



September 2024

"Serving the Lord, extending the gospel, and making Jesus alive in the community."

Beautiful
Savior
Lutheran
Church
Newsletter

HOW CAN I REACH BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR?

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

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 August in the Sunday church service; in Adult Bible Study, in Women's Bible Study, 121 at La Mesa Meal, 33 La Mesa Worship in Brunch & Bibles–Midweek Bible Study.

HAVE YOU SEEN BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR'S FACEBOOK PAGE?

<https://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe>

Pastor Tim, Dakota Meeks and Don Schumm keep the Facebook page updated with recordings of our worship services, special events, and with ministry updates. Don't know how to access the page on the internet? We can show you how during fellowship hour after Sunday worship. Just ask. Pastor Tim would like to hear your feedback!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Tim's Office Hours: Available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time to make house visits for the sick and shut in, meet with our members and guests, attend meetings, leading worship and other ministries, and creating connections for the church in our community.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our Bible Study on the books of. We meet Sunday morning at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

New Member Class is meeting on Sunday's in ??? after fellowship. Anyone interested in joining our church or learning more about who we are here at Beautiful Savior, what we do and what we believe is encouraged to come to our New Member meeting in Fellowship Hall following fellowship.

The LWML Women's Weekly Bible Study meets every Monday at noon in the Fellowship hall. We are continuing our study of remarkable men in the Bible. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.

Brunch and Bibles: We will resume meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 12:00 p.m. At Cracker and Co Cafe on Elliot as we continue our study of the Book of Daniel. If interested, please contact Kathryn Odle at 602-510-2885 or email kathyrn.odle@asu.edu

Braille workers return on September 10th.

Kitchen Etiquette: If you leave any items in the church kitchen PLEASE label them with what they are to be used for. Thank you!!!

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring in something to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY VIEW SERVICES ONLINE.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:

Youtube instructions:

"The Beautiful Savior Youtube is up and running! Currently, it holds all of the previous services since the Second Sunday of Pentecost 2024- here's how you can find us:

1.) Open Youtube.com

2.) Search "Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - Tempe, AZ" OR "@BSLCTempe". The profile picture will feature our lovely stained glass Jesus.

3.) Click on the profile and voila!

Optional: Consider subscribing if you haven't already! It tells Youtube that you want to see our content and to recommend it to others!

Keep an eye and ear out for more announcements regarding our Youtube Live!"

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY VIEW SERVICES ONLINE.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:

***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

- 1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)
- 2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe. Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School & Staff. When selecting “Other”, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats. Please put your used printer cartridges there for recycling.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER, CALENDAR/SERVANTS QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

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@q.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

OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

The trustees are registered with Planet Green which is a company that pays to recycle your old printer cartridges. There is a blue plastic box in the second Sunday Fellowship Hall in box under the thermostat 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING

The regular monthly Council meeting was held August 19, 2024.

Pastor's Report:

- Reformation Sunday is Oct. 27th.
- All Saints Day to be celebrated Nov. 3rd
- A joint event at Beautiful Savior with Gethsemane's Senior Adult Ministry is being planned.
- Sunday School starting Sept. 8th; Organization meeting Sept. 1 after worship

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed the Balance sheet for the month of July:
 - o Desert Financial CU Checking \$17,154.68
 - o Desert Financial CU Savings \$12,501.22
 - o LCEF savings \$72,409.10
 - o WF Savings - Matching Funds \$7,325.41
 - o WF Checking - \$16,637.10
- July Profit & Loss
 - o Balance is a negative \$2377.68 for the month. 74.7% of budgeted income received, 90.3% of budgeted expenses spent.
- 2024 Year to Date Profit & Loss
 - o Balance is a negative \$6,963.58. 87.1% of budgeted income received; 93.3% of budgeted expenses spent.

Finance:

- Transitioning our accounts to Desert Financial from Wells Fargo with plans to start depositing Sunday offerings in Desert Financial in August.
- Concordia Plans benefits to increase in 2025.

Stewardship:

- Three week series of Bible Studies, Sermons, and Bulletin inserts beginning Sep. 29th.
- Commitment Sunday Oct. 20th with meal hosted by Board of Stewardship.

Elders

- Have not met this summer.

Trustees:

- Braille/Choir room has been painted and furnishings will be put back Saturday, Aug. 24
- Don Schumm will research purchasing and mounting 5 cameras on outside walls of the building; software will need to be purchased.
- Acolytes needed for worship services.
- New kick stands replaced on main doors; will replace kickstand on other inside doors.

Music:

- Ellen will serve as Music Director for the Bell Choir; Cyndi Calender will serve as Performance Director; Have 6 ringers and rehearsal will be September 22nd after worship
- Doug and Debby Bergman will be away Sept. 1st through December 8th.
- Choir will rehearse Wednesday, Sept. 4th.
- Will attend Day 2 (Oct. 2nd) of the WALI Conference @ Risen Savior.
- Looking for a 4 drawer letter size file cabinet for the Choir room.
- GLORIA meets Monday, August 26th.

Lutheran Women in Mission:

- LWML Sunday Sept. 22nd
- LWML Zone Fall Rally Oct. 19th at BSLC
- Congregation Potluck and Christmas Party Sunday Dec. 22nd after worship
- Game Date at Beautiful Savior with Gethsemane's Senior Adult Ministry to be scheduled

La Mesa Update:

- Average meal attendance in July was 112
- Average communion after worship attendance in July was 33
- Donations of men's clothing needed
- Thanksgiving blanket drive will start soon

Old Business:

- Seven members have volunteered to help with Sunday School
 - o Sept. 1st meeting to determine where to meet after children's sermon and prayers

- Beginning Sept. 8th, children's sermon after the creed and hymn of the day at all Sunday worship services

New Business:

- Reminder annual budget process begins in September.
- Office computer need to be replaced; it is too old for the newest Windows update and is not able to print all documents.
- Fish Fry scheduled for Nov. 2nd.
- Fall Festival scheduled for October 27th.
- Pastor is eligible for 10 days paternity leave. No more than 2 of these can be on Sundays.

If you are interested in receiving the Council and Voters meetings report packets and minutes, please contact Sandra Wardwell at 480-334-4176 or s.wardwell@asu.edu.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – No Report

SEPTEMBER 2024 STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER REPORT

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is titled STEWARDS TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, FAITH, AND LOVE and will take place over a 3 week period beginning on September 29th. As God's people, we have been given the high honor and privilege of being the stewards of all He has given to us. As His stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that has been entrusted to us according to God's will and for His work. God works in and through us as we become His hands, feet, and mouth to other people.

Each week we will focus on one of the 3 virtues of GRACE, FAITH, AND LOVE. There will be sermons each week as well as Bible Study at the 8:30 time slot, things to consider in the "As We Gather" section of our bulletin and possibly some bulletin inserts and some posters.

On September 29th, we will turn our attention to GRACE. Grace comes from God through Jesus and his redemptive work for us. It is not something we deserve---Jesus gives it to us as a free gift. This gift in turn, motivates us to be God's stewards and to use our time, talent, and treasure (money) in ways that glorify God. We show our gratitude in this way.

The second week, the topic will be FAITH. Through faith, God changes us and justifies us and gives us peace with God. Faith produces works and leads us to action and our deeds as stewards gives evidence of our faith.

Week three will zero in on LOVE. In a Christian, love follows faith. Because God loves us we should love one another. That's His command. We will be concerned about the welfare of others. God's love evidenced through His sacrificing of His Son, compels us to give freely of our Time, Talent, and Treasures to help others and extend His kingdom.

The committee hopes and prays that God will use Pastor Tim's sermon messages to draw you closer to Him. We also urge you to make a special effort to attend the Bible Studies as we focus these three weeks on GRACE, FAITH, AND LOVE. Pray God will direct you.

There will be a lunch served by the committee on Commitment Sunday, Oct 20th after the service. We urge everyone to stay for that---we won't send you home hungry!!!

Bobbie Littou and Charlotte Grefe

Bobbie & Charlotte

SEPTEMBER, 2024, EVANGELISM NEWSLETTER REPORT

The new Evangelism committee is set to have their first meeting on August 4th with Pastor Tim. We need to elect a chairman and come up with expiration dates of each member's term. Pastor will have to enlighten us as to exactly what the duties of this committee are. The ministry of outreach to the 4 schools within our community will now fall under this committee and there will be no pause in this ministry. It will be unaffected by now being under the umbrella of Evangelism. The new school term has recently started and we will give the schools a few weeks to settle in and then call them to see what needs they might have that we can help them with.

Bobbie, Skip, 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:

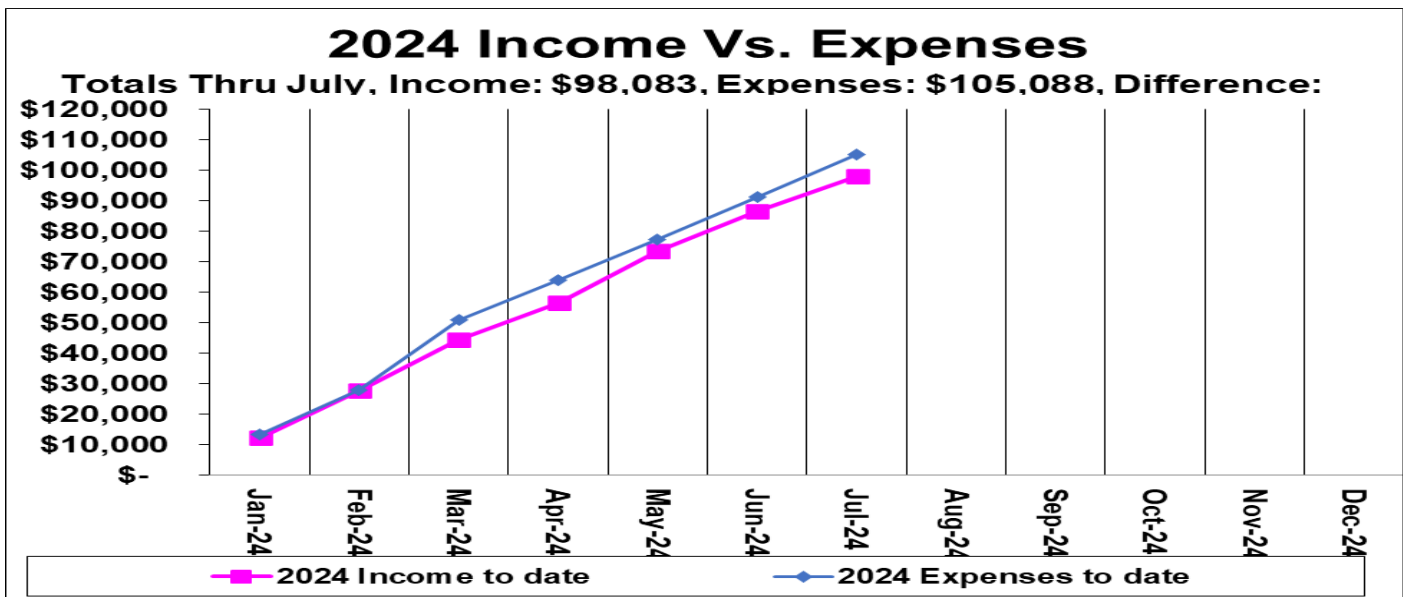
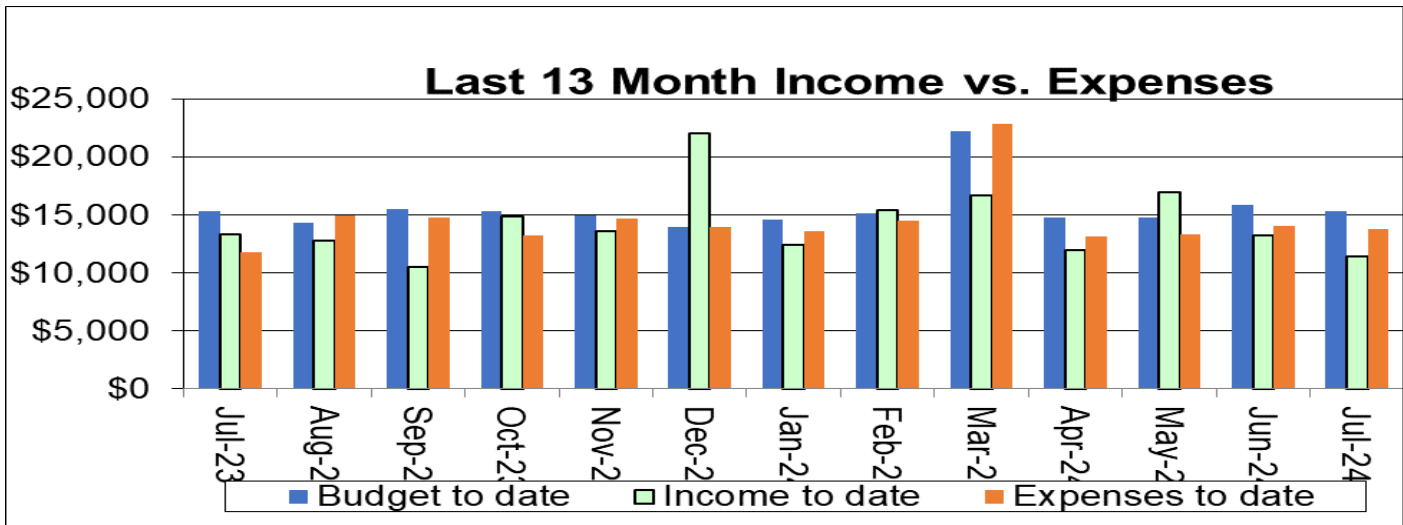
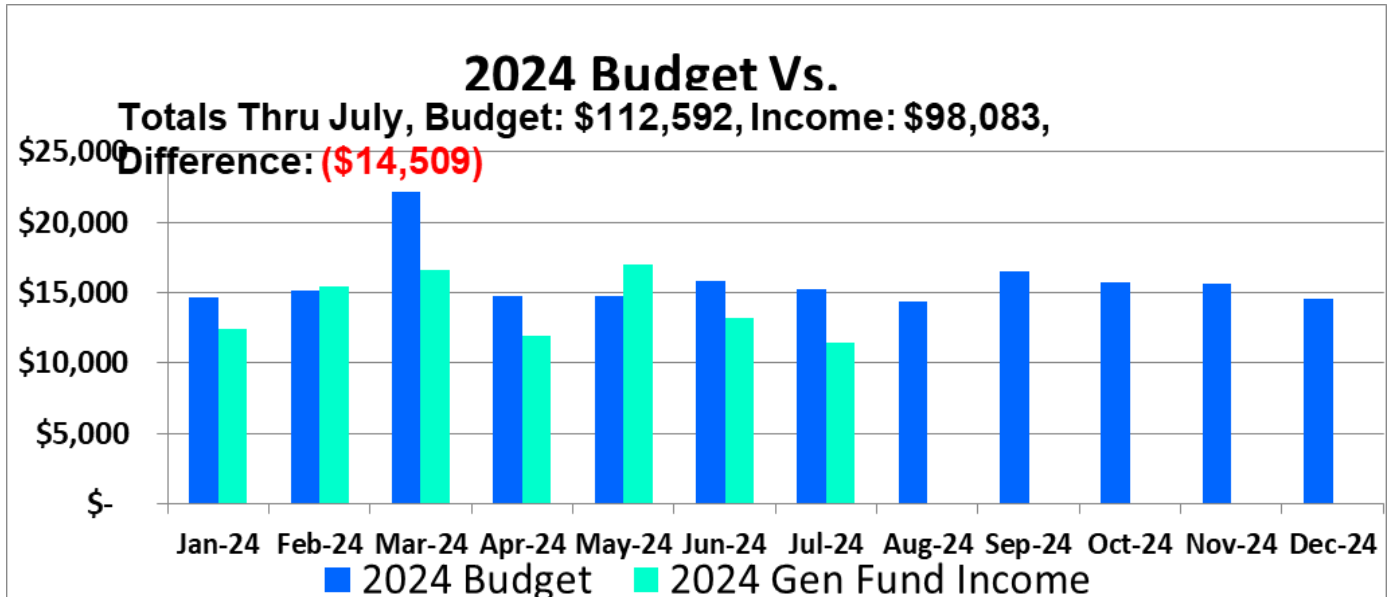
frysfood.com. You will be asked to enter an email address and a password.

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.

BOARD OF FINANCE:





LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)

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

LWML Sunday, September 22nd. The theme is 'Ready To Serve'. BSLC women are invited to join us in serving as greeters, readers, ushers, and Fellowship hostesses. The Fellowship Hour donations collected will support the LWML Mission projects. Please contact Sandra Wardwell if you would like to volunteer to help us that day! You can be a greeter, reader, usher, or bring your favorite home made treat for fellowship hour. Thank you!

LWML Zone Fall Rally, Saturday, October 19, at Beautiful Savior. The theme is 'Hope of All Nations'. Our speakers will be Sharon Owens and Abby Schwichtenberg telling us about their work with ASU students. Women from the churches in our Zone are invited to attend for a time of friendship, Bible Study, presentation by Sharon and Abby, lunch, and reports. More details will be available in September.

LWML Sunday is September 22nd at Beautiful Savior

Our congregation will have the opportunity to gather together in worship under the theme "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mite. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

"Ready to Serve," Luke 1:38

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday 2024 September 22nd. The author of this service is Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, the LCMS North Wisconsin District President. The LCMS North Wisconsin District started

supporting mission work in Peru around 2013. Rev. Lueck has been involved in the mission work and has visited there many times in support of the ministry.

Our LWML looks forward to sharing the wonderful mission of the Lutheran Women in Mission — God's ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer.

We will be providing treats for Fellowship Hour following the worship service. Fellowship donations will go to support LWML Mission grants.

LWML 2024 Giving Tuesday: September to Remember

Lutheran Women in Mission is excited to announce our annual “September to Remember” Giving Day on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. This special day is an opportunity to support the LWML Mission Goal and honor/remember those who have made a significant impact as an LWML member.

The LWML Mission Goal funds mission grants that support organizations serving the world and sharing the Gospel. Each grant honors God by serving those in need and witnessing His saving grace.

For one day only, on September 10, donate toward the LWML Mission Goal in honor or memory of someone who has helped you become a Lutheran woman in mission. Donate online at lwml.org/givingday. A matching gift will double the impact for the first \$10,000 donated! (If you choose not to donate online, you may mail your contributions to LWML at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Please note “September to Remember” or “Giving Day” with your contribution.)

LA MESA UPDATE

La Mesa meal average attendance for July was 112. The average attendance at the end of the worship service was 32.

In addition to providing a meal, snacks, and an opportunity to worship, La Mesa provides clothing, toiletries, and advice on obtaining phones and medical care. A hairdresser is providing haircuts.

Donations of men's clothing are needed! Please bring any items to the Fellowship Hall and mark as 'La Mesa clothing'.

We will be starting our Thanksgiving blanket drive soon! Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Way to Go!

Pastor Tim Anderson

6 Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Way to go. I don't know about you, but part of me loves hearing those words. To have someone speak words of affirmation and celebration for the work that has been done. To celebrate with pride all that God has done in my life or together in the life of our congregation. Way to go. You've really done a great job. God has been using you in mighty ways and you have listened to the spirits call and the knock on the door. Even if you haven't always been ready to answer and do what God is calling you into, you have still shown up and done your best... Way to go!

And so, Beautiful Savior, to you I say... WAY TO GO! God has been using us in phenomenal ways as we have been working together to stretch and grow our congregation in new and exciting ways these last few years. And there is so much to celebrate and so much to see. We have baptized babies, youth and adults. We have had multiple new member Sundays each year. We have begun a partner ministry with La Mesa. We have expanded the work we do with our local schools and have been entrusted with a larger and larger grant each year to do that work. We have made improvements to our worship, brought back our Handbell Choir, send bibles for the blind and vision impaired all over the world, started new bible studies, made improvements to our facilities and grounds, have hosted numerous community events each year and have built a Vacation Bible School program that has more than doubled its impact and scope year after year. WAY TO GO.

But as we say, "Way to Go," and as we take this moment to celebrate and find rest in the things that God has done and is doing in us and through us, we know that the Holy Spirit continues to put so much more at our feet. In short, we have a way to go. We aren't done yet and yet that way to go is the way we should go. It's the way we must go, as we continue to "make disciples of all nations, we baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

As we look at that and seek to reach all people at all points of life, God has put before us a unique opportunity to begin rebuilding another aspect of our ministry. Kids ministry. Family ministry. Young Adult and College Ministry. In other words, we're looking a little younger around here lately and it's a blessing to think that we have a chance to be intentional in how we nurture that blessing. In the book of Proverbs,

Solomon tells us to Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he (or she) is old, he will not depart from it.

Now, I don't want to get into how some of the people we have raised up in the church have and do depart from it, (that's a newsletter article for another day) but instead I want to look forward at this opportunity here... now. I want to look at ways to teach all of us more about this faith, from the youngest members to our oldest and in doing so build for the future. It is within the realm of possibility that by the end of the year we could have 5-10 children in worship on a weekly basis. That's awesome. To meet that reality, we are beginning Sunday school this September on our September 8th rally day.

The goal is week, is that right before the hymn of the day, we will have a children's message, each and every week, and during the hymn of the day the kids will go with two of our Sunday school volunteers into Sunday School. They will then learn their lesson until the prayers at the end of the service and come back into worship in time for either the benediction or for Holy Communion. This is just how we are going to start, and we will continue to assess how best to teach and grow the faith of these kids. This is also just the start of the Kid and Youth ministry programs we hope to build.

But that is just the beginning. God has put so many opportunities to model faith, to shepherd faith, to gather others into the faith, and to grow faith. Not everyone comes into the church under the age of five. Heck, even my kids will be joining our church well after their fifth birthdays. So how do we teach the faith regardless of age, and provide opportunities for all ages to grow in their knowledge of the Gospel?

Its why we Rally. And I can't rally alone. I need us to rally together and rise to the occasion as we have time and time again. Having taken a moment this summer to rest, and I pray you have, it is now time to work together and rise. Take a moment, look around, see the new blessings at our feet and help me meet them. My life is changing, soon, drastically, and I can't lead every single ministry here... not on my own. I need you, each of you, all of you to meet the needs before us in new, creative ways.

After all, as my mother used to say. It takes a village to raise a child. Which was more than true with me. If it was not for her parents and the congregations that we were a part of throughout my childhood, I don't know if I'd be your pastor today. It was through the encouragement of God's people that I became what I became. Maybe, just maybe it still takes a congregation to raise a child, or even more so a church. It will take all of us to help Beautiful Savior mature, grow and get to full strength again, so that we can exist for generations to come. After all, in the grand history of Christianity, a 60+ year old is barely a toddler. We still have a lot of growing and growing up to do. As we seek the way we should go from the one, Jesus our Savior, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let's not depart from it, from Him, and from what He has called us to do. Amen.

