

It Affects Everyone

Can we think of some good things that happened this year? It seems most of the time we hear about all the bad things of this year. There have been some bad things. We have had to stay home when we didn't want to stay home. We have not been able to go outside when we wanted to go outside. We can't go out to eat when we are tired of cooking at home. There are a lot of things that we want to do that we are limited in doing.

We have other things that have affected everyone. Sin has affected every single person in the world who is old enough to know better. There is no escape, and no one makes it better. There is no vaccine, and none is coming. It destroys lives and makes the future uncertain. Every single person has spilled something or gotten dirty. Rain has fallen on every single person at some point. (Not very often in Arizona.) We can drown in water. The sun shines on every person at some time as well. Too much sunshine can cause skin cancer. Just because all these things happen to us doesn't mean that we give up. We try again tomorrow.

Does beginning a new year help? It is a place where we draw a line and say this year is going to be better. We draw a line against disease by taking medication and we get better. We wash when we get dirty so we are clean again. We come in out of the rain and apply suntan lotion, so they don't harm us. We repent of sin and we are forgiven. Our life is a constant way of coping with the world in which God has placed us.

God has given us a way to cope in this world. We are not limited in prayer. Prayer has worked all year long. We have had a lot of things to pray about. We are not limited in grace and we have had more opportunity to give grace. We are not limited in showing mercy or in love. God is still all powerful and could change the world tomorrow if he wanted. Until then we will learn how to worship in a difficult world. We will learn how to connect when we can't see faces. We will learn to be content at home. We will learn how to love God and each other more until we are finally all home together in a much better place.

--Terry

Welcome to the Family

No New information this week--please notify the office of new addresses, phones and email updates

Seek Jesus,
Find Jesus,
Share Jesus-

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

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Jack Farr

Song : "Here I am to Worship"

Welcome & Prayer: *Kevin Maiorano*

Song : "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Song 578: "We Will Glorify"

Song 332: "Lead Me To Calvary"

Song 221: "Jesus Name Above All Names"

Communion & Contribution: *Ken Fitzgerald*

Song 144: "O Worship the King"

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:26-27 *Dave Verret*

Sermon: "Blended Anger" *Joel Soumar*

Song 180: "Jesus is Lord"

Song 989: "Soon and Very Soon"

Shepherd's Prayer: *Jackie Hinkle*

Tuesday Ladies' Class

On break until the 12th of January!

Corporation Meeting

The annual corporation meeting for Mesa Church of Christ will be on Sunday, January 3rd, immediately following morning worship. This will only take a few minutes and is a state requirement of all corporations.

Happy Anniversary!

A very happy 50th anniversary to JoAnne Bridgman and her husband, Richard. Also, Danny & Jana Church celebrated 59 years of marriage on Wednesday, December 23rd! Praise God for these great examples of taking a life commitment seriously and being a great example for all of us!



Wedding Bells

Zachary Christel and Serina Rossman were married by Jackie Hinkle on December 21st. Congratulations to this new couple who are beginning life together. Serina is the daughter of Amy Dills.

Pickleball Anyone?

Jeff Deaver is looking to start a weekly or semi-weekly Pickleball group at his house in South Gilbert. If you are interested, please contact Jeff at 480-393-6929.

Office Closed

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday of the this week for New Years.

Adopt-a-Family Mesa Style

Shopping and wrapping are complete! Gifts were delivered by the staff last Sunday afternoon to five of the families and a sixth family picked up at the office on Monday. Each family was also given a generous Fry's gift card and a Chick-Fil-A gift card for the family. Thank you so much for your help with this annual program to assist families in our neighborhood with Christmas gifts and to offer them an invitation to come be a part of God's family through your generosity! We also assisted 3 additional families with gift cards for the season as well. Praise God for what he can do through us! Thank you so much for your generosity.

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Kim Clark Covid Recovery
Rusty Farr..... Covid recovery
Carl GoodmanCancer Treatments started
Elizabeth Hill..... Covid Recovery
Santiago & Marilynn Yañez Covid recovery
Diane Gist..... Surgery for blood clot recovery
Brad & Barbara Kerley..... Covid Recovery
Tracy Bouley.....Elbow surgery recovery
Ed Schroeder..... Back pain and procedures
Maria Leos..... Covid Recovery
Staci Buchanan Pneumonia recovery

on-going health problems

Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Joan Piercy, Samuel DuBoise, Lynnitia 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, Gaby Ivy, Jon Hardin, Michelle Black, Lori Howerton, Tewana Carter, Martha Carroll, Gloria Hadley, Brenda Yee

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: 181+on-line
Wednesday: On-line only
Budget: \$13,027
Giving: \$8,851
YTD Average: \$11,736

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.