

God's Plan of Love

Before the beginning, God had a plan. The plan would allow loving people to be part of Him and His glory. To carry that out would involve creation of a world to allow them the choice to love God. For them to make the choice, would demand a savior for the people to really understand love and God. To give people the greater capacity to love would also mean the greater risk of their turning away from God and loving other things. God decided to not limit their capability to love but allow them to love as He loved.

God's plan involved a few specific people, but all the parts were not cast. The son of God would be Jesus, the one to be the example of God's love on a cross. Satan was already in place to play his part. The betrayer was not chosen until very late, just a few years before the event. There were twelve parts for apostles, not chosen until the time for their training to begin. There were many parts for disciples, teachers, and preachers. A few people were needed specifically for a certain task. Paul was sent to the Gentiles. Peter was needed by Cornelius, and Philip had an appointment with an Ethiopian in a chariot.

The rest of the parts were played by the people who were there and had chosen to love God. With people being given free choice, only the ending could be decided. God would send Jesus back again to bring home all the ones who had chosen to love God. It couldn't be decided how many would be coming or exactly who would choose to follow God's love. God knows, but He lets them choose.

There are still parts in His plan for more people. They see the love of God in the creation and the cross, and they choose to love Him first. There is a part for you. God did not decide for you a specific part to be played. When you choose to love Him, He has a place for you. God even lets you choose how much love you will give and how much you will accept. If God does not put any limits on loving, why would you? He is waiting for your decision.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

- **Phone:** Santiago Yañez (480-494-7663); Marilynn Yañez (480-494-6681). Replacing their home number with cell numbers.
- **Welcome to the Family:** Neil & Cristie Simmons, 8948 E Sun Lakes Ave. S #4, Sun Lakes 85248. Neil (505-453-5149); Cristie (505-453-3268).
- **Baptism:** Michaela Capiga, c/o Steve Jacobs, 2462 E Kesler Ln., Chandler 85225.
- **Baptism:** Teresa Espinosa, 435 E 2nd St, Apt. 107, Mesa 85203 (480-364-8000). Teresa was baptized by Edison last week and has a teen daughter--Nohomy Angeles.
- **Welcome to the Family:** Jeff & Abby Nasternak, 1180 E Clovefield St., Gilbert 85298. Jeff & Abby have two sons, Wesley (who was baptized in January) and Everett.

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Jonathan Green
Song 4: "To God Be The Glory"
Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar
Song 508: "A Wonderful Savior"
Song 870: "Beyond This Land of Parting"
Song 366: "By Christ Redeemed"
Communion & Contribution: Ken Fitzgerald
Song 867: "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"
Song : "In Christ Alone"
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 Troy Kenner
Sermon: "The Cost of Grace" Terry Singleton
Song: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
Shepherd's Prayer: C.R. Gaines

(Streaming Director: Charles Elgin / Powerpoint: Bruce Henthorn)



Children's Check-in Note

Tags for Bible class and Bible hour are different--just a reminder that you can get them at the same time, but it is two separate tags and needs to be switched out.

Adult Class Beginning TODAY

Jon Bouley will be teaching an adult class in Room 105 beginning today entitled "Worth More Than Gold." You are a child of the King, but sometimes life takes our focus off that and we feel defeated. This interactive class will investigate the relationship between God and his people, how he sees us and how he wants us to see ourselves. Come join us as we share these lessons and our own experiences in living this life for God and appreciate the depths of his love even more.

Address of Note

Lois White is at the Citadel for therapy as she recovers from her recent stroke. She can receive cards and notes of encouragement at Lois White, Room 310, c/o The Citadel, 5121 E Broadway Rd., Mesa 85206.

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. Class will break for the summer following a special potluck on April 27th in Linda Miller's garden!



Will Work for Cash!

A number of teens are willing to do odd jobs in order to earn money for summer camp! Joel Soumar is organizing and assigning jobs as requests come in. Contact Joel at 772-643-3057 with the type of job you need done, and he will assign the teen best suited to the task!

New Mexico Christian Children's Home

The children's home will make their annual rounds in our area on April 28th to pick up any donations. They have specifically requested pizza sauce in our area. Checks or cash can also be given to the driver at pick up.

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy go out to Amber Anderson and all the family of her grandmother, Virginia Davidson, who passed away last week. Virginia is a former Mesa member and a memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday, April 24th, at Alma School Road Church of Christ.



WBS Coordinator

Wendy Hubby has graciously accepted the job of coordinating the World Bible School outreach at Mesa! Thanks to Sandy Yeats for the great job she has done in this role for a number of years.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ed Schroeder and his new bride, Linda! They were married on Saturday, April 3rd. God's blessings on them as they begin a new adventure together!

MYG UPCOMING EVENTS



Spiritual Discipline Day--April 24th--details coming soon--our discipline will be journaling!

Spiritual Discipline Day--May 23--Stars & Songs--mark your calendar and save the date.

Uplift @ Harding University--June 18-25--Register at mesachurch.org/events. Sign up closes on May 16th and \$100 deposit is due. Cost is \$200 per teen plus \$80-\$100 in food expenses for travel. See Joel if you want to participate and need work opportunities to earn some of these funds.

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Heather Jette Pregnancy Complications
Ann Nichols New Crohn's Treatment
Travis Olson (A. Nicholson's G'son) Surgery recovery
Tewana Carter Aneurysm surgery recovery
Wayne Timbush Kidney Surgery recovery
Lynda Campbell Rehab for broken foot
Diamond DuBoise High Risk Pregnancy
Evelyn Bonebrake's Mom Stage 4 Cancer
Lois White Stroke recovery
Rebeka Farr Health

on-going health problems

Luana Guthrie, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Kevin Olson, April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins' mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Gloria Hadley, Jerra Bonebrake, Gaby Ivy, Michelle Black, Lori Howerton, Martha Carroll, Carl Goodman, 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: 356 + online
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$13,955
YTD Average: \$12,383

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.