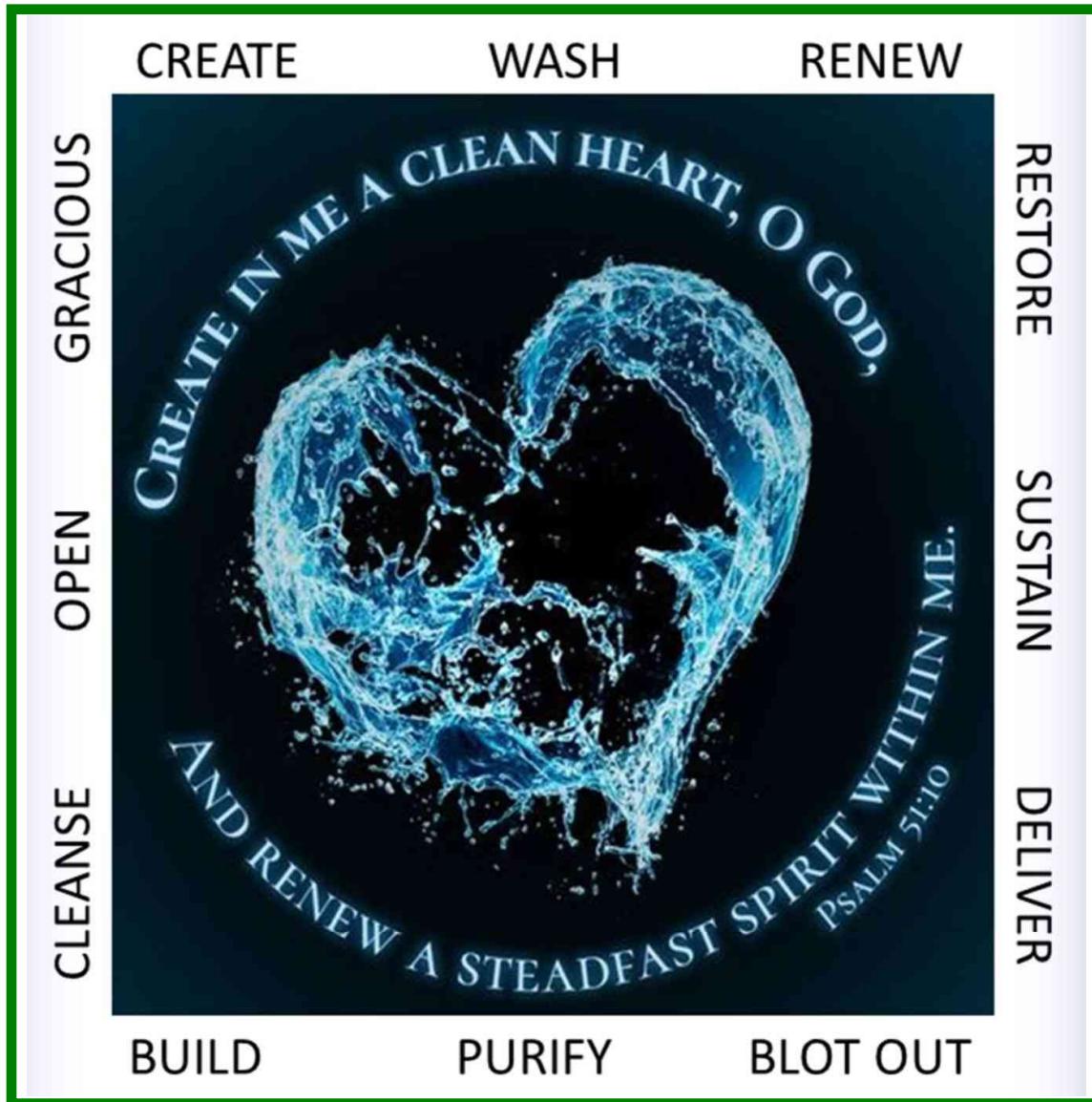


# QUEEN WAY NEWS

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Our focus for 2019 was "A Heart to Work" borrowed from Nehemiah 4:6 during the rebuilding of Jerusalem when the people were solely committed to the Lord's cause. This year, we are looking at the theme "Create in Me a Clean Heart" borrowed from Psalm 51:10 which teaches penitence and purity before God. Let us continually strive for unity with God and seek His cleansing power to heal, to relieve, and to redeem.

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# BIBLE CLASSES & READING PLAN

*Classes for all ages:*

*Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.*

Adult Class	The Gospel of Matthew / The Sermon on the Mount
Young Adults Class (Grade 7 to College)	Ecclesiastes
Bible Lab (Grades 2-6)	An independent, self-paced overview of the Bible
Pre-Lab (Kindergarten ~ 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	Shaping Hearts for God
Preschool Class (Ages 1-4)	Shaping Hearts for God



**Have you ever read through the Psalms? Take the challenge this month to read all one hundred and fifty (150) psalms by following the suggested reading plan below. Be sure to reflect and pray on your reading each day!**

Day	Reading	Day	Reading
1	Psalm 1-8	16	Psalm 79-85
2	Psalm 9-14	17	Psalm 86-89
3	Psalm 15-18	18	Psalm 90-94
4	Psalm 19-23	19	Psalm 95-101
5	Psalm 24-29	20	Psalm 102-104
6	Psalm 30-34	21	Psalm 105-106
7	Psalm 35-37	22	Psalm 107-109
8	Psalm 38-43	23	Psalm 110-115
9	Psalm 44-49	24	Psalm 116-119:32
10	Psalm 50-55	25	Psalm 119:33-104
11	Psalm 56-61	26	Psalm 119:105-176
12	Psalm 62-67	27	Psalm 120-131
13	Psalm 68-70	28	Psalm 132-138
14	Psalm 71-74	29	Psalm 139-143
15	Psalm 75-78	30	Psalm 144-150



## **Population Statistics:**

From 2010 to 2017, the city of Phoenix added 544,141 people, a grow of 12.98%, making it the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest growing metro area in the United States, and about one quarter the population of Arizona.

### **Areas in Phoenix where there are no churches:**

## Gilbert – 250,000 population

Tempe – 190,000

Chandler – 260,000

## Ahwatukee – 80,000

**Total – 780,000 population**

Scottsdale – 250,000 population

### Paradise Valley – 170,000

Deer Valley – 170,000

**Total – 590,000 population**

Laveen - 50 000

### Buckeye – 70 000 population

Avondale – 85 000

Goodyear – 80 000

### **Population not near any church presently**

1.668.000

## Flagstaff, AZ

75,000

Tolleson – 7,000

Litchfield Park – 6,000

**Total – 298,000**

Since becoming the [48th state](#) to be admitted to the USA in 1912, Arizona has grown rapidly from 200,000 people to over seven million today.

**Spanish Population** – Approximately 40 percent of total population of Phoenix, and surrounding areas -

27 percent of people are unaffiliated with any religious group, which is up from 22 percent in 2007. Arizona Population 2020 – Census Projection – 7,378,494. This is a growth of about one million from the official 2010 census, which recorded a population of 6,392,017, and current projection of 8,000,000 by 2028. Any way you count it, **Arizona** is one of the **fastest-growing states** in the country. ... The Grand Canyon **State's** population grew by 122,770 people between July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018, an increase of 1.7 percent, making it again in the top for faster growing states. The above are simply statistics, but I believe it lays an important groundwork for the need of the gospel in Arizona.

### A Quick Review of My Work in the Past 4+ Years

**2015-2019 –**

**8/15 to 10/16**

I moved to Phoenix in August 2015 and began working with the Mingus Mtn. church of Christ in Prescott Valley, AZ.; one hundred miles north of Phoenix. I preached there for 1+ years. Working with everyone, we were able to reunite this group with the church they had broken away from.

**10/16 to 9/17**

I worked with the Queen Creek church of Christ, helping them start a new work on the southeast part of Phoenix. Because of some smaller congregations folding, this group grew very rapidly, (over 70 members in 6 months). Seeing a broader unmet need elsewhere, and because the congregation had some capable men, I sought to broaden my evangelical work.

**9/17 to 2/19**

I conducted evangelistic work all over the State of Arizona. To help ensure these efforts were directed to where there was significant need, I began setting some 5-year goals at the beginning of 2019. The following is copied from my goals at the beginning of 2019:

### FIVE YEAR PLAN

1) Establish a church in Flagstaff, AZ

Why Flagstaff?

I have been working in Flagstaff this year to make contacts. Here are the facts:

- 1) Flagstaff is at the intersection of I-40 and I-17 (Major E-W and N-S Interstates)
- 2) A major tourist area. Many Christians travel that area with no place to worship
- 3) There has not been a sound church in Flagstaff in over 10 years
- 4) There are 80,000 permanent residents in the city
- 5) There is a major university (Northern Arizona University)

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- 6) There are Christian students at NAU today who have no place to worship
- 7) I have been warmly accepted by the University

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- a) On-campus bible studies
- b) Available rooms to use
- 8) There are over 20,000 students at NAU coming from across the nation
- 9) Solid contacts with residents
- 10) Neighborhoods that are receptive to bible discussions

2) Establish churches in areas of Phoenix where there are no churches.

Why Phoenix?

- 1) In the areas where there are no churches, I have established contact with over 200 people already
  - a) I am in-touch with each of these on a daily basis through bible devotionals
  - b) I have found millennials to be very open to discussing religious topics
  - c) I have found even atheists and agnostics to be open to discussing religious topics
- 2) There are approximately 2 million souls who are not being reached with the gospel today.

3) Seeking families to locate here over the next five years to help

- 1) Young families to help spread the gospel
- 2) Men who are interested in preaching
  - a) Mentoring is an important need
- 3) Spanish communication skills

### 3/19 – 12/19

I was blessed to have a temporary change in plans for most of the year, beginning in March 2019. Bob Nichols, the preacher in Payson, AZ who turned 90 years old, was beginning to have difficulty in preaching, and I was asked to work with the church in Payson. I preached there for the rest of the year. In January 2020, Dave Beckley and his wife moved to Payson, and began to work with this group of wonderful Christians.

### 2020 Forward

As I move back to my goals I set a year ago, there is much to report on my activities currently.

- 1) Two additional congregations, outside of Phoenix, have asked that I consider working with them. I have preached for one of them and will be preaching for the other group in a couple of weeks.
- 2) Meetup Bible studies in the Phoenix area are now developing. The initial starting point for these studies has been the Daily Devotionals I send out to contacts. As I meet people, I am able to talk to many and interest them in a Bible Devotional I send out via Text Message. The goal of these messages is: 1) to encourage; 2) to build a relationship with individuals; and 3) to lead to face-to-face studies.

3) Continue the Bible devotionals. Currently, I have 250+ I am sending these to. Most are right here in Arizona, from Phoenix to all points outside of Phoenix. However, I have also developed contacts in California, Washington, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida, and many of these are turning into Bible studies from a distance. Of these 250+, I am conducting Bible studies with 46 of them through social media.

3) As the Spanish population is growing, I am also conducting studies among the Spanish.

4) Spend at least one day a week in Flagstaff, making contacts and setting up Bible studies. One of the ways I am considering is through a mass mailing to reach out to this area.

a) While in Flagstaff, continue my contacts on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

b) So far, these contacts have led to a meeting with a VP of Student Affairs, who has in our conversations, offered me facilities on campus for Bible studies, and even a worship service.

c) I recently learned that in the 1960's, 70's, 80's there was a congregation in Flagstaff of 150 members or so. Today, there is no church at all. Some have said this area is too liberal and have discouraged me from reaching out to this community. I believe the opposite is true and look at this area as a situation similar to Paul going into Corinth (Acts 18).

## 5) Mass Mailings in the Phoenix area

I will be targeting the areas listed on the map on the first page of this report.

6) With the opening of a new Interstate system in the Phoenix area (I-202), I am now able to move around the city much more quickly, and this opens up doors and opportunities that were not there before. Ahwatukee will be an initial target because of easier access to this area.

7) Develop a new website that is evangelistic in nature... "Grounds for Truth". Hopefully, this will be up by the end of February.

8) Obviously, all this leads to a final goal, and that is to find men who are willing to move to this area and become involved in the work. As I plant seed, I will need more help from others in teaching. Please let me know if you, or someone you know of, has an interest in moving to Arizona. The fields are white unto harvest, and we need workers. I am thankful for the prayers of many as I labor here in Arizona, and for the support I receive.

In Christ,

Jim Thayer



Financial Needs:

Payson was able to support me \$1,000 per month while working with them, which had completed my needs for support for 2019. Upon finishing my work with Payson, they were not able to continue supporting me any longer as they had to transfer that support to Brother Beckley. I am currently needing to replace this \$1,000.00

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# PRODUCING FRUIT

BY TIMOTHY WOODSIDE

**Jeremiah 17:1, 5-13:** "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; with a point of diamond it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of their altars...<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.<sup>7</sup> Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."<sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?<sup>10</sup> "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."<sup>11</sup> Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches but not by justice in the midst of his days they will leave him, and at his end he will be a fool.<sup>12</sup> A glorious throne set on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.<sup>13</sup> O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

Our theme for the year is, "Create in Me a Clean Heart." I believe this is a great set of verses to reflect upon when it comes to this thought. This chapter begins with the fact that God knew the hearts of Judah. We can take from this He also knows what is written on our heart. He knows when we turn our heart away from Him. However, we can take confidence in the fact that God knows our heart because He also can see when our heart is in the correct condition. Verses 7 and 8 are key; we must trust in God for, if we trust in God, we will not fear anything which approaches us in this physical life. "Those who wait upon and trust the Lord are able to endure the trials of life, as they draw upon the strength that He alone provides (Psa. 1:1-3, Phil. 4:12-13). The godly are like the tree that has a bountiful supply of water. They are able to continue on, no matter what the circumstances in life may be. They continue to bear the fruit of righteousness unto God." (Humphries, J. Truth Commentaries: Jeremiah. 235-236). So, God knows our hearts, but how do the people in this physical life know our heart? By our FRUIT! The fruit that we bear during this physical life will show others who we are and what we stand for. If our heart is in the right condition, our fruit will be plentiful and bring others to God. The Lord will "give every man according to his ways." If our ways (heart) are correct, we will be bearing good fruit and we will be rewarded in heaven! If our ways (heart) are not correct, we will bear bad fruit and we will be rewarded differently.

This section of verses concludes with the fact that the Lord is "the fountain of living water." The Lord truly is the fountain; this fountain can cleanse our heart. 1 John 1:7 tells us that Jesus cleanses us from sin: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

We have been provided a way to cleanse our heart through the death of Jesus Christ. This way does not happen by accident; it is the choice we made when we were baptized, recognizing that Jesus died to cleanse our heart! If we have not been baptized, our heart has not been cleansed. We must cleanse our heart (1 Pet. 3:18-22)! Also, if we sin, we must repent. We must cleanse our heart (1 John 1:9)! If we focus on God through this life, we will have a clean heart and GOOD FRUIT WILL BE THE RESULT!

# MEMBER NEWS

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
				Bible Study	Ladies Class	
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
<i>Dama's Birthday</i>	Bible Study		Bible Study	Ladies Class	<i>Linda's Birthday</i>	
<i>Congregational Meeting</i>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Bible Study	<i>Russ' Birthday</i>	Bible Study	Ladies Class	<i>Theo's Birthday</i>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Mike F.'s Birthday</i>	<i>Zinetta's Birthday</i>		Bible Study	<i>Rachel's &amp; Karina's Birthday</i>	<i>Lorna's Birthday</i>	
	Bible Study			Ladies Class		
26	27	28	29	30		
<i>Polly's Birthday</i>	<i>Joshua, Jr.'s Birthday</i>	<i>Mike Y.'s Birthday</i>	<i>Bob O.'s Birthday</i>	<i>Carol's Birthday</i>		
			Bible Study			

	<b>Sunday, April 5 (a.m.)</b>	<b>Sunday, April 5 (p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Zach Youngblood	Theo Orcutt	Zach Youngblood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tim Woodside	Randy Bell	Zach Youngblood
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Randy Bell	Dave Cooke	
<b>(Unleavened Bread)</b>	Solomon Akutey	John Kreuger	
<b>(Fruit of the Vine)</b>	Dave Cooke		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	Les Kleider		
<b>Sermon/Short Talk</b>	Daniel Hedges	Daniel Hedges	Dave Cooke
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Blackburn	Mike Youngblood	Tim Woodside
<b>Announcements</b>	Mike Youngblood	Mike Youngblood	Mike Youngblood

	<b>Sunday, April 12 (a.m.)</b>	<b>Sunday, April 12 (p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 15</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Randy Bell	John Kreuger	Daniel Hedges
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dennis Neely	Tim Woodside	Daniel Hedges
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Zach Youngblood	Dennis Neely	
<b>(Unleavened Bread)</b>	Evan Markham	Mike Youngblood	
<b>(Fruit of the Vine)</b>	Jon Miller		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	Theo Orcutt		
<b>Sermon/Short Talk</b>	Daniel Hedges	Daniel Hedges	John Kreuger
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Les Kleider	Solomon Hedges	Theo Orcutt
<b>Announcements</b>	Scott Boucher	Scott Boucher	Scott Boucher

	<b>Sunday, April 19 (a.m.)</b>	<b>Sunday, April 19 (p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Alex Hedges	Tim Woodside	Mike Youngblood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Zach Youngblood	Dennis Neely	Mike Youngblood
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Mike Youngblood	Jon Miller	
<b>(Unleavened Bread)</b>	Andy Waller	Dave Cooke	
<b>(Fruit of the Vine)</b>	Tim Woodside		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	John Kreuger		
<b>Sermon/Short Talk</b>	Daniel Hedges	Daniel Hedges	Tim Woodside
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Richard Kizer	Randy Bell	Solomon Akutey
<b>Announcements</b>	Randy Bell	Randy Bell	Randy Bell

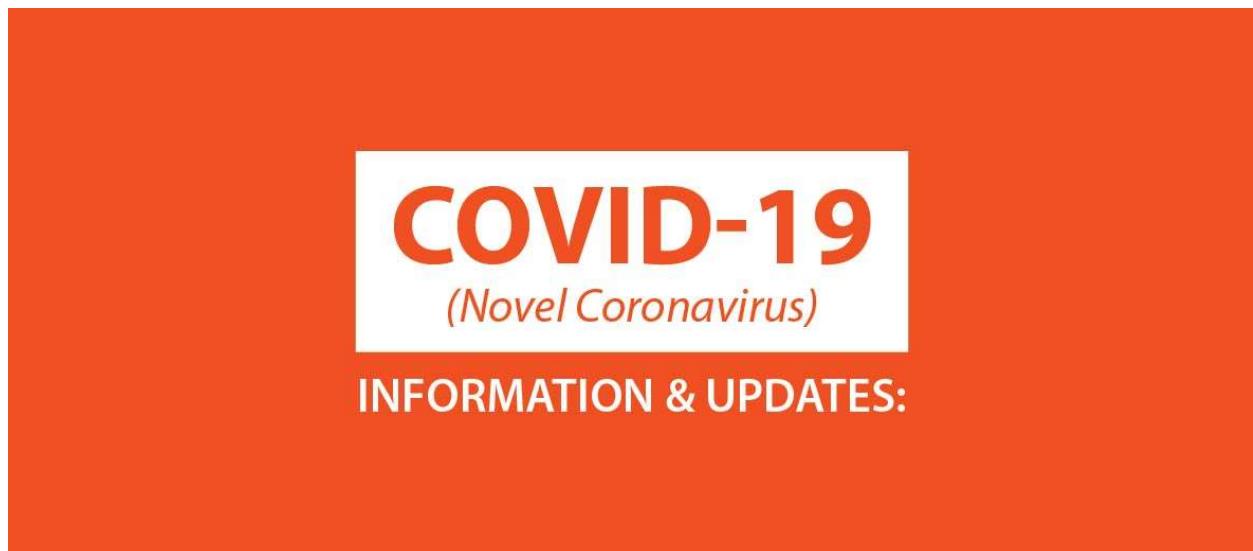
	<b>Sunday, April 26 (a.m.)</b>	<b>Sunday, April 26 (p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 29</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Randy Bell	Daniel Hedges	Tim Woodside
<b>Song Leader</b>	Organized Song Service by Randy	Zach Youngblood	Tim Woodside
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Daniel Hedges	Theo Orcutt	
<b>(Unleavened Bread)</b>	Solomon Akutey	Randy Bell	
<b>(Fruit of the Vine)</b>	Les Kleider		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	Kevin Woods		
<b>Sermon/Short Talk</b>	Organized Song Service by Randy	Mike Youngblood	Zach Youngblood
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Alex Hedges	Tim Woodside	Randy Bell
<b>Announcements</b>	Tim Woodside	Tim Woodside	Tim Woodside

**Please remember we are always looking for  
men to preach in Lovelock!**

~~~~~ DID YOU KNOW? ~~~~~

Check out our new page on the church website! Go to [www.queenwaycoc.com](http://www.queenwaycoc.com), click on Sermons/Media, and find the Supplemental Material page. You can also scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the orange COVID-19 widget which will redirect you to the Supplemental Material page.

This page has a brief introduction to why it was created and who to contact for special assistance during these trying times. It also features links to articles, sermons, Bible study videos, meeting minutes from congregational conference calls, and invitations to various call-in devotionals and meetings. Stay healthy and safe, but more importantly, stay strong in the Lord and in His might!



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