

MESA CHURCH

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Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Michael Horton

Song: "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

Opening Prayer: Brad Kerley

Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Song: "Surround Us, O Lord"

Song: "Whispering Hope"

Song: "Wonderful Merciful Savior"

Song: "Thomas' Song"

Communion & Offering: Chuck Watts

Announcements: Brad Kerley

Song: "In Christ Alone"

Scripture Reading: Col. 4:1-6 Alex Green

Sermon: "Do Your Words Taste Good?"

Casey Miller

Song: "Magnificat"

Shepherds Prayer: Vince McNeil

(Streaming Director: Bruce Henthorn

PowerPoint: Jonathan Green)

Membership Updates

Added to the Family: Kevin & Jen Smith, .

Baptism: Xitlali Patlan, Xitlali is the daughter of Joanna Alhindi in our Spanish congregation and was baptized by Jeremy on Wednesday.

Baptism: Calleigh Stewart, Calleigh is the daughter of Chris & Amy and was baptized by Joel on Wednesday evening.

Intermission for Practical Focus

This Sunday is special for us here at Mesa for a few different reasons. We want to thank you for being here with us and I want to highlight a few things that is happening today that should give us a reason to continue to keep praying and glorifying God.

Today, at the end of our worship together, the elders will be praying over Ken & Jean Fox. Ken & Jean, along with family members, are heading back to Thailand on a mission trip that has become a "home" away from home. There are camps and studies going on throughout their time of being there with their family. As a church, we need to be praying for the fruit of God to be seen all throughout the city where they will be ministering and pray that souls will be won to Christ, souls will be strengthened for Christ, and souls will be regenerated in Christ. This is a great effort, and we pray the blessings of God over the Fox family.

Also, today is the last day for our winter intern Casey Miller. We have worked with this young man for the past 12 weeks and we pray that God will use him for His glory as he continues to work with us here at the Mesa church. Casey has learned a lot and I hope that when you get some time, fellowship with him and help him as he continues this journey in ministry. Casey has always been a willing worker and throughout the last 12 weeks, God has shown him that there are no limits to how one can serve Him. As he preaches for us today, a lot of work went into this moment, so I ask that you please support and encourage him as this is his first-time public speaking in this setting.

The final event of today is our church fellowship picnic. It's always great when the people of God can come together outside of the corporate worship time together and fellowship with one another. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know some of our new members who will be in attendance as well as catch up with our seasoned members as well. What a day it shall be when the noise in the park will be filled with believers strengthening bonds and building new relationships. We look forward to what God will do during this event and we pray that each one has the chance to reach one and encourage them today.

As these events play out today, don't forget to praise God for it is Him who does all things well.

--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 (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)



Mission Bound

March 28th Ken and Jean leave for their annual (missed 3 years due to Covid) mission trip to Thailand and Laos. They will be joined by Jimmy Fox and Dan Fox as they teach together at the Cha-am Family Bible Camp on the Gulf of Siam. April 11-14 over 700 Thai Christians will gather for four days of Bible study, worship, fellowship, encouragement and fun. Ken and Jean hope to meet with Lao Christians on the Thai/Lao border before returning home May 1st. They covet your prayers for safe travels, fruitful teaching and wise use of your Mission Sunday funds.

Picnic in the Park!

Today is the day! 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. Three pavilions are reserved but extra seating is always needed so bring your lawn chairs! Look for the inflatables--they are easy to spot!

Tuesday Ladies' Class

Class 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.

ATTN: College Grads

Please let us know if you will be earning an upper-level degree--we would like to recognize your accomplishments in the bulletin!

Bible Bowl Recap

The Bible Bowl season was completed for our youth last weekend in California. 31 of our youth have been memorizing and learning from the Gospel of Matthew. All of the group has excelled, so please take the time to encourage them for their participation!

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| Nhyirapa Anin | Xiomara Flores | Nhyira Koomson |
| Ivanna Ankoma | Xitlaly Flores | Sarah Koomson |
| Janissa Bitikofer | Xochitl Flores | Josiah McNeil |
| Rhiannon Black | Addie Green | Kathryn Murphy |
| Elle Dotson | Alex Green | Joseline Ortiz |
| Bradán Fenwick | Jasmine Ibbetson | Sophia Ramirez |
| Matthias Fenwick | Kiera Ibbetson | Arya Wolf |
| Nevaeh Fenwick | Ebu-Bonsia Konnor | Lauren Young |
| Natalia Flores | Osei Konnor | Isaac Zavala |
| Noelia Flores | FiiFi Koomson | Jacob Zavala |
| Sage Zavala | | |

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

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| Jaime Oster | Chemo |
| Carl Goodman | Cancer treatment |
| Jo Birdwell | Home following a hospital stay |
| Ann Nichols | Repeat of thyroid tests |
| Connie Burd..... | Thyroid Biopsy |
| Kendra Hinkle..... | Surgery recovery |
| Delia Hernandez..... | Loss of brother |

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, Paula Miller, JoAnne Bridgman, Kevin Olson, John Hulett, Cindy Posey, Jackie & Frances Hinkle

Attendance & Offering

- Sunday Class: 257
- Sunday Worship: 389
- Wednesday: 140
- Budget: \$13,221
- Giving: \$15,199
- YTD Average 2023: \$13,740

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.	

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the Power of the Gospel by:**

- *Growing in Christ**
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Area Events

- 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.
- Gospel Singing** Friday, March 31st, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Valley Church of Christ
- Helping Hands Yard Sale** Friday, March 31st, & Saturday, April 1st, CBBC Helping Hands Yard Sale at Camelback. Donations accepted. Info on bulletin board.
- Area-Wide Singing** Saturday, April 8th, at North Valley Church of Christ begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

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:** Study April 1st at Brad & Barbara's.
- Sign Language:** Sign Language TODAY in Room 104 immediately following worship.
- Puppets:** Next meeting in the annex Wednesday, March 29th, at 6:00 p.m.!(Note: earlier time as we get close to time for LTC weekend!)