

## Going Through the Void

Why would we do anything difficult if we already know it is going to be hard? The only reason is we believe it will be worth it. Why do athletes train and work hard to be at the top of their game, and the rest of us buy gym memberships and never go? We thought we would go the first day we signed up, and we felt like we would be strong. We were resolved to be stronger. Then it seemed like we went through a void. Three months later, we drive by the gym and feel guilty because we haven't been back. There is a difference when we do something because we believe in it, and when we just wish it was already done.

When Jesus began teaching and healing, everyone thought he was great. It wasn't long till he found opposition from the Jewish leaders. Eventually, some of his disciples didn't understand his teaching and they left. The harder it was, the more people left. Jesus knew the end of his life would be most painful and difficult. He didn't try to get out of it. He went through it to become the redeemer of us all. What was the difference in the twelve? Judas finally acted on what he could get out of it, and the others went through to what God could do with it. They finally realized it was never about them.

We begin the Christian life surrounded by people who have studied with us and care about us. We even go to church a few times. It isn't long before the excitement wears off, and we are lost in the void. We reach a decision point of going through or taking the easy way and doing what we want. We keep going and even become involved. We teach class or become active in a ministry. God seems to fill us more because of our efforts. We didn't worship just because someone would call if we didn't show up. We came because we talked to God that week and talked to other people about God. We could see things God was doing around us in people we met. We had a different attitude because we believed we were loved by God. We saw people who were struggling and being the giver of a little grace changed our outlook. We thought about how God had given us grace and wanted to find someone else to gift with grace. We gave it to our children and friends. The more people we found to forgive and help, the more it changed us, and we understood we were doing the work of God. We found Jesus in our life, not just trying to follow a list of rules. The people of God became our people. The work of God became our work. We are most blessed because we came through.

--Terry



### Updates

**Address:** Gayle Christian's street name in the foldout directory should be

**Phone:** Susan Tolbert's phone in foldout directory should be

**Phone Updates:** David Yañez (); Betty Yañez ().

*\*\*Please let us know of any updates!*

## Giving During the Quarantine

There have been a number of inquiries on the best way to make contributions during the quarantine period. Fortunately, there are a number of avenues available--choose the one that works best for you!

- Go to [www.mesachurch.org](http://www.mesachurch.org) (our web page) and look for the **Give Online** link at the top of the page. Click on this and complete the information requested. *There is a small fee for checks and auto withdrawals from bank and a % fee if a debit card is used.*
- Use **Bill Pay** through your regular bank--these checks are delivered by mail from your bank. *There is no charge for this service.*
- Mail a check to the church office.
- Drop off your contribution at the office window. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

### Copper Basin Bible Camp News

Some have asked about Copper Basin Family Camp that was scheduled for the end of this month. This has been canceled. Copper Basin has also canceled all camp sessions for the summer. They will evaluate fall activities later in the summer.

### Navajo Nation Needs

Evan Todachine, the young man that Mesa sponsors in his Navajo Nation work, says that there are many factors that has led to the explosion of the coronavirus on the reservation. Large families have especially been hit hard since they are all quarantined together. Many do not have electricity or water so hygiene is much more difficult, and there are only 3 small hospitals covering a very large area. Evan plans to meet his mom in Flagstaff soon to deliver any masks that he can collect. If you sew and can help out with this, bag them up and drop them off at the office on Monday--he did not know for sure when he would go, but said as soon as he had enough for a trip.

### Any Soldier Coupons

Mesa's Any Soldier ministry is continuing to collect coupons for our troops out of the country. Remember, they can use expired coupons for up to six months past the expiration date! If you have some extra time on your hands and coupons available that you don't really use, clip them and save them! Debbie Suazo will have the box out and available for depositing them once we resume meeting.



### World Bible School

Now is the time to be adopting WBS students! We are getting a lot more students and now we want to **ADOPT ALL STUDENTS IN OUR AREA!!** Texas has offered to help financially, if we need it, and they asked us to adopt all students in our target area! So, teachers, please adopt as many as you can, with this crisis the time is ripe! The board is full of students! If you have some spare time and are interested in becoming a teacher, contact Sandy Yeats at 480-710-4150.

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Chris Erno..... Medication adjustments  
Jerra Bonebrake..... Shoulder Surgery recovery  
Jon Hardin..... Surgery recovery  
Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador)..... Health  
Stephanie Hasper..... Biopsy 4/21  
Charlie Biriki..... Praise! Much improved!

### on-going health problems

Debbie McMorries (Steve Young's mom), Martha Carroll, Lisa Fenwick, Bob Klosterboer, Joyce Rutledge (B. Kerley's Mom), Dot Reners, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Jacquelyn Gatica, Joan Piercy, Debbie Suazo, Tewana Carter, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Stacey Cummings, Lynda Campbell, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Shirley Mathis

### military prayers

Andrew Jones (C. Burd's G'son), Anthony Galvan (Millers G'son), Jake Hinkle (Hinkle's G'son), Briana Aston (S. Yeats' Niece), Michael Ford, Jake Teague (Grandson-in-law of Sue Johnson), Jared Cannon, Kyle Sharp, John Dunwoody, Zack Ubrig

### Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: On-line service  
Wednesday: On-line service  
Budget: \$13,027  
Giving: \$13,357  
YTD Average: \$11,537