

MESA CHURCH

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Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Jonathan Green

Song: "Praise the Lord"

Song: "Step by Step"

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Fox

Song: "Every Praise"

Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Song: "Faithful Love"

Song: "Highly Exalted"

Communion & Offering: Scott VanWormer

Announcements: Jimmy Fox

Song: "Let It Rise"

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-13 Josiah McNeil

Sermon: "The Way Love Goes (Pt 2)" Jeremy Gills

Song: "Nothing But the Blood"

Shepherds Prayer: Vince McNeil

(Streaming Director: Charles Elgin

PowerPoint: Michael Neatherlin)

Membership Updates

Added to the Family: Keith & Christi Foreshee, 7900 E Princess Dr. #1136, Scottsdale 85225 (425-802-4960). Keith & Christi have 3 sons--Liam, Cameron & Miles.

Added to the Family: Brian & Leah Young, 3917 E Longhorn St., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 (Brian: 480-415-1001; Leah: 602-576-6410.) Brian & Leah have two sons, Justin & Mason.

Added to the Family: Yelis & Bexy Caceres, 10531 E Flossmoor Ave., Mesa 85208 (520-499-8208). This mother/daughter duo meet in our Spanish service!

Address: Jaynee Blanco, 16025 S 50th St., #1036, Phoenix 85048.

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Love For Your Family

For some individuals, family is always a top priority, and they have close relationships with their siblings and parents. However, for others, home is where the relationship with God is least apparent. There are spaces in life where it is beneficial for Christians to reflect on their family connections and ask the question, "Where can we improve our relationship together as we grow closer to God?" What should be taken into account is how can one worship God in your family interactions more in our day-to-day routine. If you would allow me to interject some thoughts into your home today, it would sound like this:

Here is a reality that many don't like to admit: **family can be a struggle.** I know sometimes when you're an outsider, the family picture looks perfect. Perfect marriage, perfect kids, perfect animals, perfect home and the list goes on. It can be hard to be a Christian at home because that's where we start and end each day. Home is the place where you take comfort in being yourself, and sometimes being yourself is what makes family a struggle. We have to keep in mind that even before we have that first cup of coffee, that God has called us to something more than ourselves, and it is possible for God to be on our mind at the start and end of each of our days.

I believe it is worth noting here that no family is perfect. Family can be a struggle, but you won't find another family out there like yours who matches you. There are two crucial things that are worth bearing in mind: (1) all families have its flaws & (2) other families only look cool publicly because they don't have to deal privately with me. What makes family perfect is when the love is whole and genuine. Doesn't mean that family won't make mistakes, but love has the ability to "cover a multitude of mistakes." My challenge for our families here at Mesa is to continue to turn over a new leaf for our desire. Desire to love our family because God wants us to do just that. Desire to love our family though people often change as times passes. Desire to be patient and forgiving with one another as you would want them to be with you.

Finally, always keep in mind that your family is your first and foremost source of affection.

--Jeremy



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 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!



Praise and Prayers

new and critical

- Jaime Oster Chemo
- Carl Goodman Cancer treatment
- Paula Miller Praise! Released to work and drive!
- Bob Wilts (J. Oster's dad) Mass on Kidney
- JoAnne Bridgman Pending knee surgery
- Kevin Olson Home with feeding tube
- Cindy Posey Health
- Jackie & Frances Hinkle Health
- John Hulett Fall recovery

on-going health problems

- Martha Carroll, Ed Schroeder, Lori Howerton's mom, Mike Bonebrake, Opal East, Jo Birdwell, Jerra Bonebrake, Wen Gist, Jean Kennedy (V. Bolton's mom), Marty & Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins parents), David Woodrow, Mary Proffitt, Virginia Hielen, Ann Nichols

Attendance & Offering

- Sunday Class: 242
- Sunday Worship: 381
- Wednesday: 113
- Budget: TBD
- Giving: \$12,390
- YTD Average 2023: \$13,205

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 today immediately following the morning worship in Room 104. Approved budgets for each area will be passed out as well as some other details for 2023.

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 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. This will be the last day to stop in and be recorded wishing Opal a happy 100th birthday. He is set up in the office. 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

57th Anniversary--Today!

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



Save the Date

Falcon Field Park has been reserved for Sunday, March 26th, for our annual congregational picnic in the park! Mark this date on your calendar and watch for details soon! This is a family event for all ages!

Office Closed on Monday

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday in observance of President's Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday.

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 TODAY in the annex after morning worship. Note that song leading begins as soon as chorus rehearsal is completed.

Bible Bowl: Returning from Las Cruces today! After that you have one week of study on your own prior to Mesa Bible Bowl on March 4th!

Sign Language: Sign Language Feb. 26th in Room 104 immediately following worship.

Puppets: Next meeting in the annex Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:30 p.m.!

Camp Adventure Sunset Church of Christ
March 11-16, 2022

Who can come?: Juniors, Seniors and college age

Registration: \$150
 Price includes t-shirt and a few meals. Also bring \$110 for meals on the road and in Lubbock.

What to bring?:
 Medical Release Form, Bible, notebook, comfortable walking shoes, work clothes, sleeping bag & toiletries, spending money

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.

Lads2Leaders Presentation
 Sunday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Sun Valley Church of Christ. Presented by Nathan Elder.

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.