



# The Preparer

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July/August 2011

Calling all children ages 3-12...

## "Godly Play Spoken Here"



Registration for Church School will be on  
Sunday August 7, 2011 and August 14, 2011  
after the 8:00 and 10:00 services.

**Godly Play will begin August 21, 2011.**

*What is Godly Play?* It is a Montessori-based religious education approach for children ages 3 to 12 years old. The Rev. Jerome W. Berryman is the founder of Godly Play. He calls Godly Play, "my interpretation of Montessori religious education." Godly Play is a unique and imaginative approach to working with children. This method of teaching, supports, challenges, nourishes, and guides the child's spiritual development. In our Godly Play class, we enter into sacred bible stories, the mysteries of Christmas and Easter, parables, and sacred liturgy in order to discover God, ourselves, and each other. Through it our children learn the important stories of the Bible. It is Bible based.

We look forward to sharing Godly Play with your child! If you have any questions about this wonderful and awesome program, please call Peggy Diaz at 623-326-5299 or Kelly Sikes at 623-229-2626 or you can email us at [peggydiaz@cox.net](mailto:peggydiaz@cox.net) or [ksikes@q.com](mailto:ksikes@q.com).



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past several years, we have leased space in Chilton Hall to StarShine Academy. At its June meeting, the Vestry approved offering a new lease to the school for the upcoming academic year. It is a lease that will provide us with more use of our facilities on Sunday mornings.

Several changes in room arrangements and class schedules will make this possible. Here are the significant changes.

The Parish Hall and kitchen will no longer be used by the school on a daily basis. These areas will be used by the school only for special events and by arrangement with the church office.

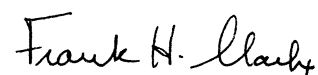
The Nursery and the two Godly Play classrooms will be used only by the parish for those purposes. The school office will stay as is and used only for the school.

Rooms B, C, D & E will be used as StarShine classrooms and will be available for our use on Sunday mornings. Room C will be their library room and set up with adult tables. We will use that room for our Sunday adult class and for evening meetings. The other rooms will be available for our use as needed on Sundays.

With the new agreement, the school's use of our facility will be less and we will have more access on Sunday mornings. We are also asking the school to do several things in terms of custodial care and maintenance of the building as long as they are tenants.

The changes are important as we revitalize our programs on Sunday mornings. Right now the church school teachers are working to clean and fix up our own rooms that we use exclusively for Godly Play and the Nursery. They also have great plans for Sunday School start-up this fall. These changes with the school will help to assure that we have the facilities that we need for a renewed program this fall.

Faithfully yours in Chris,



### Youth Group News

Thank you so much to all the people who helped make this year's VBS the best ever! From the kitchen angels to the music leaders to the buddies who helped with crafts and games we could not have done it without you!

The mission trip is almost here and we are asking for your prayers as we take on San Francisco and helping the homeless. 7 teens, 3 college age volunteers and Lynne are headed off on July 8th for an adventure of a lifetime. We are still collecting personal hygiene items including toothbrushes, toothpaste, handiwipes, purel, soap, washcloths, etc to give out to the homeless as we share the gospel. Any questions or concerns email Lynne at [lynne@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:lynne@stjohnsaz.org).

MILC is starting on August 21st with fun and excitement! If you are in 7th through 12th grades please join us from 4-630 pm each Sunday as we explore our faith, build our fellowship and be of service to others. Any questions please call Lynne at 602-400-6770 or email at [lynne@stjohnsaz.org](mailto:lynne@stjohnsaz.org).

Lynne Gardner



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### July Birthdays

- 1 Norman Smith, Gloria Johnson
- 2 Ricky Bentley, Arielle Woodyard,  
Alyssa Woodyard
- 3 Sharon Betts
- 4 Mac McPherson
- 7 Mary Kathryn Brooks, Ray Lyman
- 8 Todd Milhoan, Catherine Rabon
- 9 Nancy Gonzales,  
George Mathewson
- 10 Steve Beck
- 15 Ryan Seely
- 16 Gary Brooks, Jimmy Sutton
- 17 Jeremy Hall
- 18 Mikayla Beyries, Dick Lanier,  
Kathleen Rabon-Ney
- 19 Joshua Butler
- 20 Louise Bubel, Margaret Kline
- 22 John Adkins
- 23 Cullin Dobson
- 24 Sue McPherson
- 25 Ron Apodaca, Sonja Heuer
- 26 Helen Cochran
- 27 Eric Ferguson
- 28 Lillian Baribault, Bryanna Ferguson
- 29 Jim Baribault
- 30 Doyle Moxley

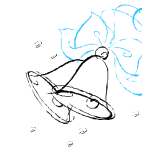


### August Birthdays

- 2 Juanita Cantrill, Debbie Jasinski
- 3 Anne Warren
- 6 Bob Johnstone
- 7 Dan Ambrose, Zachary Romero
- 8 Peggy Kuula
- 9 Dick Frank
- 10 Dorothy Anglin, Chris Johnston
- 13 Gerald McSheffrey
- 15 Sarah Clark, Mark Henley
- 16 Wallace Alford
- 21 Charyse Betts
- 23 Stephanie Brown
- 25 July Anderson, Bob Clingenpeel,  
Robie Cornell, Kailee Weller
- 26 Allison Heard, James Pastula, Willie Quinn,  
Jamie Seely
- 27 Patrick Wolfgang
- 29 Jon Diaz, Ken Phillips
- 30 Cecil Tudor

### July Anniversaries

- 1 James and Viva Henley
- 2 Roland and Lucille Wood
- 3 Jim and Kathy Burch
- 14 John and Sherrill Adkins,  
Steven and Gloria Johnson
- 17 Cory and Kate Kelsey
- 19 Art and Marnie Layne
- 23 Dick and Margaret Kline
- 28 Dean and Cathie Kieborz
- 30 Chuck and Stacy Milhoan  
Frank and Carol Clark



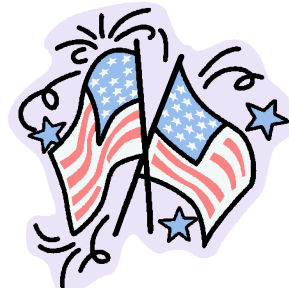
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- 1 Gary and Mary Kathryn Brooks
- 4 David and Robin Wright
- 5 Kevin and Nancy Ross
- 21 Ken and Linda Phillips
- 30 Colin and Vickie Smith

**Newsletter articles for the September issue of The Preparer  
must be submitted no later than 12 Noon Sunday, August 14th!**

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### *Fourth of July*



***Celebrate our United States!***

**Still Learning at 96** Ruby has a zeal for learning – a legacy from her grandmother who, with wisdom yet no formal education, took books with her while she worked as a midwife. Catching a minute here and there, she graduated from high school along with her grandson. It is no surprise that at the age of 96, Ruby is eager to learn computer skills.

Duet paired Louis Webb, a volunteer from Tanner A.M.E. Church, with Ruby. Louis grocery shops for Ruby, and recently began teaching her how to use a computer provided by Duet. He is impressed with her rapid progress. They both are delighted with their partnership. “Having someone like Louis eases the pain, takes away the worries of growing old,” Ruby muses. “And, the computer provides new interest. It’s just wonderful!”

We are part of Duet’s interfaith partnership. Our members may request free-of-charge service. We may also volunteer; over 90 people waiting for help! Come to a volunteer orientation on Saturday, July 16 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at Church of the Beatitudes, 555 W. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, 86021, or Saturday, August 13, 9 – 11:30 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 6300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, 85012. Call 602-274-5022 or visit [duetaz.org](http://duetaz.org) to register. Thank you.



A reminder that all meetings, events, parties, book studies, etc. need to be scheduled through the office. There is a central calendar with all events, which enables rooms to be assigned according to need and size of groups. If you aren't on the calendar, you run the risk of the room (you think) you have being given to another group.

### Prayer List

Because of the number of names on our prayer list, it is necessary to change it to an eight-week cycle. The name of each individual will be included in the Prayers of the People, the bulletin listing, and our website for four Sundays. The names will continue to be posted on the website for four additional Sundays, but will not be included in the spoken prayers or listed in the bulletin during those weeks. As always, we love to receive updates on recovery and healing. These can be included in our prayers of thanksgiving.

The full list of first names, along with the name of the person who requested prayer, will be available in the Parish Hall during July & August. If you would like to resubmit a prayer request, the forms are in the Parish Hall and can be left on the office door.

At the beginning of September, any names that have not been resubmitted will be removed from the list.



If you have any questions, please call me in the office. 623.582.5449  
*Marnie*

### Summer Health and Safety Tips

#### Heat Related Illnesses



\* Overexposure to the sun can lead to higher rates of skin cancers later in life. Use sunscreens and reapply often based upon manufacturer's recommendation, particularly as it pertains to swimming.

\* Summer temperatures can cause heat stress, exhaustion, or stroke. When exercising, be sure to maintain proper hydration by consuming water. Avoid using alcohol-based drinks.

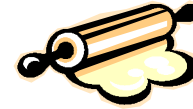
\* Temperatures inside automobiles can quickly exceed 130 degrees. Children and pets can be quickly overcome in just a few minutes.

#### Food Protection

\* With the increasing heat of the summer months, bacterial growth in food can be rapid. Keep all perishable foods either hot (greater than 140 degrees) or cold (less than 45 degrees)

\* Use flammables designed to light charcoal properly. The use of other materials such as gasoline is a severe safety hazard.

\* Proper hand washing before handling foods as well as care in avoiding re-contaminating properly prepared foods is essential.



### St. John's Recipe Corner...

Take a trip down memory lane with this easy, cool and refreshing dessert for your next BBQ or picnic! Now you can create some memories!

### STRAWBERRY PRETZEL DESSERT

Yield: 24 to 36 servings, depending on cut size

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups crushed thin pretzel sticks (see Notes)
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks or 12 Tablespoons) butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 package (6 ounce) strawberry flavor gelatin
- 8 ounces (1 large block) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup whipped topping (see Notes)
- 2 heaping cups sliced strawberries, fresh or frozen

Preparation: Preheat oven to 400 F.

Finely crush pretzels with a rolling pin or **food processor**. Combine crushed pretzels with 3 tablespoons sugar and butter. With a spatula, press pretzel mixture into the bottom of a 9 x 13-inch baking pan to form a crust. Bake 6 to 10 minutes until lightly browned. Cool completely.

Pour 2 cups boiling water over strawberry **gelatin**. Stir until melted and let cool to room temperature.

Beat **cream cheese**, 1 cup sugar, and whipped topping until combined. Spread evenly over cooled crust.

Add **strawberries** to cooled gelatin and let thicken slightly. Spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into squares to serve.

**Notes:** As for the pretzels, select thin pretzel sticks. A 9-ounce package is plenty for the pie

shell. Real whipped cream may be used, of course, but Cool Whip and prepared Dream Whip work equally as well and are not quite as rich and heavy.



**Contentment makes poor men rich. Discontent makes rich men poor.**

*--Benjamin Franklin*

The other day I was feeling off center, and so I took a walk around the block to lift my spirits. As I passed one of the neighbor's homes, I spotted a luxury car and began to imagine my pleasure at owning and driving such a vehicle. Suddenly, a still small voice whispered from within, "You can't fill a spiritual void with a physical object. Because you are a spiritual being living in a material world, your deeper needs for love and connectedness can never be satisfied in purely material terms."

And yet we climb the ladder of material success only to discover that it is leaning against the wrong wall. It is clear that human beings need a certain amount of food, clothing, shelter, and comfort to meet their physical needs. But anything beyond that is not truly essential for inner contentment. As the philosopher Marcus Aurelius said, "Very little is needed to make a happy life."

In Scripture we read, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Ask yourself, "What are my spiritual and emotional needs, and what steps am I taking to address them?" As you begin to feed and nourish yourself with spiritual food, your soul's hunger will be filled. There is no deeper satisfaction than this.