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## The Blessing Challenge changing the lives of one million children

**I**N 1983, PASTORS DARRYL DELHOUSAYE and Bill Yarger, plus a group of church elders (including Chairman Ron Gobel, Archie Wright, Roy Fritz, Scott Rogers and others) took a chance on bringing out a young man and his wife to be Scottsdale Bible's first "family pastor." That "wife" was Cindy Trent, and that young man was me! Dr. Tim Kimmel had tossed my name into the ring to be considered for the position. I hadn't quite finished my doctoral program; all I had left was my doctoral dissertation on the Blessing and how it could impact families.

It was here at Scottsdale Bible I began teaching about the Blessing and how receiving, or being denied that life-changing gift, would greatly impact a child's life and future. Later I co-wrote the book, *The Blessing*, with Gary Smalley, who was also attending Scottsdale Bible. It is one of the recommended books for personal study in our Grace and Family series.

So what is the Blessing? Every time a "blessing" is given in Scripture, it includes five things:

1. Appropriate **meaningful touch**;
2. A **spoken message**;
3. Words that **attach "high value"**;
4. Words that envision a **special future**;
5. Words backed by **genuine commitment** to live out those words of blessing.

Perhaps one of the best examples can be seen in Genesis 27. It is a powerful picture of twins Jacob and Esau, who both desperately coveted the life-changing gift from their father: **his blessing**. Intended for the oldest son, after some trickery by Jacob and his mother, it is Jacob—the younger—who gets his father's "blessing." In verses 26–27, his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me my son," and when he (Jacob) came close and he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, "See the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed." Jacob received that touch and heard his father's words that declared his value.

But what about Esau, Jacob's older brother? "When Esau heard the words of his father [that he had no blessing to give him], he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, O my father!"

That gift of Blessing, treasured by one son, and that cry of pain from another child who missed his father's Blessing, is something children of all ages still echo today. It is also the basis for *The Blessing Challenge* that was birthed right here at Scottsdale Bible.

Our Scottsdale Bible StrongFamilies enrichment class was the model for *The Blessing Challenge*. The class meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and is for parents



of grade-school children, designed to help them live out their love for the Lord at home. The class was the first to take *The Blessing Challenge*. They learned what the Blessing is from a biblical standpoint and why it is so important to their child. Each family wrote down their Blessing for their child(ren). We culminated the study at a dinner with their children as our guests. Each parent held their child's hand, read them their blessing, and gave them a small "blessing coin" as a remembrance. It sounds like such a simple thing—just a "first step" in living out the Blessing every day. But it was an amazing experience for our parents and all their children.

Be sure to watch for details on how you, too, can take part in *The Blessing Challenge*. Right here on this campus, May 13 and 14, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and any

others who want to participate will have the opportunity to take *The Blessing Challenge*. I will present this special *Embrace Grace* family activity Friday night from 6:30–8:30 p.m. and repeat it Saturday morning from 8:30–10:30 a.m. You will learn more about the Blessing, get instructions how to write a blessing for a child you love, and hear lots of ideas how you can create a special time to "bless" that child with your words and touch! Look for details in the bulletin or contact Bonnie at blathrop@sbcaz.org or me at jtrent@strongfamilies.com.

Additionally, because of the overwhelming response of *The Blessing Challenge* in our StrongFamilies class, I approached Focus on the Family to see if they would participate with us to help families across the country do a similar thing with their child(ren). As a result, Thursday, May 19, a national campaign sponsored by StrongFamilies.com and Focus on the Family will launch from our Scottsdale Bible Chapel. It's a campaign calling one million people—made up of people just like you: parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, singles and anyone who loves children—to get involved in changing the life of ONE child. There is a special "grand opening" service from 8:30–9:30 a.m. and **you are invited!**

Why launch from Scottsdale Bible? In innumerable ways, the message of *The Blessing*—which is part of our current Grace and Family series—started right here! Thanks to many of you, the lives of one million children will be changed forever. —**John Trent, Ph.D., Scottsdale Bible Family Coach**



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## Arizona CityFest with Luis Palau

two days, one big party

**E**NVISION THE LARGEST PARTY YOU HAVE EVER ATTENDED AND THEN MULTIPLY attendance by 1,000. That is a Palau festival! These evangelistic events have taken place around the world; March 19–20 the festival is coming to Tempe Town Lake from 1–10 p.m. each day. The *Arizona CityFest with Luis Palau* will feature, at no charge:

- First-class concerts by TobyMac, Skillet, The Band Perry, Israel Houghton, Phil Wickham and Marisol;
- World-class skateboarders, BMX riders, FMX demos by X-Games competitors—the Action Sports tour has traveled the country and will present a show unlike anything you have seen;
- Veggie Tales Family Fun Zone will provide fun and entertainment for every age; your kids will love the inflatables, face painting, hilarious ventriloquist, colorful crafts and so much more.

It will take many volunteers to make this event successful. If you are interested in serving, please go to [arizonacityfest.com/the\\_festival](http://arizonacityfest.com/the_festival). We

are also looking for counselors who want to guide another person into a life-changing decision to receive Jesus as Savior. Contact Berta Myers, [bmyers@sbcaz.org](mailto:bmyers@sbcaz.org), if interested.



## Facing Our Overeating Dilemma (F.O.O.D)

**D**O YOU LOVE THE FOOD BUT HATE THE FAT? ARE YOU concerned about your weight and think food may be a problem for you? Do you have trouble picturing your life without excess food and have days when you just live to eat? Do you hope the next diet will be the answer, if you can just muster up the willpower to do it? Have you ever over- or under-eaten, only to fall short of your desired goals?

FOOD is a six-week program exploring the role food plays in our lives. Presented by Elise Ashe, you will learn about food and its effects on the body in a way that may never have been known before. There will be no weigh-ins, scales or diets to follow—just come as you are, or bring a friend and learn together. Both women and men are welcome to attend this group. We will find that with God's help, there is hope and we are not alone anymore!

**Morning Group:** Tuesdays, March 22 through April 26, 9:30–11 a.m. in D205.

**Evening Group:** Wednesdays, March 23 through April 27, 6:30–8 p.m. in D205. The program is free and children's programming is available for both groups. Registration online is required for both the support group and children's programming at [scottsdalebible.com/food](http://scottsdalebible.com/food). For questions contact Elise Ashe at 480.664.8882 or [elise.ashe@imaginatics.net](mailto:elise.ashe@imaginatics.net).



## Welcome Spring Semester Students

**S**COTTSDALE BIBLE COUNSELING Ministry is very pleased to announce the addition of one Liberty University and two Phoenix Seminary/Ottawa University counseling students for the 2011 spring semester: Stephanie Roofner and Jessie Torres are in the Phoenix Seminary and Ottawa University Program, and Amy Orlovich is a student from Liberty University.

These partnerships between the Counseling Ministry of Scottsdale Bible and Phoenix Seminary, Ottawa University and Liberty University are exciting collaborations for these schools and Scottsdale Bible Church as we seek to develop leaders to meet the needs of more individuals within our congregation and the surrounding community. Each one of the students is working toward a graduate degree in either Professional Counseling or Counseling with a strong emphasis in Biblical Studies.



(from left to right)  
Stephanie Roofner, Jessie Torres, Amy Orlovich

The Counseling Ministry of Scottsdale Bible Church provides the students with an opportunity to meet with those of our congregation and community who are experiencing a variety of life issues and who are seeking distinctly biblical counsel. The students are supervised by a Licensed Professional Counselor each week. The focus of the supervision is to assure that clients are receiving the best counseling appropriate for their individual situation from a biblical perspective in a safe, confidential environment. At the same time students gain skills and establish their professional identity as Christian Counselors or future ministry leaders in the area of counseling.

If you see these women at our Counseling Center located in the Chapel offices or around campus, please extend a hearty welcome to them. We are delighted they are part of the team this spring.

## Licensed Professional Volunteer

**S**COTTSDALE BIBLE COUNSELING MINISTRY IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT Michael Hutt is volunteering several days each week for the ministry. Michael is a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist (LAMFT) and a Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC). Michael started his career in the electrical engineering field at Purdue University and completed his Master's Degree from ASU. He was employed in the industry for 10 years.



Believing God was calling him to pursue counseling as a new vocation, Michael enrolled in Phoenix Seminary's counseling program in 2006. He recently completed his Master of Arts in Professional Counseling at Ottawa University and Graduate Diploma in Christian Counseling from Phoenix Seminary. Michael is passionate about helping couples and families experience God's redeeming power in their relationships.

When Michael is not counseling, he and his wife, Patricia, enjoy exercising and he is keen on playing with his two young children. We are thankful to the Lord that Michael is helping the Counseling Ministry show the love of Christ to those who are hurting in the church and the community.

## choosing wisely before you divorce

Beginning March 6 and

continuing through April 3, Choosing Wisely Before You Divorce will help couples in a marriage crisis situation step back from the

emotional turmoil to take an objective view of how divorce would affect their lives in several areas: emotional, physical, financial, legal, children and family, and spiritual.

The class meets Sundays from 3:30–5 p.m. in E201.

Call 480.824.7334 for confidential registration or just come to the class Sunday, March 6. To find out more go to [beforeyoudivorce.org](http://beforeyoudivorce.org).



## WORSHIP

## NOW—A Night of Worship

**M**ARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 27 AT 5 P.M. FOR NOW: A NIGHT OF WORSHIP. WORSHIP LEADERS, BAND members and singers from each of our worship venues will unite for a special, all-church worship gathering here at Scottsdale Bible Church. No matter which worship service you typically attend, please join us for an evening of prayer, adoration and worship of our God in a contemporary setting. Our desire is that our church will gather together and cry out to God with arms high and hearts abandoned.



# Timeless Hymn: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

**O** THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean

In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Your love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Your glorious rest above!

“Going deep” doesn’t typically happen by accident; more often than not it develops out of intentional purpose. In order to descend over six miles to the bottom of the Mariana Trench, scientists prepared the bathyscaphe Trieste to withstand crushing ocean pressures. The Hubble Space Telescope requires NASA servicing missions to maintain its ability to see into deep space. Even a young child learning to swim makes some kind of decision to head into the uncharted waters of “the deep end.” Whether it’s the depths of the earth, the depths of the universe, or the depths of the human soul, our magnificent Lord has created the deepest of places in accordance with His eternal plan. Because the deepness of God is infinite, His




love also runs infinitely deep. The words of this penetrating hymn appear crafted to carry us into the depths of Christ’s love, there learning that the “deep, deep love of Jesus” is unchanging, but when encountered, never leaves us unchanged.

I can imagine Paul would have loved this hymn. He, too, reflected on the overwhelming nature of such a love in his letter to the church of Ephesus, encouraging them to marvel at this love and know its Giver. Yet Paul was not writing these inspired words while on a luxury vacation, but from the stronghold of a Roman prison. Out of the depth of Paul’s suffering for the gospel, the Holy Spirit deepened His knowledge of Christ’s redeeming love. What a treasure indeed! Each time our own pain threatens to send us deep into despair, our Lord’s love goes deeper still, enfolding us in the midst of our trials.

The mighty words of this hymn bring us clear reminders that God’s love has a purpose and a direction. It led Christ to the torture of the cross and the humility of the grave, but His glorious resurrection led Him to the height of the Father’s right hand, and there He intercedes for us. Through this same love, He is drawing us to Himself—our true home. As we worship collectively through the blessings of this hymn, may He overwhelm us with a sense of His love and draw us deeper into His presence. —*Laurel Bruce*

**open house**



Have you always loved to sing but were too afraid to join the choir? We are having an open house at our Wednesday evening rehearsal March 23. This will be a fun way to sing along with us and get to know some people without any pressure to join. Rehearsal begins at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room of the Worship Center Building. For more information, call Leah Powell at 480.824.7317.

**wanted!**

Do you play a stringed instrument, oboe, flute, trombone or percussion? If you do, our Scottsdale Bible Church Worship Orchestra needs you! We are a close-knit group of musicians who love playing our instruments for the glory of the Lord in worship. We play two or three Sunday mornings per month and rehearse each Wednesday evening from September through May. For more information, please call Joe Bubar at 480.824.7315.



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

## Career Assistance Ministry (CAM)



**C**HANGES IN THE ECONOMY HAVE AFFECTED US ALL in one way or another. If you have been impacted or think you might be, this ministry is for you. The Career Assistance Ministry (CAM) at Scottsdale Bible Church is designed for the person in career transition. If you are currently in, or anticipate a job search, this ministry will help you gain support, learn top-notch search techniques, and network with other attendees.

CAM meets the first and third Monday nights of each month from 6–8 p.m. in E214, except on holidays. Each month the topics will repeat, however, the discussion topics change each session based on the needs of the attendees. You don’t need to wait until the first of the month to start; you will benefit from coming to any session. There are many resources to help you get started at [scottsdalebible.com/CAM](http://scottsdalebible.com/CAM). No reservations are required, just come and be prepared to participate. There are no charges or fees associated with this ministry. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Mersbach at 480.824.7273 or [kmersbach@sbcaz.org](mailto:kmersbach@sbcaz.org).

A new and improved Job Board for our website launched in September; check it out at the top of the website homepage: [scottsdalebible.com/jobs](http://scottsdalebible.com/jobs).

## New Class on Finances

for young adults

**A** NEW CLASS IS BEING OFFERED FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18–30 (couples and singles) where you will learn how to handle money so you can establish a solid foundation for the rest of your life. Areas we will be covering include: investing, getting your own place, paying for college, giving and putting together a financial game plan. This six-week class will meet Tuesday evenings, March 22–April 26 in Chapel 1, from 6:30–8 p.m. Materials will be provided free of charge.



# Stewardship is More Than Finances

PARENTS FREQUENTLY ASK THE FINANCE MINISTRY HOW THEY CAN TEACH STEWARDSHIP TO their children through a weekly allowance program. They are often surprised at how little of the answer is about money. The good practice of stewardship involves teaching your children that God owns everything, and that they should be good caretakers. Using Crown courses and literature, we provide instruction to parents, which they can use for the whole family. It includes proper care of their possessions, taking care of their rooms and clothes, not wasting food or resources, working at chores around the house, and even sharing with their siblings.

Try convincing a teen that their Xbox 360 or iPad really isn't theirs and that they should be okay sharing it. Well—we may not be able to pull that off, but we have had a great time sharing these values with families here at Scottsdale Bible. Take a minute to be proactive about stewardship in your family and call Joyce at 480.824.7334.



# Search for Significance Class for Men begins monday, march 14



IN JOHN 8:32, Jesus is addressing His disciples about the application of truth in the most basic issues of life: our goals, our motives and our sense of self-worth. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Unfortunately, most of us continue to seek our security

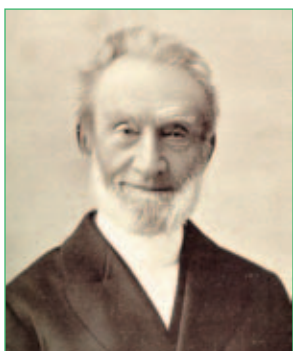
and purpose from worldly sources, be they personal success, status, wealth or the approval of others. These rewards may fulfill us for a short time, but they soon lead to a sense of urgency to succeed and the continued need for approval.

This course focuses on how thoughts affect our emotional, relational and spiritual development. The goal of the course is to enable a wide range of people to apply scriptures specifically and deeply to issues in their lives.

During this 12-week study you will be given the tools to get off the performance treadmill, get rid of the blame and shame games, and become free of approval addiction. The Search for Significance class will be Mondays in E203 from 6:30–8 p.m.; cost for the book is \$10. To register, call John Loughborough at 480.483.9310.

## MARRIAGE

# Getting Out of the Rut



IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT A spiritual rut is simply a coffin with the ends knocked out. Being in a rut means we aren't living the abundant life that Christ gives. It means we aren't allowing Him to infuse us with joy or be in close relationship with Him. So what can we do about it? George Muller gave an answer to this dilemma when he wrote these words 170 years ago:

"I saw more clearly than ever that the first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was to have

my soul happy in the Lord. The first thing to be concerned about was not how much I might serve the Lord, or how I might glorify the Lord, but how I might get my soul into a happy state and how my inner man might be nourished. I saw that the most important thing I had to do was to give myself to the reading of the Word of God, and to meditation on it, that thus my heart might be comforted, encouraged, warned, reprov'd, instructed; and that thus, by means of the Word of God, while meditating on it, my heart might be brought into experiential communion with the Lord."

An awakened and God-created happy state brings a harmony to all of life—especially marriage—which is the foundational human relationship God gave mankind.



ERWIN MCMANUS TELLS us in his book *Wide Awake*, that our battle is often not one between good and evil but between good and best, less or more. Pastor McManus calls us

to wake up and live. He challenges us to dream, discover, adapt, expect, focus, create, enjoy, invest and imagine what our life would be if we did. He says we "will not become everything we dream of... it will take courage, willingness to risk, to attempt, to fail, to get back up," in order to live a life that is bigger than ourselves. It is that life that George Muller lived, that Erwin lives today, and the life you and I are also capable of living.



In our date night movie last month, the question was asked—*what if* God gave you a second chance to get out of the rut? If we do as these two men suggest, and tap into the insatiable curiosity that God places within us, we will reinvent ourselves and stun others with what God does with us.

Erwin McManus also says if we are to reinvent ourselves, we need to be teachable, resourceful, flexible and humble. We are to adapt ourselves to the situation we are in. The best way to do that is to follow George Muller's counsel and plunge deep into the Scriptures and see what we can learn from God through the characters within its pages. We need to hear Erwin McManus' challenge to wake up and trust God's vision for our life and lean into it. Discover how, even in the darkest times, God revealed the wonder of His plan to the saints of Scripture. God did that for George Muller, and a ministry was born which has lasted more than 175 years (go to [mullers.org](http://mullers.org)). Erwin, too, has been faithful to God's plan for him.

Each one of us will at some time be confronted by seemingly insurmountable circumstances and will be called upon to adapt without compromising convictions. For George, it was to never ask for money to meet the needs of a growing ministry; for Erwin it has been to lose many of the stereotypical conformities and requirements imposed by the Church.

If you are feeling anything but God's pleasure in your marriage, *now* is the time to step outside the known discomfort (the rut), stretch, and do more than survive. God hates divorce (see Malachi 2:16) and has a plan for a good marriage for you—the *one you are in now*. I encourage you to become all that God intends for you from here forward, avail yourself of the many growth opportunities your church provides and grab hold of the vision God has for you today. Keep Christ at the forefront of your day with God's Word bound on your forehead, wrist, finger and heart. His vision for you is great—with a hope and a future.

If your marriage is simply in need of a tune-up or stuck in a rut, call the Marriage Office and learn what tools God has provided for that purpose. If your marriage is in trouble, call the Counseling Center and make an appointment now, then call the Marriage Office and register for the *Marriage911* study. You will find the details on our website. —Don Farr, director of Marriage Ministry

# Women's Retreat: Walking with Jesus

**J**OIN US FOR A REFRESHING WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE LOST Canyon Retreat Center of Williams, Arizona, beginning Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, May 1. This first-class facility is located at 7,000 feet in a setting of huge green pines, lush grass and blue skies just 30 miles west of Flagstaff. The Retreat Center has great accommodations, amazing food and a variety of fun, outdoor activities. This weekend will be filled with amazing teaching from our speaker, Brenda High, in-depth fellowship, lots of fun activities and time to reflect in a peaceful, gorgeous mountain oasis.

Bring a friend or two and come to a weekend to remember! Early bird prices are \$99 through March 31; beginning April 1, prices increase to \$110 until



registration closes April 25. Your registration fee includes two nights of housing, four meals and retreat materials. Register online at [scottsdalebible.com/registration](http://scottsdalebible.com/registration), at the women's patio table Sundays, or the Administration Office front desk during the week.

Contact Lorraine at 480.824.7241 or [lwillis@sbc.az.org](mailto:lwillis@sbc.az.org) if you would like to volunteer

to help with the retreat. Our retreat planning team has many ways you can participate before and during the retreat.

# Our God is a God of Renewal

**D**O YOU LONG TO FEEL renewed? If so, you are one of millions! A recent Google search for "how to feel renewed" popped up 10,300,000 results. The top five answers were: break bad habits, reinvent your space, body detoxification, change what you are doing, and a day at the spa. Those all sound fine, but fleeting. While a spa day or a home remodel can only offer temporary renewal, lasting, deep, soul renewal only comes through God, Who continually invites us to trust Him.

Spiritual renewal begins with the veracity and stability of the Word of God. Our Counselor yearns to replenish us through daily Bible reading and study. Psalm 19:7 says that God's Word refreshes our soul and Isaiah



40:8 declares that the Word of our God will stand forever! In our high-tech society some may presume that renewal must be more sophisticated or technologically advanced. Isn't it a wonderful assurance to know that the real and lasting solution to spiritual renewal is as simple as spending time in God's refreshing and reliable Word?

Would you like to renew your emotions and reduce anxiety? Paul writes a wonderful prescription in Philippians 4:6-7 on how the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

What security to know that Christ protects our hearts and minds, thus renewing our emotions.

Rather than search through more than 10 million Google results on "how to feel renewed," we invite you to partake in the opportunities to study God's Word and experience His refreshment here at Scottsdale Bible Church. Our women's retreat and spring Bible studies are ministries that renew our minds through Scripture as we enjoy the fun and encouragement of Christian fellowship. —*Dianne Moore*

## women's spring bible studies

It's not too late to join us for a spring Bible study. Register today at [scottsdalebible.com/registration](http://scottsdalebible.com/registration) or at the women's patio table.



## women's hiking ministry



Spring weather is perfect for hiking. Join us for wonderful fellowship and great exercise as we explore various hiking trails throughout the Valley. For a list of upcoming hikes, visit our website women's ministry page, our Scottsdale Bible Women Facebook page or stop by our women's patio table on Sundays. For questions about particular hikes, contact our hike leader Genny at [GGaustad2000@yahoo.com](mailto:GGaustad2000@yahoo.com).

## mentor training event

Please pray about spending a year serving God by investing in the life of a younger woman.

Often we do not realize what wisdom and insight we have to offer until we are sitting with a woman sharing from our heart. Tap into what you know and take a step of faith to encourage, love and make a difference! Mentor applications are available on our website women's ministry mentoring page and at our women's patio table on Sundays. Plan to attend the mentor training event, March 12, 9-11 a.m. in E113. If you have questions about becoming a mentor contact us at 480.824.7241 or [lwillis@sbc.az.org](mailto:lwillis@sbc.az.org).

## OUTREACH

# A New Year of Outreach in Tanzania



**A**S WE BEGIN 2011 THERE ARE MANY EXCITING developments in the Tanzania ministry. Ninety new children have entered the schools in Mairowa and Kondo. Our original class has just begun the fourth grade and is progressing academically at a high level relative to government averages. The theme or mission of the school in Kondo is "Striving

for Excellence" and we are seeing that lived out.

With each new grade comes the need for new classrooms, and in Mairowa, housing for the teachers. This year we will build new classrooms in both communities, add another teacher's duplex in Mairowa and complete the dining hall and kitchen in Kondo. In addition, we will install solar power in Mairowa thanks to generous gifts from so many of you.

This is all possible because of the efforts of many who cycled in the Tour de New River, the group who raised funds for the climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and the many generous gifts toward the solar project at Christmas. Thanks for being a part of this dynamic, life-changing ministry with us! —*Fred Beasley, pastor of Outreach*

## Western European Outreach

**I**N JANUARY, PASTOR JAMIE AND I TRAVELED TO SCOTLAND to prayerfully explore the potential for Scottsdale Bible to partner with a church in Western Europe. We made three visits on this trip, stopping first in Dundee and spending time with Pastor David Robertson at The Parrish Church of Holy Trinity.

Next we traveled south to St. Andrews where we spent the day with Mark Sterling and his wife Jenny. Mark is the head of Navigators in Scotland and a man very familiar with the spiritual culture in his country. His hospitality,

clear insight and wise counsel blessed us as we engage in this process with a high learning curve.

Our final stop was in Edinburgh where we met with Pastor Paul Rees and his associate Liam. Charlotte Chapel is a 600-member historical church and this city is the home of John Knox. There was a very good connection between Pastor Paul and Jamie while they explored what a partnership between our two churches might look like. Stay tuned!

—Fred Beasley, *Pastor of Outreach*

## Be His Hands and Feet Around the World

**D**O YOU OR YOUR FAMILY HAVE THE desire to serve together in a mission-related project either overseas or in the US in 2011? We are offering three family opportunities this summer, serving in Costa Rica, Tanzania and Montana.

Dates for the *Costa Rica* team will be in June or July, working with YWAM in a variety of evangelistic outreach ministries and labor-related work projects. From June 22–July 3 we have a family team heading to *Tanzania* to serve alongside Imara ministries in both Kondo and Mairowa. Team members will have an opportunity to directly minister to our sponsored children, the community at large,



and visit families and children associated with our education and sponsorship programs.

The third team will serve in *Montana* on the Native American reservation for their annual festival August 8–15. This festival attracts over 20,000 natives with 1,200 teepees set up for display. The team will come alongside leaders to provide festival support on kitchen, serving and clean-up crew, small work project teams and other outreach opportunities.

If your family desires to open its heart to people in other cultures, we encourage you to answer God's call to be His hands and feet to the nations. Contact Kelly Shondelmyer at 480.824.7230 or kshondelmyer@sbcaz.org to learn more about these dynamic family opportunities.

### training for the great commission

Throughout the developing world, the Lord is raising up Christian laborers for His global harvest. Many of these workers are sent to difficult and gospel-deprived mission fields as evangelists and church planters. Examples of this include Brazilians going to Asia and Filipinos going to North Africa.



Scottsdale Bible missionary, Walt Edman, former Missions Pastor at Scottsdale Bible, goes to missionary training centers around the world. He equips national believers to fulfill Christ's Great Commission. Please pray for God's grace, wisdom and protection to be upon Walt as he equips these national Christians for effective ministry.

### tanzania sponsor photo day

Sunday, April 3, Prayer Garden

Over 600 children are enrolled in the Tanzania Project and approximately 500 families support these children through prayer, financial support and ongoing communication. Our summer mission teams will be taking cards with photos and handwritten messages from sponsors to the children. Join us Sunday, April 3, in the Prayer Garden before and after all services to have your photo taken and write a note to your child. The theme this year is David and Goliath. "If God is on our side, we can do great things." Please take a few minutes to participate; it will mean so much to the children!



## STUDENT

## Who Doesn't Love a Good Sale?

**P**REPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL *High School Ministry Rummage Sale/Car Wash*. Over the past two years, we have raised well over \$20,000 for our High School Summer Missions



programs through your generous donations. This is no small undertaking as we gather rooms and rooms full of sale items. We have a team of approximately 100 students, parents and staff who volunteer their time and work diligently from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon. They get all the items priced, organized and ready

to (hopefully) load into new owner's cars! For weeks prior to the sale, we pick up large items as needed from local donors and stuff every available nook and cranny on campus with the things that will generate funds for our mission trips. Large items are especially helpful. This includes appliances, couches, chairs, beds, stand-alone shelves, exercise equipment, recreational equipment, etc.

This summer we have six high school teams going to Argentina, Costa Rica, Minnesota, Slovakia, Spain and Tanzania. The teams are made up of more than 120 students and staff. The trips range in length from 10 days to three weeks. The mission of each team is to share the love of Jesus through camps, work

projects, street evangelism and home stays, as well as support and encourage our missionaries. The cost of these trips range from \$1,000–\$4,000 per team member, with more than \$225,000 needed to be raised overall. The proceeds of the rummage sale help to offset these costs.

Please consider how you can partner with High School Ministry as we prepare for our summer mission trips. Do you have items around your home that could be beneficial to our sale? Do you have appliances or furniture? Do you need to *replace* appliances or furniture? Do you have neighbors, friends, family or co-workers who may be willing to donate to our sale? Do you have a truck and some extra time to assist us in picking up items or delivering them to their new owner? If you need something for your home, it is very likely you will find it at our sale—be sure to stop by and shop. While you are here, let us wash your car.

Mark your calendars for April 1–2; the rummage sale will be in the northeast parking lot. Start taking inventory of what you can donate or what you need to buy. We will collect items from March 20–April 1. If you absolutely cannot wait until then to get rid of your goods, let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please contact us if you need large items picked up; we will schedule pick-ups during those two weeks. Tax-deductible receipts are available for your donations. For more information or to schedule a pick-up, contact Carol Hubner in Student Ministry, 480.824.7280 or chubner@sbcaz.org.

—Carol Hubner, *Student Ministry*



# I Am Seriously Blessed

**M**Y NAME IS DANIELLE ENGEL AND I AM A JUNIOR AT Arizona State University (ASU), studying film and media. I love Scottsdale Bible. This has been my home church for the past five years. I serve as a volunteer in Club 56 each Sunday and am involved in College Group on Tuesday nights. I have been volunteering with Club 56 for almost three years and love it. I started coming to Scottsdale Bible my junior year of high school and got involved in Club 56 right after I graduated. My friend and the director of Club 56, Chad McCormick, challenged me to become part of this ministry. I knew being on staff would involve leading a group of girls and taking on certain responsibilities, but it's been so much more than that for me! Not only do I lead a group of sweet girls, I am also privileged to build relationships and talk to them about the Person I'm most passionate about



(and the reason I joined staff in the first place)—Jesus. The thing that I find most incredible about the kids in Club 56 is their genuine passion to learn about Christ and live for Him. That alone gives me so much encouragement. I am so thankful for my opportunity to serve on Club 56 staff and invest into the lives of many girls. Come check out the Club 56 ministry and see if this would be the place that God would use you as well.

—Danielle Engel, Club 56 volunteer staff

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# From Disciple to Disciple-Maker

**F**IRST, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE CALL TO discipleship is a direct command to all people who have received Christ as their God and Savior. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) is given by Christ to His disciples with the expectation that they will make more disciples. He did not set this command upon non-followers nor was His intention that believers would see His request as optional (nothing Jesus proposes is ever optional!). Secondly, He does not require His people to have great learning or teaching ability, but does require a person to be a believer in Him as the Christ. Thus, the sum of His command is to “go make disciples, people who are learners of my teachings” (John 8:31–32).

To answer the call to go make disciples of Christ will require two acts of willing submission:

1. Jesus commanded His disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (verse 19). Baptism is to follow evangelism just as discipleship follows edification. In other words, disciples must go public! Discipleship is not optional or a private affair, but rather, disciples are to go public and remain public.

2. Jesus also commanded His disciples to teach these new disciples to observe all that He commanded (verse 20). We are to observe, which is to obey, which is to love Jesus (John 14:15).

Jesus commanded over 212 things. They can best be summed up in the commands to love. Here are three examples: a) love God (Luke 10:27); b) abide in Christ, so as to bear fruit (John 15:5, 8, 16); c) love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:39). This includes loving your enemies (Luke 6:35).



*Love one another as I have loved you* (John 15:12). Christ is our prime example (John 13:12–17). If we understand the above three duties of a disciple rightly, obedience will follow. As such, there are a number of elements to the call of obedience as a disciple of Christ.

Disciples need to be committed to God's plan of glory. This will require one to learn what is right (God's Word), abide in it (John 8:31), and live out this new life to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31; Luke 14:26–33). This also means knowing the right thing, in the right way, for the right reason.

Also, disciples must submit to training in the Word for the purpose of growing in truth and in grace (2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 3:18). This will mean accountability to the call of discipleship, learning to trust God first and foremost, learning to seek first His ways, His truth and His life (Proverbs 3:5; Matthew 6:33; John 14:6).

Disciples will need structure to guide them along the way; discipleship will require an operating plan with milestones and reviews. Certain spiritual disciplines are to be developed and practiced such as studying God's Word, consistent prayer, worship and service observance.

Disciples will need to put off any past people, places and things associated with areas of unrighteousness (Ephesians 4:22–25) and put on new people, places and things associated with Christ (Colossians 3:12–14). This requires new relationships that edify God and reconciliation of other relationships that have suffered. Loving others in an appropriate way is key (John 13:35)!

As a disciple submits to Christ, his life will be marked by progress—not perfection. Disciples are born to be made. They abide in Christ, keep His commandments, love one another and bear fruit! —*Darien Bennett, pastor to men*

# truth:BRIEFING First Monday in March



**B**EGINNING THIS MONTH, EVERY MAN IN OUR CHURCH WILL have the opportunity to expose another man to the difference Jesus can make in his life. As a man, you can serve as an ambassador of sorts and simply invite one man to an event called the *Truth Briefing*.

This event is designed to meet men right where they are. Men will be welcomed by themes common to most men and we are confident attendees will be encouraged by knowing there is a purpose to life beyond the daily grind. The evening will be filled with movie clips, humor, music and a simple explanation of the Gospel.

The first Truth Briefing will be held Monday night March 7 at 6 p.m. in the High School Building; the next will be April 4. We challenge each and every man at Scottsdale Bible to serve as an Ambassador and bring another man with you to the event March 7, and perhaps a different friend to April's event. For those of you coming right from work, don't worry about dinner—we will be serving pizza and wings!

If you know a man who attends Scottsdale Bible but isn't connected, this is a great opportunity to get them engaged. If you know another man who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus, this is the ideal place to bring them to get the basics without any kind of pressure. Please pick up an invitation card at the Men's Table or at the Administration Office to give to a friend, then bring him as your guest to the Truth Briefing. If you have questions, email them to [bbridwell@sbcas.org](mailto:bbridwell@sbcas.org).

# Lessons Learned From Little Children

“THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG MORNING,” I MUTTERED TO MYSELF as I checked another child into the church nursery.

I had asked to be in the room with the “crawlers” three months prior and loved being with the little ones and taking care of them. This morning was different in that we had nine children, four of whom were very fussy with crying spells. Nothing seemed to placate them—not swings, bottles, toys, walks, etc.—for longer than a few minutes.

At last we seemed to have some form of quiet. As I sat on the floor in the midst of them, a very special blessing came my way.

Jake crawled quickly toward me, scrambled up on my lap and threw his arms and legs around me and hung on tight. I responded by holding him fast and rocked him in my arms as I kissed the top of his head, wondering what had precipitated this event. After about a minute he released me, got down and went merrily on his way.

Immediately I was reminded of the Scriptures in Matthew 18 and Mark 10 that tells us we are to be like children in order to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Jesus often held the little ones and embraced them, using them as an example of a



teachable spirit.

These children know without a shadow of doubt that we are there for them. They expect it, trust in us to provide what is needed at the precise moment it is required. With Jake, there was no pride or questioning, and as soon as the need was met, he was happy to go on his way, playing contentedly.

What a wonderful lesson played out in front of me with God’s special children. It reminds me of the way in which our Heavenly Father wants me to run to Him with all my requests and needs. It reminds me He is waiting right beside me to listen attentively to my every desire.

Every week hundreds of students and adults find their way to our church campus. They arrive not with a mindset of what they can “get,” but rather a mindset of how they can “give.” They realize that Jesus places a high priority on children and they want to do the same. They are making a difference by equipping a new generation of Christ followers!

Thank you to all KCRG volunteers for their faithful service! Would you like to join our team and invest in the heart of a child? To learn more or to join us, contact Kelly Jackson at 480.824.7212 or [kjackson@sbcaz.org](mailto:kjackson@sbcaz.org).

—Audrey Thorckelson, KCRG volunteer

## KCRG’s March Madness!

WE ARE COMING INTO AN EXCITING SEASON OF ministry. Here’s what’s happening in March:

**Channel R—Reach Out: Feed My Starving Children Family Service Event in Tempe**

**March 18, 9:30–11:30 a.m. or April 14, 6–7:30 p.m.**

KCRG families will come together to prepare meals to be shipped out to starving children all over the world! A limited number of spaces are available. Sign up online now on the KCRG page at [scottsdalebible.com](http://scottsdalebible.com).



**Grand Prix Car Kits On Sale and Clinics Begin; Event is April 9**

**Design Clinic March 12 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.**

**Build Clinics March 26 and April 2 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.**

The Grand Prix is rapidly approaching—and anyone at the church may participate! Purchase your kit today on the patio or on Wednesday evenings; each

kit is \$5. Volunteers are needed for the event April 9; sign up at our patio table or online on the KCRG page at [scottsdalebible.com](http://scottsdalebible.com).

**VBX Volunteer Team Forming**

VBX is being planned for June 13–17 at Scottsdale Bible. Over 250 volunteers are needed to bring this incredible discipleship event to life. Visit the KCRG VBX web page at [scottsdalebible.com](http://scottsdalebible.com) to learn more about this year’s event and to sign up to volunteer.

**AWANA “All Messed Up” Inside, Outside, Backwards, Mismatched Dress Up Night March 30**

Wear your favorite clothes in a goofy way—turn them around, mix them up, flip them inside-out! Whatever you do, just have fun with it!



**KCRG Channel One Registration Open for Appreciation Family Picnic April 30 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. (lunch served from noon–1 p.m.)**

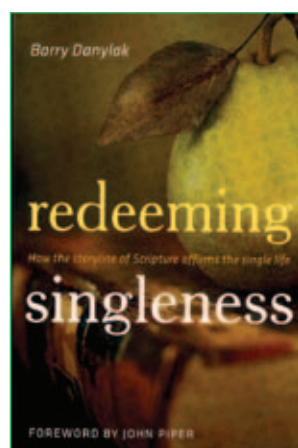
All Children’s Ministry volunteers and their families are invited to an appreciation picnic including fun, family games and a delicious BBQ lunch. Registration is required and can be made on the KCRG page at [scottsdalebible.com](http://scottsdalebible.com).

**BOOKSHELF: WALK WORTHY BOOKSTORE, 480.824.7333**

## Bookshelf

THE FAMILY YOU’VE ALWAYS WANTED by Gary Chapman: many young people forming families today lack models for healthy relationships. Following the principles of *Five Signs of a Loving Family*, the chapters are: Families Who Serve, Husbands and Wives Who Relate Intimately, Parents Who Guide, Children Who Obey and Honor Parents, and Husbands Who Love and Lead. This book is to be experienced and includes a chapter on personal assessment.

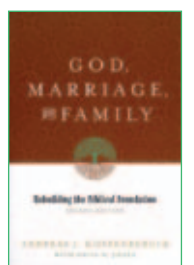
*Redeeming Singleness* by Barry Danylak: by exploring how singleness itself fits into God’s larger purpose of redeeming a people for His glory, we find



significance and see ourselves the way God sees us. The author helps us understand the distinctive role of singleness in God’s new-covenant people.



*God, Marriage and Family* by Andreas Kostenberger and David Jones: at a time when society is attempting to redefine the standard and values of marriage and family, the authors bring us back to biblical foundations. They explain the latest controversies, cultural shifts and teachings within both the church and society and help us apply simple principles to contemporary issues.



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