

## Relative Danger

There are dangers around us. Sometimes it is a virus that keeps us indoors. Danger is always relative. When we were children, we were not allowed to cross the street. There are all kinds of bad things that can happen if we cross the street. We might get lost, and no one can find us. We might get hit by a car. Someone might kidnap us. We might get injured when there is no one around to help. Moms were concerned, and the list grew if they knew we were contemplating such dangers.

One of the unnecessary dangers from childhood is the roller coaster. It makes no sense to put your life in such danger. The first thing they do is climb a very steep hill much higher than any place we should be allowed to go. The next step is to drop you off the edge of this steep climb that sends you hurling toward the ground at 65 miles per hour. Just in the nick of time the track bends and you go flying up again. This is called fun. It makes some of us sick. For some reason this is allowed if we are strapped into a little car connected with other little cars on a track.

Danger is part of life. We use danger. Sometimes we are afraid of danger, and sometimes we enjoy it. We like being scared some of the time but not other times. When we have the illusion of control, we enjoy the danger. When something seems beyond our control, we are afraid and avoid it. When we let God have control, the danger is there but there is no reason to fear.

When Jesus called his disciples, he was calling them into danger. He knew he would end with a cross. There were too many prophecies to think otherwise. If he was crucified, there was the danger that his disciples would be also. Some of them were. When Jesus calls us to follow, it is a danger. Danger is relative. The most dangerous time is to face life without Jesus. Make sure when you stay at home Jesus is there. Let God have control of your life. If we are told to stay in, then stay in. We have made a way to worship God together in a safe place. Take advantage of the times when you can honor God in your life.

--Terry



### Updates

**Address:** Gayle Christian's street name

**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.

### Pantry--No Helpers this Month!

This coming Saturday is the regularly scheduled open pantry. Please note that there will be a modified version of this due to the coronavirus restrictions. Prepacked boxes will be handed out curbside by Edison, Miriam and Xiomara. Thanks so much to those who usually help with this--you will be needed in the future when normalcy returns!



### On-Line Presence

Since most schools have gone to an on-line format for students, the office wanted to make sure all our families have some form of technology to use. Please let us know if you are in need of something or if you have an extra that you can share. These do not have to be the latest and greatest to meet classroom needs.

### 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.

### Virtual Hugs!

The office staff sends virtual hugs to everyone! Please continue to let us know of prayer requests, etc. While we cannot visit in person, we are willing to make calls, pray and do whatever else we can to make these times as pain free as possible! Thanks so much to those who responded this week with contributions on-line or through mail. The Mesa family is great to be a part of in good times and in bad! Continue to pray for God's wisdom to fill those leaders around the world as they make those daily difficult decisions.

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Amber Anderson..... Praise! Heart test was good!  
Jerra Bonebrake..... Shoulder Surgery recovery  
Jon Hardin..... Surgery recovery  
Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador)..... Health  
Stephanie Hasper..... Biopsy pending  
Charlie Biriki ..... Home recovering  
Green Family ..... Exposure to Covid

### on-going health problems

Debbie McMorris (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: \$9,923

YTD Average: \$11,397