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## Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Michael Horton

Song 794: "Unto Thee, O Lord"

Opening Prayer: C.R. Gaines

Song 716: "Sing to Me of Heaven"

Song 749: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Song 129: "Amazing Grace"

Song: "Above All"

Song 342: "We Saw Thee Not"

Communion & Offering: Adam Henderson

Announcements: C.R. Gaines

Song: "Wonderful Merciful Savior"

Scripture Reading: Prov. 19:20-22 Shade Kerr

Sermon: Let's Talk Purpose Jeremy Gills

Song: "In Christ Alone"

Shepherds Prayer: Kevin Hubby

(Streaming Director: Charles Elgin

PowerPoint: Michael Neatherlin)

## Membership Updates

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

**Glorifying God Through  
the Power of the Gospel by:**



**\*Growing in Christ**

**\*Serving in Love**

**\*Equipping for Life**

## Letting Go

The third encouragement is provided by "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Weaver

Published by WaterBrook Press

ISBN: 978-1-57856-258-9

Do you ever find yourself clinging to the pencil, refusing to let God write on the pages of your life? I've discovered that the Lord is infinitely kind and patient in his dealings with us. He will show us how to relinquish our rights for his best. If you're struggling in this area, maybe these steps will help you:

1. Ask God to make you willing. Sometimes this is the necessary first step. If you just can't muster up the willingness to surrender control to God, then pray first for a change of attitude.
2. Recognize you have an adversary. The last thing Satan wants is for you to totally surrender your life to God. Pray for wisdom and strength not to listen to his lies.
3. Let go one piece at a time. Sometimes we cling to control because we fear we'll be asked to make drastic changes we're not ready for. But God, in His kindness takes us at a pace we handle. If we simply obey what He asks of us at the moment, He will lead us to the next step when we're ready.

Philippians 3:8-9: I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him.

--Jeremy



### Tuesday Ladies' Class

Tuesday Ladies' Class is dismissed until Tuesday, January 10th, for the holidays! Since that will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month, plan to bring a dish to share and stay for a time of fellowship and eating after class!

### TBH & CBH

TBH & CBH will not meet on Sunday, December 25th. All children ages 2 through 3rd grade will remain with their parents/family. If you fall into this age category, pick up a "Worship Bingo" card at the Welcome Center prior to worship. The card is filled with words that will be used during the worship hour--put on your listening ears and mark these words as you hear them. Mom/Dad can help you read these! See if you can get 4 or 5 in a row (depending on direction) or catch all of them! Bring your card back to the Welcome Center after service and redeem it for a prize!

### Office Closed

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday of next week for Christmas! The staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!

### ATTN: Deacons & Ministry Leaders

Please mark your calendars and save the date of January 21st for a breakfast to kick off the new year! This will be in the Fellowship Hall from 9 to 11 a.m.

### Praise & Harmony Subscription

Just a reminder to those who paid and subscribed to Praise & Harmony TV through the office' these subscriptions end in January--you need to unsubscribe if you do not want to be billed the current subscription rate in subsequent months.

### 2 Happy Anniversaries

A very happy anniversary to JoAnne Bridgman and her husband, Richard, who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on Thursday of this week! On Friday of this week, Danny & Jana Church will celebrate their 61st Anniversary! We pray God's richest blessings on both of these couples!



### Corporation Meeting

The required annual corporation meeting for the Mesa Church of Christ will be on Wednesday, January 4th, at the 7 p.m. service. This meeting is required by our Articles of Incorporation and only takes a few minutes to complete.

### A Huge Thank You Mesa

Thank you so much to all who participated in the Adopt-a-Family Mesa Style and in purchasing gifts for the foster children! All gifts have been picked up and some great connections have been made with some of the adopt-a-family recipients who were within a few miles of our building. Several of the families indicated that they would like to join us in worship--which is very exciting! Guests are always welcome and new friends are a great result!



## **MYG Christmas Party**

**Dec. 18th @ The Deaver's Home 5-8pm**



**Gift Exchange \$10 limit  
Dinner Provided  
Games & lots of Fun.**

**Register: [Mesachurch.org/PC](http://Mesachurch.org/PC)**

## **Praise and Prayers**

### **new and critical**

Jaime Oster ..... Chemo  
Carl Goodman ..... Cancer treatment  
David Woodrow ..... Health  
Frances Hinkle ..... Health  
Paula Miller ..... Knee Surgery recovery  
Mary Proffitt ..... Surgery recovery  
Joy Hambleton ..... Shoulder recovery  
John Camp ..... Biopsy results

### **on-going health problems**

Kevin Olson, Martha Carroll, Virginia Hielen, Ed Schroeder, Lori Howerton's mom, Mike Bonebrake, JoAnne Bridgman, Opal East, Jo Birdwell, Jerra Bonebrake, John Hulett, Wen Gist, Jean Kennedy (V. Bolton's mom), Marty & Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins parents), Annie Nichols

### **Attendance & Offering**

Sunday Class: 249  
Sunday Worship: 403  
Wednesday: 112  
Budget: \$12,820  
Giving: \$17,355  
YTD Average: \$13,325

#### **Shepherds**

Jack Farr C.R. Gaines  
Jackie Hinkle Kevin Hubby  
Vince McNeil Chuck Watts

#### **Ministers**

Pulpit Minister: Jeremy Gills (off day Thursday)  
Spanish Minister: Edison Quevedo (off day Friday)  
Youth Minister: Joel Soumar (off day Tuesday)

**Office is Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.  
and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fri.**



### **LTC Rehearsals**

**Chorus:** Next rehearsal Sunday, January 8th in the annex after morning worship.  
**Bible Bowl:** Next Study is January 7th at the Kerley's  
**Sign Language:** Meets TODAY immediately after worship in Room 104!  
**Puppets:** Next meeting in the annex Wednesday, January 11th, at 6:30 p.m.!