

# NEW DAY

*"This is the day the Lord has made."*  
Psalm 118:24

"CAN WE GO FOR A WALK NOW?"



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# Evangel Church welcomes all to attend and worship

*“It is our desire that you experience the love and fellowship that makes Evangel more than a church; it makes it a family. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, sickness is defeated and the curse of poverty is broken. (Psalm 103:3-5) We have been set free through the Son of God. Our prayer is that you experience this at Evangel Church.”*

**JOINING EVANGEL APRIL 14TH**



(Foreground, left-right) Pastor McFarland, Bob Lenden, Lupe Lenden, Cathy Putze, Sonia Tavis, Allan Lawson, Carolyn Mitchell, Lyle Mitchell, Karen Khatoonian, Owen Khatoonian.  
(Background) Deacons Dave Hoppmann, Al Hebert, Mel Kuntz, Shellie Powley, Martin Christopher and at keyboard, Lorena McFarland

“New Day” is a publication that won’t be mailed but instead spread through the community by our own members who are ready to give the gifts of acceptance, prayer and compassion to those who seek a caring church home and family. Each month, we will highlight coming events and describe our various programs. It is our hope that you will want to get acquainted, meet new friends and receive the rewards of faith and fellowship.

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| Sunday Worship    | 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday Worship | 6:00 p.m. Teaching: The Book of Revelation  |
| JOY Bible School  | Sunday 8:15 a.m. Fellowship, 8:45 a.m. Class  |
| Daily Prayer      | Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.   |
| Women’s Ministry  | Tuesday weekly 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 9:30 a.m. Meeting  |
| Men’s Ministry    | Thursday weekly 12:30 p.m.  |
| Agape Groups      | Small group meetings for learning, prayer and fellowship<br>List available for dates, times, meeting places |
| Special Events    | Concerts, Dinners, Celebrations as scheduled  |

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# Introducing Evangel Staff



Pastor Robert McFarland  
**Senior Pastor**

Lorena McFarland  
**Music Director**

## Board of Deacons



L-R: Shellie Powley, Alfred Hebert, David Hoppmann,  
Mel Kuntz, Martin Christopher

## Office Staff



Carole Myers  
Office Administrator



Penny Larson  
Accountant



Marie Christopher  
Custodian



Lorena McFarland: Music Director/Power Point Designer/  
Web Site Manager/Pastor's Spouse/Tree Trimmer



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## The Gospel Bridge:

### Plank Five

## “Restoring Healing to the Body of Christ”

### Sermon series

by Pastor Robert McFarland



Paul wrote in Romans 1:17, *“For in it [the Gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, ‘the righteous shall live by faith.’”* If you are to consider the Word of God as true, then you cannot always consider the evidences of your senses as true. The natural person walks by their senses, but the spiritual person walks by faith in the Word of God.

Our society is full of despair and hopelessness. We are sick in spirit, soul and body. The devil has stolen the health that Christ purchased for us at Calvary. Jesus fulfilled the prophetic announcements of Isaiah on the Cross for, *“He was pierced for our transgressions; He was cursed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.”* (Isaiah 53:5)

In the book of Acts, the church had the truth of Calvary, the double cure of salvation and healing, firmly nailed down. Satan has stolen these by getting us to equate our doctrine with our experience. In God’s blueprint of grace, found in 1 Peter 2:24, we plainly see God’s provision for healing the human body; but when we see so much sickness and disease in the world, and the apparent lack of healing, our natural logic reasons that it must not be for today.

Smith Wigglesworth once said, “I am not moved by what I see; I am moved by what I believe.” That is the spirit man speaking. What you believe, truly believe, is what governs your life. The world does not need our creeds or denominational lingo; it needs the old-fashioned, heartfelt, Holy Spirit, sin-eradicating, life-changing, body-healing gospel of Jesus Christ. Calvary is the double cure.

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and healed everyone who came to Him. He really meant what He declared in Luke 10:19, *“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”* Get this foundational truth in your spirit: Divine healing belongs to you today, because God never changes.

It is time for the church of Jesus Christ to minister to the hurting and dying multitudes living without Jesus as Savior and Healer. They must know that Jesus saves, heals and delivers everyone who calls on Him. That is the good news. AMEN!!

Pastor McFarland

*Getting To Know You* THE CHRISTOPHERS



This handsome couple is Evangel Deacon/Treasurer Martin Christopher and Marie Christopher, the church’s maintenance/custodial manager. Martin participates in the Visitation Ministry at Evangel and is also Treasurer of the Gideons organization for NW Maricopa County.

Both Marty and Marie are Midwesterners - Marty was born in Waukegan, Illinois, (the oldest of three) and graduated from high school there. He later moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, for college and career.

Martin has a wide and varied background, having attended Carthage College and the College of Lake County in Illinois where he studied chemistry and general sciences. He has also pursued careers in insurance and financial services with Prudential and Metropolitan Life Insurance Companies as well as numerous other activities until retirement. He has six adult children living in Wisconsin and Arizona.

Marie is the youngest of four children (two brothers and a sister) and lived most her life in the family home in Kenosha, until moving to Arizona. *(An interesting sidelight: Marie’s father lived all his life in the same Kenosha neighborhood, moving only one block to purchase the family home which Marie still owns.)* She worked in accounting and payroll positions and also as Construction Project Coordinator for a construction company. She later devoted much of her time caring for both of her parents as their health declined. Marie says, *“I had wonderful Christian parents and grew up in a Christian home.”* On Mother’s Day weekend, 2004, she met “Lexi”, her devoted Golden Retriever, who had been rescued by a day care worker. *You might remember Lexi, who was the first special pet introduced in February.*



Marty and Marie met at a singles club at a church in Kenosha in the early ‘90s and were married in 1997. They bought their house (right across the street from Evangel) in 2007 and finally settled in Arizona full time in 2010. Marie began work at Evangel in January of 2011 and says she enjoys her work and loves the people she works with.

*You can find Marty and Marie - and often Lexi - at the church almost every day as these two devoted Evangel members are always close by and ready to help.*



This little girl's name is *Schatzi* which means “sweetheart” in German. One look at that sweet little face and you know Allan Lawson chose the right name. Allan (one of our new members) says Schatzi is 5 years old and she has been with him for most of her life. She is a mix of Chihuahua/Japanese Chin and has so much energy that it is hard to get a quiet moment for a photo.

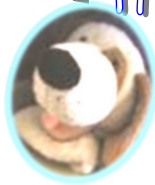
P.S. The little guy on the front page, waiting for a walk in the beautiful spring grass, is *Joey*, a Chihuahua puppy belonging to our soundman, Steve Green. Joey is only about 7 weeks old. His delicate soft coat and big brown eyes will steal your heart - just ask the WM officers who were meeting when Joey came in. It was “aaawwww!” from everyone.

# A peek inside... THE GOSPEL TELLERS

## TELLING STORIES OF THE BIBLE THROUGH PUPPETS



Willa Wood,  
Chief Story Teller



The Gospel Tellers began in the summer of 2007 and really got going around September of that year. The Lord called Willa to take the Bible stories to children who might not otherwise hear the good news of Jesus Christ. There have been many people from Evangel who have worked with the Gospel Tellers and a few who are still involved. Willa is always looking for workers to go with her and operate the puppets. She has worked with three major teams who have recorded the stories (which Willa writes) and others who now and then help out with recordings. After the show, they give gifts to the children who enjoy puzzles, coloring books and crayons, stuffed toys and silly putty.

Willa says, *"It's a fun ministry most of the time, with many children and adults accepting Jesus when we give the invitation. Over 1300 people have come forward to be saved to date during this ministry. We give the Lord the glory and thanks also to Evangel Church for their support."*



Here's Willa with some of her favorite characters who tell her stories. Willa is using all the best and latest technology, having traded in the old cumbersome recording and sound equipment for an iPhone 4 to record the scripts and then plugging it into a CD player which serves as a docking station to broadcast the stories at show time.

Here are a couple enthusiastic helpers: JoAnna Mason and Joanne Schultz →



Willa Wood was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. One sister, June, has gone to be with the Lord. She has one daughter, Linda Owen, three granddaughters and four great granddaughters, all living on the East Coast. During her "spare time", she serves Evangel as the missionary liaison and manages the email prayer chain.



Below is a *real* snowbird - and the only "drifts" we have around here - cactus blossoms!



**Men's Ministry:** Every Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Meeting



CARL PRATT

Newly elected Chairman of the Men's Ministry



**Women's Ministry:** Every Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 9:30 a.m. Meeting

New quilt in the works



May 27th - Memorial Day Pot O Blessing  
at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall

June 18th - 7:00 p.m. Fun nite at Castle & Coasters. Miniature golf - please sign up  
asap as cost depends on number going. Car pool from the church if desired.

*Evangel Church Agape Groups*



*If you are new to Evangel Church or just need friends for fellowship or to  
share prayer needs, a small group may be just right for you.  
For more information, call Lyn Reading  
at 623-544-8040*



**MARCH 7th BAPTISM**

(l-r) Carolyn Mitchell, Lyle Mitchell, Valeria Oppen, Jerry Oppen, Sharen Betzold, Allan Lawson



**Volunteers are what keeps us going...**



**Ralph Raciti keeps the grounds beautiful**

**Vi DePrenger preparing weekly bulletins**



**Ken Wren stirring the chili for Men's lunch**



**Lyn Reading working long hours on the Directory updates**



**These are just a few of the volunteers and just some of the jobs they do to keep Evangel running. We honestly couldn't do without them and there is always room for more.**