

## Safe In God

We have people we depend on in different areas of our life. When things don't go well, we may have a special person or two that we call to make sense of things. We can be strong, secure and independent until something happens that undermines our confidence. Life is full of times when we are challenged, and we are not always sure we can meet the challenge. It helps to understand we make progress gradually, and we don't have to do it all at once.

When Jesus called disciples, he asked them to follow him. He would be the one making some decisions for the group. They would follow to learn from Jesus, and Jesus would decide where to lead them and the things they would do. If he had said they needed to change the world for all generations going forward in every race at the beginning, they would have been overwhelmed. All he asked them to do was follow him.

The disciples would find themselves in dangerous situations, and Jesus promised he would be with them. They had seen Jesus stand against enemies, and it would soon be their turn. The criticism and threats he faced would come against them. Yet, Jesus' ministry was not shaped by the threats but by his determination to follow God. He knew God was with him, and he acted and spoke on God's initiative. His mission and words were from God. He understood himself to be in the hands of the father. Jesus prayer in John 17 reflects that Jesus was fulfilling the work of God and that the disciples were going to fulfill the place he was giving them.

Some may see themselves as independent individuals who don't answer to anyone. Christians are people who do the will of God. God will protect and lead his people. God is our Father, and we are in his house. We hear prayers that God will guard, guide and direct us, and we must be willing to let him do it. The Holy Spirit will lead us if we let him. When we know how God keeps us and protects us, we can be confident in our worship and praise of God. He doesn't always show us the end, but he keeps us safe as we walk with him.

--Terry

Seek Jesus,  
Find Jesus,  
Share Jesus-

*Our Mission: Equip the family of God to be Jesus in the home, the community and the world.*

### Welcome to the Family

- **Baptism:** Heidi Howard, . Heidi was baptized by Terry on Tuesday of this week. She had been engaged in a study through Gospel Broadcast Network and realized what she needed to do to obey God's plan for salvation. She came in on Tuesday and was immersed by Terry with the Ladies' class joining the celebration!
- **College Student Address:** Natalie Bouley, She would love mail from her Mesa Family!
- **Note:** Please send in new contact information to [office@mesachurch.org](mailto:office@mesachurch.org)

## Order of Worship--October 27, 2020

Song Leader: Steve Young

Song: "They'll Know We are Christians"

Song 396: "No Not One"

Welcome & Prayer: Joshua DuBoise

Song 533: "I Am a Sheep"

Song: "Where Could I Go?"

Song: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Song 18: "Faithful Love"

Communion & Contribution: Kim Clark

Song 15: "Step by Step"

Song 959: "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Scripture Reading: John 17:6-12 Samuel Barnes

Sermon: "Jesus Holds Disciples" Terry Singleton

Song 749: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer: Kevin Hubby

### Note Regarding Live Stream

We have been experiencing slow Internet issues for some time now. It has been explained to us that this is due to the current pandemic and the rise of churches streaming their services at the same time. Cox has been having a hard time keeping up with this. We have been making it harder on the system, because we have been streaming to both YouTube and Facebook simultaneously, which is doubling our outgoing bandwidth. In an effort to fix this, we are suspending the stream to Facebook until further notice. Those of you who normally watch the Facebook stream can still watch our Sunday morning service on YouTube or go to our website. The links are below.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mesachurch>

<https://www.mesachurch.org/#/media/sermons-bible-classes/live-stream/>

### Friday Night of Prayer

We'd like to offer a reminder and an invitation to our "Season of Prayer" series each Friday night in October. It is a chance for us to lift up our families, church and nation in prayer during a year that has been tough with sickness, job losses, school closures and protests to name just a few. One of our members will have a video-recorded message to begin the hour, and this will be followed by a time of prayer based on requests that have been turned in prior to the beginning of each session. There will be a link on our website for those who wish to watch the recorded message, but the actual prayer time will not be live streamed due to confidentiality. There will be printed forms at the Welcome Center on Sundays and on Friday evenings prior to the events. If you cannot be here to complete a prayer request in person, you may submit one on-line. **Note: these must be submitted prior to noon each Friday since they will be printed off at that time.** On-line prayer requests should be submitted through this link: <https://forms.gle/8xQ1HLNBNp8kCy8Z9>

### Reminder

The come-and-go reception honoring Jacob & Bailey Farr is tomorrow evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Jack & Leanne Farr, 6360 S Wilson Dr., Chandler. This will be outdoors and masks and social distancing are 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.

### Tuesday Ladies' Class

Ladies class continues each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Danell Fitzgerald teaching a class entitled "Testaments--Gleaning the Old & Practicing the New." Anyone wishing to join, please feel free to do so--remember to wear your mask.



### Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower honoring Lizabeth Lopez, daughter of Monica Miranda and Eddie Lopez, on Saturday, October 17th, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the South Parking Lot. You are welcome to drive through, or come stay for a while! Lizabeth will be marrying Kelby Watson on October 24th. They are registered at Target, Amazon and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Group gift money can be sent to or dropped off at the church office.

### Date Night

The pandemic is upon us, and it is having a negative effect on many marriages and families. However, even amid the pandemic, we can still grow, mature, and cultivate satisfying relationships. The purpose of this date night is for you to engage your spouse in new and familiar ways. During this event, you can expect to learn, play, and laugh. Thank you for your interest in this event and your intentionality regarding your marriage. Obtaining a babysitter is highly recommended. The cost for this event is \$25 per couple to off-set food costs. Access to the internet and Zoom are required. Registration is open until October 11th, on the Church Center App. Only 10 couples are able to participate at this time.

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Lori Howerton ..... Health

Nancy Singleton ..... Healing of knee

Jerra Bonebrake .. Hospitalized following fall / low sodium

### on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Joan Piercy, Samuel DuBoise, 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, Lynda Campbell

### 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: 212+online

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$10,809

YTD Average: \$11,798

**Children's bulletins are available at the Welcome Center. Please help your child choose the appropriate age level.**

**Contributions can be dropped in the containers at the doors following worship, given on-line, by setting up through your bank, by mail or dropped off at the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**AT HOME DATE NIGHT**

WHEN: OCTOBER 24TH  
WHERE: YOUR HOME  
TIME: 5:00-8:00  
COST: \$25 (FOOD)

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- October 1:** Charles Elgin, Elaine Heath, Nahtan Henthorn & Hana Smith
- October 3:** Cami Skipper
- October 4:** Kelsey Crenshaw & Stephanie Garrison
- October 5:** Monica Ballesteros, Matthew Hanzuk, Marco Meza, Rich Rowland & Chuck Watts
- October 6:** Ezekiel Barnes, Paisley Fox & Steve Jacobs
- October 7:** Ashley Farr & Cindy Fernandez
- October 8:** Joy Hambleton
- October 9:** Christopher Kingsbury
- October 10:** Steve Fenwick, Jonathan Goyens & Cindy Posey
- October 13:** Benjamin Koomson & Landon Ubrig
- October 14:** Ann Soumar
- October 15:** Octavio Hurtado
- October 17:** Rhiannon Black, Bernard Dawson, Nathan Gallegos, Hong Goodman, Aurora Lagunas & Sabrina Miller
- October 19:** Parker McNeilly
- October 20:** Victoria Toscano
- October 21:** Dakota Beagle, Tanin Fox, Erin Henley, Gianna Maiorano, Ilmer Ortiz & Celia Perez
- October 22:** Maria Leos & Pamela Osback
- October 23:** Jimmy Fox, Tricia Ubrig & Brenda Yee
- October 24:** Diane Corder, Kristin Farr, Ron Ford & Heather Glaser
- October 25:** T.R. Knoch, Petula Long & Jacob Zavala
- October 26:** Tylee Fox
- October 28:** Gustavo Meza & Kathryn Rowland
- October 29:** Lora Klosterboer
- October 31:** Tewana Carter & Nevaeh Fenwick

## Servants for October

**Contribution at Doors:** Danny Church, John Camp, Brant Clinard and Dan Barker  
**Welcome/Bulletin Distribution:** Christina Grist

## October Worship Leaders

	<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 25</b>
<b>Welcome/Prayer:</b>	Joel Soumar	Joshua DuBoise	Joel Soumar	Joshua DuBoise
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Mike Corder	Jonathan Green	Steve Young	Jack Farr
<b>Communion/Contribution:</b>	Marc Engle	Brandon Clark	Jackie Hinkle	Ken Fitzgerald
<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Matt Miller	Nick Kelley	Dave Verret	Alex Green
<b>Shepherds' Prayer:</b>	Jack Farr	Chuck Watts	C.R. Gaines	Vince McNeil