the Holy Spirit’s inspiration of his book and, by extension, the message of Scripture:

“But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, you may have life in His name!”

— John 20:31

I have conveniently capitalized every time in our case-study Scriptures where it says **Believe** or **Faith**.

Let’s let the Teacher have the last word:

“Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

— John 11:40

Jesus + 0 = Life

This month, we answered the question:

What must I do to be saved?

Next month, we tackle the question:

What must I believe to be saved?

Same Jesus time!

Same Jesus channel!

From: Tom Winston

The CLASSIFIED page

If you have a need for repair work around your home, able to perform handyman or cleaning service, or know of job opportunities, this is the place to be. Give your info to Amos (office) for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

Handyman needed

Homes need repair at times and when those small, but needed things breakdown, you need help. We have several members of the church who are experience in many areas. The Property Committee can help with many home issues. Please let the church office know of your needs and the Property team will be notified.

If you are experienced with tools, please let the office know of your talents. We are here to serve our church family in many areas and you can be a blessing to others in need.

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT JOANNA**



Have something you want to sell or give away? Take a picture of it , provide a description, and send to the office. We will place it in the newsletter and on the website.

Do you need something for your home? Before you buy it, we can put your need in the Bulletin and who knows, someone may be able to help .

(Landscaping, Home cleaning, etc.).

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of any job openings that would interest our church family or friends of the church, please let the office know.



Our church pantry is available for our church members, their families, and those in our community. We have a variety of canned and packaged goods, cleaning supplies and hygiene items. If you have a need or you know of a neighbor who is struggling, please let the office

What is new ???

- ⇒ We can provide you a link to attend Virtually a meeting with a Microsoft Teams or Zoom meeting link if you let the office know in advance.
- ⇒ We are releasing the first images or videos of our activities on our website. If you would like to share, please send them via our email address before the 24th of each month @ info@CrossroadsBaptistAz.com
- ⇒ You could now find and pick up free discount coupons from various vendors at the table behind the A/V area to help offset your expenses
- ⇒ Our emergency evacuation plans are posted in the church. Please consult them. We will conduct a trial in the near future.

If you need prayer, our staff and deacons are always available. Please con-





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for more info

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IMPORTANT DATES



SEPT 6

Pick up a shoebox
and information
material.



OCT 25

Return filled shoebox
along with a \$10 check
for shipping costs.
Extra fill in items available!



NOV 16-23

Crossroads shoeboxes
will be delivered to a
local dropoff location.

PACK A SHOEBOX. CHANGE A LIFE. SHARE JESUS!



October 2026 Outreach Opportunity



Our next **God's Attic** will be held on **October 10**. This is a wonderful opportunity to put our faith into action by helping provide clothing and household goods to those in need.

Thank you for helping us **love, serve, and share God's blessings** with our community.



Here are Some Pictures of September 2026 From Iowa



Pictures From September 2026 Social Saturday @CBC



PROJECT HELP *Donations Needed!*

Providing short-term assistance for
Apache Junction Unified School District
students and families.

Thank you! ♥

-  **ANTI-PERSPIRANT DEODORANT**
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Thank you for supporting our missions!

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Your donations help provide comfort, dignity, and a fresh start. *Thank you! ♥*



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Used to make PB&J sandwiches
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Mission Appreciation Day SUNDAE BAR

Join us after the service on
Sunday, October 18!

HOSTED BY THE HOSPITALITY & MISSION TEAM
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MISSION FOCUS Current Needs

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- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Cleaning Supplies

- Paper Towels
- Non-Perishable Food
(protein bars, rice,
beans, noodles, peanut
butter, canned tuna,
canned chicken)



*Check Missions Corner
for prayers & other
literature*



A MESSAGE FOR TODAY From Amos Mahi

Today, many people in America are worried about the future. Families are facing higher costs, uncertainty about the economy, and concerns about war and peace around the world. Rising energy prices and other living costs are putting pressure on many households.

But in the middle of all this uncertainty, there is a message that does not change: **Jesus Christ is still our hope.**

The world can change. Governments can change. Prices can change. Our circumstances can change. But God's love does not change. Jesus said:

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you.” — John 14:27

This peace is not the promise that we will never have problems. It is the peace of knowing that we do not have to face life alone.

When we are afraid, we can pray.

When we are worried, we can trust God.

When we are confused, we can look to His Word.

When we have sinned, we can come to Jesus for forgiveness.

And when we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we can still put our faith in Him.

The question is not only, “What is happening in America?” or “What will happen tomorrow?”

The greater question is:

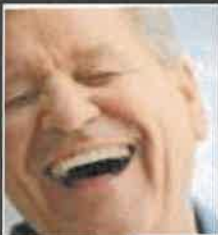
“What must I do to be saved?”

The answer remains simple:

Believe in Jesus Christ. Trust Him. Follow Him.

Our world needs many things, but above all, we need hope, peace, forgiveness, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is our hope today, tomorrow, and forever.



A man asked, “What must I do to be saved?” The pastor said, “Believe in Jesus.”

The man asked, “That’s it?” The pastor smiled, “That’s it!”

YOUR MONEY AND YOUR FUTURE

- The U.S. stock market has been strong in 2026; as of September 21, the S&P 500 was up **13.4% year-to-date**.
- Retirement savings have also increased. Fidelity reported that average 401(k), 403(b), and IRA balances reached record highs in Q2 2026, while the average combined 401(k) savings rate was **14.4%**.

For 2026, the IRS allows up to **\$24,500** in employee 401(k) contributions and **\$7,500** in IRA contributions, subject to the applicable rules.

As of August 2026:

- Arizona's unemployment rate was **4.9%**, up from **4.4% one year earlier**.
- Arizona **lost about 4,100 nonfarm jobs from July to August**, according to the latest state labor-market analysis.
- At the same time, Arizona had **about 23,100 more jobs than a year earlier**, showing that the situation is mixed rather than simply “no jobs.”

The Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler area has continued to show year-over-year employment growth.

MANAGING FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY

What can we do?

Work. Save. Plan wisely. Avoid panic. **Trust God.**

The economy may change, but **God does not change.**

From Amos Mahi





Who led the Israelites out of Egypt?

- A) Moses
- B) David
- C) Joshua
- Answer:

How many days did God take to create the world?

- A) 6
- B) 7
- C) 10
- Answer:

Who was known for his great strength?

- A) Samson
- B) Solomon
- C) Samuel
- Answer:

What did Jesus turn water into?

- ⇒ A) Oil
- ⇒ B) Wine
- ⇒ C) Milk
- Answer:



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.	2 The office will be closed	3 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast 
4 9:00 AM-Fellowship 9:30 AM-Bible Study Shoeboxes handed out before church 10:45 AM Worship. 	5	6 10:00 AM-Ladies Bible Study	7 3:00 PM Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	8	9 The office will be closed	10
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Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.				"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5		

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