



August 2022

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

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Phone: 480-967-2660; Email: office@beautifulsaviortempe.org or check us out on the WEB:
www.beautifulsaviortempe.org

To view our services and Pastor Tim's daily bible study go to
facebook.com/beautifulsaviorlutheranChurchTempe/videos

Mail or in person at: 1337 W. 11th St., Tempe, AZ 85281

Church offices are open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Average attendance for the month of July: 35 in the Sunday church service; 9 in Adult Bible Study.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am for our bible study on the Parables of Jesus.

Psalms and Sandwiches Midweek Bible Study: Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 12:30pm for Psalms and Sandwiches, as we go through the book of Psalms and meet for lunch. We will meet on August 13th & 27th.

Church Members and others who wish “give electronically” can now do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe.

Fellowship for August & September:

Aug.7th: Waffle Bar with all the fixings & chicken.

Sept. 4th: Sack Lunch” & Floats

OTHER INFO: SOLA FAITH: Website: <https://solaministries.org/> Thank you again for being the Hands and Feet of Christ on Arizona State University campuses!

BSLC Newsletter
Hymn of the Month, August 2022,
By Ellen Brown, Dir. of Music

Our Hymn of the Month for August, 2022, is titled “All My Hope” by Jason Ingram & Reuben Morgan.

Our August Hymn of the Month is one which you’ve already heard at Beautiful Savior, presented by Debby & Doug Bergman as a Special Music selection. “All My Hope” is included in the CCLI catalog as Song #6181114, published and copyrighted in 2011 by Hillsong Music Publishing Australia & Spirit Nashville Three. Yes, it’s from “the land down under” and country music USA! With words and music by the amazing talents of Jason Ingram (American) and Reuben Morgan (Australian), it arises from the musical team of Hillsong Worship at Hillsong Church, an international ministry founded in 1983 in Sydney, Australia and now located in 30 countries around the world. The music of Hillsong Worship is young and vibrant. Since 1992 they’ve created 46 albums with more than 300 songs!

“All My Hope” is set in the key of C major, in 4/4 meter, with a gentle rocking rhythm (suggested tempo of quarter note =80). The underlying chord structure is easily accomplishable for guitarists and pianists, and fits well with the lyrics. Two verses illustrate the importance of Jesus in our lives: “Light in our darkness; peace for our soul; present in weakness; unchanging-sheltering.” Thus, the Chorus proclaims: “All my hope is in You. All my strength is in You, with every breath, my soul will rest in You.” A repeated bridge describes Christ’s attributes: Constant Savior; Friend forever; Sure foundation; never failing. Then follows a repeat of the Chorus. Easy to learn, re-assuring in message. Yes, a totally beautiful song! There are many biblical references to the hope we have in Christ. Perhaps Psalm 39:7, or Psalm 71:5 was in the minds of the composers, Jason Ingram & Reuben Morgan.

Jason Ingram was born in West Virginia in 1974. He is an American Christian music producer and songwriter and is currently lead vocalist with the Christian pop rock band *One Sonic Society*. He has written songs for many contemporary Christian artists and in 2007 was named Christian Songwriter of the Year. He has also won several GMA Dove Awards and 2 Grammy nominations. He and his wife, Culley, reside in Franklin, Tennessee.

Reuben Morgan, born in 1975, is an Australian worship pastor, now working with Hillsong Church in the UK. He is one of several singer /songwriter/worship leaders in the Hillsong Worship group. He has toured extensively in the United States, Canada, and Europe. An extremely prolific songwriter, his songs have been included on 34 albums from 1996 to 2018. “All My Hope” was co-written with Jason Ingram and included on the 2012 album Cornerstone. One of his most famous compositions is “Mighty to Save,” co-written with Ben Fielding. It won the 40th GMA Dove Award for Worship Song of the Year. Other big hits for Reuben have been “Christ Is Enough;” “Cornerstone;” and “I Will Follow.”

Reuben, his wife Sarah and their 3 children reside in London, England.

At Beautiful Savior, you'll hear “All My Hope” as a piano solo during Communion on Aug. 7th; sing it as the 3rd selection in the Praise Medley for casual worship, Aug. 14th; sing it as the 2nd distribution hymn on Aug. 21st and finally arranged as an organ prelude on August 28th.

You may enjoy listening and singing along at the link below.

<https://youtu.be/CCYXkNoMoZc>

MONUMENTAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Vacation Bible School at Beautiful Savior during the last week of July was a ‘MONUMENTAL’ event! It was held every day, Monday through Friday, from 5 to 7:30 PM. Three to six children attended each day. Ten to 17 BSLC adults participated.

Dinner was shared at 5 PM followed by the opening devotion by Pastor Tim at 6 PM. This 20 minute devotion introduced the theme for the day and was filled with lots of new songs including some silly songs taught by Pastor Tim! The themes were:

Monday – God loves you no matter what!

Tuesday – God is everywhere!

Wednesday – God is in charge!

Thursday – God is stronger than anything!

Friday – God is surprising!

Along with the themes were Bible Memory Buddies: Harley Gila Monster, Miley Roadrunner, Howell Coyote, Rollo Armadillo, and Jet Jack Rabbit. We learned about the deserts these animals live in and how they survive.

The Bible Adventure session was led by Annie Anderson and focused on the story of Joseph and his relationship with his brothers and father. The children helped make Joseph's many colored coat and helped Pharaoh learn the meaning of his dreams. Thursday's lesson focused on Jesus and his power over death with the children helping to roll the stone away from the empty tomb.

Every day featured 20 minutes of game time with lots of new games. The children had to work individually and also as teams to pick up balls with pool noodles, relay race with ice cubes, go fishing with hula hoops and more!

Imagination Station crafts involved the children in creating take-home souvenirs demonstrating the theme for the day.

Many thanks to all who helped make this VBS a Monumental experience!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 2022 COUNCIL MEETING **The BSLC Council did not meet in July 2022.**

Treasurer Don Schumm did distribute the June 2022 report to Council members with this summary:

- June ended with a positive balance of \$816.
- Year to date is negative \$3510.
- Spending is at 92% of budget, but income is at 87.5% of budget.

With regard to the sanctuary air conditioner, two motions were approved by Council members via email vote at President Cyndi's request:

1. Motion June 23, 2022: "Not to exceed \$1200 to temporarily repair our current refrigeration unit for the sanctuary". Motion was approved.
2. July 3, 2022: The repair bill for this unit was \$2245; freon for the unit cost \$1200. Motion: "Use the Emergency Fund (\$3906) to pay the repair bill". Motion approved.

Trustees are researching the availability of a new unit (may take 3 months to replace) as well as the cost.

Next Voters Meeting is Sunday, Aug. 7th, 11:30 AM.

Next Council meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 17th, 5 PM.

And, if you are interested in receiving the Council meeting information, please contact Sandra Wardwell, congregation secretary at 480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu.

BSLC/LWML PRAYER CHAIN:

Thank You to all members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran/LWML Prayer Chain who have so faithfully responded to all the Prayer Requests. Prayer is powerful and God loves to hear from all of us.

Our Prayer Chain consists of both men and women. Just like God's mansions have room and will welcome all believers, so the Prayer Chain has room and welcomes all who would pray for those who want us to pray for/with them. To **become a member** of the Prayer Chain, or to **request a prayer** by the Prayer Chain, call or e-mail Gladys Meyer: 480-258-0889 or 480 897-2236 or e-mail geneglad@g.com. OR email office@beautifulsaviortempe.org Prayer requests are submitted to the members of the Prayer Chain by e-mail unless a telephone call is preferred. When offering to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please make known your preference—receive Prayer Requests by e-mail or by telephone?

Thank you to all members of BSLC for your support of the Prayer Chain.

Gladys Meyer

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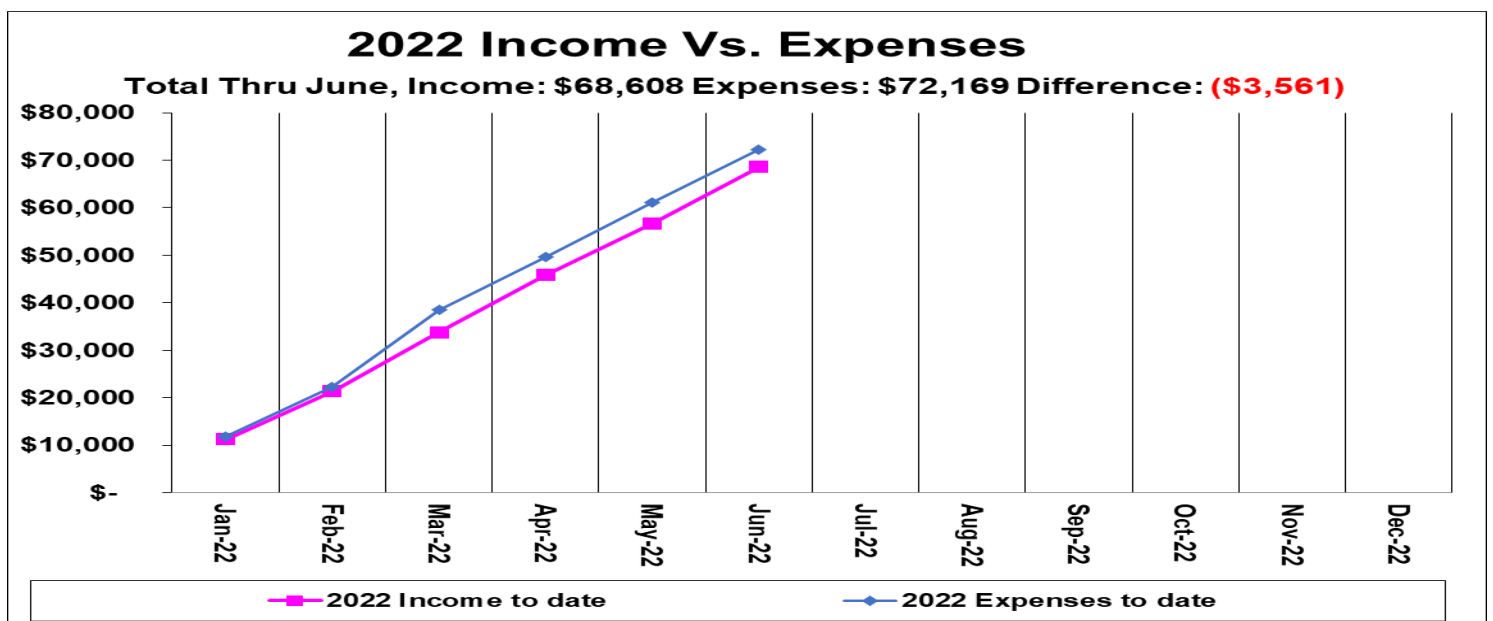
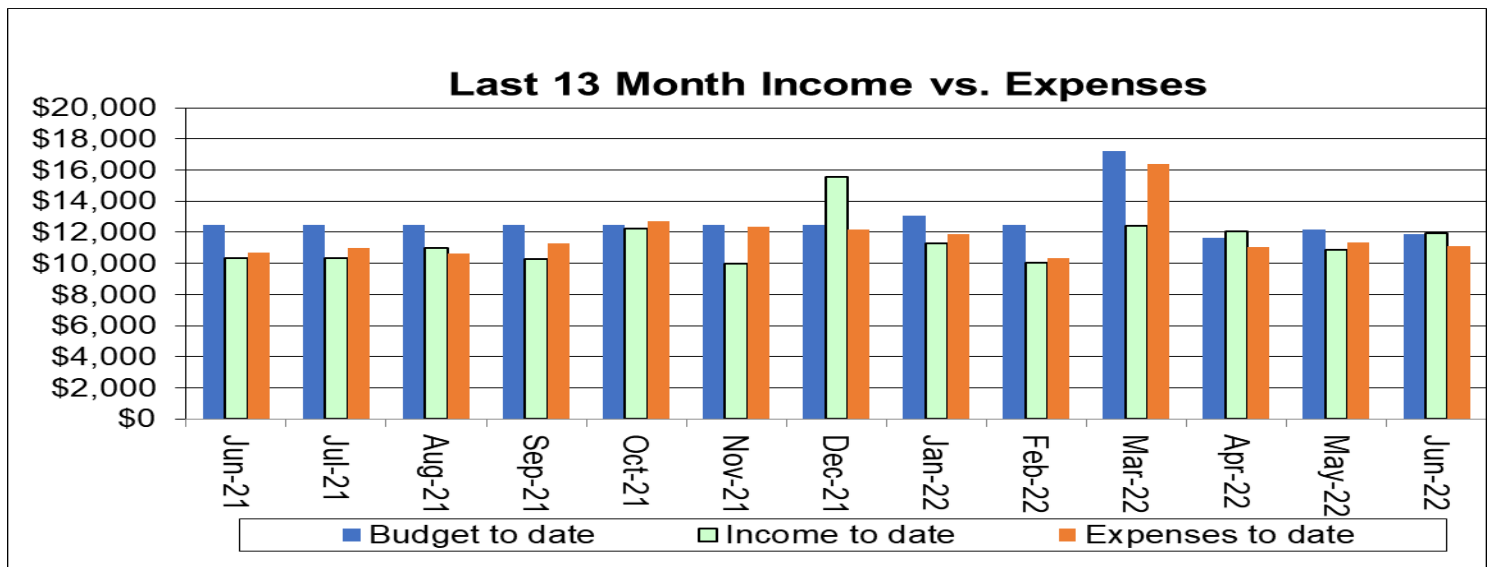
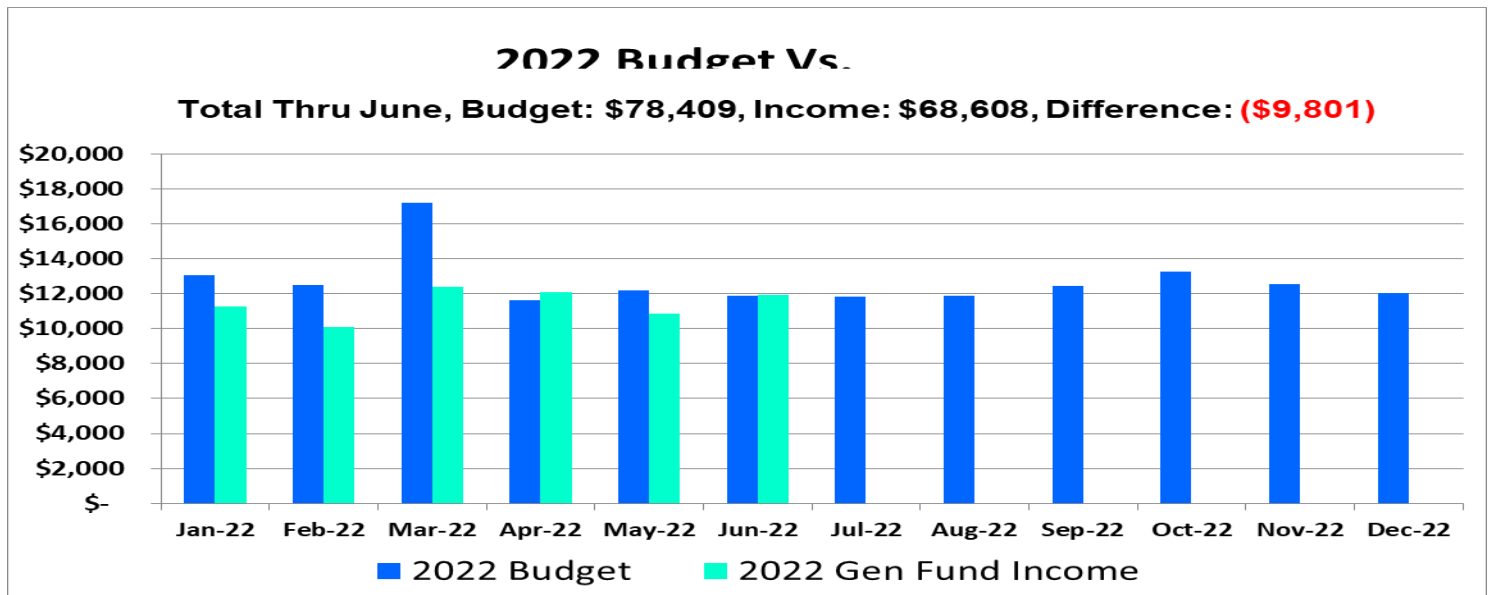
The trustees are registered with Planet Green which is a company that pays to recycles your old printer cartridges. There is a blue plastic box in the second Sunday school room that you can put any cartridges you want to donate. The funds from these recycled cartridges go into the general fund. Thanks for donating to this cause

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education has been busy helping Pastor with our first ever Vacation Bible School, we are excited to be a part of this event.to this cause.

Christian Ed members are Natalia Goschie, Darlene Haynes, Gladys Meyer and Phyllis Schinke

BOARD OF FINANCE:



NEWS FROM BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S WOMEN IN MISSION

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

We will be meeting Saturday, August 13th, 10 AM to plan our activities for the 2022-2023 season.

Our activities will include attending the Fall Rally in October as well as celebrating LWML Sunday that month. We would like to have several guest speakers this year and also have a project to recognize the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's 80th birthday this year.

All BSLC Women are invited!! We would like to hear your ideas for how we can better serve our congregation and our community!

The Summer issue of the Quarterly is here! Please pick up a copy from the narthex, read, and return so others may enjoy it. We also have a large print copy. No pictures, but the same stories and articles!

If you cannot attend the meeting, please share your ideas with Sandra Wardwell, 480-334-4176, s.wardwell@asu.edu.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August Newsletter Stewardship Report

The Stewardship committee met Sunday, July 17th with 2 of it's 4 members in attendance.

On Friday, July 22nd, Bobbie and Charlotte met with 2 members of the Scales School staff and did the shopping for them. It was quite an extensive shopping trip, buying shoes, socks, some clothing, shoe laces and belts and we think they are pretty much set for the school year.

If things go according to plan, on Wednesday, July 27th we will have purchased and delivered around 450 ice cream sandwiches to Holdeman School to give to the students and their teachers after they have attended the principal's meeting with them laying the ground work for the rules for behavior during the upcoming school year.

We are waiting to hear if Scales school is interested in our help with furnishing eyeglasses for their students.

We have bought a few supplies for Tempe High McKinney Vento program and will deliver after the school term has started.

Bobbie, Dorothy, Wendy, and Charlotte

DO YOU HAVE A FRY'S REWARDS CARD?

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM?

A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASES WILL GO TO BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR EVERY TIME YOU USE YOUR CARD AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

The Board of Stewardship encourages you to take advantage of this easy way to earn funds for BSLC.

1. You will need to create an account if you do not already have one at: frysfood.com. You will be asked to enter an email address and a password.
2. From the Fry's home page, find the icon with your name at the top of the page and click on it to see the drop-down menu.
3. Choose 'My Account'.
4. Choose 'Community Rewards' from the list on the left side of the screen.
5. Search for Beautiful Savior by name and click 'Save'.

Fry's issues checks two times per year to Beautiful Savior. In addition to supporting BSLC, you can also see the fuel points you have accumulated and can add the digital coupons to your card that will be automatically applied when you are in the checkout line at the store.

If you need help or more information, please contact Sandra Wardwell, 480-334-4176.

Norton Family Newsletter-Serving in God's Mission in Navajo, NM

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our summer is off to a good start our family campout that took place the last week of June. We had three families participate along with our two summer interns, Payton Walter, and Kierra Penny. A great time was had by all being in our Lord's creation and sharing fellowship and time in the Word. After the trip one of the families asked what the children needed to do to get baptized! Although, I came down with COVID and the plans were interrupted, they will be welcomed into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism soon.

Prior to the beginning of summer, we had a volunteer named Vernon Abbot, stay with us for a month and help with various projects around the church. Vernon has visited us previously, but during the pandemic he took a hiatus. One of the biggest projects was repainting our cross that stands in front of the church. It was quite an effort to scrape and paint it, but with the help of some of our church members we finished it, and it looks much better!

Also, earlier this summer four of our youth traveled to California for the Crosswise Institute at Concordia University in Irvine. They had a great time and learned more about their faith, as well as having the opportunity to go to the ocean. We look forward to seeing the seeds planted in their lives grow and bear fruit. Two of our youth graduated from high school in May, and we are very proud of them and their achievements.

Please continue to pray for our congregation and community. Tragedy never seems very far away. At the same time there is much to rejoice in as the Lord calls people out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Pet. 2:9).

In Christ, Rev. Tim, Heidi, Philip & Leslie Norton

From Pastor Anderson:

It Starts with One Pastor Tim Anderson As the year continues to roll on, every once in a while, I too need a reminder of God's goodness and greatness, and last Monday as we started our Vacation Bible School, I had one of those moments. I had a moment where God clearly reminded me that he is in charge, and that he loves this awesome church at the corner of Priest and W 11th more than any of us know. He love us no matter what and he can surprise the heck out of even me. As we opened our doors to begin VBS, I was expecting five children. Five children had registered online for our week of learning about God's greatness, but only one of those five entered the door and then we waited, and we waited, and we waited.



I found myself, standing outside with Annie beginning to wonder what do we do? Even Annie was saying, she had never had anything like this happen in her 16 years of youth and family ministry. As she gets on her phone to start text messaging the pre-registered parents, she looks at me and says, God won't let VBS fail, he doesn't do that. But to be honest with all of you, I was less convinced in that moment than she was. As she was texting and calling, I went out into the parking lot and began to pray, or rather plead with God. I said, "God, please give us those four more kids. Please, let them come. I don't know what it would do to our church if I had to cancel tonight after months of planning. Please, Lord... don't let this fail!" I continued by praying, "Work in us and through us here at Beautiful Savior and send us more kids Lord!!!"

As I prayed my phone dinged, as a friend was texting me. He wanted to see how VBS was going, and I told him, "We only have one kid, I don't know what to do." His response, "Ask the kid, let the kid lead and most of all...trust God."



So, at 5:45 I had a choice to make. The choice was to go forward with VBS with one kid or send everyone home with the hope that more would show up on Tuesday evening and we could start then. Well THANK GOD that Denise and her mom were willing to rock and roll with us and learn about Jesus on Monday night, because as we started our Opening Sing & Play Praise, four more

children walked in the door, not even the ones who had pre-registered for our VBS, totally new kids. Kids who would be there the entire week learning about Jesus and as pictures made their way onto social media, two more kids who attend Annie's preschool signed up and were with us on both Tuesday and Wednesday night.

God is so Great, and God is so good. He does not things like VBS fail, and with that realization I hope we also realize that God will work in all that we do as Beautiful Savior for the sake of his kingdom's mission and purpose in Tempe and in the world. Because God is always with us, because he is strong, because he is surprising, because he is in control, and most of all because God loves us no matter what. He loves us at Beautiful Savior, NO MATTER WHAT.

He has placed us here, in this place, at this time, to show up for our community and tell the people of Tempe and the valley that we love them, but even more so that God loves them. God is constantly opening doors and creating connections that even I don't always see until they happen. Two of our VBS parents needed some level of financial help and greater job stability, and we were able to connect them to La Mesa and offer them real help and guidance. I even saw the La Mesa leaders sitting with one of our VBS parents for an hour on Thursday night guiding her towards job opportunities. What an awesome God to bring not just us but also our ministries all together to help a single mom who saw us on Facebook and brought her kids to our VBS.



So, what did we learn beside the greatness of God? Well, I learned for one that God is going to bless our efforts when we step out on a ledge and do things for the sake of his kingdom. I heard from many other people about churches that felt that VBS was too big of a risk or too big of an effort, not worth it without the guarantee of kids. But we had no guarantees going into this, we just believed that God would use our church and he did. We learned that we can stretch and grow ourselves and do things we haven't done in a long time. I loved seeing each volunteer step up and help out. I loved seeing members say, "I'll try." I'll try to be there. I'll try to lead this part of VBS. I'll try playing



Pharoah. I'll try to put meals together, help with registration and security, I'll try to shepherd kids, and I'll try to do these crazy VBS dance moves. We were willing to try and God was more than willing to make our efforts a giant success for his sake and ours.

Last month I asked us to spend some time this summer dreaming about what God might do with us at Beautiful Savior. I know that this season in our church's history seems rather vital. What we do now will have lasting impacts on our church community for years to come. At time that realization is more than just a little stressful, trust me I see that, I get that, and I know. But when we get up and try something, he helps. He helps us take baby steps, he helps us walk, he helps us to run, and he helps us to soar. God is so good, and he does not let things like VBS fail. I am so thankful for my incredible team and for their willingness to serve, try and strive to do something this church has not done in a really long time. We opened our church to our community for Vacation Bible School and kids came, even kids we weren't expecting.

So, what do we try next as we seek to secure our congregation for future ministries for years to come?

How do we turn our focus away from broken air conditioners and fears about our Budget to see all the things he has done and is doing in our midst?

Do we see how over a dozen people this past year have made Beautiful Savior their church home, and the place where they come to hear about Jesus and his love. How we have launched new ministries and new events all year long. How La Mesa continues to grow each week and how we had almost 60 people here on Thursday to receive a meal and hear about Jesus, as kids across the hall also received a meal and heard about Jesus at VBS. So, Keep dreaming and keep thinking about what else we can do. Seriously, come on by take out some pen and paper. Sketch out our building and think about what God can still do with us, with our space and with our location.



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God doesn't let his kingdom fail and as we fight and strive to be about kingdom work here at Beautiful Savior, it is our fervent prayer that he will not let our efforts fail. We plead with God for that and we trust him. We trust that Beautiful Savior will continue to serve the Lord, proclaim the Gospel, and make Jesus alive in the Tempe community and throughout the world for years and years to come. And we wait to see who will come in, as we reach out, with Good News of Great Joy. Good News about how Awesome and Great our God really is.

Pastor Tim.