



## Local Church Directory

### Saving Grace Lutheran Church

SavingGraceLC.org 480-888-9673

### Calvary Chapel of Queen Creek

480-988-2984 www.calvaryqueenecreek.com

### Life Outreach Ministries 480-677-2729

www.lifeoutreachministries.com

### Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

480-279-6737 www.smarymag.org

### Solid Foundation Bible Church 480 464-6047

www.foundationsolidbc.com

### ONE Community Church 480-383-9393

www.discoverONE.net

### San Tan Heights Church 480-888-9506

www.santanheightschurch.org

### Grace Bible Reformed Church 520-723-8319

### Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church

520-723-3609

### Mountain View Family Church

480-677-2100 www.mountainviewaz.com

### 7th Day Adventist Church 520-316-0658

### LifePoint Church 480-888-1560

www.lifepeople.com

### St. Michael's and Christ Episcopal Church 520 723-3845

### Berean Baptist Church 480-239-7331 www.bbcqc.org

### Central Community Church of God 520-723-7200

480-323-8393

### The Gathering at Queen Creek 480-882-1986

### Desert Mountain Bible Fellowship 480-988-1198

desertmountainbible.org

### Spirit of Joy United Methodist Church 520 723 3296

www.spiritofjoyumcaz.org

### The Church at Queen Creek 480-570-8414

www.thechurchqc.com

### Rock Point Church 480-988-5391

www.rockpointchurch.org

### Catholic Mass For information, contact Virginia 480-

888-7914, also the church in Florence: Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, at 520-868-5940 (Fr. Cloud).

### Gospel Light Baptist Church & Christian School

480-988-5412

### Light & Life Gatherings Worship (480) 276-1743

www.lightandlifegatherings.com

### Desert Wells Church of Christ 480-988-4871

www.desertwellschurchofchrist.org

### Christ's Church Free Will Baptist 520-723-7020

www.christschurchfwb.org

### Wings of Love Church 480-882-3281

wingsoflovechurch.org

### New Life Church of the Nazarene 480-888-9886

www.newlifeqc.org

### New Day Church 480-766-8331

www.newdaychurchaz.com

### Freedom Life Fellowship 480-987-5488

## Live BIG in '08

Mark Krenz, D.Min.



Ahhh... 2008, a new year has dawned. Just think, by March you'll finally stop writing 2007 on your checks and paperwork. 2008... so many possibilities, so many uncertainties. Think ahead, what will your 2008 annual Christmas letter tell your family and friends about this year? Only time will tell. Twelve months to be exact.

At the start of last year, my friend from California would have never thought that his annual letter would share about his being diagnosed with a form of Leukemia, not to mention, his four year old daughter being diagnosed with a different form of Leukemia. He couldn't have imagined his cute long-haired daughter would be bald on their Christmas picture (she's still cute!). My college-age cousin at the start of last year couldn't have imagined attending both her dad's and grandma's funerals. My friend from South America didn't plan on his truck being stolen by the mafia.

I knew others this last year, some who lost jobs, others who got promotions; some who lost their houses, others who bought a new one; some who suffered severe injuries and pain, others who returned from the brink of death; some who found new love, some who lost a marriage and others who saved a marriage; some who over-came addictions, and others who fell into them; some who found a fresh faith, and others who lost theirs.

Is life just out of our control? Is it so unpredictable that we should just throw up our hands and "let the chips fall where they may?" None of us know the future, although we often live as though we do. We make plans in our calendars, we adopt new habits and make budgets. At work we create strategic five year plans. But if life can turn on a dime, how should we approach this new year?

We need to learn to develop how we approach life's situations - whatever may come our way. Think about it as living big. No, it's not living in big houses, driving fancy cars, or going on extravagant vacations. It's about approaching daily life with an attitude that makes us big people. It's choosing how we respond to the situations that come our way; whether they turned out like we had hoped or not. So what does it mean to live big and what questions do big living people ask?

We live big when we choose kindness over hurt. What is the loving way for me to respond? We live big when we choose forgiveness over bitterness. How can I restore this relationship? We live big when we choose generosity over smallness. How can I err on the side of generosity? We live big when we choose hope over fear. What good can come out of this situation? We live big when we choose selflessness over self-preservation. How can I meet the needs of my friend or neighbor? We live big when we choose faith over doubt. How can I hold more tightly on to my faith and believe in God's plan for my life?

No matter what may come your way this year, I hope you choose to live big. The bible tells us that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28). God is a big God, who wants you to be a big person, seizing big opportunities, and dreaming big dreams. May 2008 be your year to live big!

Dr. Mark Krenz is the lead pastor of ONE Community Church. The January message series is "Live BIG." To listen or find out more go to [www.discoverONE.net](http://www.discoverONE.net) - win an iPod Nano. ONE meets Sundays at 9:30am at Mountain Vista K-8 in San Tan Heights (1/4 mile behind the Sonic on Hunt Hwy and Mountain Vista Blvd).

ONE is One On Jan 20 at 9:30am come and celebrate ONE's first birthday! Following the worship celebration will be bounce houses, food, music, games, face-painting, more.

## WANT YOUR WEEKENDS?



New Day Church will be meeting on Fridays @ 7:30 pm at Freedom Christian Academy 39731 N. Kennedy Dr. Queen Creek

We are a REAL church, with REAL people, serving a REAL God.

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## My Checkbook: Let Me Go!

submitted by Debbie Hay

Life is hard. Relationships can be challenging. Finances, well, that is a subject that is sometimes so difficult that merely engaging in the thought of money produces anxiety that rips through your extremities and consumes you with worry.

I have heard it said, "Just pull yourself up by your bootstraps and you'll be fine." What do bootstraps have to do with my checkbook anyway? Personally, I love spending money; doesn't everyone? However, if there is one thing I have learned over the years is that spending money is only a symptom. My real problem is the hold that money has on me!

The way I figure it? My way isn't working and I won't live the rest of my life in worry, distress and fear of tomorrow. There is a place in our community to go and to get help. It takes boldness and courage to step out and admit the truth however truth-telling is the beginning of freedom. The next step is to go; link up with local resources that will guide you along the way.

LifePoint Church has dedicated January of 2008 to help everyone who is in need of practical financial directional assistance regardless of your religious affiliation. Do you have a question? Do you want to hear more? Join us at any of our Sunday services and or check out [www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org). It's about people helping people.

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*Bling-economics (financial conversation) is taking place every Sunday in January at 9:00a.m. or 10:45a.m. at Copper Basin School. For more information check out [www.lifepeople.com](http://www.lifepeople.com)*  
Lead Pastor of LifePoint Church is David Hinman

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[www.freedomca.com](http://www.freedomca.com) • [www.tgintl.com](http://www.tgintl.com)

Sundays at 9:30

**Fact:** A dripping faucet can waste 3 gallons a day... a total of 1095 gallons a year.

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