

# MESA CHURCH

GROWING IN CHRIST | SERVING IN LOVE

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# OF CHRIST

EQUIPPING FOR LIFE

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## Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Michael Horton

Song: "Light the Fire"

Opening Prayer: Joel Soumar

Song 626: "Christ for the World We Sing"

Song: "How Great Is Our God"

Song 810: "Listen to Our Hearts"

Song: "Pierce My Ear"

Song 176: "Lamb of God"

Communion & Offering: Ken Fox

Announcements: Joel Soumar

Song 635: "Freely, Freely"

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-13 Paul Ling

Sermon: "The Way Love Goes" Jeremy Gills

Song: "He Is My Everything"

Shepherds Prayer: Chuck Watts

(Streaming Director: Bruce

PowerPoint: Jonathan Green)

## Membership Updates

Address: Karen Timbush, .

Added to the Family: Loren & Kerry Dotson, James, Harper, Luke & Elle, .

Added to the Family: Christopher Kingsbury, !

Added to the Family: Keith & Christi Foreshee, Keith & Christi have 3 sons--Liam, Cameron & Miles.

## Loving Someone You Can't Stand

(From Montana Street bulletin, comes the following above titled article, written by Alan Smith, minister for the Helen Street congregation in Fayetteville, North Carolina.)

**Doctor:** "I see you're over a month late for your appointment. Don't you know that nervous disorders require prompt and regular attention:? What's your excuse?"

**Patient:** "I was just following your orders, Doc."

**Doctor:** "Following my orders? What are you talking about? I gave you no such order."

**Patient:** "You told me to avoid people who irritate me."

Unfortunately, we don't always have the option of avoiding people who irritate, people who hurt us, people who offend us. In fact, sometimes those who irritate us the most are found right in our home (or in our church building). So, how should we deal with them?

Milton Jones has written a wonderful book entitled, "How To Love Someone You Can't Stand," which I highly recommend.

In his book, Jones lists six godly principles which are derived from Romans 12.

**Manage your mouth .... Bless and don't curse (Romans 12:14).**

**Put yourself in the other person's place and try to understand their feelings, thought and position (Romans 12:15).**

**Never, never, never take revenge (Romans 12:17).**

**Plan ahead to do something beautiful (Romans 12:17).**

**Don't just win the war, win the peace (Romans 12:18).**

**Make room for God (Romans 12:19).**

The bottom line, is that we do not overcome evil with evil, by retaliating and seeking to "get even." The only way to overcome evil, is with good (Romans 12:21). It is never easy to respond to those who do us wrong in a way that is godly. A godly response can only be accomplished by following the example of Jesus Christ — only then, can we truly have an influence on the world around us.

Peter provides us with these closing thoughts in 1 Peter 2:20-21 NASB:

*"For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps."*

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



\*Growing in Christ

\*Serving in Love

\*Equipping for Life

## Mesa Deacons & Ministry Leaders (\*Denotes Deacon)

Building Security (Bruce Erno & Jorge Ramirez\*)

Children's Education (Quest Wolfe\* & Kwame Konnor\*)

Toddler Bible Hour (Pat Weber & Nichol Elgin)

Fellowship (Jon Bouley\* & Boni Flores\*)

Men's Ministry (Calvin Glenn\*)

Missions (Kim Clark\* & Harry Mo\*)

Spanish Technology (Ilmer Ortiz\*)

Video Security (Tom Jacobson\* & Jim Bolton\*)

Worship (Mike Corder & Scott VanWormer)

Youth & Child Protection (Courtney Arevalo)

Adult Education (Dallas Kingsbury)

Children's Bible Hour (Keith Wilson\*)

Connect Groups (Jeff Green\*)

Involvement (Kevin Maiorano\*)

Mesa Church Programs (Jeff Deaver\*)

Technology (Mike Corder)

Homeless Ministry (Ilmer Ortiz\*)

Widows (Phil Kerr\*)

Youth Group (Joel Soumar)

Benevolence (Chuck Flinko\*)

L.T.C (Joshua Warren\*)

Evangelism (Pedro Mauco, Sr.\*)

Ladies Ministry (Elders' Wives)

Pantry (Boni Flores\*)

Bible Bowl (Brad Kerley)

4Sixteen (Open)

Finance (Michael Horton)

Building & Grounds (Open)

**Directory Pictures TODAY!**

Brant Clinard is set up in Room 105 today and next Sunday to take family pictures for the directory. Please make an effort to update your family picture or have one taken for the first time! Also, we are working toward having these available in an on-line format as well! Information went out through email recently, or you can speak to Susan Gaines (set up in Room 105) regarding how this procedure works!



**Congratulations!**

A BIG congratulations goes out to Landon & Sydney (Miller) Ubrig who were married on January 3rd in Kansas--Sydney's hometown! There will be a reception in their honor when they are able to return to the area for a visit. Mesa currently supports Landon as he attends SIBI in Lubbock. Their address is 4301 58th St., Apt. A, Lubbock, TX 79413.

**ATTN: Deacons & Ministry Leaders**

Please plan to attend the Luncheon next Sunday, February 19th, immediately following the morning worship in Room 104--details were sent to your email this week. Please RSVP today to the office so there is an accurate count for lunch preparations.

**ATTN: Quilters Needed**

A number of Mesa ladies have banded together over the years to produce lovely quilts to go to those in need--both locally and for some of the children's homes. The number of busy bees has dwindled over the past few years. Jan Farr is interested in locating helpers who are interested in carrying on this good work! Please contact Jan at 480-388-5379 if you are interested in learning or already have some expertise. This group currently meets on Thursday morning in the annex, but the day can be changed if need be to accommodate those interested.

**Pantry**

If you would like to assist in restocking these shelves, please consider purchasing the following items and dropping them off in the baskets in the hallway just off the foyer. **Mac & Cheese, Cans of Tuna, Rice, Beans (Canned or dried), Cans of Soup, Pasta & Pasta Sauce** are all items that are placed in each bag.

**Mesa Bible Bowl**

We will be hosting our annual Bible Bowl on the weekend of March 4. Many volunteers and workers will be required for housing of the youth and the adult sponsors; event day helpers and of course making cookies! Please consider how you can serve the Lord for the event. Sign-up sheets are located in the Welcome Center, so please sign up today! If you have questions, please see Brad for details.

**Birthday Greetings**

Just a reminder that Rich Rowland is working on putting together a birthday wishes video for Opal East. He will be continuing to film those who want to wish Opal a happy 100th birthday in the office after Sunday services today and next Sunday. If you would like to contribute to the video but cannot physically make it to the office, you can film your own birthday wishes and submit the video file to the following email address by February 25th: opal100video@icloud.com

**Widows & Special Sisters**

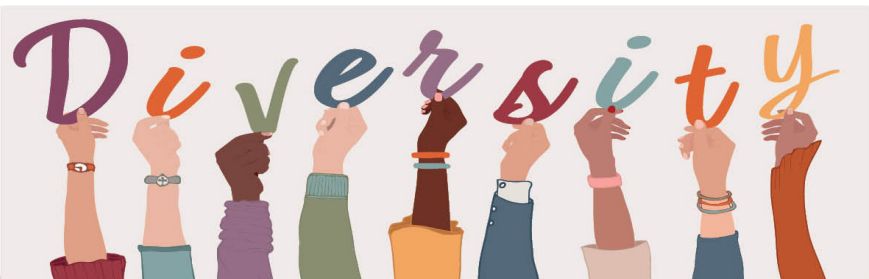
This coming Saturday, February 18th, is the date for the next Widows & Special Sisters' luncheon! We will meet in Room 105 for lunch at noon. Those who would like can stay after lunch for a game of Mexican Train and fellowship! See Sheryl Wilson or Barbara Kerley with questions!

**Thank You**

Robert & I would like to say "Thank you" for all the cards, phone calls and flowers we received while Robert's dad was in the hospital and after his passing. It meant a lot to us both to know you had us in your thoughts and prayers. --Robert & Staci Buchanan

**57th Anniversary!**

Congratulations to Bill & Luana Guthrie who will celebrate 57 years of marriage next Sunday, February 19th! May God continue to bless them as they enter the 58th year!



**Growing a Multicultural Church  
February 25th & 26th, 2023  
Daniel A Rodriguez, PhD**

**Praise and Prayers**

**new and critical**

Jaime Oster ..... Chemo  
Carl Goodman ..... Cancer treatment  
Paula Miller ..... Praise! Some improvement  
Bob Wilts (J. Oster's dad) ..... Mass on Kidney  
JoAnne Bridgman ..... Pending knee surgery  
Kevin Olson ..... Surgery to place a feeding tube  
Cindy Posey ..... Health  
Clifford Mathe ..... Health

**on-going health problems**

Martha Carroll, Ed Schroeder, Lori Howerton's mom, Mike Bonebrake, 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, Virginia Hielen, Ann Nichols

**Attendance & Offering**

Sunday Class: 241  
Sunday Worship: 395  
Wednesday: 123  
Budget: TBD  
Giving: \$16,906  
YTD Average 2023: \$13,340

**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 & Song Leading:** Rehearsal on February 19th in the annex after morning worship. Note that song leading begins as soon as chorus rehearsal is completed.

**Bible Bowl:** In Las Cruces next weekend! After that you have one week of study on your own prior to Mesa Bible Bowl on March 4th!

**Sign Language:** Sign Language today in Room 104 immediately following worship.

**Puppets:** Next meeting in the annex this Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:30 p.m.!

**Area Events**

**Helping Hands Yard Sale**

Friday, March 31st, & Saturday, April 1st, CBBC Helping Hands Yard Sale at Camelback. Donations accepted. Info on bulletin board.

**Ladies Day**

February 25th at Coolidge Church of Christ--"Living an Abundant Life John 10:10." Please RSVP by February 17 and indicate any diet restrictions. Text Linda McWilliams at 602-799-1882 or email lindamcwilliams@yahoo.com.

**Stronger Marriage Workshop**

Southwest Church of Christ with Trey & Lea Morgan on April 21st and 22nd. More details at trey-andlea.com. Flyer is on the bulletin board with contact information.