



Research done by some brotherhood universities tells us that the retention rate of our children when they graduate from high school and leave home is right around 25%. That number is frightening. The good news is that there are a number of things that we can do, as parents and fellow Christians, to help our young people remain faithful to God even after they leave home. For one, congregations that actively promote work in Lads-to-Leaders or Leadership Training for Christ, boost their retention rate to 95% to 99%.

Very soon, Lord willing, we will be kicking off the Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) program here at Mesa. If you are unfamiliar, LTC is a nation-wide program that is used to help churches train their young people to be leaders in all areas of life, while emphasizing leadership in the Lord's church.

Next week, immediately following the am worship service, families with children in 3rd through 12th grades are invited to meet in the fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring a finger-food dish (enough for their family and a few others) to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided. After a time of fellowship, students will get the opportunity to sign-up for the LTC events they would like to participate in. Information about each event will be available, and I will answer as many questions as I can. I don't have all of the answers, and the answers I don't know off-hand, I will find for you. We will also be discussing the upcoming activity calendar for our children in those age/grade groups.

If you have children in this age group, and have Internet access, you might want to take a look at the LTC-SW website, www.ltcsww.org. There you will find a lot of information that will give you a good overview of the program. Having a basic understanding of LTC will help when you look at the various events that are offered.

Over the next several weeks, I will be calling upon some of you to step forward and help lead this program at Mesa. You will be hearing more about LTC and how the program will take shape at Mesa. This program requires dedicated involvement from the entire congregation if it is to be successful. While everyone may not play a direct role, all are counted on for support through encouragement and prayer.

Our children are an important part of our lives, and we want to provide them with every opportunity and resource we can to assist them in developing and growing their own faith in God. --Jason

teen news:

GRITS - will not meet tonight

MYG guys conduct pm worship – Next Sunday, August 29th @ 5pm

Parent Meeting and LTC kick-off – Next Sunday, August 29th- following the am worship service

All children and parents of children going into the 3rd through 12th grades in the fall are encouraged to attend. Please bring a finger-food dish (enough for your family and a few others) to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will meet for lunch and the meeting immediately following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall.

Save the Date:

Faith and Family Night at the D-Backs Game – Friday, September 24th

Infield reserve seats are \$10 per person. Sign up at the welcome desk no later than next Sunday, August 29th if you want to purchase tickets with the group. Payment is due to the church office by Sunday, September 5th. Make checks payable to Mesa Church of Christ. We will distribute the tickets prior to the game, and meet at our seats on the night of the game. First pitch is set for 6:40pm. A concert with Jeremy Camp will follow the game.



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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 103.
- Children's Bible Hour (CBH)** for children ages 4 - 4th grade, begins after communion upstairs in Room 221.



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Worship Leader: Jack Farr

Welcome/Prayer: Bob Klosterboer

- Song 15** "Step by Step"
- Song 480** "Blessed Assurance"
- Song 508** "A Wonderful Savior"
- Song 718** "We Shall Assemble"

Communion/Contribution: Dave Segler

- Song 458** "Redeemed"
- Song 528** "I Know That My..."

Scripture Reading: Chris Erno
(2 Cor. 5:16-21)

Sermon: Terry Singleton
"The Day of Salvation"

- Song 791** "On Bended Knee"

Responses

- Song 421** "Higher Ground"

Closing Prayer: Jackie Hinkle

Looking for Jesus

Is Jesus hard to find? With so many churches and so many professed Christians can we find Jesus? Why is the number of believers in Jesus shrinking in the one nation that has claimed to be a "Christian" nation? Even our money uses phrases like, "One nation under God," and "In God we trust." Does that mean we look for a national Jesus? Should we expect our government to provide a way for us to find Jesus?

What does it mean to find Jesus anyway? We cannot find him physically. He has died and been resurrected to heaven. We are looking for more than a physical handshake. We are looking for a connection to God. Jesus came to earth and showed us how to live. He was the Son of God but he lived here as a regular person. If God could live here then we have hope of living in heaven with him. If we can learn to live like him here, he will let us live with him in heaven.

Finding Jesus is finding a direction for our lives. We see other people and wish we could be like them. Finding Jesus is about deciding to be like him rather than just wishing. He makes a difference in how we live and in what is important. In a way, looking for Jesus is also about finding ourselves. We see Jesus influencing and affecting the lives of millions of people thousands of years after his physical death. That is because Jesus is still alive because of resurrection.

We can read the Bible and find stories of Jesus' teachings and activities. We can look around and see Jesus alive in other people. They are blessed by God because Jesus lives in them. They no longer fear death because Jesus has gone first and conquered death. They have a reason to live beyond all the bad things that can happen in life. They claim to have part of God living in them called the Holy Spirit that gives them a way to choose love, joy, peace, patience and self-control as well as other things that other people don't have. Other people just make an excuse that they are only human when they act unloving and have lost their joy. Followers of Jesus live on a different level because they have found something else. Today, we are able to share in all the things God has for us. All we need to do is find Jesus and follow Him.

Terry

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

morning: "The Day of Salvation" (Terry Singleton)

afternoon: "Power Made Perfect" (Terry Singleton)

¿habla español?

tenemos servicios en español en el salón de actividades
Predicador: Jesús Rodríguez

VISITORS

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 visitors' 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.

Time of Prayer

The elders meet with the ministers each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in Room 105 for a time of prayer. They would like to invite anyone who would like to join them for this.

Any Soldier

Just a reminder that there are cards at the table in the foyer for anyone to sign to be sent to our Marines in the field. There is also a board that has recently been set up with the names of those we are aware of from our congregation or family members of Mesa members to specifically pray for during their time of service. If you have a family member that you would like added to this list, give us a call in the office or speak to Debbie Suazo.



Teachers Needed

Ken Watkins is looking for a few teachers for the upcoming quarter. He needs a Cradle teacher for Wednesday evenings beginning September 1st and a Cradle and 2 & 3-year-old teacher for Sunday morning beginning September 5th. If you could fill one of these positions, please speak to Ken asap!

Attention Ladies

Do you ever wonder where your joy went? Would you like the first impression people have of you is that you are filled with the joy of the Lord? Come to Wednesday night ladies' Bible class beginning September 1st to explore together the message of joy God reveals to Paul in the book of Philippians. Joy is a fruit of the holy Spirit, so let's reap a great harvest this fall quarter. Nancy Singleton will be leading this class in Room 105 beginning on September 1st.

Pantry

Boxes of cereal, cans of corn and/or beans, Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned tuna, rice, dry beans, powdered laundry soap and hand soap are our main staple items for pantry bags. Donations for these can be placed in the foyer or cash donations to purchase items can be given to Santiago Yañez.



Going Away

Next Sunday, August 29th, will be the Bevington family's last night with us before they relocate to Seattle, WA. There will be a finger-food fellowship honoring them immediately following the p.m. service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a food item to share and come wish them well in their new endeavors. If you would like to donate toward a cash group gift, see Sarah Woodrow.

D-Backs Game!

The annual D-Backs Faith and Family Night at the ballpark is coming up on September 24th! Infield reserve tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please indicate your name and the number of tickets you want on the form in the welcome center. Deadline to sign-up for the group tickets is Sunday, August 29th. Payment is due by Sunday, September 5th to the church office. We will distribute tickets the week prior to the game and meet at our seats on the night of the game. Please make checks payable to Mesa Church of Christ.

Attention Parents

All children and parents of children going into the 3rd through 12th grades in the fall are encouraged to attend a parent meeting and LTC kickoff in the Fellowship Hall following the a.m. worship service next Sunday, August 29th. Please bring a finger-food dish (enough for your family and a few others) to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Voter Guides

Non-partisan voter guides for the upcoming primaries are available at the Welcome Center. There were a limited number sent to us so if you have internet available, please go online to azvoterguide.com to read this material and leave the copies for those who do not have access online.

Bread Available

We receive a number of donations of bread for pantry bags and those who can use it. Check the freezer if you need some!

Transitions/Directory

Phone: Oops! Cheryl England called and they were not able to get the home phone due to interference in the area. Continue with the cell numbers for now!

CBBC Retreats

Registration forms and additional details for the following Copper Basin Bible Camp events are located at the Welcome Center.
Senior Saints Retreat--August 28th,
Women's Retreat--September 10th--11th
Men's Retreat-- September 24th--25th

Tuesday Ladies' Class

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class will resume for the 2010-11 season on September 14th at 9:30 a.m. Tracy Bouley will be leading a study of Cassandra Martin's book, ABCs of a Godly Heart. There will be a potluck immediately following this first class session. Bring your Bible for the study and a dish to share for the potluck! Child care will be provided.

Project LOVE

Mark your calendars for September 11th for the annual pancake breakfast and family day kick off for the new year! Details will be coming soon.



Chris & Tracy Heath

together with their parents
 request the honor of your presence
 at a reception celebrating
 their marriage
 on Saturday, the fourth of September
 Two thousand and ten
 From two to four in the afternoon.

Mesa Church of Christ
 Fellowship Hall
 1223 E Dana Avenue
 Mesa, AZ 85204

Tracy & Chris are registered at
 Target & Bed, Bath & Beyond



Communion Preparation

Heriberto & Monica Lopez and family are scheduled to prepare communion for Sunday, August 29th.

Nursery Helpers

Cathy Erno and Luz Delia Hernandez will serve in the Nursery today. Barbara Kerley and Elizabeth Nuñez will serve next Sunday, August 29th.

Bible Hour Leaders

TBH LEADERS: Today: Maria and Evelyn Navarro assisted by Susan and Cindy Fernandez. Next week: Linda Rosen and Rhiannon Steen assisted by Jessica Wilson and Magaly Lopez.
 CBH LEADERS: Today: Keith & Sheryl Wilson assisted by Donna and Heather Glaser and Gaby Rodriguez. Next week: Steve & Sue Hubbard assisted by Marla Gushee and Gaby Rodriguez.

August Greeters & Welcome Center

WELCOME CENTER (Bible Class): Tom & Lynnita Knoch
 WELCOME CENTER (Worship): Pam Smith and Jana Church
 GREETERS (Prior to and beginning of Class): Roshelle Barnes and Wendy Hubby
 GREETERS (Prior to and beginning of worship): Kim and Renda Clark

Communion to Shut-In Members

Today: Kevin Hubby and Bill Archer
 Next Sunday: John Cross and Mark Sartin

Wednesday Assignments

Worship Leader: Jack Farr

Dear Terry & Mesa Brethren

Thank you for receiving us with such kindness. We so enjoyed worshiping with and performing for your group where your love for one another was so evident. You were so gracious to come early, stay late and provide such a delicious meal. We also appreciate your company, Terry, while we ate. Thanks again! In Him.

--"From the Heart", Mark & Myra Lents and The Sunny Hills C of C

Deacon Spotlight--Gil Slifer

This week we are spotlighting Gilbert (Gil) Slifer, our deacon over World Bible School. Gil is originally from Illinois and his wife, Thelma, from Tennessee. They have been married for 66 years and have 3 children, Linda, Steve and Theresa. Gil is retired and enjoys hunting, fishing and bowling. He has been active in missions and taught the 5th grade Bible class for a number of years. Gil has a passion for the World Bible School program and has been instrumental in teaching numerous people through this method. He says that his favorite Bible verse is Genesis 1:26-27 because, "We are like God in that we were given a spirit that lives forever. It is our responsibility to learn and do what God requires of us and when we do it, we can then live with God forever." This is the basis of the Good News he has been able to share with many through the World Bible School program.



Calendar

August

- 24 Voting in Annex
- 26 Q-Bees
- 29 MYG Parent Mtg./LTC Kick off
- 29 Ken & Virginia Davidson 61st Anniv.
- 29 Teens lead pm service
- 29 Finger-Food Farewell for Bevingtons

September

- 1 New Quarter begins
- 2 Q-Bees

September (Cont.)

- 4 Heath Reception
- 6 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 9 Q-Bees
- 11 Project LOVE Breakfast
- 14 Tuesday Ladies' Class Begins
- 16 Q-Bees
- 18 Widows' Luncheon
- 19 Project LOVE
- 23 Q-Bees
- 24 D-Backs Faith & Family Night

Praise and Prayers

new and critical problems

Bodhe Archer (Bill & Anita's G'son) Digestion Problems

continued prayers

Daniel Archer (Bill & Anita's son) Military
 Berry Becknel Ankle recovery
 John Blake Cancer follow-up
 Tracy Bouley Gall Bladder Surgery recovery
 Esther Bowman Parkinson's
 Violet Burrell Skin Cancer
 Donna Camp Health
 Michael Forrest Health
 Rose Fox Health
 Ed Hanzuk (Steve's Dad) Health
 Chris Heath Military
 Jacqueline Henderson Health
 Jim & Mary Hughes Health
 Anna Lou Hyder (B.Waite's Mom) Health
 Joe & Wanda Johnson Health
 Joanne Johnson (T. Carter's Sister) Needs kidney transplant
 Ruth May Health
 Sandy Merrill (L. Medal's Mom) Heart recovery
 Gary Miller (N.Miller's son) Parkinsons
 Nancy Norris (Ruth's Sister) Diabetes/kidney dialysis
 Kaye Pierce Health
 Deb Piercy (Joan's daughter) Health
 Jerry & Jean Roberson Health
 Maria Saravia (H.Dawson's Mom) Brain Tumor
 Tracy Schoen Health
 Gil Slifer Health
 Linda Slifer (sister-in-law of Gil) Cancer
 Margaret Treat (mom of Penny Sartin) Health
 Bobby & Pat Vaughn Health
 Michelle Vaughn (Bobby & Pat's daughter-in-law) Brain tumor
 Becky Waite Health
 Phillip Wallers (Richard & Colysta's G'son) Military
 Warren Woodrow Military

mission prayers

Missionaries
 Local Outreach
 Team in Southeast Asia (Ken & Jean Fox/John & Betty Breeden)

Our Meeting Times

Bible Class.....9:30am
 Worship 10:30am
 Family Circles.....5:00pm
 Worship5:00pm
 Wednesday Class.....7:00pm

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: 375
 Wednesday: 112
 Budget: \$8,700
 Giving: \$8,365
 Average: \$8,449