



Saguaro CHRISTIAN

A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

Spirit

Celebrating 50 years 1961-2011

Monthly Newsletter of Saguaro Christian Church | *October 2011*

Mark Your Calendar

- 10.21**
Jubilee concert
- 10.22**
Arts & Crafts Fair and
Family Festival
- 10.23**
Progressive Worship
Banquet Lunch
- 10.29**
Chi Rho & CYF Retreats
- 10.31**
Trunk-or-Treat

50th Anniversary Jubilee *October 21-23*

Celebrating 50 years of ministry!

We hope that you are planning on joining us for our 50th Jubilee events this October. Here is a little more information about all the events!

Friday, October 21

The Jubilee Concert will be held in our Sanctuary and will feature *Come Thirsty*. This Family event will begin at 7pm. A love offering will be taken up, but tickets are free. Seating is limited, so reserve your tickets in the church office or pick them up on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Hope to see you there.

Saturday, October 22

Will mark the first annual Arts & Crafts Fair and Family Festival with games, food and fun for the whole family. Come join us from 9am - 3pm. Get ready for the holiday season and purchase gifts at this great event as you look at all the local artisans that will feature their works here. Make sure you come out for the great food too! Join us all day or just for a bit. See you there.



Trunk-or-Treat October 31st

It is just around the corner! Last year we had more than 250 join us for a safe Halloween evening. We need you to sign up to bring and decorate your trunk and we of course need candy!

This is a great time to spend in fellowship with other church members as well as our community. Kids and Parents in our neighborhood have begun to look forward to this annual event. We would love to have as many of you as possible decorate your trunks and come hand out candy. If you aren't able to set up a trunk we can still use donations of candy. We will also need volunteers to help set up, make popcorn and sell hotdogs. We welcome any friendly trunks so bring your friends along! Candy donations may be left in the church office. If you are able to do any of these or if you have any questions give Laurie Cleveland a call in the office 296-5901 or Keith Koster 990-9684

50th Anniversary Jubilee ...

Sunday, October 23

Worship

Join us for our progressive worship services! Come to all three or to just one! Communion will be served at each of our services.

8:00am **Give me that ole time religion**

Join us at Steele School, our first home, for this old style worship as we reflect on our first years in ministry.

Rev. Bill Dunbar Preaching

9:30am **Contemporary/Emergent**

Gather with us in the Fellowship Hall as we remember the next two decades of ministry. This contemporary worship will remind us of the great transition we made not too many years ago.

Rev. Deb Morgan Preaching

11:00am **Traditional**

Finally we end our progressive worship in our new Sanctuary as we celebrate our recent years in ministry at Saguaro.

Rev. Dr. Denny Williams Preaching

Banquet

Finally we will end our celebration with our banquet lunch and celebration. After our final worship service we will gather under the big white tent for a wonderful meal catered by El Parador and a wonderful celebration program. To get your tickets stop by the 50th table in the narthex. Tickets are on sale now for \$10; kids under 8 eat free but must get a ticket)



**Not Your Mother's
Rummage Sale!**
November 19

benefiting the
Youth Camp Fund



For many years camp has been an important part of the faith life and development of our youth grades 3-12. Last year we sent more than 30 to our church camp and we hope to be able to send even more this year. To help our youth get to camp this year, they will be participating in a fall fundraiser, the annual rummage sale, but as always we need your help.

We need your rummage...

Please bring your items any time until November 13. you can bring them to the church during regular office hours. If you would like to schedule a pick up, please call the church office and ask for Ann. Pick-up will happen on November 13th only. This will be available for those in a 10 mile radius and a \$10 pick up fee will be applied. We appreciate all the rummage that has come in and hope you keep it coming!

We need your help...

Anyone and everyone interested in helping in the rummage sale is invited! Please contact Patrick or Susan Keenan at 342-9427 or az_keenans@msn.com. The youth will be setting up Friday evening and getting an early start Saturday. The more the merrier!

We need you to spread the word...

We will be doing lots of advertising, but we need your help to get the word out about the date and more. Please let all your friends and neighbors know that the rummage sale is coming!

We need you to SHOP!

Like the comic says, just because you give doesn't mean you can't shop! That's right, we will have treasures of all kinds, so make plans to come and shop on the 19th.

Prayers of Our Congregation

Benny & Barbara Miranda
Clayton & Doris Gooden
Dale & Elda Carver
Bob & Verna Frank
Bob Purvis
Mary Lou Low

**The family of Al Crobbe
in his passing.**

Attendance

	<u>August</u>		
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
7th	26	67	80
14th	18	52	83
21st	35	60	102
28th	21	49	76

Financials

	<u>August</u>	
	<u>Aug '11</u>	<u>2011 (YTD)</u>
Income	27,485	235,160
Expenses	<u>32,193</u>	<u>238,923</u>
Income/(Loss)	(\$4,708)	(\$3,763)



Sunday, October 9th —Blankets+

Yes the name has changed a little and maybe you remember it as Blanket Sunday but it's still the same great idea. Every October, the Women's Ministry coordinates the collection of gently-used blankets for those in need. Blankets collected stay here in Tucson. Or if you make a donation, the monies are sent to Church World Services where only \$5 buys a blanket! You'll hear more about why it's called Blankets+ during ministry moments on Sunday, October 9th. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex during the month of October or speak to Annette Armstrong.

Adult Sunday School Class

Alex Dely has begun a special Covenant Sunday School Class. It is from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the Saguaro Room. It is on Middle Eastern Cultures. This extension of our studies in this area last year should be especially exciting in light of recent developments in that region!

AND

LOST AND FOUND

Sunday, October 2nd Rev. Jim Logan will begin a series of Biblical studies on the 15th chapter of Luke. There are three parables Jesus uses in response to "...this fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus then tells three parables, one of the lost sheep, second of the lost coin, and finally the two lost sons." Using these stories as background we'll take a look at what we ought to know of the background and upbringing of Jesus and how this is reflected in the parables he tells.

The class begins at 9:30am and will meet in the Saguaro Room, Rm. 1

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls and cards you sent during the recent sickness and death of my mother. You are a generous congregation. Thanks for all you do.

June Moore

Thanks so much for your love, your support, and all your prayers during my Mom's illness and death.

She is safely home in the arms of Jesus! (and we miss her much!)

We felt your prayers!

Blessings!

Janalee Hughes

October 2011

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						<p>1 8am Property Work Day 9:30am DWM meeting 9:30am Worship Meeting 5:30pm Congregational Chat @ Lois Crump's home</p>
<p>2 Immunization Clinic 5pm Youth Groups</p>	<p>3 10:30am Quilters 7pm Faith Based Recovery</p>	<p>4 7pm Congregational Chat in the Saguaro Room</p>	<p>5 10am SICP Chapel 5:30pm Saguaro Ringers 5:30pm Congregational Chats Rm. 2 7pm Sanctuary Choir 7pm Stephen Ministry 8pm Shelter</p>	<p>6 10am Congregational Chat @ Starbucks 3pm 50th Anniversary Jubilee Committee 6pm Magic Light Film Festival</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9am Elders 10am Youth Council Meeting</p>
<p>9 DWM Blanket Sunday Stephen Ministers in Chapel 4pm Primavera Breakfast Group</p>	<p>10 4:30am Primavera Breakfast 6pm Book Club 7pm Faith Based Recovery</p>	<p>11 6:45pm God Girls</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 1pm Deborah Women's Group 7pm Parent to Parent</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:30am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>16 4pm Primavera Breakfast Group 5pm Youth Groups</p>	<p>17 4:30pm Primavera Breakfast 10:30am Quilters 7pm Faith Based Recovery</p>	<p>18 6pm Finance 7pm Ministry Council</p>	<p>19 9:30am Lydia Women's Group 12pm Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>20 6pm Magic Light Film Festival 7pm Rebecca Women's Group</p>	<p>21 50th Anniversary Jubilee Weekend 7pm Jubilee Concert</p>	<p>22 9am Family Festival and Craft Fair</p>
<p>23 Jubilee Worship Times 8am, 9:30am & 11am 12:15pm Banquet Retreat forms due</p>	<p>24 7pm Faith Based Recovery</p>	<p>25 6:30pm Long Range Planning Committee 6:45pm God Girls</p>	<p>26 9:30am Newsletter Assembly</p>	<p>27 Prime Timers trip to Tohono Chul Park</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Chi Rho and CYF Fall Retreats</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31 6pm Trunk or Treat 7pm Faith Based Recovery</p>					

October Birthdays

1st	Brent Williams	8th	Bill Peacock	19th	Shantal Ruiz	29th	Jared Faulkner-
2nd	Susan Hicks	11th	Rosie Sager	20th	Darcy Kurtzweg		Gentner
	Leon Moore	12th	Phil Dew	23rd	Barbara Miranda	30th	Scott Steehler
4th	Audrey Gusick		Gayle Lazzaroni	26th	David Swindle	31st	Jill Haney
	Patrick Vickroy	16th	Helen Ellis	28th	Bill Estes		Maxine Hunt
6th	Alex Swindle		Michael Garard		Ray Freeman		

Serving Schedule

Elders Serving at Communion Table

8:15 service: Fredda Cox
 9:30 service: Parker Dunbar
 10:45 service: Kathy Lindsay & Frank Presson

Communion Preparer

Judy Dunn

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

Elders (Lead)

10/2 Susan Keenan
 10/9 Nycee Randall
 10/16 Cece Terry
 10/23 David Thompson
 10/30 Dorothy Walters

Reserve Elder

Nycee Randall
 Cece Terry
 David Thompson
 Dorothy Walters
 Nycee Randall

Deacon

Tyler Connel
 JoJo Dunbar
 Trish Krebs
 Elizabeth Jordan
 Mary Elizabeth Pollard

Deacons (*Coordinator)

First Service

Merle Jensen
 Sharon Jensen

Second Service

Bobbie Butler
 Michelle Gusick

Third Service

KC Estes, Adrienne Crump,
 Gordon Chaidez, Jonathan Pepple

Scripture Readers

First Service

10/2 Jim Logan
 10/9 Pamela Lopez
 10/16 Pat Sutton
 10/23 Ken Sutton
 10/30 Tim Bacchus

Second Service

Parker Dunbar
 Michelle Gusick
 Keith Koster
 Sharon Steehler
 Bobbie Butler

Third Service

Karen Powell
 Frank Presson
 Gary Roberts
 Jon Rodgers
 Marjorie Boal

Ushers

8:15: Jim Logan
 Bonnie Logan
 9:30: Bobbie Butler
 10:45: Arlie & Shirley Heald
 Dick Wilkins

Children's Moment Leaders

10/2 Kathy Lindsay
 10/9 Gwen Elbert
 10/16 Cece Terry
 10/23 Bill Dunbar
 10/30 Shirley Heald

Flowers

10/16 Rachel Long and Emily McKinney in memory of Randy Long
 10/23 Rachel Long and Emily McKinney in memory of Randy Long's Birthday

Youth Retreats!

They're here! Our Chi-Rho and CYF retreats will be October 29 & 30th. Chi-Rho will take place at Desert Dove Christian Church and begin Saturday morning at 10:30am. CYF will be held right here at Saguaro Christian Church and begin at 10am. All registration forms are due to the church office no later than October 23rd. Please put them in the registration box in the hallway. If you have questions, contact Terry Bagwell for more information. The CCF retreat will be the following weekend, November 5 & 6th at Capilla del Sol Christian Church. Forms will be Due Sunday, October 30th to the church office. We hope that all 3-12 graders will participate in these regional retreats!

CYF (9-12grades)

October 29&30

Chi-Rho (6-8grades)

October 29&30

CCF (3-5grades)

November 5&6

Stewardship Journey 2012

Join us this October and November as we journey together. Our Stewardship Journey, Saints Alive! - Living Together, is about to begin. Over the next few weeks we will journey through stewardship as we share in stories and scripture with one another. Story sharing is very important to our stewardship journey this year. There will be many ways to read and express your stories over the next 6 weeks. First you will be receiving stories in our mailings and the bulletins. Additionally, we will continue our story sharing with members of our congregation in each service. Finally, in the sanctuary you will find the wall of giving hands.

On the north wall in our Sanctuary you will find blue hands and pens. With these hands we will truly celebrate the Saints of the past, present and future. We encourage you to visit this wall each week. On the table by the wall, you will see the hands. You can write a little bit about your story and put it on the poster board on the wall. We hope that you will not only stop each week to read the hands of the congregation, but also fill out a hand or two each week so we can see how our hands reach out into the community in ministry.

Soon, you will be getting your Every Member Ministry booklet and volunteer form in the mail. On November 6th join us under the Ramada for our Ministry Fair. Here you will be able to speak to all the Ministry Chairs and some volunteers about the opportunities in each ministry. Bring your Every Member Ministry book along with you that Sundays to you can ask questions and find out more about all the ways to volunteer here at Saguaro.

Our Stewardship Journey will culminate with our Celebration Sunday on November 20th, a ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, followed by our Annual Meeting and Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us this Fall as we journey together with the Saints Alive! - Living Together through our stewardship season.

A From Our Pastor

It is football season again and almost nothing makes me happier! I am particularly excited this year as there are so many rookie starters. It promises to be a very exciting season of new life, transitions and history. In this opening weekend it has been a pleasure to watch the way the teams have woven together the rookies and the veterans.

Some of the great teams have struggled, some of the up and coming teams have succeeded. I am most excited to see how the teams move forward to be successful while finding the ways to combine tradition and all the new ideas that come with new recruits. I can't wait to see how everything unfolds.

What a busy Fall it has been for us here at Saguario! In just a few weeks, we are going to be celebrating our 50th year of ministry in this community. Wow, how time flies.

While we celebrate our past 50 years in ministry it could become easy to look back to the way things used to be, to the good old glory days.

As we prepare for our Jubilee Anniversary it would be easy for us to get caught up in all the things that we have done. The ministries that we have created, participated in, or shared with our community. It would be easy to get caught up in the good old glory days.

My hope is that as we celebrate these past 50 years, we remember all the ministries and people who have gone before us, and that we have the foresight to use all this history as a firm foundation to cast a vision of ministry for the next 50 years.

So get excited! Get ready to celebrate. There are so many things to rejoice in as we remember our first 50 years of ministry, and there is so much life surrounding the church right now.

Let us allow these first 50 years to shine a light onto the path for the next 50. See you at the Jubilee Celebrations!

I hope that each one of you will find the ways to join us Jubilee weekend to remember all the ways Saguario has been doing ministry in the community. I hope that in the next few weeks as we get closer to the event you will take the time to share a memory of your time at Saguario. You can place them in the box or email them to me at heather@saguarochristian.org. Your memory might be best stated in a picture. You can also turn in pictures to the box or email them.

Each week in the Narthex you will see a 50th table with the tickets for the Banquet Lunch and Jubilee Concert. Please stop by and get your tickets today.

Peace
Heather

Youth Groups - Have Begun!

It is that time of year again. September 11 marked the open house of the youth rooms and kick-off of Sunday School. September 18 marks the return of our regular Youth Group meetings. Every first and third Sunday evening from 5-7pm the youth will meet.

Sunday evening youth groups are for those children and youth currently in grades 3-12. We start off all together in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, games and music. All youth are

asked to bring \$2 donation for dinner. After singing, the groups split up into CCF, Chi-Rho and CYF groups.

In those groups, we have discussion and faith development. We hope you will come out and join us for these great fellowship and learning events. A youth page is being added to our web page, so you will be able to open it up and online see the schedule for all youth events.



Calling all Media Minded People!

Are you interested in learning more about the media in worship? We are in need of a couple people for first and second service to help out with Media and AV things. You don't need to have any experience, just a desire to want to learn and help with our worship services. There will be training for all persons interested. If you think you might be interested, please contact the media ministry at media@saguarochristian.org.

BIG THANKS TO OUR CURRENT MEDIA TEAM: Mary Gregory, Frank Terry, Parker Dunbar, Mike Lindsay, Cody Roadman, JR Tolleson, Bryan Lott, and Pam Pioche.

Annual Tucson Walk to eliminate Hunger, the CROP Walk

**This event will take place in the afternoon of Sunday,
November 13th**

We would like to let you know that Saguaro Christian Church will be participating in the Annual Church World Service, Walk to Eliminate Hunger. The Tucson CROP Walk will take place on Sunday afternoon November 13th at 1:30 PM. It will be at Reid Park again, with the starting point from Ramada 14, which is near the Rose Garden.

Last year Saguaro Christian raised over \$1,100, while the total from all Tucson Churches participating was \$20,000. We hope to beat our last year's total, and have more walkers get involved in this worthy cause. By the way, it is a dog friendly event, so Fido can raise money and walk with you. We would like to have our youth involved and challenge other Tucson Disciple Church youth groups to a friendly challenge to see who can have the most walkers/donations. It is a good way to meet and interact with other Christians concerned with the needs of people in need of Daily Bread.

Registration and patron sign up sheets will be available in the Ramada after Church Services through October and early November. Please consider joining us in this year's Walk. You can check out the Website www.cropwalk.org for more information and to solicit on line donations from friends and family who live out of town. Mike and Gwen Elbert, will be our Walk Chairpersons, and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Our youth groups will also be participating in CROP with the other AZDOC youth groups! Please see Terry Bagwell for more information.



Planting Seeds of Hope

If you had to start your back to school essay on what you did this summer, what would you write about? On of the things that I did (which you will know if you use Facebook) was to take two weeks of vacation time to remodel our home kitchen. Then I used the next two weeks of evenings and weekends to finish the job! Since the kitchen had not had any major improvements since the house was built in 1962, this project was long overdue.

It took me only a day and a half to completely gut the room, including removing a good portion of drywall where I would be making wiring changes to add outlets above the new countertops. Then, I spent the next three and a half weeks fixing things and putting a new kitchen back together. Though I did most of the project myself, several people stopped by to offer advise and expertise when I got stuck, which I appreciated and it helped me to finish (special thanks to Paul, Charlie and Stu for their assistance).

By my rough calculations, for every one hour of demolition that I did at the beginning of the project, I spent ten hours putting things back together. That's quite a ratio, and I think that it is one that applies to more than just my remodeling abilities. It's a reminder that whether we are talking about construction, relationships, political discourse, working for justice, or a host of other topics, what we can tear apart in a very short time takes ten times as much (or more) work to bring healing and restoration.

I was thinking of this ratio because the next two Sundays we will be getting information about giving to our denominations **Reconciliation offering, Planting Seeds of Hope**. This special offering supports programs that focus on healing and overcoming racism in our church and society. It's tempting to think that racism is something from the past, but a host of statistics, such as poverty rates and education levels, tell us that it is still with us. And in these post 9/11 times, we use skin color to make judgments about people without even realizing it.

I hope that you will be able to plant some seeds of hope by making a donation to the Reconciliation offering.

Glad to be ministering with you,
Bill

PS – Check my Facebook profile William Dunbar to see pictures of the kitchen!

Gallery for A Day

Sign up sheet is under the Ramada for artists to sign up to share Fine Arts* November 13, 2011.

*Painters, Photographers, Sculptors and people who work with Fibers, Ink, Colored Pencils and other creative materials.

Disciples Women's Ministry Creative Card Making

September 24, 2011 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Conference Room. Come learn how to make a special Thanksgiving card & Thinking of You cards. We will be making cards for personal use as well as cards we use to send to our homebound members. Hope to see you all!

Baby Shower

Save the date: Sat. Nov. 5th at 3pm

"Baby on the Go"

Shower for Pastor Heather .

She is registered at

"Babies R Us"

and

"A2Z Babies and Beyond"

Women's Fellowship is hosting this event
and more details will be coming soon!

FEATURED members

Each month we will feature new members and reintroduce longstanding members of our congregation. Take time each month to meet these old and new members of our community!

Richard & Mary Dorion

2121 S. Pantano Rd. #399
Tucson, AZ 85710
520-591-3419

Richard and Mary joined with us just about a month ago. They came to Saguaro Christian Church from Pantano Baptist Church. Richard has been in Tucson for more than 50 years while Mary has been here for only about five years. Richard came to the area from Michigan and Mary from Rhode Island.

They are very excited about ministry here at Saguaro. They love the Adult Sunday School and the Library. Both Mary and Richard are avid readers. Mary hopes to one day be involved in the youth programs here at Saguaro. They do love to volunteer, so look to see more of them around the church as things in their life begin to slow down again!

In reflection Mary was saying they truly believe that God is around them directing traffic in every part of their lives, from their meeting to their getting up in the morning. God is everywhere. This is one reason why she so dearly loves the hymn, "This is the Day."

Please join us in celebrating these two new members as we continue to welcome them into this community we call home.

Pam Pioche & Charlie Ryan

P.O. Box 2586
Tucson, AZ 85702
520-390-8070

Although Pam and Charlie are not our newest members, they are new member to the Saguaro Community. They joined with Saguaro about 1 1/2 years ago! So here is to a little belated welcome!

You will find Pam and Charlie in 2nd service for worship on Sundays. Pam came to us from Desert Dove Christian Church and Charlie from a Catholic background. Their favorite ministry events so far at Saguaro have been the Easter Sunrise Service at Saguaro National Park and the e-Project small groups. Pam also really enjoys Women's Ministry, Vacation Bible School and the Sunday music!

When they are not around Saguaro you will find they up in Fountain Hills or maybe at their favorite restaurant, IHOP! Charlie is working hard on his property in Fountain Hills hoping to sell it soon.

If you haven't had a chance to welcome or get to know Pam and Charlie, we hope that you will take this opportunity to say hello.

8302 E Broadway
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Our Mission Statement

Christ has called Saguaro Christian Church to build a home to serve God and all people through growth and healing in ourselves and the community beyond our front doors.

For Your Information

Worship Services:

Sunday: 8:15AM 9:30AM 10:45AM

E-mail: info@saguarochristian.org

Phone: 520-296-5901

Fax: 520-298-0168

Web Page: saguarochristian.org

Online calendar:

saguarochristian.org/upcoming-events

Our Staff

Senior Minister	Rev. Bill Dunbar
Minister of Community Life	Rev. Heather Tolleson
Seminarian Resident	Rev. Kevin Prahar
Director of Music	Jeff Myrmo
Accompanist	Keith Koster
Financial Manager	Laurie Colburn
SICP Director	Tanima Lawrence
Office Manager	Laurie Cleveland
Custodians	Brian Rudigier
	Tyler Connel
Nursery Attendant	Barbara Sager

October

Sermons, Scriptures & Ministry Moments

October 2

Ministry Moment:

World Communion Sunday

Rev. Kevin Prahar
Reconciliation Offering

October 9

Ministry Moment:

“Shaped for Generous Giving”

Rev. Bill Dunbar
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
Stewardship Story - Judy Dunn
Blanket Sunday—DWM

October 16

Ministry Moment:

“Giving a Living Sacrifice”

Rev. Bill Dunbar
Scripture: Romans 12:1-8
Stewardship Story - Alex Dely

October 23

October 30

Ministry Moment:

50th Anniversary Jubilee

Rev. Bill Dunbar
Scripture: Romans 15: 25-27
Stewardship Story - Youth