

NEWSLETTER



“Spring”

By Pastor Steve Gibson

This month of February is what I associate with spring in the desert. I usually see some daisies blooming by late January and hitting their peak soon. The sunshine is warm and gearing up for the serious rays of the months that follow. Are you ready for spring?

You may be aware that the valley Adventist churches are hosting a series ‘Hope for the Valley’ with John Bradshaw in the fall at the Mesa Convention Center. Our Desert Cove church will live stream the meetings to our location. To help build momentum for this evangelistic outreach, the It Is Written speaker is here in the valley on the following dates and places.

February 1, 2019

7 p.m.—Mesa Palms SDA 6263 E Thomas Rd. Mesa 85215

February 2, 2019

9 a.m.—Tempe SDA 41 E 13th St. Tempe 85281

11 a.m.—Chandler SDA 1188 W Galveston St. Chandler 85224

2 p.m.—Apache Junction SDA 1650 S Ironwood Dr. AJ 85120

5 p.m.—Mesa Palms SDA 6263 E Thomas Rd. Mesa 85215

Thank you for praying for this event and especially for the hearts of people who will be invited to participate in this series in the fall.

The Bible doesn’t focus primarily on what happens in the springtime, but one passage we would do well to note is Zechariah 10:1, where we are invited to ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. The springtime was the time of the latter rain, the rain that would boost the crops toward harvest.

So this is a season where we can take seriously Scripture’s call to prayer. Spring is the time for the last growth spurt before harvest. If we see harvest as the end of the world, the time when the wheat and the tares are gathered up and this world’s routines are ended, we would do well to ask God for the rain of the Holy Spirit in our lives. That word could also be spelled ‘reign’. We each need the Holy Spirit reigning in our lives as we make decisions and choices. What will occupy our time? What will take our attention this season? Are we due for a thorough spring cleaning? If so, God specializes in such makeovers. His promise in 1 John 1:9 is still sure today. If we confess our sins, He can cleanse us.

God has the amazing ability to clean us up. He only waits for our permission, our request. If we confess...if we want His intervention, He is eager and ready to go to work. Wouldn’t our church family be blessed if we all choose to pray for rain/reign this spring?

Will you?



February 2019 Highlights

Women’s Ministry Meeting

February 2nd after potluck

Gospel Worker Training

February 2nd after potluck

Making Vegan Cheese

February 10th @ noon to 2 p.m.

Elder’s Meeting

February 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Board Meeting

February 14th @ 7 p.m.

Church Social

February 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Adventurer Club Meetings

February 9th @ 2 p.m.

February 16th @ 2 p.m.

Community Service Meeting

February 16th after potluck

Men’s Ministry Breakfast

February 17th @ 8 a.m.

Survival Class

February 17th noon to 2 p.m.

Health Ministry Meeting

February 23rd after potluck

Diabetes Class

February 24th @ noon to 2 – p.m.

Prayer Group & Bible Study

Wednesday’s from 7-8 p.m.

Friday Bible Study

Friday’s at 7 p.m.

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MINISTRY NEWS!

Upcoming Events, Announcements & Inspirational Thoughts

The Miracle Tree

The Moringa is a plant that is native to India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan. The leaves, bark, flowers, fruit, seeds and root are used to make medicine. Some of the medical benefits is that this plant can be used for anemia, arthritis, other joint pain like rheumatism, asthma, cancer, constipation, diabetes, diarrhea, epilepsy, stomach pain, stomach and intestinal ulcers, intestinal spasms, headache, heart problems, high blood pressure, kidney stones, fluid retention, thyroid disorders, and bacterial, fungal, viral, and parasitic infections. It can also be used to reduce swelling, prevent pregnancy, boost the immune system, and increase breast milk production. The Moringa provides a rich source of vitamins, minerals, amino acids, fights free radicals, fights inflammation, helps reduce some diabetes symptoms, protects the cardiovascular system, supports brain health, protect the liver, and contains antimicrobial antibacterial properties. Some people use it as a nutritional supplement or tonic. Sometimes it is applied directly to the skin as a germ-killer or drying agent (astringent). It may also be used topically and the leaves retain lots of vitamins and minerals when dried. The Moringa is also used in India and Africa in feeding programs to fight malnutrition. The immature green pods are prepared similarly to green beans while the seeds are removed from more mature pods and cooked like peas or roasted like nuts. The leaves are cooked and used like spinach, and they are also dried and powdered for use as a condiment or in smoothies. The seed cake remaining after oil extraction is used as a fertilizer and also to purify well water and to remove salt from seawater. For those who would like to continue to live healthy then add the Moringa plant/miracle tree to your food intake.

Moringa is the ancient and Biblical "Tree of Life" described in the Bible book of Exodus 15:25. Its seeds are still used around the World to purify water as Moses did at Mt. Sinai. The power of the Biblical Miracle tree is confirmed by modern science.

Dr. Sylvia Hayashi Health/Prayer Ministry Leader

Church Building Fundraising

As you probably already know, we are trying to pay off the mortgage on our current building so we can begin raising funds for our sanctuary. We would like to have the current mortgage paid off by July 2019. There have already been some substantial donations given that were designated for the principal balance. When we get our next statement we will be below \$77,000. God has been so good to our church family. If you would like to donate directly to the mortgage principal, just write 'mortgage principal' on your tithe envelope. Those funds will be sent each month along with the mortgage payment as principal reduction only.

February Church Social

*****Save the date!!*****

Saturday evening February 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

We will have vespers where you can choose your favorite hymn so be thinking about that. Then we'll have a light meal, poems and games. We will have games that will involve hats so.....dig them out. We know you all have one! Remember, a church family that spends time together, stays together. We want to see you all there. Look for a flyer in the coming weeks with more information. And don't forget to wear your hat!!!

Griddle Cakes

1 1/3 cups non-dairy milk

1/4 cup brown rice flour

Dash of salt

1/2 cup chopped green onions

2 T chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

1 T lemon juice

2 tsp. baking powder

1 cup frozen corn, thawed

2-3 T coarsely chopped black olives

1 cup corn meal

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 cup grated zucchini

2 T chopped pimento, drained well

1. Combine non-dairy milk with lemon juice in a measuring cup and set aside.
2. Combine the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl.
3. Combine the remaining ingredients in another mixing bowl.
4. Add the non-dairy milk mixture to the cornmeal mixture and mix well, then stir in the vegetable mixture.
5. Ladle batter by 1/4 cup scoops onto a hot non-stick griddle (no oil used) and cook until golden brown (this takes a bit longer than pancakes).
6. Flip and cook until griddle cakes are browned on both sides. Keep warm in a low oven until ready to serve.

Serve with your favorite topping or sauce (fresh diced tomatoes, salsa, mushroom sauce, gravy or Ketchup, etc.).

Recipe from Dr. McDougall's Health & Medical Center (The Starch Solution)