

## Great People

What stands in the way of us being great people? We can usually point to several reasons why we would not be considered a great person. If people ask us if we are great, most people will say no. Some say yes, but they don't really mean it. It may depend on the definition of great and who the audience is. To our grandchildren, we may be great because we just bought them ice cream, but to our boss, not so much. There are lots of ways we can measure greatness. We can call someone great because of fame, wealth, ability, popularity or work. We produce something great; we manage something great, we hit a ball perfectly, or we have a great relationship. There are so many ways to measure greatness--surely there is some way that can be considered great.

We read of the disciples of Jesus arguing about who was the greatest. We don't exactly know what they thought made one greater than another, but we know they were comparing and competing. Jesus thinks it is important enough to step in and correct their view of themselves. He tells them the greatest will be their servant. That could help define who was greatest, but that usually ends the discussion. We don't want to be considered great because of our service.

There is one opinion that matters more than all the others. Who are great people to God? Jesus taught that great people are servants. They are the ones that God finds already working even before they have been assigned the task. They do it because God needs it. God's standard is to compare us to Jesus. We realize what greatness is when we look at Jesus. It isn't what he does with a ball, but it is the truth that he lives that makes him great.

We can also feel good about ourselves when we look at how God has taken care of us. God takes away our sin and mistakes and makes us holy before him. God wants us to share his glory which is great on any level. God takes away the argument about who is the greatest by also giving us the understanding that he has made us great. We are redeemed and forgiven and conformed to the image of Jesus. We don't argue about greatness; we worship the greatness of God and how he has allowed us to share in his glory. God makes us great people.

--Terry

### Mesa Family Directory Updates

**Welcome to the Family:** Clint & Jamie Oster, .

*\*\*Please let us know of any updates in address, phone or email--we want to keep our files up-to-date!\*\**

### Order of Worship

*Song Leader: Mike Corder*

**Song: "Children's Song Medley"**

**Song: "Surround Us, O Lord"**

**Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar**

**Song 971: "Stand By Me"**

**Song 522: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

**Song: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"**

**Song: "How Beautiful"**

**Song: "Tis Set the Feast Divine"**

**Communion & Contribution: Marc Engle**

**Song 616: "The Way of the Cross"**

**Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-39 Nick Kelley**

**Sermon: "If God Is For Us" Terry Singleton**

**Song 701: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

**Shepherd's Prayer: C. R. Gaines**

*(Streaming Director: Bruce Henthorn / PowerPoint: Mike Corder)*



### Will Work for Cash!

A number of teens are willing to do odd jobs in order to earn money for summer camp! 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!

### 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

Your kindness meant so much. To the clergy and wonderful staff and volunteers who helped us through this trial and trail of tears. With great appreciation and gratefulness. Thank you from the deepest part of our hearts. --The Ballesteros

### Sympathy

Our love and sympathy go out to T. R. Knoch and his family in the passing of his father, Tom Knoch, in Ohio this past week. Please keep the family and especially TR's mom, Barbara, in your prayers.

### Thank You

Dale and I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of care and concern for us during our covid episode. We are weak and have no energy. The phone calls, cards, prayers, and trips to the store for us--we just so appreciate our church family. God bless and keep us in your prayers. --Sandy and Dale Barger

### Looking for a Way to be More Involved and Serve the Lord?

The 4's and 5's are in need of **teachers, assistants and subs** for Sunday morning Bible Class. If you are interested, please meet Gwen McNeil in the back of the auditorium after church services on June 6th for a brief introduction and overview. If you can't make it on that day or have any questions, please feel free to call Gwen at 713-305-0495.

The 2's and 3's, **TBH** which meets during worship, is in need of **Teachers and Assistants** to serve once a month. If interested, please contact Kelsey Crenshaw at 602-679-4754.

### Some Important Dates

These dates will be discussed further in the closing announcements today--please mark them on your calendar and plan to do your part in making a time of transition for the Mesa family the best it can be!

- **May 23rd thru June 6th:** *Congregational Survey Online thru email link--closes at midnight on June 6th*
- **June 6th:** *Terry's Final Sermon as Pulpit Minister and Evening celebrating the Singleton's retirement and service*
- **June 13th:** *Interim Season Launch--Combined adult Bible Class in the auditorium with Doug Peters*
- **June 20th:** *Interim Minister--Greg Anderson--Preaches at a.m. worship*

### Congregational Survey Elder Request

In anticipation of our upcoming Interim Season Seminar on June 11-13, we are distributing a brief Congregational Health Inventory / Survey that will help our representative from Interim Ministry Partners have an objective picture of our general congregational health.

As valued members of this congregation, your thoughts and feelings are very important. Names and IP addresses will not be associated with responses. Results of the survey will be shared with church leadership. A summary overview will also be provided to the congregation during our seminar weekend. Thanks for your willingness to participate in this assessment. Please complete the survey by Sunday evening, June 6th. *(Note: Survey link will be sent via email on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd. If you do not have email, a computer will be available prior to and following services on May 30th and June 6th in the foyer--someone will bring up the survey and explain how to complete and submit it.)*

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

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| Ed Schroeder.....                           | Back Pain            |
| Carl Goodman.....                           | Radiation Treatments |
| Dale & Sandy Barger.....                    | Covid recovery       |
| Virginia Hielen.....                        | Health               |
| Michelle Black.....                         | Blood Pressure       |
| Fernando Colina (Venezuela Missionary)..... | Covid                |
| Gaby Ivy.....                               | Pancreatitis/Chemo   |
| Malta O'Gorman.....                         | Hospice Care         |

### on-going health problems

Luana Guthrie, Lynnita 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, 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

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| 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: 341 + online  
 Budget: \$13,323  
 Giving: \$12,068  
 YTD Average: \$12,426

*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!

**Senior Sunday--**Next Sunday, May 30th, will be a special time of honoring our Seniors! Joel Soumar and the young men will be leading our worship!