

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

30 March 2014

Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

Jesus Appears to Thomas (John 20:24-31)

A.M. Lesson:

John the Baptist Prepares the Way (Mark 1:1-8)

P.M. Lesson:

To Seek and to Save the Lost (Luke 19:10)

Wednesday:

Singing Night

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

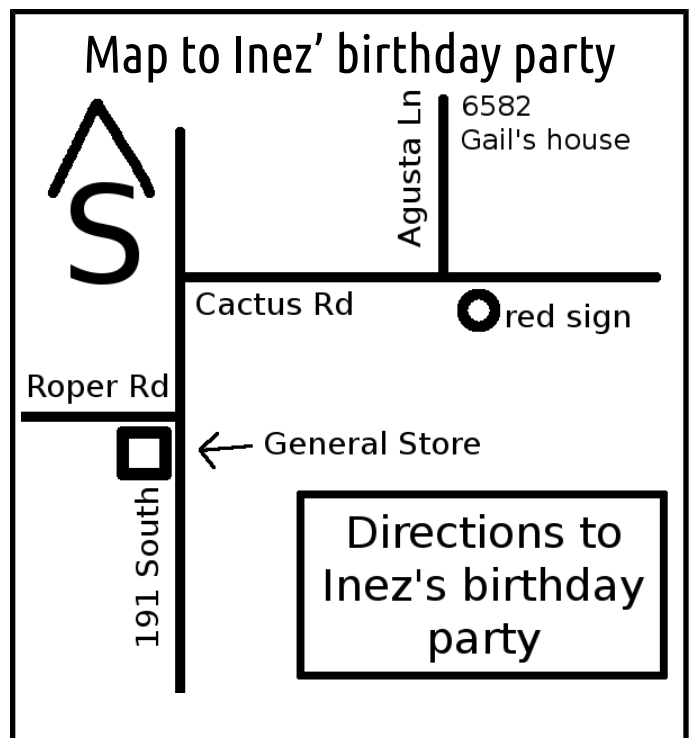
Petitionary Prayer

Adapted from a paper by John Sanders

http://www.etsjets.org/files/JETS-PDFs/45/45-2/45-2-PP221-231_JETS.pdf

Abraham, Moses, and Hezekiah dialogued and even argued with God. God is the one who invites us to speak with him in this way—it is no presumption on our part. God is the one who invites us to collaborate with him. God does not need our advice, but God asks for our input anyway because of the genuine personal relationship he wants to develop. God is the one who has chosen to make prayer a dialogue instead of a monologue. Moreover, when Moses intercedes for the people (Exodus 32) and God accepts Moses' input, this results in a "better" plan. God has sovereignly decided that part of the

plan-making process will be to include what Moses desires. God has decided that his "best" plan will involve taking our concerns into account, not because God must, but because God lovingly wants this kind of relationship.



Worshipping our way out of sin

I stumbled upon this statement by Timothy Lane. I think it to be very astute. It has ramifications about the importance of regular worship. It also causes me to think about what I spend most of my time putting in my mind. What is important to me? The answer is connected with my I worship. -ns

Think about this: we do not *behave* ourselves into sin; we *worship* ourselves into sin. If I am angry, then I have already been worshipping something that is not God for many moments, minutes, hours, days, or weeks. Perhaps I've been worshipping my comfort and my "right" to feel good. When you get in the

way of my comfort, you are not witnessing an impulsive response of anger. Instead, you are impeding a heart that has, over time, given itself over to something other than God. This is the very nature and dynamic of remaining sin in every believer.

This is the same process by which someone becomes addicted to drugs, gambling, or pornography. It is not merely our behavior that has to be corrected, but a heart that needs deliverance from its sinfulness. *We worship our way into sin and we must worship our way out of sin.* To do that, we have to be a part of a worshipping community that gathers weekly and models what it looks like to repent and believe on a daily, moment-by-moment basis. The local church must demonstrate worship as a lifestyle on a day-to-day basis, because we are easily captivated by false objects of worship and easily deceived.

Lane, Timothy. "Godly Intoxication: The Church Can Minister to Addicts." *Journal of Biblical Counseling* 26, 2 (2012): 4-16. <http://www.ccef.org/sites/default/images/JBC-26-2.pdf>

News

Jeannie Robinson's daughter's mother-in-law, Lee, was one of the thousands of IBM employees that were recently laid off. She was two years away from her pension. She is having a biopsy on nodules in her thyroid. Prayers for Lee would be greatly appreciated.

Sandy Cavazos is recovering from back surgery.

Today, March 30, being a "Fifth Sunday," we will have a special collection for the mission work in India that we support.

Saturday, April 5, funeral services for Cassy Farmington, Cody Bo's sister and Ella Marie's granddaughter, will be held at the church building. A potluck-style meal will be served in the annex after the graveside service.

Inez Clendenen will celebrate her birthday with a party at her daughter's home on April 6 at

1:00 P.M. She has invited everyone in the fellowship of the Safford church. She wants everyone to RSVP Sharon or Inez so her daughter can adequately prepare. A map to the party is forthcoming. No gifts (she said).

April 26, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.: Picnic @ the fairgrounds.

May 2: Elder Appreciation Dinner. Details TBA.

May 11: Donuts & Coffee @ 9 A.M. in the Anex.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April Fool's Day	2 Catalina Short birthday Singing Night	3	4 Pete & Cindy anniversary	5 Funeral services for Cassy Farmington 1 P.M. Inez's birthday
6 Birthday party for Inez Clendenen 1 P.M.	7	8	9	10 Louella Briggs' birthday	11	12
13	14	15 Taxes Due Passover	16 Updates on Bibles for Ukraine with Ben Mereness	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter Verdell Kescoli's birthday Potluck	21 Orthodox Easter Holiday	22 Earth Day	23 Admin Assist Day	24	25	26 Picnic: 10-2
27 Guest speaker: Ed Curry Potluck	28 Joy Gibson's birthday	29	30			

Prayer List:

Healing: Hattie Hedrick, Della Phillips, H.L. Boling, Jerry Robinson's mother Norma, Mike and Sandy Cavazos, Faye Atchley, Nicolas and Annie Self, Jonda Gardner, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.

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