



The Lakeview Beacon

we're so glad you're here!

STAGES OF FAITH

GENESIS 12:1-6

Primal



Pastor Brandon
Lead Pastor

Genesis 12:1-6 marks a pivotal turning point in biblical history as God initiates His covenant relationship with Abraham. Written by Moses as part of the foundational narrative of Israel's origins, this passage records God's sovereign choice to call one man out of a pagan world to become the father of many nations. Here was a man who was middle-aged, settled, prosperous, aristocratic, and probably pagan (although it is possible that among the gods he revered there was a remembrance of the ancestral God Yahweh). Then suddenly the word of the Lord came to him, although it is not known exactly how. He obeyed the word, turned his back on the old ways, and obediently left Ur to follow God's command. God calls Abraham to be a blessing to "all the families of the earth" and shapes the future of his family by numerous promises.

Understanding God's Call

How can I know God's call on my life? What is my next step? We can learn a great deal about God's call as we consider Abraham's call. Abraham is a central figure in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the book of Genesis, his life spans twelve chapters. He is called a friend of God three times in the Bible (2 Chron 20:7; Isa 41:8; James 2:23), and he is referred to four times in the New Testament (Romans, Galatians, Hebrews, and James). He is called the father of all those who believe (Gal 3:7), and he is considered the founder of three religions: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.



[Read More Here](#)

The 8:00am Service

Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Hymn Sing
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn - *What Gift Can We Bring* - #87
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Into My Heart* - #2160
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Special Music - *I know whom I have believed* - Juan Hernandez
- Scripture Reading - *Genesis 12:1-6* - Lori Keaney
- Offering
- Hymn Preparation - *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* - #2004
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* - #103
- Announcements
- Benediction & Response - *Into My Heart* - #2160
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week;

Tamara Anaya, Mark Carnicle, Rosemary Copet, Caryl Jo Dagro, Landon Grote, Merry Lassa & family, B J Martin, John McConaghy, Sally Newell, Patti Thompson, Bonnie Russell, Dorothy VanBochove, Willi Wheeler

SHARE YOUR HEART: SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings. If you or someone you know is in need of support, we invite you to share your prayer request with us. Whether it's for guidance, healing, or thanksgiving, your request will be held in love and lifted up in prayer by our community. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

CRAFTERS IN ACTION: WHERE CREATIVITY COMES ALIVE!

Ready to unleash your inner artist? Our beloved Crafters in Action are calling all creative souls to join their inspiring community!

🎨 WHEN & WHERE

Monday, August 18th at 9:30 AM
Fellowship Hall (where the magic happens!)

🌟 WHAT AWAITS YOU

Dive into a world of shared creativity where every stitch, brushstroke, and brilliant idea brings our community closer together. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just discovering your artistic spark, this is YOUR moment to shine!

🌟 WHY JOIN?

- Connect with fellow creators who share your passion
- Learn new techniques and discover hidden talents
- Share your unique gifts while being inspired by others
- Create beautiful pieces that spread joy throughout our church family

No experience necessary – just bring your enthusiasm and open heart! Our crafters are masters at turning beginners into confident creators.

Don't let this opportunity slip through your fingers! Come be part of something beautiful. Your creative journey starts here!

Questions? Contact the church office or simply show up ready to craft, laugh, and make new friends!



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Lakeview Wrappers - 8:00 a.m. - Smoot Hall

Crafters in Action - 9:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Finance Committee - 1:00 p.m. - Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Amazing Gray's Summer Lunch - 11:30 a.m. - Smoot Hall

Games - 12:30 p.m. - Smoot Hall

GriefShare Group - 12:30 p.m. - Conference Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Thursday Bible Study - 3:30 p.m. - Conference Room

TNT Dinner - 5:00 p.m. - Smoot Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

No events scheduled

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Worship Service - 8:00 a.m. - Chapel / Online

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m. - Worship Center / Online

Fellowship Hour - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. - Smoot Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON MENU

Wednesday, August 20 - Pastor Stuart & Team - Surprise Entrée · Salad · Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on August 18th.

[MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS HERE](#)

THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER MENU

Thursday, August 21 - Braised Pork, Rice, Mixed Greens, Cornbread, Salad Bar, Dessert. Sign up online, between services or call the Church office before 4:00 PM on August 19th

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AZ WALK TO EMMAUS GATHERING:

A NIGHT OF SACRED CONNECTION

Experience the transformative power of community worship!

Join fellow believers for an unforgettable evening that will refresh your spirit and strengthen your faith journey.

📍 WHERE THE HEART FINDS HOME

Dove of the Desert UMC
7201 W. Beardsley Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308

📅 WHEN HEAVEN MEETS EARTH

- Friday Night, August 22nd
- 6:30 PM – Fellowship (Come early for warm connections!)
- 7:00 PM – Worship Service begins

🌟 AN EVENING FILLED WITH...

- 🎵 Uplifting Praise Music that will stir your soul
- 💬 Inspiring Message to encourage your walk with Christ
- 🍷 Holy Communion – sharing in Christ's love together
- 🤝 Meaningful Fellowship with brothers and sisters in faith

❤️ ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whether you're a seasoned Emmaus community member or curious about this beautiful ministry, your presence will enrich our gathering. Come as you are – God has a place prepared just for you!

This isn't just another church service – it's a divine appointment where lives are changed and hearts are renewed.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of something extraordinary. Your faith community is waiting for you! Questions or need directions? Contact Nancy Oyler



The Lakeview Cookbook

GRINDER PASTA SALAD

It's always pasta salad season! And while I do like a good pasta salad, I shy away from the goopy varieties you find at the grocery store. I've recently been experimenting with a pasta salad recipe that is jam-packed with add-ins and flavors —much more my style.

[Get the recipe here](#)



The "Ask it Basket"

Submit Your Questions: Then join Us for Answers: at 10:45am each Sunday our pastors will gather for authentic conversation addressing your submitted questions during a live-streamed Fireside Chat

[Submit Your Question Now](#)

Serving Our Neighbors:

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

Our community has countless opportunities to live out Christ's call to serve others, and one of the most immediate ways we can make a difference is by supporting the Valley View Food Bank. Right now, they're facing particular shortages of essential items that help families put nutritious meals on their tables.

Current Urgent Needs:

- Soups (canned varieties, especially hearty options)
- Peanut butter (all sizes welcomed)
- Stews (canned beef, chicken, or vegetable)
- Tomato sauces (pasta sauces, tomato sauce, marinara)

These pantry staples form the foundation of countless family meals and provide the protein, nutrients, and comfort that families in our community desperately need.

How You Can Help

Consider picking up an extra item or two during your regular grocery shopping. Even small contributions add up to make a significant impact when our entire church family participates. Food donations can be dropped off at [insert location and times] or brought to Sunday service. Every can of soup, every jar of peanut butter, and every container of sauce represents more than just food—it's a tangible expression of God's love and our community's care for one another. Let's come together to ensure that no family in our area goes without a warm, nourishing meal. Thank you for your generous hearts and continued commitment to serving others.

For more information about Valley View Food Bank or other ways to get involved, contact the church office.

Generosity: Our Response to Grace

Your gifts matter. When you give to Lakeview, you're not just supporting a ministry—you're joining God's transformative work in our community and beyond.

Why Generosity Matters

Our giving reflects our hearts. As recipients of God's boundless generosity, we're invited to participate in His kingdom work through our own generous giving. Every gift—whether large or small—becomes part of something greater than ourselves.

Simple Ways to Give

We've made giving convenient with seamless online options that allow you to participate in ministry impact anytime, anywhere.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Join us in experiencing the joy that comes from stewarding God's resources with open hands and grateful hearts.

[Make a donation here](#)