

Worship Inside & Out

When Jesus was on earth he taught and interacted with people. Many of them were in need and didn't have money, health or prestige. We do live in this world without something. We may wish we were stronger, richer, prettier, more powerful or with some other advantage. Jesus doesn't emphasize the advantage over others but what we can become within ourselves.

The Pharisees were concerned about appearance and what other people thought. They were often critical of Jesus for associating with sinners. They assumed since Jesus would talk and eat with them that somehow their sin would rub off on Jesus. Jesus must be sinful also since he was around them. They never did get the concept that the doctor is the one who is around the most sick people. The one who could do the most good for them would naturally be the one they were around the most.

When we get ready for worship, we may do more looking in the mirror than looking in the Bible. We get ready to be seen in public by people, more than we prepare to be seen by God in our heart. Which one is real worship? Is it when we are caught up by emotion in the crowd or when we feel close to God in our time of prayer? They can both work together to make the best connect with God and with others. We can't leave out either one.

If our preparation for worship was mostly to be seen in public, then it may be understandable that when we worship at home online, the experience is flat and loses meaning. We sit there with ourselves and no one sees us. Or do we sit with God all around us and find the experience of not being interrupted by people around us a much more fulfilling experience? We need to use both public and private worship to build our relationship with God and each other.

--Terry



Order of Worship--October 18, 2020

Song Leader: Steve Young

Song 574: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Song 96: "I Stand In Awe"

Welcome & Prayer: Jackie Hinkle

Song: "My Only Hope Is You"

Song 77: "Glorify Thy Name"

Song: "Great Are You Lord"

Song 538: "My Hope is Build On Nothing Less"

Communion & Contribution: Joe Miller

Song 790: "Lord, Take Control"

Song 560: "Living By Faith"

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:24-28 Dave Verret

Sermon: "A Secular World & An Unknown God" Andy Baker

Song 628: "Will You Not Tell It Today?"

Shepherd's Prayer: Chuck Watts

Guest Speaker

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

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. Join with other Mesa family members as we pray for our homes, families, church and country. Prayer requests can be submitted at the event or by noon each Friday to <https://forms.gle/8xQ1HLNNBp8kCy8Z9>.

Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to Anthony Bryant and all the family of his wife, Edith, who passed away on Tuesday. The funeral for Edith will be this coming Tuesday, October 20th, at 2 p.m. here in the auditorium. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Bible Bowl Begins next Saturday, 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.

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.

Hey Children Ages 4 thru 5th Grade

We have an at-home box of activities prepared for you! We have missed having classes upstairs so thought we would put together some activities that you can use at home to review and learn even more wonderful stories from the Bible. There is an interactive book with 52 Bible Stories, plus some other activities to review books of the Bible, characters of the Bible and general Bible knowledge. These can be picked up at the office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. if you or your parents can drop by. If you would like to get it on a Sunday, let us know and we will put yours in the foyer!

MISSION SUNDAY GOAL

\$88,930

November 1, 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.

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

Neighborhood School Service Project

Many people from the Mesa family have joined forces over the last few years to assist our neighborhood school, Lowell Elementary. This year was a bit different in that gathering and delivering school supplies was not possible in August. We have recently been made aware of the fact that Lowell has a wish list on Amazon that actually requests many of the same items we typically provide. If you would like to assist them, please order and have it sent directly to the school. You can also provide a gift re-

ceipt and mention Mesa Church of Christ if you would like. Just in case their address does not automatically come up, it is also below. Here is the link from Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RXUV4L0331RG?ref_=wl_share

Lowell Elementary, 920 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ 85204

Another way that you can help is through tax credit donations. This is a way to direct some of your state tax dollars to support a school. Lowell indicated that donations made to them (\$400 per couple; \$200 filing single) through this program and designated for "general" or "tutoring" would be very helpful. This is a "credit" which means you will receive credit, dollar for dollar, on your state income tax. Thanks for any assistance you might be able and willing to provide to help our church neighborhood school!

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Lori Howerton Health
Nancy Singleton Praise! Knee is improving!
Troy Price (Ruth's Husband) Home recovering
Gloria Hadley Foot surgery recovery
C.C. Heath (Gary's Dad) Hospitalized in TX
Gaby Ivy (Wilburn's Daughter) Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Wayne Timbush Bouts with Vertigo

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, 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: 217+online
Wednesday: On-line service
Budget: \$13,027
Giving: \$10,262
YTD Average: \$11,878

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.