**In The Good Ol’ Summertime**

It’s time to mark your calendars for summer fun in Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 22, at 5:00. Invite a friend and plan to enjoy pizza, popcorn and a picture show. The evening promises to be a fine remedy to the summer heat.

July and August offer more Summer Fun Nights on the fourth Friday’s of the month. All of the summer dates are:

- **Friday, June 22, 5:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, August 24, 5:00 p.m.**

Activities in July and August will be announced as the time approaches. Whatever the activity, you are certain to enjoy yourselves on the fourth Friday of the summer months at VCC.

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**Ross’s Renew Vows on 60th Anniversary**

Richard and Loretta Ross selected Sunday, June 3, to renew their wedding vows. They were married on June 1, 1952, in Yuma, Arizona. Richard and Loretta were charter members of VCC and have contributed their talents in many ways. Richard has served as Music Director and Treasurer of the church and often provides the piano accompaniment at mid-week services. Loretta served on the Evangelism and Outreach teams. When she was prayer secretary, Loretta was known for writing loving notes of encouragement.

Richard and Loretta have two sons and their wives who live in Tucson as well as seven grown grandchildren and several great grandchildren. They have lived in Sun City since 1993.

Richard’s parents moved to Tucson from Ohio right after Pearl Harbor in 1941. Loretta was also born in Ohio and grew up in Tucson. They met in the band at Tucson High School where Richard played clarinet and Loretta played saxophone. The Ross’s have previously renewed their vows twice—once on their 25th anniversary and another time on an Alaskan cruise. Richard jokingly says that he hopes it takes this time.
I believe the Bible teaches that worship is primarily for God. God does not say in the Bible, *I seek dedicated, educated hard workers*, but rather, *I seek worshippers*. A. W. Tozer once described worship as the missing jewel of the evangelical church.

Worship is an art that must be cultivated continually. It is a major life principle which requires effort on the worshipper’s part. It is not a spiritual fad that comes and goes; it has nothing to do with the salvation of the soul; it releases the power and presence of God in one’s life. Simply stated, it is an all-encompassing response to the great and holy God.

_Duty of the created toward the Creator._

Worship is the supreme duty of the created toward the Creator; it is adoration and honor directed toward a worthy God; it is doing for God what He cannot do for Himself; it is a celebration of God’s majesty and gracious goodness. It is ascribing to God His worth. We were created with a vacuum that can only be filled by the worship of God. Why isn’t this hole automatically filled after we’ve gone to church where we sing about Him, read about Him and present our needs to Him? Perhaps the problem is we haven’t learned to delight in His presence. We like things that we can control, and we must lose that control when we bow before our God. We relinquish ALL to Him.

_Worship service helps us enter His Presence_

Sunday worship service helps us come into His presence by providing a time to quiet our hearts, to reflect, to repent. When worship is expressed correctly, it could result in many physical responses as described in Scripture: kneeling, clapping hands, singing, playing instruments, praying aloud, exchanging prayer requests, dancing, reading God’s Word aloud, joining hands, lifting heads, speaking together, verbalizing praise. Whatever the response, it must always be practiced in the control of the Holy Spirit with acknowledgement of His Presence as we worship Him.

_In Your Presence_

My late wife wrote in a worship chorus, *In your presence, Lord, I come to worship you. In your presence, Lord, I come to say I love You. In Your presence, Lord, I come to worship You, just to say, I love You, Lord, and worship You.* Our minds are a battlefield, so we must bring each thought into obedience to Christ. As we focus on the Lord, we will enjoy His presence while we worship Him.

**Paul Matthews**

Minister of Music
**June Missions**

*Family First* is a Christian organization located in Oracle and Winkelman, AZ. The purpose of *Family First Pregnancy Care Center and Family Diaper Bank, Inc.* is to help mothers, youth and families with education and material assistance such as diapers, formula and infant clothes. They provide education for teens about the risks of being sexually active. The *Earn While You Learn* program provides education on pregnancy and child development, parenting, life skills and Bible study. Participants earn material help as an incentive.

The *Ten for Teens* program was started this year to encourage academic achievement and prevent student dropout. The teens volunteer two hours every week at the center. They sort clothes, create flyers and manage the store.

Over 1200 families in the last year are testimony to the work at *Family First* by the changes in their lives. The *Family Diaper Bank* has given out diapers and incontinent supplies to several agencies as well as to elderly and disabled individuals. This is a service that no other social agency provides.

Donations are always accepted for diapers, formula and infant clothes. Family First also welcomes volunteers. There are many opportunities to be involved. For more information about donating or volunteering, you may contact the office through the website at www.familyfirstpcc.org or call 520-896-9545 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. They are also on Facebook at Facebook/Family First.

Clare Grochocki, Center Director, is available to do presentations to churches, women’s groups and other organizations.

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**The Bookworm**

“Oh, there you are! I’ve been wondering where you got to. It’s been downright lonely here in the library while I meditatively chew — ah, that is — consider the profound implications of the many books on our shelves. The sheer wisdom that I can take into myself (is that a better way of saying it?) beggars imagination. But, the big problem at the moment is loneliness. I really need to share this treasure with you, but I can’t do it if you don’t *cumawn iyn*. I promise—I won’t bite! Your Friend, The Bookworm
When Genenne Sexton joined the church in 2003, the flowers were arranged by an outside service. As prices went up and the number of flowers went down, Genenne offered to do the arranging. She loves flowers and loves working with them.

**The Lord Guides My Hands**

Genenne says, *The Lord guides my hands. Whenever I think the flower selection is limited, that arrangement turns out to be the most beautiful. I know that’s the Lord, and I feel very humbled.* Genenne prays for the people and the occasion as she arranges.

She reports that working with flowers brings to life Matthew 6:29 where Christ says that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as beautifully as the lilies in the field.

Peggy Thurmond responded to Genenne’s request for help at a HeartCall meeting. Peggy began helping with flowers on holidays and Communion Sunday’s. It wasn’t long before she became more involved. Now Peggy and Genenne work together and back each other up to present the beautiful flowers that we enjoy on Sunday mornings.

**Other Activities**

When you arrive on Sunday morning, you are met by Peggy and her husband Warren in their role as greeters. Peggy also serves as the Coordinator of Special Events, and she and Warren buy supplies for the kitchen.

Genenne can be seen playing the piano and singing in the choir. Her husband, Rick, heads the Finance Committee and manages the audio-visual booth.

These two lovely ladies are not only talented, they lovingly and willingly share their talents behind the scenes to add beauty and inspiration to the Sunday services.

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**CLINT SMITH HONORED**

Clint Smith was honored as *Missionary of the Week* by the Women’s Mission Union on May 5. The feature article resulted in 92 cards sent to Clint from readers, a source of true encouragement.

After a successful engineering career, Clint and his wife Carol felt the call to serve churches in various areas including repair, construction, church strengthening and community outreach. As they traveled the state, the Smiths became aware of the need for someone to contact and encourage North American Mission Board missionaries in Arizona. Many of the Mission Service Corps (MSC) missionaries were either unaware of the resources available to them or were in need of encouragement.

**Encouragement Is Needed and Appreciated**

“We felt called upon to become encouragers and strengtheners,” says Clint. Today, he simply calls himself an encourager. As an MSC coordinator for the Arizona Baptist Convention, Clint and Carol work with MSC missionaries in the state. They also work with pastors, congregations and directors of missions to identify new areas of ministry. As you pray today, join the Smiths in praying for committed Christians who will hear and heed the call to serve in Arizona and pray for their safety as they travel the state.