

Looking in the Wrong Place

The women had started early at dawn to go to the tomb. It is a little hard to imagine all the things that must have been going through their heads. It had been such an unusual time, and just when they thought it was finally finished, they were surprised again. The women had come to the tomb with spices for a burial, but there was no one to bury. They were prepared for the worst. They were prepared to deal with a body that had been beaten and abused severely. They were prepared to take care of someone they loved. They were not prepared for him to have risen from the dead.

The angel's question was, "Why seek the living among the dead?" They were looking in the wrong place if they were looking for Jesus. Faith is hard enough when everything stays where it belongs. We like to have proof of what we know. Our faith is not in God who died but rather in God who was raised from the dead. Our God is alive. They were asked to believe in something beyond what they had experienced.

Now that it has been this long since Jesus rose from the dead, what difference does it make? We expect God to be where he should be. We expect God to show up in predictable places. He should be in church and when we pray. The rest of the time, we expect God to just stay in heaven until we call for him. We don't really expect him to be around during our normal times. We know God can be everywhere, but when he does show up, we are surprised to see him.

The resurrection means Jesus is no longer in the tomb but has ascended to heaven. Our faith is not in the death of Jesus but in a risen savior. Jesus appeared to the early disciples in the upper room on Sunday. They were frightened and thought he might be a ghost. We understand today that Jesus shows up when we are here to worship him. It is where he should be. By our coming to meet him in worship, we profess our faith that Jesus can come to be with us. We don't come with spices for a burial or memorial but with praise for a risen savior. We worship a king who has risen from the dead. He reigns in heaven, but he is also with us in worship. He can hear our song. He can hear our prayer. He promises we will not be left in the tomb, and we will not need spices. We will be resurrected to a new life with him. He calls it the glory of the Father.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

- Address:** Kevin & Amanda Maiorano, .
- Phone:** Santiago Yañez (); Marilyn Yañez (). Replacing their home number with cell numbers.
- Welcome to the Family:** Neil & Cristie Simmons, . Neil (); Cristie ().
- Baptism:** Michaela Capiga, . Michaela was baptized by her grandfather Steve Jacobs, following services last Sunday!

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Jack Farr

- Song 1014: "Jesus Loves Me"**
- Song: "How Can I Keep From Singing"**
- Welcome & Prayer: C. R. Gaines**
- Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"**
- Song 23: "Our God, He Is Alive"**
- Song 779: "I Love You, Lord"**
- Song 221: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"**
- Song 155: "Highest Place"**
- Communion & Contribution: Jackie Hinkle**
- Song 346: "He Lives"**
- Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-9 Phil Kerr**
- Sermon: "The Third Day" Terry Singleton**
- Song 470: "Victory in Jesus"**
- Shepherd's Prayer: Vince McNeil**

(Streaming Director: Bruce Henthorn / Powerpoint: Rich Rowland)



TODAY!

Keep in mind that our Children’s classes as well as CBH and TBH during worship are back in session starting Today! Security check-in is 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.

Adult Class Beginning TODAY

A new adult class 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” begins today in Room 104, taught by Dave Verret. 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.

Adult Class Beginning Next Sunday, April 11

Jon Bouley will be teaching an adult class in Room 105 beginning next Sunday 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

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 Honor Health Scottsdale, Shea Medical Center, Heather Hyatt-Jette, Labor & Delivery Room 2412, 9003 E Shea Blvd. Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

April Soundroom Correction

	4/4/21	4/11/21	4/18/21	4/25/21
Streaming Director:	Bruce Henthorn	Charles Elgin	Rich Rowland	Mike Corder
PowerPoint & Assist:	Rich Rowland	Bruce Henthorn	Mike Corder	Charles Elgin

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.

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 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.

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

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: 320 + online
- Budget: \$13,323
- Giving: \$16,130
- YTD Average: \$12,262

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.