

Giving God a Compliment

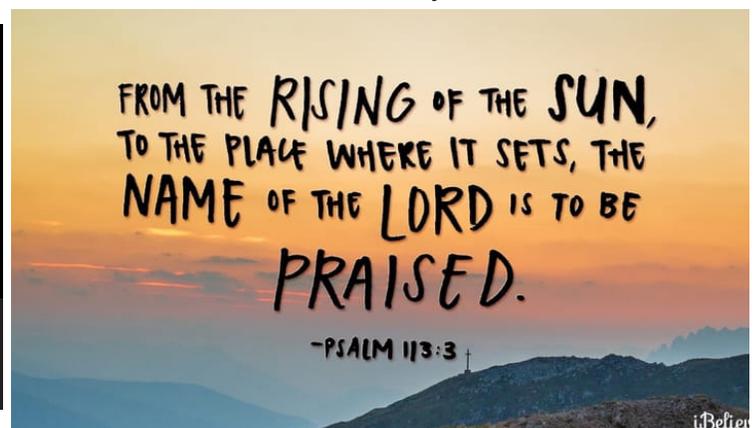
How do we show appreciation to someone? If you are in a restaurant and get excellent service, we would show it with a tip. Compliments are given when someone does something well. We tell them what a good job they did, especially if they are only 3 years old and have a new masterpiece for the fridge. The younger and more inexperienced they are, the more we can tell them how well they are doing. We have a harder time if people are better at doing something on our level. When we get used to something, we don't give compliments as easy. We have dinner every night and the recipes are not that varied, so we don't give many compliments. "Just as good as last week," is not really a compliment. If we do say how much we like it this week, then we get questioned about why it hasn't been good before.

Is it easy to give God a compliment? It is easy when we see a beautiful sunset or something unusual. Sunsets and sunrises come every day, but they aren't the same. The clouds and light are different. When it is the same thing, it becomes harder to express our gratitude. We are thankful for grace, redemption and forgiveness but are we more thankful today than we were last year? We can't see those, but there are times when we feel forgiven and other days we just feel rushed.

God calls it worship. He asks for worship. Jesus even tells a Samaritan woman that God is seeking people to worship him. From the beginning people were involved in worship. We have regulations from the commandments given to Moses about worship. It has been the custom of people to come to worship and take the Lord's supper since the beginning of the church. Praise was given to God for his protection and care. When they were threatened, they gathered together for prayer and to talk to God. Everything has been about worship to God for what he has done for us.

Since there has been so much about worship for so long, why are we not better at it? After this many years and so much being written and taught, you would think that we should be experts. Yet we find ourselves faltering in our expression of praise and adoration. Maybe because it is so familiar, we don't let it sink in and think about a way to express the meaning we know is there. Jesus doesn't need a "Tip," or a "Thanks," but a genuine expression of praise. Find a way this week to feel the overwhelming love and grace of God and be able to say it back to him.

--Terry



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 or, as of June 7th, drop your check in one of the buckets as you leave services.
- 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.

Children's Bulletins

Since there is no CBH or TBH at this time, there are Children's Bulletins available at the Welcome Center. Please help your child choose the appropriate age level.

Tuesday Ladies' Class

Ladies, mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 15th. Ladies' class may look a bit different this year due to the pandemic, but the study and fellowship still promise to be wonderful! Class will be set up in the Fellowship Hall and masks and social distancing will be required. Danell Fitzgerald will be teaching--watch for more class details coming soon!

Dear Brothers & Sisters at Mesa.

Thank you all for your contribution to cover some of my biggest expenses as I move to Denver and Begin my studies at the Bear Valley Bible Institute here. We begin classes on Monday, August 3rd, and after a week-long course on Research methods, I will be studying Mathew, Acts, Bible Geography and Personal Evangelism, besides a general writing class, until mid-October. Thank you again for helping me in this endeavor! --Peter Yukich (Salt River Church of Christ) *Note: Mesa Missions assisted Peter with a one-time donation of \$1,710 to get him started.*

SIBI

SIBI has switched to Thursday evenings and new classes will start on August 20th. Biblical Theology of Missions will be taught from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings through the first week of October. Jeff Ibbetson continues to facilitate these classes.

Remaining August Worship Leaders		
	August 23	August 30
Welcome/Prayer:	Joel Soumar	Joshua DuBoise
Song Leader:	Jack Farr	Mike Corder
Comm./Cont.:	Daniel Fenwick	C.R. Gaines
Scripture Reader:	Samuel Barnes	Alex Green
Shepherds' Prayer:	Jackie Hinkle	Chuck Watts

Order of Worship--August 9, 2020

Song Leader: Jonathan Green

Song 167: "Hosanna"

Prayer: Joshua DuBoise

Song 647: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

Song 162: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Song: "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Communion & Contribution: Vince McNeil

Song: "Stronger"

Song 294: "You're the One"

Scripture Reading: John 12:12-15 Nick Kelley

Sermon: "Our Response to Our King" Terry Singleton

Song 922: "Jesus Paid It All"

Shepherd's Prayer: Jack Farr

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Lori Howerton Gall Bladder Surgery recovery
 Mary Petersen Surgery recovery
 Gaby Ivy (Wilburn's daughter) Diagnostic testing
 Angela Hartman (Bolton's daughter) ... Baby due anytime
 Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins' Mom) Health
 Lori Howerton's Parents Critical Health Needs

on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Joan Piercy, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Lynda Campbell, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Bailesteros, Jon Hardin, Kevin Olson, Julie Vega, Debbie McMorries (S. Young's mom), April Norment (Diamond DuBoise's mom), Shirley Mathis, Susan VanWormer

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, Estevan Lopez

Shepherds

Jack Farr C.R. Gaines
 Jackie Hinkle Kevin Hubby
 Vince McNeil Chuck Watts

Ministers

Pulpit Minister: Terry Singleton
 Spanish Minister: Edison Quevedo
 Family Minister: Joshua DuBoise
 Youth Minister: Joel Soumar

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 156 + On-line Viewers

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$16,977

YTD Average: \$11,825