

September 29, 2017



# LAS NOTICIAS

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## The Five Solas The Power of Conviction

As we approach the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I am reminded of the power of conviction to create energy for transformation. One may suggest the genius of Martin Luther was his conviction. One sees in Luther there exists a link between the ability to state clearly one's convictions and the effects on self, others and society those convictions have to impact the good. Or ill.

If it is true that the stating of convictions has power, the dynamis unleashed impacts in all directions; Ghandi and Hitler are a kind of photographic negative of one another, the good Kirk and his evil twin both had influence (for those of us who are Star Trek fans). Thus, in today's church and in today's world, it is not only that we have opinions but the values and principles expressed by these opinions matter. Are our opinions worthy of Jesus?

The genius of Luther was the genius of conviction in a particular direction. Simply put, Luther had a grace obsession. Luther's "five solas" - that salvation is through the work of Christ alone, offered by grace alone, received through faith alone, as communicated in Scripture alone, to the glory of God alone - are infused throughout by the transforming reality of grace.

For Luther, the power of the Gospel is found in the free gift of God, the Divine Initiative to love, keep loving, and persevere in love even at the ultimate cost. This love which will not let us go is the good news that, in Jesus, God is reconciling the world to restore the creation's original shalom. It is to this good news that Luther's convictions spoke, and these convictions still have power.

We do not need more people speaking with conviction in today's polarized world but rather more people speaking good news with conviction. In our churches, over tea or coffee, on our Facebook pages, and on walks around our neighborhoods, the Church - written with a capital C to include all of us - is God's chosen instrument to speak good news. Is there a way to speak of the call for justice as good news? Is there a way to speak of deeply held values as good news? Is there a way to speak the life-giving, culture-transforming, hope-offering, suffering-sharing work of Jesus Christ within our world today and speak it as good news? If we cannot answer the above questions in the affirmative, then may God have mercy upon us all.

Now that's a prayer to which Luther would say yes.

Grace and peace,  
Brad Munroe

P.S. Don't forget the 500th Anniversary Reformation Celebration in Douglas / Agua Prieta on November 10-11! Register by emailing [office@fronteradecristo.org](mailto:office@fronteradecristo.org)

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A Three Year Cycle of Workshops  
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**REGISTER NOW FOR IGNITE THE SPARK!**

**October 20- Zach Yentzer:  
Ministry to (and with) Millennials**

Zach, a Millennial, a Tucson native and a PK, is the founder and principal of 100 Cities Ministry and author *Creative: Designing Churches that Engage Generations Together*. Zach believes churches can move toward becoming more intergenerational, creative and impactful through establishing relationships of "mutual mentoring" across generations. Zach's workshop will describe the three-part framework that churches need to build to create the kind of environment that such relationships can, may and will happen. [Register Now!](#)

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## CHURCH NEWS

### TORTOLITA

will host a craft fair, Saturday, October 7 featuring homemade seasonal, baby, household and gift items. All proceeds benefit Presbyterian Women.

[More info](#)

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

invites folks from Presbytery de Cristo to participate in a 4-week discussion of the book **Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race**, by Debbie Irving. Co-Moderators of the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly, Revs. Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, encourage congregations to study this very readable and timely book, and have prepared a study guide for group use.

The book group will meet on Mondays, October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 3 of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, 14240 North Oracle Road at Mountaineer Drive. To indicate your interest in participating, please email [mspcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mspcoffice@gmail.com). NOTE: Rev. Denise Anderson will be our guest at the January presbytery meeting.

### NORTHMINSTER

will host a Disciple Forward event October 17-18. This 2-day conference will challenge you to clarify your next steps in following Jesus, and how you can help others move forward in discipleship as well! \$75 for both days.

[info](#)

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## Have you met PdC's 8 Mission Partners?

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The Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson  
is growing great Kids in Christ!

[Our Mission Partners](#)



## Casa de La Luz Foundation End of Life Conference

Living Into Dying: Faith and Culture at the End of Life

November 3

8 am-4 p.m.

[More information](#)



Traveling Day Camp registration is now open and we already have two Day Camps registered for next June! Our Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministries and congregational ministry that brings Montlure right to your campus.

Contact [Montlure Camp@Montlure.org](mailto:MontlureCamp@Montlure.org) to request a church informational packet. We are also willing to meet with your CE Committee, Session, Children's Planning Committee, etc., in person, to dialogue what our customizable Day Camp has to offer. Register today!

2018 Overnight Dates

Juniors Camp (4th/5th Grade) - June 17th-21st

Junior High Camp (6th-8th Grade) - June 24th-29th

Senior High Camp (9th-12th Grade) - June 10th-15th

**SAVE THE DATE: HOW CAN DE CRISTO HELP?: A Face to Face discussion with Montlure, October 23 at noon at Trinity Presbyterian**

[Website](#)



Members of PDA's National Response Team have been deployed to Florida, Georgia and South Carolina and Texas to provide aid, assess damage, and offer spiritual and emotional care for those impacted by the winds and flooding. While PDA has already been in contact with presbyteries throughout Florida and Puerto Rico, the Church remains mindful of the areas where contact has, so far, been difficult to make. Once the information arrives from the Florida Keys as well as the Caribbean islands nearly wiped from the map, the destruction of this storm will begin to be fully known.

There are years of recovery ahead. Will you help extend the hands of Christ by standing in the GAP? - Give. Act. Pray..

[Website](#)

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## PRAYERS

- the family of Corky Mendez of Papago United, who passed away this month

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

### SEPTEMBER

[30-Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Fall Gathering](#)

### OCTOBER

20- [Ignite the Spark, Green Valley](#)

21- [Presbytery meeting- Green Valley](#)

28- Nov 4- [Border to Border Event- Frontera de Cristo](#)

### NOVEMBER

3- End of Life Seminar- (see above)

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## JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

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[Weekly PC\(USA\) News](#)

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