



RISEN SAVIOR

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WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FROM MEMORIAL WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY

8:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Contemporary	Worship Center (Inspire Kids Club)
11:00 am	Traditional	Sanctuary

8:00 AM & 9:30 AM SERVICES LIVESTREAMED

Admin Building Office Hours

Closed 9/7

Tu-Th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

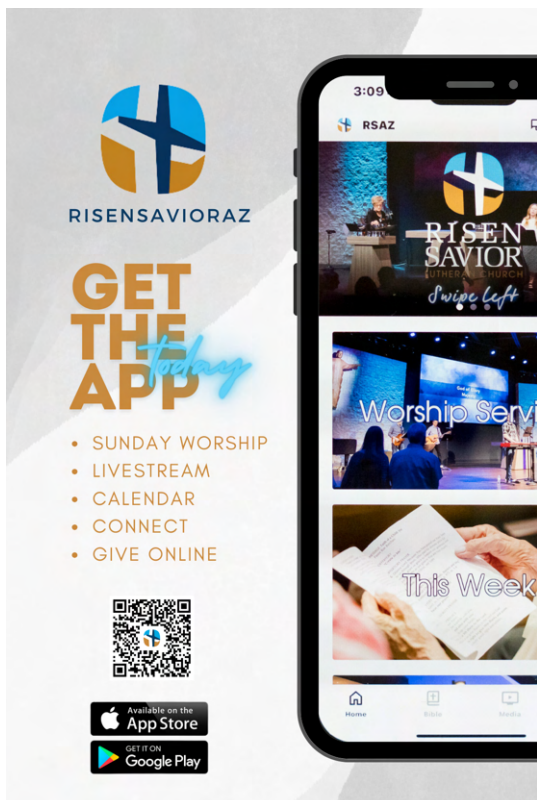
Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sermon Archive

If you are unable to join us in-person or via livestream worship at our available service times, don't worry, the entire sermon will be available the same day after 1:30 pm. Visit risensavioraz.org, select "Sermons" at the top of the page and you can view any of our previous sermons.

Additional Parking Available

Just a reminder that there is additional parking available at the Administration Building and we have permission to use the Safeway parking lot (North of NB) for our Sunday service overflow. Also, if you are able to walk a little further, it would be kind of you to leave the front handicapped spots open to those who have limited mobility.



What's on the App?

"Ministries" link, simply click on this "Ministries" graphic to see all of the ministry options that we offer here at Risen Savior...there is more than you think! There you will find a short description and a leader to contact for more information- be sure to check it out and get connected soon!

THIS HAS TO BE
ONE OF THE BEST
TRENDS EVER!



GRAB A PIC OF MINI JESUS AROUND TOWN!

Have you been seeing mini Jesus everywhere you go? We have, and it has inspired us to ask you to snag a quick pic of mini Jesus “in the wild” wherever you happen to see him or take him. Here at Risen Savior we have given out over 5,000 Jesus’, which is great news and an easy way to share a “little Jesus” or to use as an invitation/your “Bring One”.

We want you to share with us where you see him or who you are sharing him with. If that person became your “Bring One”, let us know that too! Send your pics to jill.vermeire@risensavioraz.org so we can share them throughout 2026. Below was a submission from last month.



Find Out More About the Alpha Study

August 23

9:15 am SB Fellowship Hall

10:30 am NB Multi-Use Room

Alpha

More Info

What is Alpha? Have you ever wanted a place to ask questions about faith, explore life's biggest questions, or simply connect with others in meaningful conversation? We invite you to join us for an Alpha Information Event where you'll get a firsthand look at what Alpha is all about and discover whether it's right for you or someone in your life.

Choose the time and location that works best:

South Building Fellowship Hall: 9:15–10:15 am

North Building Multi-Use Room: 10:30–11:30 am

During this one-hour event, you'll enjoy a light breakfast, connect with others, watch a brief video, learn what the Alpha experience is all about, and have the opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment with leaders from Risen Savior.

Whether you've experienced Alpha before, are curious to learn more, are considering joining an upcoming Alpha group, are returning to church after some time away, are new to Risen Savior, or simply want to grow deeper in your faith, this event is for you. Alpha provides a welcoming space to explore life's biggest questions, engage in meaningful conversations, and discover what it means to follow Jesus.

Come experience Alpha and see what it's all about. No registration/RSVP is required. We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jerry at jerrymack06@comcast.net.



Need someone to talk to?

You don't have to go it alone.

Contact the church office to make an appointment with a Stephen Minister



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

"When I was with my Stephen Minister, I felt Jesus was with me. I saw the love of God in his eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through."



Hooks and Needles Ministry

Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the SB Genesis Conf Rm

This Ministry is in need of donated yarn; four-ply, worsted yarn works best. Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office or in the Ministry Donation Cabinets in the either building. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Marion at 602.920.3319.



Welcome Party!

September 20 at 5:00 pm in the North Building.

If you are new or newer, or just curious about Risen Savior, we invite you to join us for a "Welcome Party" in your honor. The Welcome Party is an informal opportunity for us to get to know you and for you get to know us. During our time together you will have the opportunity to; enjoy appetizers, learn a little about who Risen Savior is and what we are all about, meet the team and others just like you or see how you can get involved and take your next step. We would love to have you join us for this fun night together. RSVP is not required, but any questions can be answered by emailing michelle.burcham@risensavioraz.org.

EVERY ONE BRINGS ONE



Visit our Every One Brings One web page under the "Worship" drop down. This page will give you some great ideas on how to invite someone to Risen Savior. We have seen so many new faces this year on Sundays and at many of our events/studies. Let's continue the momentum to help others find Jesus!

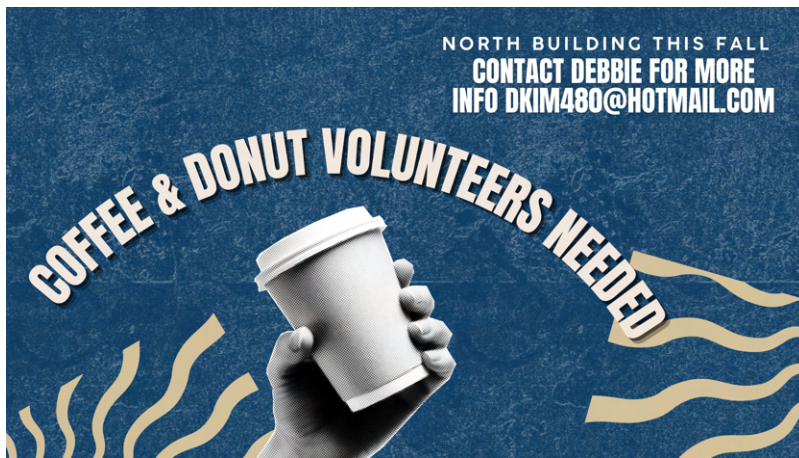
Women's Morning Ministry

On Summer Break Through 9/17

Are you searching for connection and a deeper faith? Women's Morning Ministry will resume on September 17 with guest speaker, Lynne Hartke-be sure to **Save the Date** and RSVP to get more info! This ministry is open to all women and offers a variety of book studies, faith-searching and connection activities throughout the year. Contact annie.wolf@risensavioraz.org with any questions.

Women's Morning Ministry Returns Sept. 17!



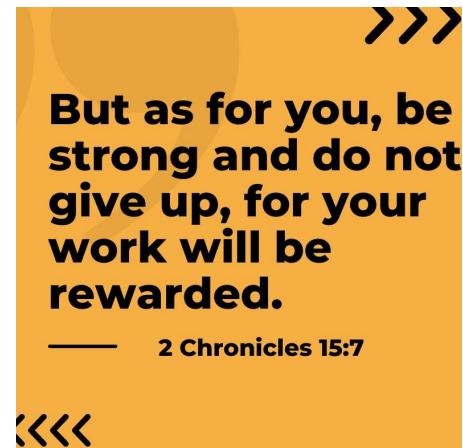


NORTH BUILDING COFFEE UPDATE

Due to a shortage of volunteers along with some of our regular volunteers being unavailable over the summer, coffee and donuts will not be served until the fall in the NB. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, contact Debbie at dkim480@hotmail.com for more information.



Let's meet up at the Welcome Center!



Join a Conversation!

This study is a series of group conversations that explore Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Alpha Study - Do You Know Someone Who Has "Churchy" Questions?

Study Begins September 16 at 6:30 pm in the NB Multi-Use Room.

Do you know someone who has "Big" questions about church and God? *Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray?* This course is geared towards the unchurched or VERY new to attending church. Be sure to invite that ONE person we all know who asks these types of questions by using this article as an invitation or use the QR code for more information. Dinner is included with an RSVP. Email jerrymack06@comcast.net with any questions.

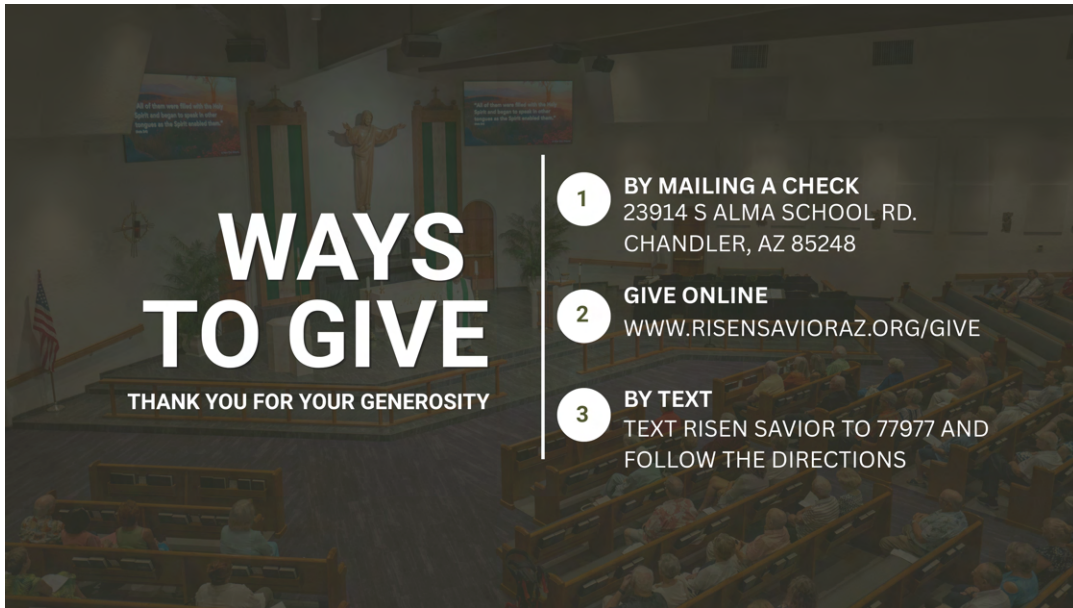


To listen to Lutheran Hour Ministries weekly program: Visit their website at lhm.org; Scroll down on the webpage to "This week on TLH", or to link "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.



FINANCIALS

Due to summer scheduling conflicts the Board of Directors Meeting was rescheduled late in the month. Due to the meeting delay, approved quarterly financials will be available in next month's newsletter issue. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



WAYS TO GIVE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

- 1 BY MAILING A CHECK**
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CHANDLER, AZ 85248
- 2 GIVE ONLINE**
WWW.RISENSAVIORAZ.ORG/GIVE
- 3 BY TEXT**
TEXT RISEN SAVIOR TO 77977 AND
FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS



"You, Lord, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation" Lamentations 5:19. Established in 2010, RSLCS Foundation, Inc. is a 501c (3) organization that receives gifts and bequests in support of Risen Savior missions and ministries. As steward of your earthly God-given gifts, prayerfully consider an annual gift to RSLCS Foundation, as well as a legacy gift in your Estate Plan. For ways to give, and bless Risen Savior missions and ministries, please visit risensavioraz.org under the "About Us" tab for more information.



"And this is my covenant with them," says the Lord.

**MY SPIRIT
WILL NOT
LEAVE THEM**

and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children's children forever. I, the Lord, have spoken!

ISAIAH 59:21



Greetings from La Cuchilla CarePoint CarePoint!

Your generous support continues to make an impact in the lives that we serve. With your help, our staff continues to provide essential resources to children and their families.

Thank you!

We couldn't do what we do without you.



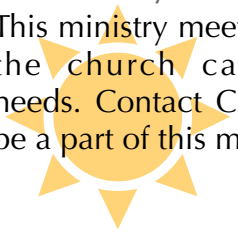
The Impact Being Made

A group of women is showing that when opportunities arise, doors also open toward a better future. What began as a proposal to create a sewing club, without a defined start date, soon became a reality thanks to the interest and enthusiasm of several mothers in the community. Through home visits carried out as part of other community activities and during the Parenting School sessions, the vision of this project was shared with the mothers. The response was immediate, many showed interest in learning a new skill that would allow them to grow personally and economically. Motivated by this opportunity, they enrolled and eagerly awaited the start of the classes. Finally, on April 27, the sewing club opened its doors with the participation of 20 mothers, led by Daniela, a current student of Haute Couture at the Leadership Academy, who now voluntarily shares her knowledge with enthusiasm, commitment, and a desire to teach. Since then, they meet once a week at the CarePoint. Their excitement is so great that, in many cases, time flies because of how focused and engaged they are in their sewing. This project has been made possible thanks to the valuable support of partners committed to community development. The municipality donated kits with basic sewing supplies, providing participants with the tools needed to begin their learning process. Likewise, a fabric store joined the initiative by donating a significant amount of material, allowing the mothers to begin making their first aprons and put into practice what they learn in each session. More than just a space to learn sewing, this club has become a place of connection, mutual support, and growth. Its goal is to strengthen participants' skills through workshops that will enable them to develop technical abilities and, in the future, create their own small businesses, achieve greater financial independence, and contribute to their families' well-being. A savings group has also been formed, with the goal that each participant will eventually be able to purchase her own sewing machine. The participants began by learning how to make an apron. First, they learned how to take accurate measurements, then they made the necessary calculations and transferred the measurements onto paper to create patterns that would later be used with fabric. Although they currently meet once a week, most are already close to finishing their first handmade apron. Throughout this process, they have learned basic stitches such as basting, slip stitch, and backstitch, skills that will be essential for future sewing projects. Each step forward represents an achievement. Seeing how a piece of fabric is transformed into a finished product made with their own hands has helped them discover abilities many did not know they had. The joy of completing a garment strengthens their confidence and motivates them to keep learning. Sewing is not only teaching them a skill, it has also become a therapeutic tool that fosters concentration, patience, and self esteem.

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Thursdays at 6:00 am at the South Building Patio.

This ministry meets weekly for fellowship and to care for the church campus grounds and landscaping needs. Contact Chuck for more information on how to be a part of this ministry at cmdeuth1@gmail.com.



Piece Maker Quilter's Ministry

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

A few months ago, we featured the *John Volken Academy* as a new addition to receive donated quilts. Today we are featuring *Maggie's Place* as our newest recipient.

Since Mothers' Day 2000, *Maggie's Place* has been serving the Phoenix area by providing basic needs to pregnant women who are homeless. They provide housing, meals, counseling and education.

In doing so, they aspire to be the premier service provider in Maricopa County to moms, babies, and families, breaking the cycle of generational trauma to transform communities. There are seven houses throughout the Phoenix area that provide care.

More information may be found at maggiesplace.org.

Everyone is welcome to join us weekly on Wednesdays. You don't have to quilt or even sew! If you can pin fabric together, cut, measure, iron fabric, or tie a knot, you qualify. If you have questions, call Dottie Mitchell 480.759.0977 or Gail Solway 805.404.7604.

Braille Ministry Resumes 9/8

Tuesdays at 8:30 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Our dedicated group of volunteers will resume for their weekly meetings next month to produce books of the Bible for the seeing impaired. We would be happy to show our production process, answer any questions and invite those interested in joining this rewarding ministry, contact Vicki at 480.262.0171 with any questions.

What are Stephen Ministers? How Can They Help You?

Are you going through a tough time? Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis, or going through tough times. The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. Contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org for more information.

A flower chart binder is available in both buildings at the Welcome Centers. Select an open date to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Cost is \$50.00.

Visitation Ministry

This work is done by lay members who offer care and encouragement through personal visits. These volunteers provide a listening ear, prayer, companionship, and spiritual support to those who may be homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or otherwise in need. Their presence helps extend the love of Christ and the care of the congregation beyond the walls of the church. Some of those who help in this ministry offer communion during their visits. Contact the Church Office if you would like to schedule a visit.





LWML meetings will resume in September. Be sure to check out News & Notes for details.

LWML Mission Grant Update

Reaching God's Children in Haiti - \$61,782. Trinity HOPE began working with Lutheran schools in Haiti in 1999. Originally feeding 42 children in one school, the ministry now feeds 65,000 children, teachers, and cooks in over 265 Christian schools across the country. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where more than 4.7 million people suffer from acute hunger. The children are victims of gang violence, inflation, cultural insecurity, lack of jobs for parents, and the worship of Satan through the Voodoo religion. 11 of the 36 feeding program directors are Lutheran pastors who visit their schools twice a month to teach lessons from God's Word. There is a prayer before each meal, and children profess their faith in Jesus. The children receive the light, love, and warmth of knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior with each meal. This grant will fund 160,472 meals served to children and teachers over two years.

Giving Toward LWML Grants

Please consider supporting our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Grants by giving one of the following ways.

· www.risensavioraz.org/give OR on the Risen Savior App, select 'Give'

Please select the Fund: "Other Offerings" and Type "LWML Missions" in the text box. We are suggesting a minimum \$5.00 donation to help cover transaction fees.

Did You Know We Have a Memorial Garden?

Our Memorial Garden is located behind the South Building (look for outdoor signs). It's a beautiful, quiet and calming space to visit loved ones there and is always open. If you are interested in more information about how to reserve a personal niche space for you or a loved one, please contact the Church Office at info@risensavioraz.org.



Prayer Warriors

Prayer Focus

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the
SB Proverbs Conf. Room.

If you have a passion for speaking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those in need, join us every Wednesday! Contact Joan at mandjscott@cox.net with any questions. This ministry prepares a Prayer Focus that all the congregation is invited to partake in. It's a weekly prayer for a specific topic, all you do is add this prayer to your regular prayer time! The Prayer Focus for each week for this month is:

August 2 - Pray that our leaders act with wisdom and recognize the freedom which protects parents to educate their children under the tenets of their faith. Deuteronomy 6:5-7a, Ephesians 6:4

August 9 - Pray for a miraculous end to the unrest in Ukraine and the Middle East so that the Gospel may flourish in these areas of the world. Psalm 34:14, Psalm 37:37, Isaiah 14:7

August 16 - Ask the Lord to give favor to the Christian ministries working on all campuses so that they will be able to reach many students with the good news about Jesus. Colossians 3:16

August 23 - Pray that as our congregation learns more about the Alpha Study today, that they will see it as a welcoming and safe place to bring friends and family who are not yet followers of Jesus. Matthew 28:19, Colossians 4:3

August 30 - As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for the Call Committee that is seeking God's choice for our new Pastor of Congregational Care & Connect. Proverbs 3:5-6, James 1:5-6, 1 Timothy 3:1-4



Everyday Disciple

Begins August 4 at 9:30 am & 7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Room.

Why study discipleship? What is a disciple? Is this even a relevant word or topic for the church today? At the heart of the Great Commission is God's call to make disciples. Disciples are not just the spiritually elite but, each and every person who is a follower of Jesus. God's calling to discipleship is not reserved for just one day of the week or one area of our lives but, encompasses the entirety of our lives.

In Everyday Disciple, we will explore a biblical understanding of discipleship and how God's call to discipleship shapes the way that we go about living our everyday lives. Email Kevin.austin@risensavioraz.org with any questions. Use the QR code to sign-up today!

NEW Bible Study begins September 13
at 9:10 am & 10:15 am.

From Creation to the Cross:
From Eden to Emmaus

Where is Jesus in the Old Testament? Join us for an exciting 13-week Bible exploration of how the Hebrew Scriptures point us to Christ. We will begin at the Creation, travel to Eden, walk through God's promises to Abraham and David, listen to the prophets, and see how sacrifices, psalms, wisdom, and Old Testament events prepare us for Jesus. This class is designed for everyday Bible readers—no special background needed. Together we will read Scripture, ask good questions, and discover how the whole Bible tells one story: God's promise to restore fallen humanity through His Son. Taught by Barry Ritchie, classes will be held in the Discipleship Room in the North Building, with two separate offerings available - at 9:10 AM and 10:15 AM. So that enough materials can be prepared, please let Barry know if you'll be attending by emailing him at britchie11@juno.com.

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Alpha Team
Leader Training

September 2 at 6:00 pm in the NB.

Join us at this Alpha Study leadership meeting if you would like to be a part of this ministry. If you are not familiar with Alpha, the course is geared towards the unchurched or those very new to attending church. If you are interested in volunteering to be a leader for this study, plan to attend this informational meeting to get any questions answered. RSVP to jerrymack06@comcast.net.

ACSTO
Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

ACSTO exists to give all kids the opportunity to attend a private Christian School. We have the privilege of being able to do this by transforming tax credit donations into valuable tuition scholarships—helping families afford a private Christian Education. Contact the Early Childhood Center for more information 480.802.1505 or visit ACSTO.org for more details.



His Story, Our Story

Begins September 10 at 9:30 am &

7:00 pm in the North Building Discipleship Rm.

Stories are powerful tools that have the power to transport us into different worlds and to give unparalleled insight into the human experience. Stories powerfully communicate truth and challenge our preconceptions.

As we open the Bible, we are invited into not just a book but a story. This isn't just any story but God's story. It's the story of God creating everything there ever was or is. God's creation was good until that which was good chose evil and forever changed the story. From that point on what we see is the story of God's relentless love that would stop at nothing to recover that which was lost and make us his own.

God's story is not just His Story, for we are a part of it. Within this greater story, each of us has our own unique story. As we seek to understand the story of our lives, we see how God has been at work every step of the way to guide and shape us. In His Story, Our Story, we will discover how to see God's Story as a part of our Story and then share that story with those around us. This a 5-week course, written by Pastor Kevin, for those who desire to walk deeper in their faith and learn how to tell their story, to encourage others to walk in faith. A free workbook is included.

Baptism at Risen Savior

If you or someone you know is interested in getting more information on being baptized, contact the Church Office at 480.895.6782 or scan the QR code to complete a short form.



Men's Early Bird Bible Study *No Meetings the Month of August*

**This Ministry meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays
each month at 7:30 am**

in the North Building Multi-Use Room.

Doors open at 7:00 am for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend or fellow member, all men are welcome. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 with any questions.



REQUEST A PASTOR VISIT/PRAYERS

* To have someone pray with you by phone, in-person or to submit a prayer request email info@risensavioraz.org (add prayers to the subject line). Prayers remain on the list unless an update is provided.

*To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email info@risensavioraz.org and include the facility and contact number.

*After hours that need a timely response from a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

NO MEETING ON AUGUST 23

Sundays at 9:15 am in the SB Fellowship Hall.

Join us each Sunday as we gather to study the Bible. Each week's study is individual, so join us at any time. All adults are welcome!

Youth & Teen Information

Contact Jill with any questions regarding our youth groups at Jill.lopez@risensavioraz.org.



Inspire Kids Club
(Ages 3 yrs-Grade 6)
NO meeting 9/6
Sundays at 9:30 am in the
North Building Youth Rooms.



Preschoolers are little artists. They experience so much joy when they create something and say, "Look at what I made!" But we want preschoolers to know that THEY are made by God and that they are important to God. So this month, our bottom line for preschoolers is God made me wonderful. Let's help them experience awe and wonder as they see themselves as a part of God's creation.

NURSERY

(Age 3 and under)

Available on Sundays during the 9:30 am service in the North Building Nursery.



We're taking August to dive in and explore the incredible truth that each one of us is a Masterpiece: Made by God—in God's very own image! Throughout the month, kids will discover that they are created for a purpose, that God can use everything in our lives, that every single person is of value because they are made in God's image, and that God has gifted us to work together to grow His kingdom.



7th & 8th Grade
Meets on Sunday at 6pm



9-12 Grade
Meets on Sunday at 7pm

Ignite & Impact
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

August 2
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

August 9
Selah: A Night of Worship in the Psalms
6:30 pm

August 16
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

August 23
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

August 30
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

September 6
No Ignite or Impact
(Labor Day)

September 13
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

September 20
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm

September 27
Ignite 6 - 7:30 pm
Impact 7 - 8:30 pm