



"One of the greatest gifts you can give the next generation is praying over them and investing in them."

Message from Bryce:

Welcome to Mesa! Your very presence here this morning speaks a positive message. It says, God is important in my life and my fellow Christians are important to me as well. By being here together we honor God and we encourage one another.

It has been a busy weekend at Mesa, and I hope you've been able to be a part of some of what we have going on! MYG was blessed to be able to attend the Sold Out Youth Rally in Surprise yesterday. Andrew Baker, from Harding University, did a great job with the theme, "Against the Flow." And, of course, at least 100 or so of you joined us for Hot Dogs and a great Fireworks show Friday night at the baseball game. A big thank you to Troy Lauterbach for working hard to put together all the behind the scenes things that made this event happen!

I think it's been a successful first few days of school for students and teachers. Let's continue to pray for a good school year and lots of learning! Let's make it a great week!

--Bryce

****Let's Go D'Backs!****



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Worship Leader: Wilburn Ivy

Song 227 "On Zion's Glorious Summit"

Song 250 "The Great Redeemer"

Welcome/Prayer: Bob Klosterboer

Song "Shout to the Lord"

Song 490 "It is Well with My Soul"

Communion/Cont.: Josh Warren

Song 882 "No Tears in Heaven"

Song 957 "This World is Not My Home"

Scripture Reading: Elijah McNeil
(Ezra 3:10-11)

Sermon: Bryce Kidwell
"The Return Home"

Song 578 "We Will Glorify"

Song 129 "Amazing Grace"

Closing Prayer: Kent Nicholson

JUST A LITTLE WORD

"Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build and bribed counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia." Ezra 4:4-5

It is always amazing how consistent discouragement can be. God had arranged for the temple to be rebuilt after the time of Judah's captivity was completed. They had been given everything they needed to rebuild the temple. They were given the gold vessels that had come out of the temple and been taken to Babylon. They were given the chance to rebuild and it was supported and funded by other governments. So why didn't it just happen? Enemies. They discouraged them so much that they finally just quit. With all the resources and authority available, they could not get past the discouragement of the people in the area.

Why is discouragement so devastating today? We can have all the money and permission to build and to do, but if we let ourselves become discouraged we will accomplish nothing. God can be absolutely for it and have arranged, financed, sent his prophets and provided leaders, but still just a few people with their discouragement can stop the people of God from accomplishing the very thing God sent them to do.

The point is we must be ready to deal with discouragement. More than that, we must be ready to deal with people who are discouraging. They don't attack with swords or canons, they just say a little word here and there that makes people afraid they are doing it wrong. They try to frustrate and we must not let them. They may even offer to build with us as they did with Zerubbabel, but they were wise enough to not include them in the work. Accomplishing God's work is not just getting everyone involved, it is when people of faith work in spite of the discouragement. God will provide everything we need if we will just decide to let nothing get in the way.

-Terry



****Unless otherwise indicated Connect groups meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday evenings--Call for directions or additional details****

we have children's programs available during our worship service

- An **Attended Nursery** is available for infants (1-2 years) in Room 101.
- A **Training Room** for infants and nursing mothers is also provided at the back of the auditorium.
- Toddlers Bible Hour (TBH)** is offered for all children 2-3 years old, begins after communion in Room 102.
- Children's Bible Hour (CBH)** for children ages 4 - 4th grade, begins after communion in Theater del Soul Upstairs.



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*Fernando and Bryce out of office on Friday

Welcome to the Mesa Family

We are so glad that you are here today! We have been praying that God would allow us to meet you today and worship together. You are an answer to our prayer! If you are visiting from the area, we would love to have you as part of our family!

our lessons for today

am: "The Return Home"
pm: "The Kingdom is at Hand"

If you would like more information about the church or becoming a Christian, visit our Welcome Center in the foyer.

¿habla español?

tenemos servicios en español en el salón de actividades

Guests

Please consider yourself our honored guest. We are glad you have come our way and invite you to return any time you can. We encourage you to fill out a guest card so we have a record of your visit. There are a number of people in our congregation who would love to study the Bible with you if you so desire. Please come back to worship with us at any and every opportunity you have.

Special Guests

Binoy & Rebecca Thomas with their four children are with us today. They have been missionaries in Cochin, South India since 2003. Binoy will be teaching Kim Clark's class in Room 105 this morning and at Daniel & Lisa Fenwick's CONNECT Group this evening. Binoy helped us with the first "We Care" campaign at Mesa years ago. The Fenwicks invite any who would like to join them for this special group to bring a potluck dish to share. Their address is 3313 W Wayland Dr., Phoenix.



Connect Groups

Connect Groups are small groups that meet across the valley on Sunday evenings. Start time is typically 5 p.m.; however, the Kidwell group is meeting at 2 p.m. for the summer months. All groups are open to anyone wanting to join in a time of discussion and fellowship!

Speed Limit Warning!

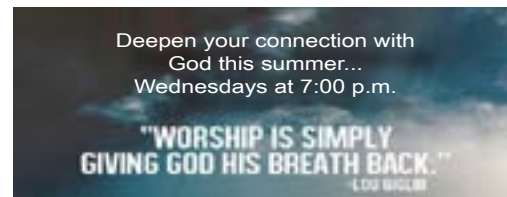
We need all adults (not just parents) to assist in reminding speeders to slow down! One of our Senior members was almost knocked down last week by a running child--caught the wall which resulted in a bad bruise! Please stop anyone you see running in congested areas--parents please remind your children of the hazards involved!

Pantry Donations

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats, soups, mac and cheese, pasta & sauce, cereal, rice and beans are all needed on a month-to-month basis to fill the bags that are handed out! Soap, laundry detergent and toilet paper are also included! This coming Saturday is the 3rd Saturday and the official day for the pantry to be open. Those who have a punch card can pick up bags during the work week in the office!

Song Previews

We will be working on two new songs this coming Wednesday. You can hear the parts for these songs by going to Mesa's website at www.mesachurch.org. The songs as well as a breakdown of the 4 parts are available. We will be using these from time-to-time in Sunday worship! Printed copies of songs are available at the Welcome Center.



Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Cecilia Castañeda and Agustin Flores on the passing of their father this past week. Arrangements are in Mexico.

Transitions/Directory

Phone: Rusty Farr



Come help us celebrate

Naomi Miller

as she turns

100!

Saturday September 6th

Starting at 3 pm

At Mesa Church of Christ

1223 East Dana Ave.

Mesa, Arizona

RSVP - Kristin Farr

480-217-0051

No gifts please just your presence!



Communion Preparation

Brian & Debra Peterson are scheduled to prepare communion for Sunday, August 17th.

Nursery Helpers

Linda Allen and Monica Lopez will serve in the Nursery today. Erica Rogers and Cindy Fernandez will serve next Sunday, August 17th.

Bible Hour Leaders

TBH LEADERS: Today: Brian & Debra Peterson assisted by Shannon Black and Ahtziri Valencia
Next Week: Maria and Evelyn Navarro assisted by Katelyn Black and Alyssa Hoffman

CBH LEADERS: Today: Brian Black assisted by Donna and Heather Glaser, Chris Kingsbury and Noah Gushee. Next week: Brian Black assisted by Donna and Heather Glaser, George Lopez and Estevan Lopez.

August Greeters & Welcome Center

WELCOME CENTER (Bible Class): Meg Camp and Selena Merillat

WELCOME CENTER (Worship): Larry & Penny McKinney

GREETERS (Prior to and beginning of Class): Allen & Mary Plunk

GREETERS (Prior to and beginning of worship): Vincent & Gwen McNeil

Communion to Shut-In Members

Today: Bill Hughes and Jackie Hinkle

Next Sunday: Bill Guthrie and Danny Church

Mark Your Calendar--Fall Retreats

Copper Basin Bible Camp has posted information for their Fall Ladies' and Men's Retreats for 2014.

- The Ladies will be the weekend of September 12th and 13th and will be hosted by our Mesa Ladies. The theme is "Sisterhood of Faith: Revive, Empower, Champion". Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.
- The Men's Retreat will be on September 26th and 27th with the theme being "Rise Up, O Men of God"
- Tackling the Text in Galatians with Guy Orbison, Jr. is scheduled for September 18-20 at CBBC. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Mission Opportunity Next Door

The International Rescue Committee has a couple within a mile of the building that are in need of help with tutoring to learn English enough to take the test for citizenship. They are Assyrian Christians from Iraq. That is probably the reason they need to stay here and not go back home. He works at night and they would like to meet in the afternoon or evening. Are you willing to teach them English and help them with this? It may be a good opportunity for us to share the Gospel. The couple is very nice with one child, not in a need situation and has been fully investigated by the Rescue Committee. Please call the office or Ken Fox (480-703-9284) if you want to help.

Calendar

AUGUST

10 Kevin Hubby Returns Home
11 SIBI Classes
13 Worship Wednesday
14 Q-Bees
15 Roshelle & Jaiden Return Home
16 Open Pantry
17 Hal & Ann Nichols 56th Anniversary
18 SIBI Classes
20 Worship Wednesday
21 Q-Bees

AUGUST (Cont.)

23 Spanish Children's Activity
25 SIBI Classes
27 Worship Wednesday
28 Q-Bees
31 Spanish Evening in the Park

SEPTEMBER

1 SIBI Classes
3 Devo & Ice Cream Fellowship

Praise and Prayers new and critical

Suzanne Kennedy (V. Bolton's sister) Surgery recovery
Keith Wilson.....Undergoing Tests
Michelle Black.....Severe Migraines
Jo Birdwell Pacemaker Surgery 8/19 at Banner Heart

health problems

Gilbert Burrowes (L. Howerton's dad)Prostate Cancer
Lorna Butler..... Health
Tewana Carter Health
Veda Chancellor (L. Bailey's sister) Health
Eli Emery (Andrew & Trinity Baby) Apnea
Donna Erno Chemo Treatments
Kija Flock Medical Tests
Delores Fugate Health
Ivan Goodman Health
Richard Gerome (D. Schrubbe's son-in-law) Hospice Care
Bill & Luanna Guthrie..... Health
Celestia Harmon (E. Heath's Mom) Blooming Meadows
Dorothy Hees..... Health
Mary Hughes Health
Lorraine Hughes Scottsdale Health & Rehab Room 214A
Joe Johnson Montecito Room 243 / Health
Wanda Johnson..... Health
Lynnita Knoch Health
Marty & Kathy Marstein (P. Watkins Parents)..... Health
Ruth May Health
Gary Miller (N. Miller's son) Parkinsons
Ann Nichols Crohn's
James & Charlene O'Connor Health
Shannon Pyle (M. Steinbock's G'Daughter) Bipolar
Jean Roberson Health
Nelda Roberson (S. Woodrow's mom) Cancer
Dave & Grace Segler..... Health
Marjorie Steinbock Knee surgery recovery
Debbie Suazo Health
Lois White Health

military prayers

Beau Howell Andrew Jones (C. Burd's G'son)
Evelyne Serrano Anthony Galvan(Kristin Farr's Nephew)
Chris Heath Michael Hutchinson
Ronald Tifre
Kalin Fuller and Jason Myers (W. Johnson's G'sons)

mission prayers

Mission Team in Cambodia
Jaiden Farr & Roshelle Barnes traveling home on Friday
Kevin Hubby traveling home from Guyana today
John Camp and Harry Mo to China/Taiwan in September
Ken & Jean Fox to SE Asia October 7, 2014
Devine Austin's mother in Philippines with Cancer

Our Meeting Times

Bible Class.....9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Connect Groups5:00pm
Worship5:00pm
Wednesday Class.....7:00pm

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 442
Wednesday:153
Budget: \$9,048
Giving: \$9,454
YTD Average: \$9,841

4Sixteen

A Ministry for College Students and Single Adults in their 20's and early 30's

Today 9:30 a.m. Class in the 4Sixteen Room upstairs continuing "The Story"

08.13 7:00 p.m. Please join us in the auditorium for the summer series.

Whether you're in school or not, back to school time is the perfect time to establish new habits. If you aren't already involved with a Connect Group, make a commitment to get involved this month! The Connect Groups are listed on the back of the bulletin. Pick one located near you!