

## It Will Get Better

Jesus was the best person who ever lived. He is the standard, and we look up to him. He never sinned against God. He had the same emotions and struggles as everyone else. Sometimes he was angry, and sometimes he rejoiced. He was disappointed in people, and he was amazed at the faith of others. He did not get along with everyone. He had arguments and disagreements with some people. He had compassion on others that were not living like they should. They had been beaten down and were now helpless and hopeless. Jesus saw that as an opportunity to help them be better people. We may not all know how to make the best of life. Jesus was there to give hope.

We like to think it will get better for several reasons. We think it will be better with time, so next week or next month should be better. It will get better after winter is over. It will get better when we get older or when the kids reach the next stage. It will get better if we get more money. We would be able to afford all the things we need to make it better. It will get better when we have less work to do and we can handle the schedule better. We look at every circumstance and how it could be better, but we forget to look at ourselves.

Jesus told them their way to getting a better life was to be better people. He preached repentance and forgiveness from the past mistakes and sins. We cannot continue to do the things we have been doing and expect it to get better. When we decide to change ourselves and live differently, then the situations may change. We could find ourselves in a different situation because we are different people. We have the same personality, but now we are forgiven and no longer carry guilt or shame. We can be people who are holy and have gone beyond, "Does it feel good," to being blessed.

Being a better person is first a change in attitude. We are no longer controlled by the wishes, wants and defensiveness that was before. We think more about God and what he wants rather than our wants. It opens up ways to relate with each other. If we can be better people, it gives everyone else the chance to respond differently to us. It won't solve all arguments or disagreements. It may even make some more pronounced. We will know it is not because we have not tried to make it the best we can. It means we can have compassion on others and help them as they struggle with life. As we see them get better, it makes us better as well. It all begins with repenting of the past sins and moving forward to being a better person in Jesus.

--Terry

### Mesa Family Directory Updates

- Address:** Joshua & Diamond DuBoise,
- Phone:** Nydia Ballesteros ().
- Address:** Beverly Blackburn, .
- Address:** Chris & Cathy Erno, .
- Welcome to the Family:** Craig & Karen Rae,

### Order of Worship

*Song Leader: Jack Farr*

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

**Welcome & Prayer:** *Jeff Deaver*

**Song 144: "O Worship the King"**

**Song 429: "Oh, to Be Like Thee"**

**Song 448: "The Greatest Commands"**

**Song 332: "Lead Me to Calvary"**

**Communion & Contribution:** *Dallas Kingsbury*

**Song: "I Want to Be a Worker"**

**Scripture Reading:** *Luke 12:13-21 Nick Kelley*

**Sermon: "Bigger Barns or Better People"** *Terry Singleton*

**Song 239: "In Moments Like These"**

**Shepherd's Prayer:** *Chuck Watts*

*(Streaming Director: Tory Kenner / Powerpoint: Bruce Henthorn)*



## 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.

## Children's Check-in

Kathryn Rowland has requested help with the children's check-in process for CBH and for Bible classes when they resume. She would like to train additional helpers and get a rotation in place to accomplish this weekly task.

## Thank You

Memories of our work at Mesa have flooded back since Bob's death. We enjoyed so much being part of the Mesa family. Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement. I am still enjoying the fragrance and sight of them. Love to all,  
--Sylvia Garrison

## Children's Bible Classes

The elders have announced a plan to reopen our children's classes the first Sunday in April--Easter Sunday. We would like to know all members who intend to resume attending Bible class so we can plan and coordinate accordingly. Please go on line or email the office so we can capture your response. (Detailed info of children and ages is most helpful.) We want to be ready for you! We also need to know who is willing to teach--this information can also be left in the on-line form (link was sent out with the email bulletin) or called or emailed to the office.

## Thank You

My family and I want to express our appreciation for your generous gift to Manos de Esperanza to honor Curtis. As you know Curtis was dedicated to this work which God had given him. My heart has been overwhelmed by the out pouring of love shown to me. Joyfully in Love  
--Linda Allen

## Happy Anniversary

Two special couples will be celebrating big anniversaries this week. Wayne & Karen will celebrate 63 years of marriage on Monday, March 22nd, and David & Norma Sanders will celebrate 61 years of marriage on Thursday, March 25th.



## **MYG - Upcoming Events**

**3/27 Spiritual Discipline Day**--Chaperones are needed! We will be hiking Hieroglyphic Trail. Meet at the building at 8 a.m. and plan to be back by 3 p.m. Teens, parents and siblings are invited to participate! Sign up on line to join the fun!



# Praise and Prayers

## new and critical

Heather Jette ..... Pregnancy Complications  
Ann Nichols & Travis ..... New Crohn's Treatment  
Tewana Carter ..... Aneurysm surgery recovery  
Wayne Timbush..... Kidney Tumor Surgery 4/1  
Lynda Campbell..... Rehab for broken foot  
Diamond DuBoise.....High Risk Pregnancy  
Evelyn Bonebrake's Mom..... Stage 4 Cancer  
Nathan Henthorn ..... Ankle Surgery Recovery

## on-going health problems

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, Carl Goodman, Ed Schroeder, Malto O'Gorman, Virginia Hielen

### **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: 266 + online  
Wednesday: On-line only  
Budget: \$13,323  
Giving: \$12,039  
YTD Average: \$11,669

*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.*