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~ **Marvelous May** ~

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Worship Service: 10:30 am



**Faith is so thankful that you are worshipping
with us every Sunday at 10:30 am!**

**Join your Faith Family in May for
worship, messages from the Bible,
fellowship and concerts.**



~ WALKING IN FAITH ~

MAY

2025 NEWSLETTER

Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, Arizona



"Love Grows Here"

Faith Presbyterian's Mission Statement

We are Faith Presbyterian, and we seek to do God's work through Christian worship, education, fellowship, and outreach ministry as we serve an awesome God....

~ Easter 2025 ~

"Hallelujah"



"Hallelujah"

"He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

PASTOR'S POST

Dear Faith Members and Friends,

Thank you for everyone's hard work in getting the church set up for all the Holy Week services and Easter Sunday! It was great to have so many people in the sanctuary for these holy days. The music, the participation of the congregation, it all made the services moving and memorable. Thank you and Praise God!

We have many special events coming up this month, so we are going to need your help in pulling them off!

First, get ready for a bluegrass-gospel show on **Thursday, May 1**, at 6 pm in the sanctuary when **Bluegrass From Heaven** will be performing! This is the first of the three-part **Faith Trinity Concert Series** this spring that will benefit local Sierra Vista charities. A freewill offering will be gathered during the show, much like was done in the past for the Dixieland Devotionals. The total of the goodwill offerings designated for the charities for the three concerts will be split among three charities. The Mission and Stewardship committee has voted this year to give the money raised to the local Salvation Army, Peach's Pantry, and the Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program (VICaP).

Then on **Sunday May 4**, Faith will host our friends from the Korean Presbyterian Church across the street after worship for a potluck lunch. We need a lot of help so please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets in the narthex or the office if you can bring food, or help set up or help clean up please! Let's fill in those empty slots on those sign-up sheets!

Then on **Sunday, May 18 at 5 pm** in the Faith sanctuary, get ready for a rockin' gospel concert, the second event in the **Faith Trinity Concert Series**. This amazing gospel quartet has performed the past two years at Covenant Presbyterian in Bisbee. They're awesome. I've seen them and they are stunning. They're all seasoned and professional musicians who know how to raise the roof! Tickets will be sold at the door for this concert for \$15 each. A portion of the proceeds taken at the gate will go toward the total for our three local charities.

Looking ahead, the third and final concert in the **Faith Trinity Concert Series** will be on **Thursday June 12 at 6 pm**, when our very own Heather Carter's Irish music band **The Blarney Canyon Band** will be performing in the sanctuary! I love Irish music and I can't wait for the show!

Please tell your friends and family to come out for these concerts! The more people we get in the door the more money we can raise for these three great Sierra Vista organizations!

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

FAITH STEPPING STONES



~ Happy May Birthday ~

Richard Riester	01
James Diekema	06
Larry Heiserman (90)	06
Barbara Schratz	06
Hunter Rutgers	07
Reina Prescott	08
Shirley Brouwer	09
Matt McHale	10
Lisa Tuttle	12
Ed Keene	13
Dustin Paige	14
Bryanna Townsend	16
Kay Childs-Travis	18
Richard Carter	19
Rich Klucsarits	20
Kathy Swackhamer	23
Patrick Jones	25
Brian Louis	25
J.T. Swackhamer	26



~ Happy May Anniversary ~

Don & Sharon Townsend	09
Bill & Nancy Falconer	10
Jeff & Tina Durham	16



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 2025

April 6	78
April 13	124
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	61
April 20	127
April 27	86

Average Weekly Attendance 95

*Lunch for
Korean Presbyterian
Church
Sunday, May 4, after
worship*

*Come and have a meal and
fellowship with our Korean
Presbyterian neighbors.*



Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”



Holy week is done which brings us into the spring season. Thank you to all who have helped with prayer, time and donations to the coffee hour, ushering and greeting. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We urge you to continue as these tasks are very beneficial to our wonderful hospitality here at Faith Presbyterian Church. Looking forward to yet another month full of love and fellowship.

~ submitted by Deacon Randy Mitchell

~ May 2025 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am "My Place" "Bluegrass from Heaven" 6:00 pm concert	2	3 "Sky Island Chamber Music" 6:30 pm concert
4 Hosting Korean Presbyterian Church lunch	5	6 Men's Lunch 11:30 Taco Giro	7 Choir 6:00	8	9	10
11 	12	13 Men's Lunch, 11:30 Taco Giro Finance 2:30 pm	14 Choir 6:00	15	16	17
18  Gospel Concert 5:00 pm	19	20 .Men's Lunch 11:30 Taco Giro 3:00 Deacons 6:00 Session	21 Ladies Luncheon 11:30 Taco Giro	22	23	24
25	26 	27 Men's Lunch 11:30 Taco Giro	28 Game Day 2:00 pm SH	29	30	

WHAT'S HAPPENING - OUTREACH MINISTRY



Join Game Day
Wednesday,
May 28
2:00 pm

Please remember those in need. Bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank. Place it in the wagon in the narthex.



~~ MEN'S LUNCH ~~

All men are invited to join the Men's Lunch at 11:30 am each Tuesday in May at Taco Giro.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 1
My Place at 8:30 am
1081 E. Fry Blvd.



**The last week of Sunday School
for this spring is May 11.**

**Sunday School will resume in
September. Please come and learn
about the Bible and have fellowship with your friends.**



Sky Island Chamber Society Concert

Saturday, May 3, 6:30 pm

Faith Presbyterian Sanctuary

~ Ladies Luncheon ~



*Join the ladies on Wednesday, May 21
at the "Taco Giro"*

11:30 am

*Please reserve your place at the table if you plan to
attend. The reservation sheet is in the narthex.*



**"Donut Day"
LifeCare Center**

Thank you Bob, Margaret Jo, Brian and Heather for sharing your love and donuts with the residents at LifeCare!!

If you are interested in helping with Donut Day on the 2nd Friday of each month, please contact Margaret Jo, 520-236-9056 by phone or text.

Donuts and kindness will give you a lift !!

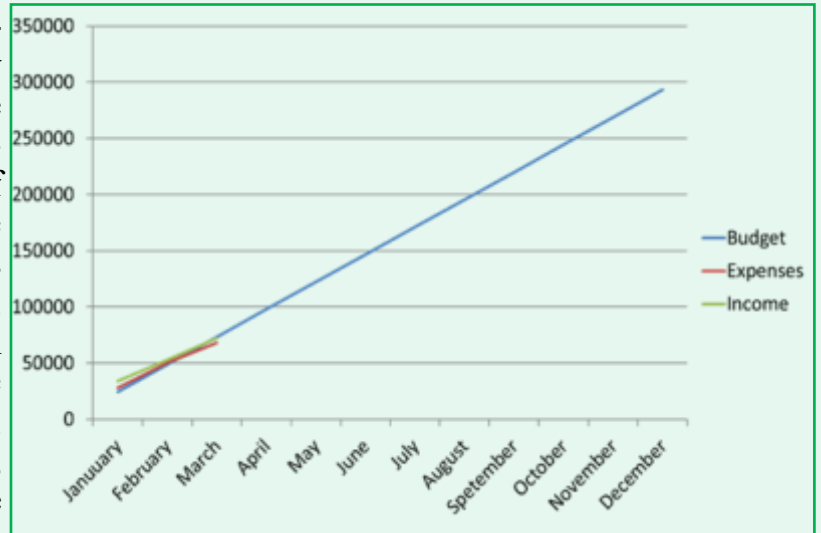
*"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ."*

II Thessalonians 3:5

Treasurer's Update

By Elder Gene Raymond
Faith Treasurer

QUARTERLY UPDATE. It is probably time to let everyone know how we are doing Financially at Faith. The graph below shows our Income versus Expenses for the first quarter of this year. It is a little hard to tell the difference between the lines, which is a *good thing!* It means our income, expenses, and our budget projection are all in line with each other. The good income situation is due to your, the Family of Faith's generosity, through pledges and gifts and the good expenses situation is due to the



diligent financial stewardship of the Session and its committees. Keep up the good work everyone! A sound financial foundation makes it easier to do Jesus's work in the world.

A LITTLE CHANGE TO THE BUDGET. At the April Session meeting, the Session voted unanimously to increase the budget by a "whopping" \$887. The total budget estimate for 2025 is now \$294,065. The only reason this small change is worth mentioning is that the Session did this to allow us to pay for the training of a new Stephen Ministry Leader. This increase will cover the cost of the online classes and materials. We have not had a trained Stephen Ministry Leader since Mary Davis joined the Saints Triumphant. A trained Stephen Ministry Leader is necessary to provide training for new Stephen Ministers and continuing education and guidance for our existing Stephen Ministers. It is not often that a spending increase is a reason for celebration, but this one is!

~ SPRING CONCERTS IN SIERRA VISTA ~

Saturday, May 3 - 4:00 pm Cochise College Jazz Band, Choir and Orchestra

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 8 - 6:30 pm Sierra Vista Community Band

Veterans Memorial Park

Saturday, May 10 - 7:00 pm Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Klein Performing Arts Center Buena High School—Tickets \$15.00

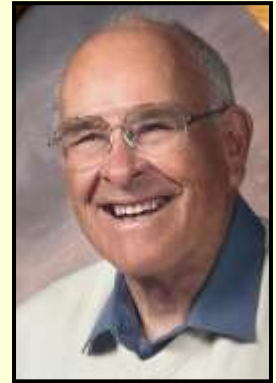
Call 520-378-0730 for information



~ Farewell to Chuck and Jim! ~



Faith members, families and friends gathered in the sanctuary for loving farewells to both Chuck Fortner on April 9 and Jim Graham on April 25.



We miss you both but know you are in the loving hands of our Lord.



Pat Saitama was called home by our Lord on April 16 after having many medical challenges during the last many months of her life. She was also unable to stay in her own home. She has now joined the Saints Triumphant. Prayers for her daughter, Kristi.

Pat will be buried in a family plot on May 9 in Michigan. To date, no arrangements have been made for a memorial at Faith.

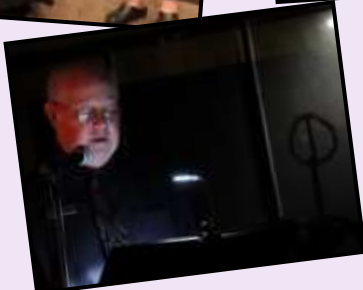
Bonnie Burleson, a long time member of Faith, joined the Saints Triumphant on April 27. Memorial services are now pending. Prayers for Lou and family.



Palm Sunday Cantata, April 13, 2025



Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025



~ FAITH TRINITY CONCERT SERIES ~

Bluegrass from Heaven

Thursday, May 1, 6:00 pm

“Bluegrass Gospel Show”



Gospel Quartet - “rockin” gospel concert”

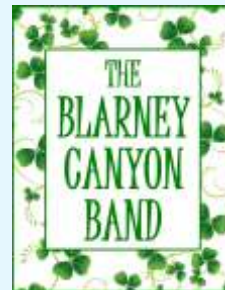
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\$15.00 each - A portion of the proceeds taken at the door will go toward the total of our three local charities.

The Blarney Canyon Band

Thursday, June 12, 6:00 pm

“Irish” Music Band



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Please join us to help others!

~ EASTER ~

APRIL 20, 2025



~ BRIGHT SUNDAY ~

April 27, 2025

