

STAY CONNECTED...



to Marion Hills Bible Church

♪ The Younger Crowd ♪

Everyone knows that MHBC cares about its youth ministries. I have personally experienced this first hand, as I have grown up in this church and have called it home my whole life. When I was in grade school MHBC had amazing programs for their time, such as Pioneer Clubs, morning Sunday School and Junior Church. These programs served their purpose and taught students what it meant to be a child of God.

But times have changed, and like any good product, the curriculum needed an update. This new form of Wednesday night children's Bible study is called Foundation Builders and it services upwards of 12 children a week. This new curriculum is written by the teachers for their individual students, which works well due to the fact that they have a 2:1 student to teacher ratio, making it possible for the teachers to work one-on-one with each of their students. This is a must in a modern society where kids are tired of being spoken at and want to be nurtured.

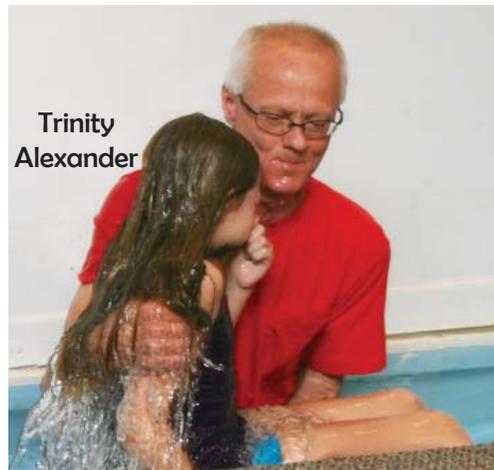


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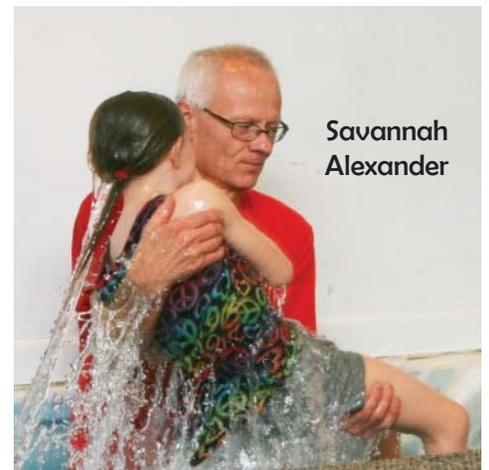
Each Wednesday the night begins with prayer and moves outside for some game time. They then have a 20 minute song time, followed by the lesson. The lesson may be taught in a big group, or they may break off into smaller groups, depending on the topic. The group of six teachers decided to start by teaching the gospel and then went into a discussion on baptism to prepare for the October 28th baptism at which four of the twelve students decided to take the plunge and make their love for Christ known to all. "We wanted to start from the beginning and go from there. We want them to more than just **know**, we want them to **understand**," stated Mrs. Campo.



Jimena Serna



Trinity Alexander



Savannah Alexander





The Man Behind the Pulpit

by Pastor Michael Campo

A young child once said, "Christmas is baby Jesus' birthday, but I get the presents? Is this a great religion or what?!" That's true you know.

One of my favorite Christmas passages that affirms that child's thoughts is 2 Corinthians 8:9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." The whole story of Christmas is in that verse. It sums up the great truth behind a baby's birth.

The one, who in eternity past owned everything, in a split second as he entered the womb of Mary became poor!

He was rich, He became poor; no, He was made poor. Why? That we might become rich! I come poor with my hands empty; I have nothing to offer. All my good works are as filthy rags, and when I come to Him, I am made rich. I am forgiven, crowned

with every good thing. He takes away my rags and puts around me the robe of his own righteousness. Everything that was against me is gone.

**Once I was poor. Now I am rich.
And why?
He who was rich became poor!
That's the grace of God.
And it happened
because of Christmas.**

And what do rich people do? They give things away. How about if this Christmas, you who are rich, give to someone who is poor - the one who became poor so that they might become rich and then during this Christmas season they can say with this little child, "Christmas is baby Jesus' birthday, but I get the presents? Is this a great religion or what?!"



Someone You Should Know



When Lona Nemeth found that our church was involved in an evangelism called "Ambassadors for Christ," she also wanted to become involved. After Bob was recovering from surgery, he realized he couldn't be in his car very long. So they started looking for churches near their home and Marion

Hills Bible Church was their choice. I asked them, "What keeps you coming to our church?" They were quick to answer, "The study behind the sermons." They enjoy the excellent preaching, evangelistic opportunities, and the prayer groups that have begun to meet together. They enjoy the music that we sing on Sunday mornings, as well.

When Bob was just a boy of eight-years-old, he heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through a set of interesting circumstances, the Lord had to show Bob that "HE" (God) was real. Bob gave his heart to Jesus at that time.

Lona was dating Bob in the early 70's and went to church with him. She, like Bob realized that she also needed a

Savior. She then accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Bob and Lona have one daughter, who lives in Darien.

Both Bob and Lona are involved with *Your Home a Lighthouse* and write a blog for a new program. You can check out the blog at www.tasteandseegod.com.

Bob and Lona's two favorite Scripture passages are:

Revelation 11:15
And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Psalm 103:1-5
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;
Who pardons all you iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;
Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you
with lovingkindness and compassion;
Who satisfies your years with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

We are thankful Bob and Lona Nemeth chose Marion Hills Bible Church as *their* church.



Current Connection



Greg Lewis along with his wife, Shari went into missions work 15 years ago. Marion Hills Bible Church has been a long time supporter of their missionary work with Western Indian Ministries in Alaska, Arizona, and New Mexico. In late March they transferred to Chino Valley, Arizona, and joined UIM International, whose missionary center is in Glendale, Arizona. Founded in 1956, it was originally called United Indian Missions Inc., but has since expanded into Canada and Mexico, in addition to the United States. UIM is a mission-minded, Biblically based ministry that strives to bring Jesus to Indigenous Native Indian, Mexican, and Hispanic people, in various mission fields, including aviation.

Greg specifically works in the media department where he assists UIM missionaries and local churches, in getting out the gospel. He is currently working with missionaries in Mexico and British Columbia in researching Internet Radio, a helpful tool to facilitate communication in hard to reach areas. Greg is beginning to create Bible teaching programs, which feature UIM pastors, to be aired on the radio station KTBA in Tuba City, Arizona. It's broadcasted 24 hours a day on three different stations throughout the Navajo Reservation and beyond. He also travels the reservation announcing local high school football and basketball games. Greg says this is a great way to get into the communities to introduce people to Christian radio and share the gospel, as sports plays a huge role in the lives of the Navajo people, especially basketball.

As social issues of depression, alcoholism, 50-70% unemployment rate, and abuse plague that area, sharing Jesus



Christ is urgent. Sadly, as little as 3% of Native Americans in the United States know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. UIM's number one mission is to glorify God and share the Good News of Christ, who is our living hope - **hope** that is so desperately needed.

† Gospel Connection

Christmas is just around the corner – which should conjure up thoughts of the wonderful time of the year that we celebrate the **first** coming of Christ! We each need to take stock of whether this is really the true reason our hearts beat with excitement – or is it all of the lights, presents, parties, etc. that are actually in the forefront of our minds.

This edition of our newsletter covers information from December through April, connecting Christmas to Easter – which is all about why Jesus came in the first place. His life was totally wrapped up in you and me – actually about reaching each and every one of us sinners. The magnificent love of God the Father, as well as His wondrous love for each of us – not wanting any single one of us to perish and be forever separated from the Father, enabled Him to have the utmost desire and courage to actually die for OUR sins! Yet, He hasn't died and that's the end of the story. He ALONE is the only ONE who rose from the dead, leaving His Holy Spirit for those who would believe in this Good News.

If you are reading this, my prayer for you is that you would STOP (whether in the midst of Christmas or Easter), and ponder these TRUTHS. Check them out in the Bible, give us a call, but most importantly ask yourself, "How much love does it take and how important is it for each of our sins to be forgiven?" The answer is a matter of LIFE AND DEATH.



Get Plugged-In

Please welcome **Larry and Denise Banaszak** who became members of Marion Hills Bible Church on Sunday, September 20, 2015.



Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00am on March 13th.

Berean Ladies Fellowship at 6:30 pm on December 10, January 21, February 18, and March 10. Watch for more information concerning these meetings.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship meets one Saturday morning a month. Check your bulletin for the date and time.

Sunday, December 20th after our morning service we will have our **Christmas Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$6.00 per person. Don't forget to sign up!

Psalm 31:24

*Be strong and let your heart take courage,
all you who hope in the Lord.*



PSALM 27:1



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“You can go anywhere you want to, but nobody wants you more than we do!”

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Schedule of Weekly Events:

Sunday School9:30 am
Morning Worship10:30 am
Evening Service.....6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Services
 Foundation Builders Children’s Ministry6:50 pm
 Straightforward Youth Ministry.....7:00 pm
 Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting7:00 pm

Schedule of Special Events:

Dec. 24 6:00 pm.....Christmas Eve Service
Mar. 25 6:00 pm..... Good Friday Service

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