ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck today, stay and have lunch in the gym.

Welcome to 2025!
The evening of January 19th we will have a baptism service
Church Camp June 16th - 20th
Men's Retreat March 27, 28, 29th
More to come!

Here are some interesting facts about the Bible:

The Bible was written by more than 40 authors over a period of more than 1,500 years. It was was written in three languages and on three continents. The Bible is about 611,000 words long and contains at least 185 songs, with about 150 of them in the book of Psalms. Also, only 93 women speak in the Bible.

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sunday</u>

Prayer at 9:00am Sunday School at 9:30 - 10:15am *Snack & Drink Intermission Worship at 10:30am Children's Church at 11:15am Sermon at 11:15am - 12:00pm Prayer Meeting at 5:00 - 6:00pm Youth Group at 5:00 - 6:00pm

<u>Wednesday</u>

Prayer at 6:30pm Bible study at 7:00 - 8:00pm

<u>Friday</u>

Lady's Meeting at 9:30 - 11:30am

Weekly Prayer

Prayer meeting held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening 4:30 - 5:30pm

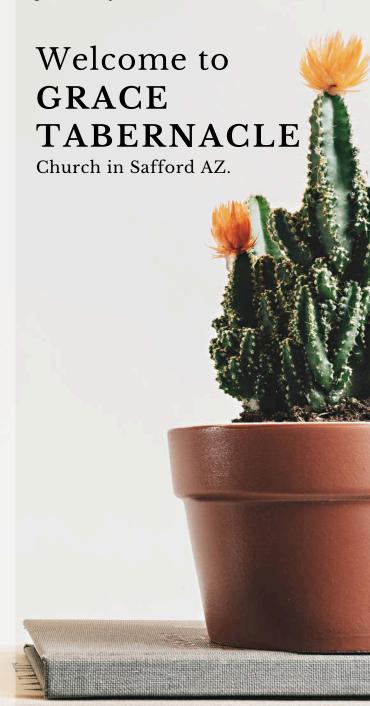
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January 5, 2025



BUILDING WHAT LASTS

They said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, . . . so that we may make a name for ourselves." Genesis 11:4

When I was a young boy in Ohio, we lived near several construction sites. Inspired by them, my friends and I gathered leftover scraps to build a fort. Borrowing tools from our parents, we hauled wood and spent days trying to make our material serve our purposes. It was fun, but our attempts were poor reflections of the well-constructed buildings around us. They didn't last long.

In Genesis 11, we encounter a major building construction project. "Let us build ourselves a city," said the people, "with a tower that reaches to the heavens" (v. 4). A big problem with this effort was that the people did it to "make a name for ourselves" (v. 4).

This has been a recurring issue for humans; we build monuments to ourselves and our achievements. Later in the biblical narrative, this story is contrasted with Solomon's motivation for building God's temple: "I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the Lord my God" (1 Kings 5:5).

Solomon understood that what he built needed to point to God and not himself. This was such an important lesson that he even wrote a psalm about it. Psalm 127 opens with "unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain" (v. 1). Like my childhood fort-building, what we build will not last, but God's name and what we do for Him has lasting significance.



"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Isaiah 26:3

SERMON NOTES

WE BELIEVE

In one God eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 14:10,16,18,26)

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. (John 3:16, Matt. 1:20)

Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead: He ascended into heaven, lives today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor, and is coming again to receive unto Himself those who are looking for him. (Acts 4:10, Heb. 1:3; 7:25; 9:28)

All men are sinners by nature and practice. (Romans 3:23, 5:19)

All who believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins and was resurrected from the dead, when they repent and confess with their mouth Jesus as Savior, are born into God's family as sons of God.

(Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9-10)

In being filled with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

(Acts 2:4; 10:45-46)

In the exercise of the gifts of the spirit that all may be edified.

(1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:12)

In observing the ordinances of water baptism by immersion, the Lord's supper, and men having their heads uncovered and women having their heads covered when praying or prophesying.

(Acts 16:33; Matthew 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1-26)

In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the believer, and eternal punishment for the unbeliever.

(John 5:28)