

# Month At A Glance

## “April Fools”

By Pastor Steve Gibson

While there are many choices we get to make in April, let's choose to avoid being April Fools. How can we best accomplish that?

Most of us are aware that the book of Proverbs is stuffed with tidbits of wisdom, as well as observations on fools. Over 75 times there is mention of fools or folly in the book's 31 chapters, far surpassing other Old Testament comments on fools.

So there could be value in spending some time this month in working your way through the wisdom book. A chapter a day nearly fits the number of days in April.

Solomon doesn't get to far before he declares: The fear of the Lord is the beginning...(1:7). Have you found the beauty in this thought? It's at the beginning that we need to fear God and give glory to Him; at the beginning of this earth's history, in the beginning years of our lives, in the beginning of each year, each month, each day, each hour. That's a prescription guaranteed to prevent foolishness.

Not only does a fear of the Lord come into play at the beginning, but it rises to the top at the end as well. In Revelation 14's first angel's message, we are admonished to fear God and give Him glory (v. 7) because it is a time of judgement. Our standing before God is being determined; a verdict is about to be announced

So how do we prepare to fear God and glorify Him at the end? Is there something to do ahead of time? Absolutely. We need to take to heart Solomon's counsel that the fear of the Lord is the beginning. If we choose to make that the beginning of our day this month, we will be establishing a healthy habit to continue by God's grace all our days. Those who opt to make the fear of the Lord their focus day by day will be the ones who can readily recommend it to others along the way and at the end, because typically we react to crisis based on what we do along the way, the habits we develop through time. The crisis may reveal our foundation, but it doesn't cause us to shift to another foundation. That's why the decisions we are making today are more important than the decision we will make at the end. Precisely because the decisions we are making this month will hugely impact our decision at the end.

So let's make April a dress rehearsal for the end. Let's not join with fools who despise wisdom and the fear of the Lord. Let's keep the fear of the Lord at the beginning this month and each of its days. Let's join with others who begin this quarter with a Sabbath of prayer and fasting.

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## April Calendar

**Church Board Meeting**  
April 8th @ 6:30 p.m.

**Church Work Bee**  
April 25th @ 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.desertcovesda.com)

## MYRRH

Myrrh is very good for the blood, heart and female reproductive systems but it is also a great antibacterial. This herb helps with Congestive heart disorders, hyper cholesterol, and atherosclerosis. It scrapes cholesterol out of the body and Lymphatic system, inflammation, lymphedema, and removes all fluid traumas, bruises, and broken bones. Myrrh is specific on treating arthritis and joint inflammation and swelling and degeneration of the joints. It is also good to use to gargle for sore throats and spongy, bleeding gums. For Gynecology it helps with endometriosis, fibroids, painful periods with clots, inflammation and congestion in the lower abdomen. Myrrh vigorously moves blood and breaks stagnant pools of blood. For pain it is used externally to repair traumas, bruises and broken bones. For the mucous membranes it is the number one herb for mouth ulcers and cold sores. Its ability to increase white blood cell count is reflected in its popular use as a herbal antibiotic and antifungal. It helps to heal ulcerated intestinal surfaces. In the Bible it is mentioned multiple times both in the Old Testament.

*And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child and Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; presented unto him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11*

Blessings and Prayers, Dr. Sylvia Hayashi/Health and Prayer Ministry Leader

### PRAYER FOR A NEW PASTOR

As most of you already know, Pastor Steve Gibson will no longer be the pastor of Desert Cove as of April 3rd. Therefore, we have started our prayer group again and will meet immediately after the church service each Sabbath to pray for God to send who He wants us to have as our next pastor. Anyone who wants to join this prayer time, we will be meeting in the last room on the right at the end of the hall (Cradle Roll Room).

### Breakfast Beans

3 cups cooked white beans rinsed and drained	1/4 onion, diced
1/2 red bell pepper, diced	1/4 cup raw cashews, rinsed
1 cup water	1/2 tsp garlic powder (or 1 clove fresh)
3/4 tsp corn starch	1/2 tsp salt

1. Sauté onion and red bell pepper in about 2 T water.
2. When the water evaporated and the pan starts to brown a little, add a little more water. Just don't let them scorch but cook until tender.
3. When onions and peppers are cooked, add the beans and cook about 5 minutes.
4. Meanwhile blend the cashews, water, garlic, cornstarch and salt until smooth and add to the bean mixture.
5. Stir until thickened, then turn down to a simmer and cook about 10 minutes.
6. Just before serving, use a potato masher to mash a few of the beans and this will make it a creamier mixture.

I like to serve this over dry toast or over cooked potatoes for breakfast or any meal.

*Recipe adapted from the Diabetes Undone cookbook 'From Plant to Plate'*