

## Enormous Faith

Ah, Faith, again.... Well, yes! Because it's so important! Hebrews 11:6 ***And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.*** "Without faith it is impossible to please Him". Important!

I have long proclaimed that human beings have an abundance of faith. The amount is not the problem, where we place that faith can be. When we get in our cars, we expect it to start (mostly). When we flip the light switch, we have extremely high faith that the light will come on. This is so much true that recently our power was out, and even aware of that, I still flipped the light switch because I practice faith that the light comes on. For an hour, it did not! My faith was misplaced!

We sometimes struggle with placing the amount of faith in our Lord that we should. What is the difference between a light switch and God? I propose the answer is "practice". It is our practice to place our faith in the car ignition, light switches, water faucets.....but maybe we don't practice placing our faith in God.

Here is a challenge to us all. Make a conscious effort to actively think about placing faith in God and then do it! Put your faith in God then practice it over and over. Keep doing this until it is your habit, not your panicked reaction to adversity. Pray, pray and pray some more. Remember the old phrase, "Let Go and let God"? That's what we need to work on.

We should never start a prayer by saying, "Hello God, I know it's been a while...." Our prayer life should be so frequent that we feel as though we are continuing a conversation, not trying to rekindle an old acquaintance.

As our world and society rebel more harshly to God and His will, we must grasp His hand more tightly than we ever have. We want to have a relationship where God would answer us with, "Yes my child?", rather than, "Now what was your name again?" Don't be a stranger to God and have faith in Him.

--Chuck Watts

### Mesa Family Directory Updates

**Welcome to the Family:** Pedro & Berenice Mauco, Pedro and Berenice are the parents of Pedro Mauco, Jr. and relocated here from Venezuela.

**Welcome to the Family:** Janet Simmons,

**Baptism:** Brooklynn Maiorano, Brooklynn is the daughter of Kevin & Amanda Maiorano and was baptized by Joel while at Harding.

### Order of Worship

*Song Leader: Jack Farr*

**Song 2: "We Praise Thee, O God"**

**Welcome & Prayer: Joel Soumar**

**Song 528: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**

**Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"**

**Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"**

**Song: "Here I am To Worship"**

**Communion & Contribution: Daniel Fenwick**

**Song 647: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"**

**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10 Dave Verret**

**Sermon: "God's Elite Force" Chuck Watts**

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

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

*(Streaming Director: Bruce Henthorn / PowerPoint: Charles Elgin)*



### Wednesday Evenings of Singing

A special time for learning new songs and practicing others is off and running. Mike Murphy and Tricia Ubrig are planning these 7 p.m. Wednesday 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!



### Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Don Booth, former Mesa member, on Sunday afternoon, July 18th at 3 p.m. It will be here in the Mesa auditorium. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, help some needy saints in your circle of relationships--this is what Don would do. Please stay after the service for refreshments and to visit with the family in the Fellowship Hall.

### Moving Away

Today is Chris and Cathy Erno's last Sunday with the Mesa family. They are relocating to Ocala, FL. Chris and Cathy have been at Mesa for about 30 years and will be greatly missed here! We pray that this new adventure will be wonderful and that they will be blessed as they work and worship with the church in FL.

### Email Addresses

The minister search committee would like to encourage any Mesa members who are not on our email mailing list to get your email address to the church office as soon as possible. The best way to get that to us is by emailing us at [office@mesachurch.org](mailto:office@mesachurch.org).

### Two Thank You's

I so much appreciate all the well wishes and prayers for my mother, me and my family. My mom is 90% cancer Free! God is good!  
--Evelyn Bonebrake

Thanks to everyone who has helped me get through my health struggles and for all the wonderful prayers. I am thankful to be here!  
--Jerra Bonebrake

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Courtney & Miguel Arevalo ..... Pregnancy Complications  
Karen Timbush ..... Tests  
Lois Ann White..... Health

### on-going health problems

Luana Guthrie, Lynntita Knoch, Kevin Olson, Debbie McMorries (S Young's mom), April Norment (D. DuBoise's mom), Lori Howerton's Parents, Ed Schroeder, Lori Howerton, Martha Carroll, Tawana Carter, Wayne Timbush, Evelyn Bonebrake's mom, Cindy Mamoe, Gloria Hadley, Travis (G'son of Ann Nichols), Carl Goodman, Virginia Hielen, Gaby Ivy, Lynda Campbell, Jerra Bonebrake

### **Preacher Selection Committee News/Updates**

As was introduced at this past Sunday morning worship, the following members will be working with Interim Ministry Partners (IMP) to provide a new minister recommendation to the Elders here at Mesa:

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| <b>Jon Bouley</b> (Chair)                          | <b>Maria Leos</b> (Community Assessment Lead)  |
| <b>C.R. Gaines</b> (Elder Liaison)                 | <b>Marc Engle</b> (Kingdom Assessment Lead)    |
| <b>Mike Corder</b> (Technology Lead)               | <b>Dallas Kingsbury</b> (Ideal Candidate Lead) |
| <b>Brad Kerley</b> (Communication Lead)            | <b>Ken Fitzgerald</b> (Recommender Lead)       |
| <b>Dave Verret</b> (Prayer Chair)                  | <b>Pete Petersen</b> (Rover)                   |
| <b>Tenna Murphy</b> (Secretary)                    | <b>Gwen McNeil</b> (Church History Lead)       |
| <b>Jeff Green</b> (Congregational Assessment Lead) |                                                |

The process involves multiple phases. The initial phase involves gathering information from our community, other congregations, and most importantly, YOU. The information gathered will be used to check the current "pulse" of the Mesa congregation, and then the data will be used to assist in charting our future. The data collected will also guide the committee to identify the perfect match for a future minister at Mesa to accomplish our goals that will ultimately bring glory to God.

As we prepare for Phase 1 (Inquiry Phase), we will be starting a "prayer" campaign that will be introduced next week via email and the bulletin. Requesting God to take the reins of this process and to guide our search committee with the Holy Spirit is vital to the success of the process. We know how important this is to all of you, and lovingly ask for you to participate.

What's Next? - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about the Search Process

If you have any questions, please email us at [mesaministersearch@gmail.com](mailto:mesaministersearch@gmail.com)

#### Shepherds

Jack Farr  
Jackie Hinkle  
Vince McNeil

C.R. Gaines  
Kevin Hubby  
Chuck Watts

#### Ministers

Spanish Minister: Edison Quevedo  
Youth Minister: Joel Soumar

### Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 339  
Budget: \$13,323  
Giving: \$6,631  
YTD Average: \$11,893

*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.*



The office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.