

Potential or Faith

Potential is what we talk about when we see someone promising that which could be great in the future. The dictionary says potential is, "existing in possibility: capable of development into actuality". It is when we can see something may happen in the future, but it isn't here yet. We claim potential in our children when we recognize the development of a certain talent or ability. We may get them lessons to help develop their ability to fulfill their potential. We see it mentioned on sports programs where they talk about young players who have the potential to be great. When we watch the Olympics, we often see information about the person they expected to win and so they recorded the interview and background earlier. They recognized the potential winner. We also see the background clip when the person fell rounding the last corner and didn't even finish the race. The potential was there, but unrealized.

Do we ever run out of potential? Do we run out of a future, and there are no more options? It may seem like options are limited, but we never run out of options. There is always a next. Another day, another sunrise, another sunset and a few more moments when something can be done. Not great things but good things. We don't get people excited about our potential unless we are winning something, but there is a possibility of development into actuality.

The Bible does not use the word potential. It isn't that the concept isn't there, but that is not the way God talks about it. There is a lot of possibility for development but rather than the expectation of potential, the Bible talks about believing something will happen until it is a reality. When God appoints a person to a task, he knows it will happen and it is not the expectation of potential. God has Samuel anoint David as King long before David ever takes the throne. David is God's king. He doesn't have potential to be king, he is God's king. God speaks in terms of reality that exists by faith.

When we come to Jesus repenting of sins and being baptized into his name, we don't have the potential of salvation. God says we are saved. He counts it as already done. We are not on some kind of probation to see if we will live up to our covenant. God says we have turned from darkness to light and we are in his kingdom. We are adopted as sons, we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus and we have forgiveness of our sin. We have faith in God that is able to carry out his promises. We are not looking at the potential of heaven but know it is there for us already. We live in the reality of faith and not the uncertainty of potential.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

No new updates this week--please let us know of address, phone and email changes so we can keep our records up to date

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Jack Farr

Song 300: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Song 446: "Hear, O Israel"

Welcome & Prayer: Jeff Deaver

Song: "Shout Hallelujah!"

Song 324: "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?"

Song 578: "We Will Glorify"

Song 701: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Communion & Contribution: Jeff Green

Song 396: "No Not One"

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:4-8 Phil Kerr

Sermon: "Hidden Potential" Terry Singleton

Song 239: "In Moments Like These"

Shepherd's Prayer: C. R. Gaines



Tuesday Ladies' Class

Ladies' Class meets on Tuesday of this week in Room 105 at 10 a.m. Danell Fitzgerald will be continuing her class this week. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend--please wear a mask and plan to social distance.

Baby Girl Shower

There will be a baby shower honoring Diamond DuBoise and her baby daughter who is expected to arrive in April. The shower will be on Saturday, February 27th, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the parking lot entrance leading into the foyer. This is a come-and-go event--you are welcome to sit for a bit or just drive through.



Diamond is registered at Walmart, Target and Amazon. Group gift money can be sent to or dropped off at the office.

Family Ministry Pod Casts

Our family minister, Joshua DuBoise, has produced a number of pod casts over the past year relating to marriage and family. He has added links to these on our web page (www.mesachurch.org). You can find these on the web page by scrolling down and clicking on the Family Ministry link near the bottom of the page. Feel free to listen and share these with family and friends!

Christian Chronicle

Missions makes a donation to Christian Chronicle each year to insure our members can receive this publication. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to be, contact the office (480-964-1743) or office@mesachurch.org.

WBS Action

World Bible School produces a newsletter every other month called Action. There is a new one on the table in the hallway for January 2021.

MYG - Upcoming Events

2/27 The "Gram" Adventure 2 to 7 p.m. at Daley Park. Register at mesachurch.org/events. This is an area-wide event.



Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Mary PetersenAwaiting lung biopsy results
Teresa Quevedo Foot MRI
Wayne Timbush..... Kidney Tumor Surgery 3/3
Lynda Campbell..... Rehab for broken foot
David CummingsHome recovering from back infection
Tewana Carter Pending Aneurysm surgery
Calvin Glenn..... Sinus surgery recovery
Tim CarlinHeart procedure on Tuesday 2/23
Brenda Yee.....Knee surgery 3/1

on-going health problems

Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Samuel DuBoise, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Kevin Olson, Debbie McMorries (S. Young's mom), April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins' mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Gloria Hadley, Jerra Bonebrake, Gaby Ivy, Jon Hardin, Michelle Black, Lori Howerton, Martha Carroll, Brenda Yee, Diane Gist, Carl Goodman, Ed Schroeder, Malto O'Gorman

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: 201 + online
Wednesday: On-line only
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$7,992
YTD Average: \$11,556

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.