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Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Jon Bouley

Song 589: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Song 869: "We're Marching to Zion"

Opening Prayer: *Jimmy Fox*

Song 867: "To Canaan's Land..."
Song 250: "The Great Redeemer"
Song 354: "I Gave My Life for Thee"

Communion & Offering: *Daniel Fenwick*

Announcements: *Jimmy Fox*

Song 412: "Jesus, Hold My Hand"
Song 650: "Send the Light"

Scripture Reading: Deut. 1:6-8 *Kay Ankoma*
Sermon: God Said "Go!" They Said "No!"
Jeremy Gills

Song 417: "Where He Leads I'll Follow"

Shepherds Prayer: *Chuck Watts*

(Streaming Director: Rich Rowland
PowerPoint: Charles Elgin)

Membership Updates

Phone: Nydia Ballesteros (623-224-3985)

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**

Gentleness Is Necessary

Unfortunately, there are disloyal individuals in every congregation. These are Christians who have elected to sever ties with the local congregation and no longer participate in its worship or service. The reasons for this can be rather diverse and listing them all would take up more space than our essay allows.

Since Jesus walked the world, people have continually made the deliberate choice to reject the Savior. (John 6:66) However, just because a disciple wanders away does not mean that they cannot be won back. There is a lovely section in the first five verses of Galatians 6 that talks to us about reaching out to individuals who have been enslaved by the devil and have convinced themselves they don't need the church purchased with Jesus' blood.

We must remember that we are to approach these individuals with tenderness and humility. The verbal abuse and censure of a self-righteous and hypocritical Christian will never cause anyone to repent. When we get off our high horses and go down on our knees in humility, we might be able to approach people whose hearts have hardened against the church. As you finish reading this article, there is little doubt that you can think of someone who needs to rejoin the group. First, pray for them; secondly, like a shepherd would retrieve a single lost lamb, go and retrieve them.

--Jeremy

Sunday Bible Classes for January - March

Room 105: *"In the World but Not of the World"* taught by the elders

Room 104: *"Searching for a King"* taught by Adam Gatica, Jaime Alejo & Emil Rodriguez

Auditorium: *"The Gospel of John"* taught by Ashby Camp

Wednesday Bible Classes for January - March

Room 105: *"Getting to Know Jesus"* Ladies Class taught by Pam Osback

Room 104: *"1 Corinthians"* A continuation of the study began by Andrew Sterling will be taught by Jeremy Gills, Casey Miller & Christian Nuñez

****Class descriptions are posted on the bulletin boards****

Homeless Ministry

The homeless ministry is collecting blankets and jackets (new or gently used) for distribution to those in need. These will be delivered this coming Saturday, January 7th, at 7 a.m. Any who would like to assist with delivery are welcome. Bring these to the office.

TBH & CBH

TBH & CBH will not meet today. All children ages 2 through 3rd grade will remain with their parents/family. If you fall into this age category, pick up a word search at the Welcome Center prior to worship. See if you can find lots of words that will be used in the sermon. Bring your card back to the Welcome Center after service and redeem it for a small prize!

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, for the New Years!

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.

Corporation Meeting

The required annual corporation meeting for the Mesa Church of Christ will be this coming 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.

Fellowship Dinner

The next Get-to-Know-You Dinner will be on Saturday, January 21st, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4DA8A829A3FE3-welcome>. Seating is limited so this is open to the first 50 who register! Meat and drinks will be provided and attendees register to bring a side dish and/or dessert.

Prayers for Safe Travels

Tim & Cheryl Carlin will be leaving tomorrow for El Salvador to visit with the children and families of those who are in the Manos de Esperanza program. Pray that they have a blessed and safe trip!

Add to Birthday Calendar!

Some of our children's names were omitted by accident from the January Calendar! Please add the following to your calendar!

Jynessa Smith (2nd)
Calleigh Stewart (5th)
Jordyn Gills (13th)
Dana Monge (13th)
Jaiya Gills (20th)

Katie Valenzuela (20th)
Lucia Rivera (22nd)
Ebu Konnor (24th)
Tatum Gills (27th)
Jaxson Vansant (28th)

New Song

On Sunday, January 8, we will be learning a new song called "Speak, O Lord" Those of you with subscriptions to P&H TV have access to the various training versions of this song. We sent an email that includes a link to the version we will be learning.

Widows' Luncheon

The January Widows' Luncheon will be on Saturday, January 21st, in Room 105. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be a time of fellowship and a game for those who would like to hang out for a while afterwards. See Barbara Kerley or Sheryl Wilson if you need more details!

Correction for January 29th

The title says "Bar-B-Que Cookoff" but should be corrected to just "Cookoff". Watch for details coming soon--look through those recipes and pick your winner!

Area-Wide Singing

January 14th is the date of the first monthly singing for 2023 and is hosted by Salt River Church of Christ. Singing is at 6:30 p.m. followed by fellowship at 7:30 p.m.

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Jaime Oster Chemo
Carl Goodman Cancer treatment
Paula Miller Knee Surgery recovery
Bob Wilts (J. Oster's dad) Mass on Kidney
Jackie Hinkle Bladder surgery recovery
Andrew Farr Wound infection
Ann Nichols Flare up of Crohn's
Hanzuk/Brown Family Passing of Marlene
Joseph McNeil (Vince's dad) Health

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), Frances Hinkle, David Woodrow, Mary Proffitt

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Class: 132
Sunday Worship: 261
Wednesday: 59
Budget: TBD
Giving: \$16,559
YTD Average: \$13,491

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: Meeting today is CANCELED!

Puppets: Next meeting in the annex Wednesday, January 11th, at 6:30 p.m.!

**WORK HARD
PRAY
HARDER**