

Worth Keeping

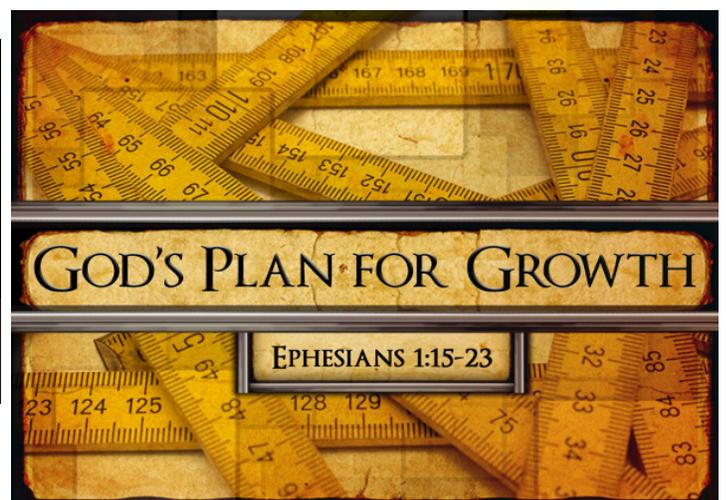
We have noticed that things don't last as long as they used to. The expectation and life expectancy of appliances, houses, cars and most anything we buy is fairly short. Many things are not meant to be fixed or repaired when the battery goes out. They are meant to be replaced by a new one. We don't build things to last; we expect them to become obsolete and that a new better model will be offered rather than doing the same thing the old one did. We know the technology will be improved in the next few years. We want it faster, better and cheaper; we don't want it to last forever.

If we are not happy with the one we have, we can just get a new one. Unfortunately, that has come to mean friends and relationships that were meant to be long term. We seldom say "till death do us part" on anything. We aren't going to live in the same house or keep the same job all our life. We may not even keep the same family. The time of working for one company until retirement is gone. Companies don't want that and neither do employees.

It has also changed the way we see church. We don't think of staying at the same congregation for our whole life. People are more willing to try different groups than they were before. That may mean we have a better opportunity to reach more people since they are more open. It also means we need to have something for them. What doesn't change is Jesus. People devoted to Jesus should not change. We may not stay with the same congregation, but our devotion to Jesus and to the word of God should remain the same. There is not a better savior.

The church is the people that Jesus died for as they follow Jesus and fulfill his word. For people to be part of the church they must have Jesus as their savior, but we also have to have something good of which they can be a part. Each congregation described in scripture looks like an exciting place. The word of God is taught, and worship with some of those early Christians must have been amazing. We are those Christians who find the power of grace and the word of God shared can be an amazing time of worship. In this time of change we have something worth keeping.

--Terry



Remaining September Worship Leaders

September 20

September 27

Welcome/Prayer:	Joel Soumar	Joshua DuBoise
Song Leader:	Jonathan Green	Steve Young
Communion/Contribution:	Jeff Green	Kim Clark
Scripture Reader:	Daniel Fenwick	Samuel Barnes
Shepherds' Prayer:	Jackie Hinkle	Kevin Hubby

Contribution

Contribution plates are not being passed at this time. Please drop your contribution in a bucket as you leave the auditorium, mail in your contribution or give online. Call the office if you need assistance with any of these.

Attention Teens!

Today is the day that an in-person Bible Class for the teens begins at 9:30 a.m. Wear your mask and head on over to the Annex! Chairs will be socially distanced.

Tuesday Ladies' Class

This coming Tuesday, September 15th, is the first class of the 2020-21 Ladies' class. It may look a bit different this year due to the pandemic, but the study and fellowship still promise to be wonderful! Danell Fitzgerald will be teaching a class entitled "Testaments--Gleaning the Old & Practicing the New." Please wear your mask and join us in the Fellowship Hall for class so that we can socially distance!

Save the Date

You are invited to a come-and-go reception honoring Jacob & Bailey Farr on Monday evening, September 28th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Jack & Leanne Farr, 6360 S Wilson Dr., Chandler. Jacob & Bailey were married on March 6th, but due to COVID restrictions have not been able to celebrate in AZ until now! This will be outdoors and masks and social distancing will be required. Please bring lawn chairs if you would like to stay and visit for a bit. If you wish to give a gift, VISA gift cards are suggested.

Friday Night of Prayer

Mark your calendar and plan to join a special time of prayer for our self, family, church and America each Friday night in October. Fliers are available at the Welcome Center.

2 Thank You's

I so appreciated all the cards, prayers, and phone calls that I received these past weeks. I am healing well after my second surgery and look forward to being able to attend worship services again. I really miss seeing everyone. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. We love you all. --Mary Petersen

I want to say thank you to all that have sent cards and have sent up prayers on my behalf. I'm doing as well as can be expected so please continue to keep me in your prayers. All prayers and cards are greatly appreciated. --Thanks, Malta

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.

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Lori HowertonHealth
 Myrissa Campbell (Lynda's daughter)Health
 Danny Church..... Skin cancer surgery
 T.R. Knoch's Dad.....Cancer surgery recovery
 Kwame & Juliet KonnorLoss of baby
 Lynda Campbell.....Fall recovery
 Carmen RodriguezEye Surgery recovery

on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Joan Piercy, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Jon Hardin, Kevin Olson, Julie Vega, Debbie McMorries (S. Young's mom), April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Shirley Mathis, Susan VanWormer, Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins' mom), Lori Howerton's Parents

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

Order of Worship--September 13, 2020

Song Leader: Mike Corder

Song 449: "Thy Word"

Song: "Ancient Words"

Prayer: Joshua DuBoise

Song 18: "Faithful Love"

Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Song: "In Need"

Communion & Contribution: *Adam Henderson*

Song 831: "Let Me Live Close to Thee"

Song 871: "Beautiful Robes So White"

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 *Dave Verret*

Sermon: "Jesus Holds His Church" *Terry Singleton*

Song 420: "Cleanse Me"

Shepherd's Prayer: *Vince McNeil*

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 175+online

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$10,682

YTD Average: \$11,836