

Faithful

One of the most important things God wants is for us to be faithful. It is important that we have become Christians by repentance, baptism, receiving the Holy Spirit and becoming part of the church, but what God wants from there is for us to be faithful. Faithful means we are following the commitments we made with God to accept his standard of behavior. We are not like the people of the world who follow their wants and selfish desires. We are also not like the good people of the world who believe in social causes, the promotion of mankind and the protection of the earth. We believe in God and what he is still doing in this world. We follow him not as any other cause, but as the center of purpose and meaning in life.

Faithful means we have first made a commitment. We cannot be faithful to something where there are no promises, no bonds and no involvement. The commitment must be personal and not just joining a meeting once in awhile. Our relationship with Christ has affected us deeply. This relationship cost Jesus his life but it cost our life also. We died to ourselves, and we chose to follow Jesus and his example. When we follow Jesus, many other things are eliminated. They are a conflict of interest with our life in God.

We can be faithful to an exercise routine or to a way of eating we have chosen. That is faithful to things and not to people. When we are faithful to people, we build a relationship. Faithful is a way of loving a person in a deeper way. We choose them over other interests. We gain the best things when we deepen a relationship by being faithful to it. We extend over time and experiences when we are faithful for years. Being faithful to God is a relationship that just gets deeper with every moment of praise and service to him.

We realize the examples of faithfulness when we read of incredible stories in scripture. How did they come to believe in God and trust him that much? They made a choice that God was going to be first and they would let their actions and attitude reflect that. They were faithful when the circumstances changed. They were faithful in times of suffering because nothing in this world would change their commitment to their God. We are amazed when people can love like that. We are almost jealous of the relationship they have with God and how they have found such favor with him. The Psalms David writes are amazing in his trust in God and yet we can see every other emotion of David as he writes about God. He writes down the song in heart that becomes the music of his life. The best thing is that we can have that also. God is like that with David and everyone who puts God first in their life.

--Terry

Mesa Family Directory Updates

Welcome to the Family:

Baptism:

Order of Worship

Song Leader: Mike Corder

Song 794: "Unto Thee O Lord"

Song 63: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song 239: "In Moments Like These"

Song 387: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Song 344: "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Communion & Contribution: Dallas Kingsbury

Song 470: "Victory in Jesus"

Song 452: "Standing on the Promises"

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:4-8 Phil Kerr

Sermon: "What Kind of Church Will We Be?" Doug Peters

Song 904: "Have You Been to Jesus"

Shepherd's Prayer: Kevin Hubby

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





Save The Date

Saturday, July 10th, plan to join the Mesa Family for a baby shower welcoming Baby Arevalo. Miguel & Courtney are expecting a little girl in August. Watch for more details.

Sympathy

Please keep Susan Gaines and family in your prayers. Susan's mother, Peggy Brown, passed away Thursday morning due to complications from a recent stroke. Peggy was a member of the Gateway church of Christ. At this time no funeral is planned.

Happy Anniversary!!

Jackie & Frances Hinkle will celebrate 57 years of marriage on Tuesday June 15th. Gary & Janice Rexroad will celebrate 57 years of marriage on Saturday June 19th. We congratulate these 2 couples on this milestone and thank them for the wonderful example they are to all of us. Be sure to congratulate and wish both couples well.



Wednesday Evenings of Singing

A special time for learning new songs and practicing others that we already know is scheduled to begin on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The first one will be this Wednesday evening, June 16th. Mike Murphy and Tricia Ubrig are planning these evenings to continue right up to our Praise & Harmony Workshop the weekend of November 5th through the 7th. Come and join in praising God with the Mesa family!



Thank You From Terry & Nancy

We don't have words to express the honor we have felt or how thankful we are for all the wonderful gifts and words from the church here. We are completely overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. It has been a joy to work here for the last 12+ years. We can see God working through you as you do the work of God. We will see you in the pews!



Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Lynda Campbell.....Broken Foot
Carl GoodmanRadiation Complete
Virginia HielenHealth
Gaby IvyPancreatitis/Chemo
Jerra BonebrakeHome

on-going health problems

Luana Guthrie, Lynnita Knoch, Kevin Olson, Debbie McMorries (S Young's mom), April Norment (D. Du-Boise's mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Ed Schroeder, 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

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

Transition Important Dates Summary

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to do your part in making a time of transition for the Mesa family the best it can be!

- **Today:** *Interim Season Launch—Combined Bible Class and Worship in the auditorium with Doug Peters. NO KIDS CLASSES TODAY*
- **June 20th:** *Interim Minister—Greg Anderson—Preaches at a.m. worship*

Looking for a Way to 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 see Gwen McNeil she will give you a brief introduction and overview.

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

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 354 + online
Budget: \$13,323
Giving: \$12,705
YTD Average: \$12,258

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.

