

Spiritual Development

What is it that causes us to grow and develop? When we are young, it is our parents. They feed us and make sure we have what we need to grow up. They make marks on the door jam and write our age to show our progress. They buy us clothes every time we outgrow the old ones, and they send us to school to learn. They teach us how to live at home and work together as a family. They teach us to not fight with our sister. They are responsible for our development from being a baby all the way till we are grown up and able to be out on our own. Some days are easy, and we laugh a lot. Some days are harder, but there are important lessons we need to learn in order to do well.

When we get out on our own, we are not perfect in our development. We will encounter people who did not grow up so well and had a much harder time. We don't always agree with people, and sometimes they convince us that we are not seeing the problem correctly. We change our opinion or our view of certain events or topics. We are constantly bombarded by other opinions. Everyone thinks they are right, and they have a great deal to say about why they are right. We learned to listen and sort through what we think and reach our own conclusions. We don't have to believe what someone else says just because they say it.

This coming to our own conclusion is especially true when it comes to faith in Jesus and our relationship with God. There are lots of religious opinions. We know that the Bible is the word of God, so at least we have one way of knowing what is right and true. People do see it in different ways, but we know that what the Bible says is true. We are able to read it and form our opinion. We can talk with other people and get their opinion. They can explain exactly why they believe what they do when we are reading the exact same words. Often there are things we didn't notice before--some detail that makes all the difference.

It is in this encounter with others that we grow in our faith and spiritual maturity. Our parents can't tell us what is right anymore. We have to come to our own faith. Church becomes especially important, and the people we meet there will challenge and help us grow spiritually. We are also able to teach and help others grow as we talk with them about their growth. There are no marks on the wall, but we may remember times when something finally made sense. A person who opens the door for us to see more. We continue to study and learn to realize a closer relationship with God.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

- **Baptism:** Justin Bobinski, Justin was baptized by Edison on April 7th following some on-line Bible studies. Welcome Justin!
- **Address:** Stephanie Garrison, .
- **Phone:** Sandy Olaguibel ().

Order of Worship

- Song Leader: Jonathan Green*
- Song 153: "Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"**
- Welcome & Prayer: C.R. Gaines**
- Song 704: "Bind Us Together"**
- Song 709: "How Sweet, How Heavenly"**
- Song 349: "Ten Thousand Angels"**
- Communion & Contribution: Daniel Fenwick**
- Song 570: "A Beautiful Life"**
- Song 853: "When We All Go to Heaven"**
- Scripture Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-6 Kevin Hubby**
- Sermon: "Iron Sharpens Iron" Terry Singleton**
- Song 719: "Love One Another"**
- Shepherd's Prayer: Vince McNeil**

(Streaming Director: Bruce Henthorn / PowerPoint TBA)



4Sixteen is Back!

Our class for young adults returns today 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.

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Michelle Black and her family in the passing of her mother. Keep them in your prayers.

Our love is also extended to the Hartman Family who are former Mesa members in the passing of Roger. Loretta, Amanda, Abby and Adele planned to be in worship this morning.

Save the Date

Plans are in the works for a special get together the late afternoon/early evening of June 19th to honor Terry & Nancy Singleton. More details will be coming as the date draws nearer, but please mark your calendar and save the date!

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for your well wishes, thoughts and prayers during my time of surgeries and for the loss of my sister Jeanette Patterson. It was a very stressful time for me, but my faith kept me going. Again, thank you all! --Brenda Yee

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

Thanks for your donations to the Children's Home. The driver was in this past Tuesday and picked up 25 quilts (thanks to the Q-Bees) and a number of other items left at the building. He said he would see us again in April 2022!

Copper Basin Bible Camp

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

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service honoring Joan Piery on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10 a.m. at Mariposa Gardens. Joan was a longtime Mesa member who passed away from non-covid illnesses during the height of the pandemic. The family postponed the memorial service until now.

Updated May Servants List

One the back of the attached Mission's flyer is an updated list of those scheduled to serve during May--many things changed this past week!

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

Gloria Hadley..... Banner Desert for Tests
Travis (G'son of A. Nichols) Tumor treatment
Angela Hartman (Bolton's daughter) Surgery recovery
Ed Schroeder.....Dental
Chris Juhl..... Heart test results
Honor GlennHealth

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, Heather Jette

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: 345 + online
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$8,318
YTD Average: \$12,399

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.