

A Simple Plan to Amazing Adventures

Some people are always late. They just don't get ready in time. The time it takes to get ready has a lot to do with how complicated the task is. If all we need to do is show up and sit in a chair, we just have to get ourselves dressed and transported to the chair. If we are supposed to think about something when we are there, it will take some more mental preparation to listen. We need to be aware of the amount of time it takes to be ready for bigger activities. Maybe the reason we don't do any bigger activities is because we don't take the steps to be ready.

Nancy and I would post activities we did on Facebook just to share some of the things we were doing. The reason we started was because we realized in some other places we had lived; we had missed out on the good things in the area. I was amazed at how many people said they wished they could go places. They wished they could go hike, kayak and drive to different beautiful locations we have in Arizona. All it takes is picking the trail or drive. Make sure there is gas in the car, you have poles, water, snacks and a map and then go. If we forgot something, we will remember the next time. It isn't hard but it does take just a little planning.

Planning small things can lead to planning bigger things. We may plan to teach a class at church. We just need to know the material and figure out how we want to say it. Do we need papers or pictures to help us in saying it better? We think how we can get those papers and pictures to the class to use in a good way. When we go teach, we are the ones with a plan for what will happen. The students usually just planned to come and sit. They don't have anything in mind and are usually glad to follow someone who does. We start with one lesson for one class, and before long we are looking at several lessons we can teach.

When Jesus told the parable of the talents, he mentioned one person who had two talents. (Matthew 25:15) He also says they were given this by the master according to their ability. The one with two talent was not in competition with the one who had five. He was not better than the one with only one talent. He was only responsible for two, and even the master knew it would not be good to give him more. That was true until he had gained two more talents and then he could handle four. God knows what we can handle and does not give us more. Somehow handling four is not any harder than it was to work with two. We grow into it. All it takes is to plan for something simple right now.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

Address: Chris & Cathy Erno,

Welcome to the Family: Craig & Karen Rae, .

Address: Kevin & Amanda Maiorano, .

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Mike Corder

Song 108: "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"

Song: "Bless The Lord O My Soul"

Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song: "There's a Stirring"

Song 791: "On Bended Knee"

Song: "In Christ Alone"

Communion & Contribution: Dave Verret

Song 742: "When Upon Life's Billows"

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:21-22

Sermon: "Getting Ready" Terry Singleton

Song: "When Jesus Comes"

Shepherd's Prayer: Kevin Hubby

(Streaming Director: Rich Rowland / Powerpoint: Charles Elgin)



Next Sunday--April 4th

Keep in mind that our Children's classes as well as CBH and TBH during worship will be back in session starting next Sunday! Bible Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Security check in will be in the Foyer of the main auditorium--all parents need to check their children in and pick up their tags prior to taking them to class.

Another Adult Class Beginning April 4

With Joshua's departure, a new adult class will begin on April 4. It is based on Ezra 7:10 where Ezra "set his mind to LEARN the will of God, to DO it, and to TEACH it to Israel." This class will eventually cover 29 lessons on various topics of interest to seasoned and new Christians. Hand-outs will be given and can be collected as a syllabus - that we may LEARN these things, Do them, and TEACH them. It will be held in Rm (104), taught by Dave Verret.

Staff Change

A letter was read from Joshua DuBoise last Sunday indicating that he and Diamond, after much prayer and fasting, have decided it is best for their family for him to resign his work as Family Minister at Mesa. Mesa members who are worshipping on line were not able to hear this, as the end of the service was cut off due to the personal nature of the announcement and the fact that many outside the Mesa family watch our services on line. The DuBoises will still be in the area and plan to maintain a relationship with the Mesa family. A big thanks to Josh for his work here over the last 5 years and prayers for great things ahead for he and his family in the future.

Address of Note

Heather Jette is hospitalized with major pregnancy complications and will probably remain so until the birth of the baby. Cards of encouragement can be sent to.

Thank You

Thanks for all the acts of good wishes for my 98th Birthday! All the cards, plants, flowers, lunch, dinner and all the wonderful phone calls were so appreciated. Now, with God's blessings, I am working on the big 99! --Opal East

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.

Bible Bowl Tournament Recognition

We want to recognize several of our youth who participated in this year's Bible Bowl tournament! In light of COVID, these kids still took a lot of time out of the past 6 months to study the book of Revelation. All of them participated in the tournament and did very well! Please take the time to congratulate them for their efforts!

Brandon Ortiz	Noelia Flores	Jacob Zavala
Andrew Farr	Sarah Koomson	Nevaeh Fenwick
Bradán Fenwick	Joseline Ortiz	Xitlaly Flores
Isaac Zavala	Sage Zavala	Fifi Koomson
Javier Ortiz	Sophia Ramirez	Natalia Flores
Xiomara Flores	Lauren Young	

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Heather Jette Pregnancy Complications
Ann Nichols New Crohn's Treatment
Travis Olson (A. Nicholson's G'son) Surgery on 3/29
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
Rich Rowland's Grandma Hospice Care

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: 276 + online
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$14,913
YTD Average: \$11,931

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.