

Month At A Glance



“Will You be Mine?”

By Pastor Steve Gibson

This is a season when we may be reminded how important it is to be valued, to belong. Apparently this is a healthy desire which God planted within us. Does He have anything to say about belonging? Does He let us know where we belong?

The prophet Isaiah records: But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned...for I am the Lord your God...since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you...fear not for I am with you” Isaiah 43:1-5 NKJV

Maybe you will hear someone declare in February; “No one bothered to send me a valentine.” Is that a true statement? While it is true that many will not take time to read their valentine message from God, most of us have access to a Bible and can read Isaiah 43:1. Our Creator God says, “You are Mine”. That’s about as clear a statement as we could ask for isn’t it? The main question is whether we choose to accept God’s offer as the answer to our need for belonging. We are precious to Him and loved by Him. That is an amazing assurance. We are not alone because He is with us.

In a day when isolation and distancing are a regular part of living, we have God’s refreshing reminder that we need to be separated from a caring heart—His caring heart. Should anyone want to ask the question, Just how much do you love me? The answer is emphatic. God loved us so much that He sent His Son to be with us and to live and die for us (John 3:16). Most parents would agree that would take a great deal of love. We are not without an adequate demonstration of the extent of God’s love for people. Often that love becomes more real to those who are uncertain when it is reflected in the life of a person in their world. That is where missionaries can play a role. And in that sense, all of us can serve as missionaries.

There is probably someone whose path you will cross this month who needs a clearer picture of how much God cares for them. Maybe that person is even in your own family or living on your street. Would you be open to serving as an ambassador in February for the King of Kings? Would you be willing to volunteer for such a high calling? Would you consider sharing the great assurance with someone that they are not alone? God’s promise in Isaiah 43:2 & 5 is that you won’t be alone when you take that assignment. He will be with you.

February Calendar

Church Board Meeting
February 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Work Bee
February 28th @ 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.

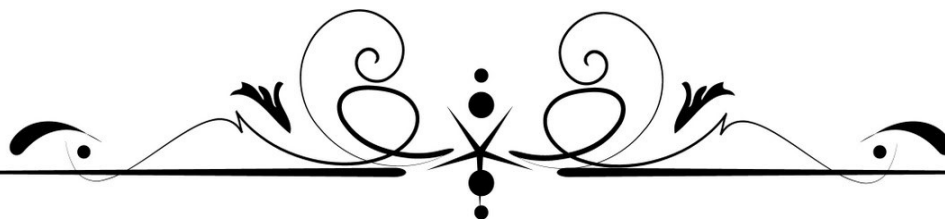
Email: pastorstevegibson@hotmail.com **Physical Address:** 12400 W Desert Cove Road, El Mirage, AZ 85335

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

COVID—19

COVID-19 affects people in various ways, these symptoms can range from mild to severe illness. The symptoms can be identified as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Some of the signs that should prompt an individual to go to the hospital are trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, and bluish lips or face due to lack of oxygen. Some of the side affects that people have reported if they recover from COVID-19 are symptoms like fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle pain, confusion, headaches and even hallucinations. Many of us have been asked to take the vaccine and we ask what are the side affects? Well, what has been found in the latest clinical trials regarding side effects are about the same, fever, chills, tiredness, and headaches. We ask, does wearing a mask prevent the spread of COVID-19? There is an understanding that the virus is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough or sneeze. Wearing a mask stops these droplets from spreading to others. **This is important because 30% to 45% of people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still spread the virus.** The answer is PRAYER, get right with God, repent, and be ready because the events that will happen next will be rapid as we are told in the Bible. As we all have heard, there is another mutation coming from this virus and the vaccine that has already been given will not be covering the new variant so the question is left to many, what next? We have nothing to fear because God has told us that **“He will never leave us or forsake us”** so do not have fear but keep your focus on Jesus. A very good verse to meditate on is, Isaiah 26:3.

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



Vegetarian/Vegan Chicken Noodle Soup

1 T oil	1/2 onion, diced	1 stalk celery, diced
3 T McKay's Chicken Seasoning	1 qt. vegetable broth	1 cup dry soy curls
2 cups dry macaroni (or noodle of choice)	1/2-3/4 c. frozen peas	Salt to taste

1. Put oil in large kettle on medium heat and add the diced onion and celery. Cook until tender.
2. While the veggies are cooking, put 2 T of the McKay's Chicken Seasoning in a medium bowl with the veggie curls and enough boiling water to cover an inch or so. Let them soak.
3. Once the veggies are soft, add the vegetable broth and another quart or so of water, the dry noodles and the last T of McKay's Chicken Seasoning. Stir often so the noodles don't stick together and cook until noodles are soft. Keep adding water so you keep about an inch of water above the noodles.
4. Once the noodles are almost done, add the frozen peas.
5. Drain the water from the soy curls into the soup in the kettle and cut the softened curls into about 1/2 inch pieces and put in the kettle.
6. Add more chicken seasoning or salt to taste. Let simmer for about 5 more minutes.
7. You can add more water or vegetable broth, depending on how 'soupy' you like your soups.

Serve with fresh rolls and a salad. You could add diced carrots to this soup also if you wanted.

Recipe by Cathy Fields