

MESA CHURCH

GROWING IN CHRIST | SERVING IN LOVE

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Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Jon Bouley

Song 705: "A Common Love" (Brandon Ortiz)

Song: "Behold Our God"

Opening Prayer: Jack Farr

Song 860: "There Is a Habitation"

Song: "Only a Holy God"

Song 611: "Heavenly Sunlight"

Song: "Beautiful Lamb"

Communion & Offering: Mark Beverly

Announcements: Jack Farr

Song 687: "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:18-23 Shade Kerr

Sermon: "Christ Alone" (Pt. 3)

Jeremy Gills

Song 659: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Shepherds Prayer: C.R. Gaines

(Streaming Director: Charles Elgin)

PowerPoint: Michael Neatherlin

Characteristics of a Healthy Church (Part 3)

Welcome to part III of the Characteristics of a Healthy Church.

In a healthy church, you will find believers who are passionate about pursuing spiritual maturity. The ultimate goal of every church is to help people become more like Jesus every single day. That is the mission that Jesus sent us on in Matt. 28:18-20. Ultimately, a healthy church strives to give individuals the chance to know Jesus better. As Mesa continues to move in the direction of being healthy, we want to be dedicated to helping people mature in their faith with Jesus. Along this journey, there will be ups, downs, twists, turns, failures, successes, etc. As a believer in God living in this world, no one is exempt from such life characteristics, but we understand that continuing to walk with Jesus makes everything we experience worth it. By no means is it easy, but Jesus gives us the peace to keep walking. When you can walk through tribulation, spiritual maturity is something that is being achieved.

Another characteristic to a healthy church is one that has a commitment to serving and caring for those who are in need. Jesus said in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free." The objective of the Son of Man was to come and care for those who recognized their brokenness. One thing that a healthy church grasps is that though I may not be in a position to help and care for everyone, I can help someone. Jesus has called us to minister to our community and serve people who may not be able to contribute to our church in any way. Our commitment to service should not be an obligation or project, but it should be a heartfelt desire that grows from a sincere compassion for those who are in need. If we allow the seed of service and compassion to grow in us, we have an opportunity to reach others with our sacrifice before they ever walk through our doors. Let us not wait for the people to come through the door; let us have a commitment to Jesus that allows us to go to them.

--Jeremy

Membership Updates

Phone: Kirk & Susie Croffoot ().

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 (Benjamin Koomson)

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)

Pantry

If you would like to assist in restocking pantry 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.



Picnic in the Park!

Next Sunday, March 26th, is the date for the Mesa Family Picnic at Falcon Field Park. Plan to head on over to the park following morning worship. Falcon Field Park is located at 4800 E Falcon Dr, Mesa, AZ 85215, which is just North of McKellips and East of Greenfield Road. Food and drinks will be provided--menu is beef, chicken or carne asada tacos with rice and beans for adults and hotdogs and chips for children. Three pavilions are reserved but extra seating is always needed so bring your lawn chairs! Please RSVP by signing the list at the Welcome Center or emailing the office at office@mesachurch.org by Wednesday of this week!

Tuesday Ladies' Class

Class will resume this coming Tuesday at 10 a.m. Ladies of all ages are welcome!

Wedding Shower

Everyone (entire family) is invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Leslie Simmons and Emil Rodriguez on Sunday, April 2nd, immediately following worship in Room 105. They are registered on Amazon. (Email the office if you cannot find the registration.) If you would prefer to contribute to a group gift, money can be given to Regina Koomson, Renda Clark or JoAnne Balsimo.

Financial Peace

Alma School Road Church of Christ is offering a Financial Peace class beginning this coming Tuesday, March 21st, and running for 9 weeks. The cost per family or individual is \$79 (the cost of the materials) and will be facilitated by Keith Shepherd. The cost is a once in a lifetime cost so if you have taken the class previously, you can repeat for free. Call the office if you need an address or phone number for Alma School Church.

ATTN: Seniors & Parents

A packet of information regarding activities for High School graduating Seniors went out recently. If you did not receive one and have a graduating Sr., please contact the office! We do not want to leave anyone out!

WORSHIP
Canyon | March 19
5:30 - 7:30
CALLING ALL TEENS

Carpool from Mesa will be available.
Dinner is provided.
There will also be a chance to Learn more about the "Adventures In Missions" program.

AIM

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Jaime Oster Chemo
Carl Goodman Cancer treatment
Jo Birdwell Home following a hospital stay
Ann Nichols Thyroid Biopsy results

on-going health problems

Martha Carroll, Ed Schroeder, Lori Howerton's mom, Mike Bonebrake, Opal East, Jerra Bonebrake, Wen Gist, Jean Kennedy (V. Bolton's mom), Marty & Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins parents), David Woodrow, Mary Proffitt, Virginia Hielen, Ann Nichols, Paula Miller, JoAnne Bridgman, Kevin Olson, John Hulett, Cindy Posey, Jackie & Frances Hinkle

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Class: 276
Sunday Worship: 426
Wednesday: 112
Budget: \$13,221
Giving: \$16,415
YTD Average 2023: \$13,608

<u>Shepherds</u>	
Jack Farr	C.R. Gaines
Jackie Hinkle	Kevin Hubby
Vince McNeil	Chuck Watts

<u>Ministers</u>	
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.

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Area Events

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

Sunday Night Live Sunday, March 26th, 6 p.m. at Northwest Church of Christ--worship and praise, fellowship with refreshments. Details on the bulletin board.

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

Ladies Bible Workshop Saturday, April 1, at Valley Church of Christ in Glendale. Theme is "Let Go and ...Let's Go!" Register by March 26th.

Salt River Ladies Day April 15th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Theme is Lemons and Sonshine and RSVP is needed by April 3rd--details on bulletin board.

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

LTC Rehearsals

Chorus & Song Leading: Rehearsal April 2nd in the annex after morning worship. Note that song leading begins as soon as chorus rehearsal is completed.

Bible Bowl: Returning from Whittier, CA, today! Next study is April 1st at Brad & Barbara's.

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

Puppets: Next meeting in the annex Wednesday, March 22nd, at 6:00 p.m.!(Note: time change as we get close to time for LTC weekend!)