

The Power of Choosing Well

God gives to all people--the evil and the good. He sends rain and sun on both the evil and the good. It is our response to God that makes the difference and not whether we are evil or good. If a person did what was evil before God, there was a punishment at some point. It may not have been immediate but there were consequences. If the evil person turned his heart toward God by repenting and following what God said, then God would extend grace to them. They would no longer be evil, but they would be forgiven. They are not just forgiven of sin, but they have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus and everything about them has been cleansed. They are no longer considered evil, but now they are holy before God.

There are a lot of promises that are based on faithfulness rather than God being good to everyone. God asked for people to keep his laws and statutes and there would be blessings that would follow. All of the spiritual blessings were available, not because we earned them, but because they were a gift from God. When they followed God's word and instructions, they would receive the gifts from God. It was their choice to follow or not. It is their choice to receive a blessing or not because they follow what God said.

It is always difficult to realize that our actions have both consequences and benefits. We choose which of those we want to happen by the way we respond. Today people tend to think in terms of rights and privileges that are owed to them. A country or organization might recognize rights for people who belong to that country or organization, but that is not creation wide. God gives privileges and gifts to those who are faithful and obedient to him. He does not give those same gifts and privileges to all creation. Leaves fall. Snow melts. Time erodes the surface of the earth. Animals live in the wild without privilege or blessing as a choice.

We are at that unique place where we see good and bad and choose the good. We can choose to follow God and make a covenant with him, and he extends grace and salvation as a gift. When we are faithful to God, we find more blessings occur. We pray and God answers in ways we never dreamed possible. It is not our physical concerns but also our spirit that God is able to bless. He takes us from this physical world to a better place with him. We can only imagine the glory of God and the blessing of being with him. It is a long way from being selfish and controlled by evil to the glory of God. All we do is make the right choice.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

Address of Note: Zachary & Serina Christel, . Praise God
Zach & Serina arrived at their destination safely!

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Jack Farr

Song 300: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Welcome & Prayer: Vince McNeil

Song 145: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Song 3: "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Song: "Be To Our God"

Song 337: "Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Communion & Contribution: Kim Clark

Song 555: "Seek Ye First"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:27-34 Phil Kerr

Sermon: "The Things Added" Terry Singleton

Song 578: "We Will Glorify"

Shepherd's Prayer: Kevin Hubby

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

Seek Jesus,
Find Jesus,
Share Jesus-

Our Mission: Equip the family of God to be Jesus in the home, the community and the world.

Change the Saved Date

Please change the date for the event honoring Terry and Nancy from June 19th to **Sunday, June 6th**. The elders have requested that we plan to make this a day of honoring the Singletons for their 45 years of service to the Kingdom and especially for the last 12+ years at Mesa! This will be a come-and-go event in the Fellowship Hall.

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!



Congratulations!

A huge shout out and congratulations to Cinthya (Manjarrez) Pizana on attaining her American citizenship! She has been working toward this for some time! Please note the change in her last name--our next directory will reflect this change!

Funeral Service

Our Christian love and sympathy go out to Nydia, Monica and Adelina Ballesteros in the death of their husband and dad, Peter Ballesteros. There will be a viewing from 1 to 2 p.m. this afternoon at Meldrum Mortuary (52 N Macdonald, Mesa). The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m.

Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service honoring **Joan Piercy** this coming 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.

Praise & Harmony Workshop

Mark your calendars for November 5th-7th this year! Keith Lancaster from Acappella Ministries is going to be here for a Praise & Harmony Workshop! This promises to be a great time of learning, worship and fellowship!

June Open Pantry

Please note that the Open Pantry for the month of June has been moved to the first Saturday--June 5th--rather than the typical 2nd Saturday. If you have Mesa friends or family in need of food, please feel free to bring them to the monthly open pantry events.

Thank You

And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do that the Father may be glorified in the son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:13-14) We thank the family of God here at Mesa for all your prayers for strength and healing. My kidney is functioning--the tumor was completely removed. Our God is so good!

--Wayne & Karen

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

- Ed Schroeder..... Back Pain
- Chris Juhl..... Heart test results
- Carl Goodman..... Radiation Treatments begin 5/12
- Dale & Sandy Barger..... Covid recovery
- Kenneth O'Bannon..... Hand injury
- Virginia Hielen..... Health
- Michelle Black..... Blood Pressure
- Fernando Colina (Venezuela Missionary)..... Flu
- Gayle Christian..... Praise! Good test results
- Gaby Ivy..... Pancreatitis/Chemo

on-going health problems

- Luana Guthrie, Lynnitia Knoch, Kevin Olson, Debbie McMorries (S Young's mom), April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Jerra Bonebrake, Lori Howerton, Martha Carroll, Malta O'Gorman, Lois White, Tewana Carter, Lynda Campbell, Wayne Timbush, Evelyn Bonebrake's mom, Cindy Mamoe, Heather Jette, Gloria Hadley, Travis (G'son of Ann Nichols)

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: 314 + online
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$9,901
YTD Average: \$12,445

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.

MYG UPCOMING EVENTS



Spiritual Discipline Evening--Sunday evening, May 30th--our discipline will be worship! This will be a Stars and Songs event--map details are on MYG Facebook page!

Uplift @ Harding University--June 18-25--Register at mesachurch.org/events. Sign up closes **today** 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.