

## Living In the Present

There is a lot of confusion in our world today. Things that seemed so easy and that we have done for years are now more difficult. It used to be easy, but now we have to think about the restrictions we have. We get used to our advantages of being able to travel and instant communication with anyone around the world. When movements are restricted, it seems like everything has changed. We must rethink our spiritual life and relationships.

As we try to open back up, there may be some things that are important to realize. We were used to coming to church at a certain time, spending 90 minutes in worship and then going on our way. It was provided for us as different people taught and led worship. It was what was expected, and if we showed up, we could just take it in. With the changes, we are now wearing masks and sitting apart if we are here. We are a little unsure how close we can get to people, and we must be sure we got our own communion before we sit down. If we are at home, we struggle with the connection issues and whether we are just going to miss some words or a whole section. Can we focus enough to get something out of worship when we are sitting in the same place we watched the last TV show?

Jesus read in synagogues on Sabbath and was involved in the worship there. He couldn't do it from home, he had to show up. As Jesus taught disciples to follow him, his teaching was no longer just in synagogues but out in a field or the wilderness. We are aware of the sermon on the mount, and there is another on a plain. People had to find out where Jesus was and go to him. Worship and learning were mobile. When the church began, they met in the temple courts at first. They also met in homes, but the larger gatherings were in Solomon's Portico. Some of the people with larger houses had times of prayer where a few would gather. They had to change where they got information and put in some effort to be in the right place where they could get instruction.

Paul was sent to establish a church in a city. When they only had a few members, he would move on to the next city and let them finish the work. They were responsible for their teaching and learning. It was not a guaranteed sermon every week. They read letters from each other sharing their faith. We have an abundance of information, but we may not be sharing our faith. All these changes may force us to think again about what is important. The way we go about worship and being Christian has changed with the time. We make the best of where we are at the time. Make the most of where we are now and realize it will change soon.

--Terry

### Welcome to the Family

Address: Danny & Jennifer Beagle,

### Order of Worship

*Song Leader: Jack Farr*

**Song 2: "We Praise Thee O God"**

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

**Song 300: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"**

**Song 797: "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"**

**Song 578: "We Will Glorify"**

**Song 382: "Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?"**

**Communion & Contribution:** *Tory Kenner*

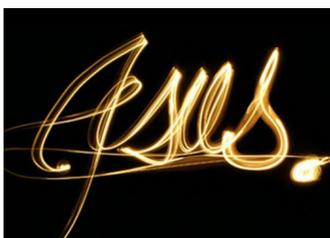
**Song 15: "Step by Step"**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-7** *Dave Verret*

**Sermon: "Humble With Each Other"** *Terry Singleton*

**Song 694: "Servant Song"**

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



Seek Jesus,  
Find Jesus,  
Share Jesus-

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

## Thanksgiving Pantry

- Thanksgiving Pantry will be drastically scaled back this year due to social distancing. There will not be a breakfast, so bags and turkeys will be handed out to neighborhood families as they are on a typical pantry Saturday. The cost to sponsor a family meal is \$30--food will be purchased as needed. Another way to help is by bringing items needed for the special bags--stuffing, cake mix, frosting, cans of corn and/or green beans, cans of fruit, boxes of mac and cheese and gravy mix. These can be left in the hallway baskets.

### Thank You

A huge thank you for the many cards, calls and lovely flowers sent for the passing of Gary's dad. We appreciate our family's care during this time. God bless you for all that you do.

--Gary & Elaine Heath

### Widows' Ministry Request

*"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."* (James 1:27)  
At first glance, this scripture could be understood solely as helping widows in their financial distress. While this would certainly be true, perhaps a more common distress would be their lack of companionship. Christianity is designed to be relational--a blessed fellowship and genuine concern for one another. What better way to show our faith than to visit a dear sister who is alone. In these COVID times, it may not be feasible in every situation to make a physical visit to a home, but certainly a "visiting" phone call would be wonderful and encouraging.

--Robin Verdugo, Widow's Ministry

### Blankets & Socks

Ilmer & Maria Ortiz are over a ministry in the Spanish congregation that works with the homeless. They are collecting blankets and socks to be delivered during the month of December. Socks need to be new (of course), but blankets can be new or gently used. There will be a drop-off box in the foyer during the month of November for collection.

### Renovations Beginning

Please note that the restrooms in the Fellowship Hall area are in the process of being remodeled and are not available for use! Demolition started yesterday and the rebuilding will probably take at least a couple of months.

**MISSION SUNDAY GOAL: \$88,930**

Contributions as of Friday: \$53,527

Pledges as of Friday: \$17,620

**TOTAL: \$71,147**

*\*\*\*Contributions can be given by marking checks and/or online contributions for "Missions." Pledges can be made by completing a card at the Welcome Center or emailing the office with the information.\*\*\**

### Children's Bible Hour Opening

We are excited that Children's Bible Hour (CBH) is reopening today. Children, ages 4 years old through 3rd grade will be dismissed after communion (note change from last week's bulletin) to go upstairs. We will be following a few added safety guidelines due to COVID-19.

- First and foremost, we ask that if a child or any member of the household is sick that they remain at home.
- In keeping with the CDC guidelines for our children in public schools we will be requiring masks for our students and staff.
- There will be hand sanitizer available upon entry for everyone to use.
- As we reopen this program to maintain social distancing, we will be limiting our class size to 20 students. We will change this number as we iron out all the logistical problems presented with health safety in mind.
- We ask that you register on our website each week in advance.** This way all who arrive will know whether their student will have to stay with them in the auditorium or be able to enter the classroom.
- Please register at [www.mesachurch.org/events](http://www.mesachurch.org/events)
- Upon arriving Sunday there will be check-in stations in each foyer. Please check your child in and get their name tag as you arrive. You will still enter the classroom area through the stairwell closest to the restrooms following communion/contribution. You will now exit the upstairs through the opposite stairwell. This is to avoid traffic flow issues and expedite your student drop off.

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Lori Howerton ..... Health  
Michelle Black ..... Healing of broken arm  
Gaby Ivy (Wilburn's Daughter) ..... Hodgkin's Lymphoma  
Jon Hardin ..... Surgery recovery  
Tewana Carter ..... Surgery recovery  
Jerra Bonebrake ..... Hospitalized for dizziness

### on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Joan Piercy, Samuel DuBoise, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Kevin Olson, Julie Vega, Debbie McMorries (S. Young's mom), April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Shirley Mathis, Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins' mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Lynda Campbell, Troy Price, Gloria Hadley, 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: 233+online

Wednesday: On-line only

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: Mission Sunday

YTD Average: \$11,733

*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.*