## THE VOICE

White Mountain Bible Church

September 2025

## Women's Summer Luncheon



On July 12, we held our 2nd annual Women's Summer Luncheon. Our speaker was Rabbi Jack Zimmerman, the founder of Tree of Life Congregation, a Messianic Christian Church in Scottsdale. Rabbi Jack spoke of his Judaic upbringing, as well as his conversion to Christianity after he married his wife Sandy. One of the verses Sandy shared with him that was integral in his conversion to Christianity was Isaiah 53:5. Rabbi Jack realized that Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of this prophecy. He also spoke of the healing of the 10 lepers from Luke 10, and the role of the priests in confirming Christ's miracle. There were more than 100 ladies in attendance, with extra space added for women who came just to hear his message. These are just a few of the comments we received:

"I was so interested in hearing that over 300 Messianic prophecies were fulfilled by Jesus Christ" "Best

"One word: Wonderful"

"It was so exciting to hear the Old Testament saying that Christ was coming:"

"Captivating"

"We should be thankful for all God does, #1 being that he sent His Son to die for us."

## **Words of Wisdom for Widows**

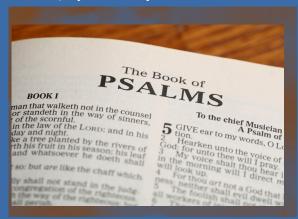
by Virginia Gorman

I lost my husband in June of 2020. I was 56 and he was 66 years old. The verse that has helped me through my widowhood and encouraged me to help other widows has been

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."



When I volunteered at Sports Camp for the first time 2 years ago, I met 3 other widows. We talked and thought it might be a good thing to start a widows group so that we could fellowship and encourage one another as we navigate this journey of widowhood. One of the ladies was a true leader and I thought she would be the one to "spearhead" the group. However, that didn't happen and no one else wanted the job, so I took over. That being said, it is definitely a group effort with each one giving suggestions of events to go to and things to do together. We have named our group "Psalm 68 Fellowship", from the verse, "(the Lord)... is a defender of widows...".



We get together at least once a month to have potlucks, meet at a restaurant, go to plays, and many other events. The group has invited other widows from outside the church. We want to be a light and encourage anyone who feels comfortable being a part of us. We share verses that have gotten us through this difficult time in our lives. Often when we meet, we have one of the ladies in the regular group share her journey and testimony with us. We really enjoy our times together!

The uniqueness of the group is that those who have not lost a spouse do not completely understand the type of sorrow each of us in the group have experienced. Just being able to share what we have gone and are going through, is comforting because we know the others can empathize with us. We are able to comfort each other as we talk about what we went through/are going through. "We can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." Because most of us live alone, we help each other out when others are sick, need a shoulder to cry on, need advice, need to find professional help with our homes, etc. God has truly given us a great group of women to be part of our fellowship. We thank God for giving our hearts a home as we walk this road together.

