

Choosing Authority

Who has authority in your life? We hear a lot of statements of what people want us to do. We have rules, guidelines, mandates, laws, suggestions, and advice all as a way of telling us what we are to do. We choose whether we are going to follow those, and we understand the consequences that comes with either doing them or not doing them. Some things we may ignore. Some things we do under protest, but we recognize that they are over us.

We are told we must stay in and not be around people or places where we could be infected with a virus. Now we are being told those places are safe, and we can be out some if we protect ourselves from the virus. It is hard to know what is safe and what is not. The rules have changed, but the danger is still there. The threat is a threat of death. Do we always take threats seriously?

The Bible tells us in Romans 6:23, *"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* That statement has been around for centuries and carries the authority of scripture from God and the penalty of death. We choose whether we will listen to that and accept it as true. Will it change our behavior? Most people accept that it is true, but they do not allow the free gift of God to give them eternal life in Jesus. We choose to sin even when we know the authority. Understanding the authority God has and accepting it is far different from obeying that authority.

What if God told us not to, and we did not do it. Do not lie. We will never tell an untruth or any kind or shade, black, white, or gray. God said to love. We love every person we meet. We are told to have self-control and patience even in virus times. Is that what it means to have Jesus as Lord and King? Jesus as king of our life. We put Jesus on the throne by letting him have authority to say, and we are willing to serve him in every way.

--Terry



The one who rules your heart will rule your mind and your life...

I have chosen You my dearest Lord, You are my soul, to love and be loved in return again.



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** (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.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the love shown to our family following the death of my mom. Your texts, calls, cards and especially prayers were so appreciated. Thanks also for the donation made to the Christian Children's Home in Paragould, AR, in her memory. Mom and dad supported this home with donations and visits for many years and would so appreciate this way of remembering them. In Christian Love, Renda & Family

New Adventure

Landon Ubrig left this past Wednesday for his AIM assignment in Wasilla, AK. Mesa missions continues to be a part of Landon's support as he is in the field. Please continue to pray for him and drop him a note of encouragement from time to time.

New Granddaughter

Congratulations to C. R. & Susan Gaines on the birth of their fourth grandchild and first granddaughter, Diane Worthington. She was born on May 9th, weighing 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and measuring 19.5 inches.

Congratulations Class of 2020!

We are planning a larger celebration for our High School Seniors once our services have resumed, but wanted to give a shout out to them this week. Many are receiving their diplomas this week and making exciting plans for their next big adventure. We will have our complete insert later!

<i>Samuel Barnes</i>	<i>Natalie Bouley</i>	<i>Cami Skipper</i>
<i>Mariah Bouley</i>	<i>Amaya Washington</i>	<i>Axcelis Valencia</i>
<i>Autumn Howerton</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Murphy</i>	<i>Amelia Verdugo</i>
<i>Cory O'Bannon</i>	<i>Angelie Ramirez</i>	<i>Mason Engle</i>

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Gayle Christian Recovering from stent placement
 Rebeka Farr.....Health
 Debbie McMorries (S. Young's mom)....Surgery Recovery
 Mary Peterson.....Surgery 5/18
 Tracy Bouley.....Back Surgery 5/27
 Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador).....Health
 Stacey CummingsHome but prayers for health

on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Lisa Fenwick, Bob Klosterboer, Dot Reners, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Jacquelyn Gatica, Joan Piercy, Debbie Suazo, Tawana Carter, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Lynda Campbell, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Shirley Mathis, Jon Hardin, Jerra Bonebrake, Kevin Olson, Julie Vega

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, Chris Kingsbury

Order of Worship--May 17, 2020

Song: "As the Deer"

Song: "Surround Us, O Lord"

Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song: "We're Marching to Zion"

Song: "There's a Stirring"

Song: "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Communion & Contribution: Dallas Kingsbury

Song: "Trust and Obey"

Song: "The Love of God"

Lesson: "Wanting a King" (Terry)

Song: "Oceans"

Prayer: Chuck Watts

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: On-line service

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$14,718

YTD Average: \$11,673