

## Using Our Influence

There are times that people seem like different people. We see people react in a way that seems out of character. We think of them always the same, but in a different situation they seem like the opposite. We think of Jesus as being calm and peaceful until we read about him clearing the temple with a whip of cords. We would think of Jesus as sitting quietly in church and not turning over the tables in the foyer. Even when faced with the Scribes and Pharisees as they try to condemn him, he doesn't respond in anger.

We are not the same all the time. Some of it may depend on the outside circumstances that confront us. When we are around angry people, we can become angry like them. We can even stir each other up to a stronger reaction. We see several situations in scripture where the Jewish leaders stirred up the crowd against Christians. Sometimes they were taken before the court. (Acts 6:12) Sometimes a persecution against them was attempted, and on one occasion they did stone Paul. (Acts 13:50; 14:2,19; 17:13; 21:27) Titus even talks about a person who can stir up division between people within the church. (Titus 3:10)

In a dangerous situation we can be afraid just like the people around us. When they tell us their fear, we seem to catch it. It almost seems some people don't know how to feel until someone tells them. It is true that we can be influenced by other people in the same situation and react much the same way they do. There are some who can be the influence. It all depends on if this is used in a good way or a bad way. They can create fear and panic or they can create peace and good things.

Jesus seems so calm in the storm when the disciples are afraid the boat will sink. Jesus basically asks why they are afraid when they have the son of God sitting in the boat with them. Jesus uses his influence to lead people to praise for God and to find blessings in their life. In the church we are to find a way to stir up one another to love and good works. (Heb. 10:24) We can be the one who creates the calm and leads people to see the goodness of God.

--Terry

### Welcome to the Family

- **College Student Address:** *Natalie Bouley,*
- **College Student Address:** *Nathan Henthorn,*
- **College Student Address:** *Cami Skipper,*
- **College Student Address:** *Amaya Washington,*



## Order of Worship--October 11, 2020

*Song Leader: Mike Corder*

**Song 381: "At Calvary"**

**Song: "Ancient Words"**

**Welcome & Prayer:** *Joshua DuBoise*

**Song 509: "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"**

**Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"**

**Song 337: "Hallelujah! What a Savior"**

**Communion & Contribution:** *Brandon Clark*

**Song 831: "Let Me Live Close to Thee"**

**Song 871: "Beautiful Robes So White"**

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11** *Nick Kelley*

**Sermon: "The Humility of Jesus"** *Terry Singleton*

**Song: "Come to Jesus"**

**Shepherd's Prayer:** *C.R. Gaines*



### **Bridal Shower**

There will be a bridal shower honoring Lizabeth Lopez, daughter of Monica Miranda and Eddie Lopez, This coming 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.

### **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. Last week kicked off with a great lesson on Hezekiah's Prayer by Jon Bouley. Prayer requests can be submitted at the event or by noon each Friday to <https://forms.gle/8xQ1HLNBNp8kCy8Z9>.

### **Bible Bowl Begins October 24th**

It's that time of year again, and we are ready to start our annual studies on Saturday night, October 24! This year, we will be competing on the book of Revelation. If you are interested in being involved in Bible Bowl this year, please see Brad for all the details.

### **LTC 2020-21 Update**

The official kickoff for LTC has been delayed this year because of uncertainty due to the pandemic. The fundraiser that is usually held in the fall has been tentatively rescheduled for February 27th. Christine Warren will attempt to keep everyone posted as new developments arise.

### **Guest Speaker**

Andy Baker from World Christian Broadcasting will be our guest speaker next Sunday, October 18th, for the morning worship service. He always brings a timely message as well as an update on broadcasting the gospel to the world!

## **MISSION SUNDAY GOAL**

**\$88,930**

**November 3, 2019**

Mesa can do this with the Lord's blessing! Consider your gifts and/or pledges to help meet our goal on November 1st. Come and be a part of the work that will be done in 2021. Remember to pray according to God's will and for his blessings as we strive for this goal.

### **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.

### **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. 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. **Today is the last day to register at <https://mesachurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/544624>** Only 10 couples are able to participate at this time. This link is through our website [www.mesachurch.org](http://www.mesachurch.org).

## **Praise and Prayers**

### **new and critical**

Lori Howerton ..... Health  
Nancy Singleton ..... Sees the Ortho this week  
Troy Price (Ruth's Husband) ... Hospital w/Fluid Overload  
Gloria Hadley..... Foot surgery recovery

### **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 Normont (D. DuBoise's mom), Shirley Mathis, Susan VanWormer, Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins' mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Lynda Campbell, Jerra Bonebrake

### **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: 219+online

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$14,427

YTD Average: \$11,898

*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)