

Finding a Church Home

When we try to sell a house, we take out the personal things in the house. No personal portraits on the walls or children's coloring pictures on the fridge. We are staging the house so it will sell quickly. It is odd that everything that makes it look like someone lives there is taken away. No mess on the dresser, no extra shoes or things left in the corners, and even some of the crowded furniture is taken away. The house needs to have furniture but not look like someone lives there. We imagine our house will look like that after we move in. Of course, we will have much more mess to move in, but it is nice to imagine.

When we look for a savior, we look for someone who will completely save us from every situation. Someone who would take away all our sins and overlook all our faults. We look for someone who can accept us as better than we really are. We want them to think of us as holy and righteous and not find any fault with us. While forgiveness is complete with Jesus, we often do not forgive ourselves. We want to be forgiven, but we also would like for him to overlook a few things as well. We want him to accept us and love us unconditionally, but we often feel like Jesus is more like company than someone that feels like home.

When we look for a church, we want one that has everything together. We want one that is the right size. The right size is determined by the size of the church when we were growing up. People wanting a big church generally grew up in a bigger church. We pick by what it has to offer us. We can be comfortable there, and we like the surroundings. We want people to treat us right and be friendly to us. We want to belong and be able to worship in a place that feels like home.

How would Jesus choose a church? Would he pick one that feels like home or the one that needs him most? Would he want to be comfortable or needed? Would it be one that is satisfied with where it is or one that sees a great need to move forward? The church that feels most like him is the one where we have worked, been involved and we are still needed. We don't need a church with good staging so it looks like no one lives there. We need a savior where we can be honest about our sin and our forgiveness. We are looking for a church with need, mess and enough vision and mission for us to do something about it. It will feel like home soon enough.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

Address of Note: Lois White is at the Citadel for therapy as she recovers from her recent stroke.

Baptism: Justin Bobinski, . Justin was baptized by Edison on April 9th following some on-line Bible studies. Welcome Justin!

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Jack Farr

Song 15: "Step by Step"

Song 123: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song: "Shout Hallelujah!"

Song 528: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Song 718: "We Shall Assemble"

Song 387: "Tell Me the story of Jesus"

Communion & Contribution: Robin Verdugo

Song 705: "A Common Love"

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:36-41 Calvin Glenn

Sermon: "Home Church" Terry Singleton

Song: "Shout To The Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer: Jackie Hinkle

(Streaming Director: Mike Corder / Powerpoint: Charles Elgin)



4Sixteen is Back!

Our class for young adults returns NEXT SUNDAY, May 2nd, upstairs in the 4Sixteen room at 9:30 AM. Please be sure to Check-In on the Church Center App or at the Check-In kiosk in the foyer on arrival to pick up your tag.

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.

Moving Away

Today is Zachary & Serina Christel's last Sunday with the Mesa family. They will be leaving this afternoon for their new home in Athens, AL. Keep them in your prayers as they travel and as they begin a new adventure in their young married life! May God continue to bless them as they serve him in this new location!

Tuesday Ladies' Class

Ladies' Class meets on Tuesday of this week in Linda Miller's garden! This will be their final week until Fall! A huge thanks to Danell Fitzgerald for teaching this year and to Linda Miller and Sandy Barger for their weekly coordination!

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.



WBS Meeting

Wendy Hubby would like to meet with all the World Bible School teachers and anyone interested in becoming a teacher for about 15 to 20 minutes in Room 105 following services today. Any who would like are invited to bring food and join in a potluck following the meeting.

Landon's Latest

The latest update from Landon Ubrig is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Landon is one of our own young adults who is on a mission with AIM in Alaska. Your mission Sunday funds are helping to support Landon in this endeavor.

Copper Basin Bible Camp

The camp is planning to be open for sessions this summer--registrations are being accepted online at copperbasinbiblecamp.org. Parents are responsible for registering and getting their children to and from camp. Check online for the age specific dates for your child and other details as they become available.

MYG UPCOMING EVENTS



Spiritual Discipline Evening--Sunday evening, May 23rd--our discipline will be worship! This will be a Stars and Songs event--watch for details coming soon!

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 JetteC-Section recovery
Rebeka Farr.....Health
Gloria Hadley.....Banner Desert for Tests
Travis (G'son of A. Nichols)Tumor treatment
Angela Hartman (Bolton's daughter)Surgery recovery
Ed Schroeder.....Fall recovery

on-going health problems

Luana Guthrie, Lynnita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Kevin Olson, Debbie McMorries (S Young's mom), April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Jerra Bonebrake, Gaby Ivy, Michelle Black, Lori Howerton, Martha Carroll, Carl Goodman, Malto O'Gorman, Virginia Hielen, Lois White, Tawana Carter, Lynda Campbell, Wayne Timbush, Evelyn Bonebrake's mom, Cindy Mamoe

Shepherds

Jack Farr C.R. Gaines
Jackie Hinkle Kevin Hubby
Vince McNeil Chuck Watts

Ministers

Pulpit Minister: Terry Singleton
Spanish Minister: Edison Quevedo
Youth Minister: Joel Soumar

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 319 + online
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$14,822
YTD Average: \$12,655

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.