

**From the Preacher's Pen...** Have you ever worked through some difficulty because of the love, care and encouragement of a fellow Christian and the Lord? If so, do you also remember that there are a lot of people out there in this world that have no hope? Doesn't that strike you as sad?

Does it strike you as even sadder still when you consider that many times Christians have no hope because they've left their first love, Christ? I'd like us to think a bit about a Christian attribute that's sometimes called dedication, but the word God most often uses is faithfulness! Another word for this same attribute is reliability.

Without dedication, without faithfulness, without reliability we cannot complete the tasks we have to do. Let's consider the subject of faithfulness for a moment.

## Faithfulness

We expect faithfulness and reliability from things and other people around us. Unfortunately, as Christians one of our persistent sins is a lack of faithfulness to God. Are you unreliable as a Christian?

You would be angry if a store clerk repeatedly ignored you to serve their friends. But do you turn your back on God and miss worship when "friends" or even "family" come to visit? Shouldn't we be more dedicated, more reliable, more faithful to God's family?

If your newspaper were delivered to your house on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but to someone else's house on the other days, you would be upset. Would you consider continuing to pay for that kind of service? Do you expect God to continue to bless you and respond to your needs and prayers when you serve and worship Him on your terms?

If your hot water heater provides you with an ice-cold shower part of the time, a luke-warm shower sometimes, and a hot shower only occasionally, would you consider it dependable? Should God consider us reliable for occasional attendance at worship or Bible study and occasional other kinds of service to Him?

How would you feel about your husband or wife spending a few nights each month with another man or woman? How does God feel about you forsaking His church and His people to be with denominational people, openly claiming that their priority is their feelings, wants and needs and not what God says and wants?

What would your bank say about you missing a couple of house payments every year? Would they understand that you really needed the money to buy presents for your family? Do you expect God to accept that your children and family are better served by your time with them but away from Him?

Sometimes we presume so much on God's love that we fail to demonstrate our responsibility for faithfulness. Do you see yourself as a volunteer in service to God or do you understand God's view? *"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel"* (1 Corinthians 9:16). For a volunteer, almost anything seems acceptable, but for servants who are duty bound, faithfulness is required!

"100 percent!" is a challenge to each one of us to demonstrate our love, our commitment, our faithfulness to each other and to God. Let's get busy, get involved and show God and each other how much we care, who we really belong to, and how much we appreciate what God paid to purchase us.

— Lester P. Bagley

### Opportunities to worship, study & serve:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY ..... 10 AM

WORSHIP ..... 11 AM

EVENING WORSHIP ..... 6 PM

WEDNESDAY ..... 7 PM

THURSDAY LADIES' BIBLE CLASS ..... 10 AM

Congregational Potluck 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
each month after morning worship  
(except June, July & August)

**Welcome to all!**  
**We are glad you are here!**

**Enter to Worship...**  
**Leave to Serve**



**Welcome to our visitors today!** We hope & pray you'll be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon!  
**Visitors Last Week included:** Deborah & Joshua Wilkinson of Deming, NM.

**Our Prayer List:** Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Nora McNeil, Matthew Odom, Lois Nowlin, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Rene Turner, Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim & Ann Holder, Kristi Martin, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin and...

**Our Missionaries:** Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families.

**Previously Announced Family & Friends:** Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Art Stoneking & wife (friends of Carl Catozzi, cancer), Leslie Hill (John's mother, cancer), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Danny Wilhite (relatives of Lynn Shirley), Teresa Acosta, Rosemary Glasier (Crystal Mora-Landroth's mother), John Hoover's relatives with personal difficulties, Shelly Cooper (friend of Carl Catozzi), Lucas Espinoza (Brian Campbell's friend), Sharon Laurita (Barbara Grubbs friend, cancer), Kaesha Raffterfer (Gene Pinkston's cousin, cancer), Chuck Keels (friend of Grubbs with cancer), Terri Fillipski (cancer, Julie Evans' cousin).

**Special Requests:** WBS & WEI Bible study students; Kevin & Nancy Chambers & World Christian Broadcasting; Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James. Brandi Schroeder (Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS); Dallas Purcella's mother; Paulina's father (Arnold); Julie's father; Laurel's father.



**OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera, Frank Torres (Javier's brother & cousin); Eric Shirley; Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Scott Hoover (John's son); Ariel Gomez; Paul Sipes & April Belovedstone (Sue Wolfe's son & daughter); Robert Strickland (Cleo Wise's grand-nephew); Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law) Nathan Bagley.

**New:**

**Jason:** son of Carl Catozzi in need of prayers.

**Dr. Yanni:** friend of John Hoover with cancer.

**Susan Fowler:** friend of Bob & Sherry Harrison with MS.

**Michelle Harrison:** daughter of Bob & Sherry, spiritual struggles.

**Michael Lightheart:** son-in-law of Flora Doster, health problems.

**Jim Henness:** friend of Odom's with back problems.

**Jimmy Handtegen:** friend of David Davis following a stroke.

**Derwin Jackson & family:** with his job.

**Sean & Vickie:** Carl Catozzi's friends with struggles in their lives.

**Terri Hoover:** John's daughter-in-law with serious health issues.

**Monica Lopez:** George Mora's aunt with breast cancer.

**Rhett Booher:** Gary & Toni Pierce's grandson: Traumatic Brain Injury while in the Army.

**Jacob Shirley:** struggles.

**Ray Stephenson family:** youngest son's cancer has spread.

**Kay Kerby:** friends of Tom Haney

**Adele Fink:** recovering from surgery for colon cancer.

**John Mark:** in Afghanistan as he is in danger for his faith.

**The Saints in South Sudan:** as they face great trials.

**Mason Compton:** nephew of Billie Odom.

**Millie Cunningham:** at Caliche Senior Living (corner of Cottonwood & Peart) – visits must be approved at front desk.

**Jimmy Davis:** friend of Mike Evans with melanoma.

**George Ponter:** Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles.

**Amy Vestle:** lupus and intestinal problems

**Jennifer Martinez:** Amy Vestal's friend with depression.

**Seka Hanna:** Amy Vestal's friend: heart problems, on life support.

**Eddie Jaworski:** via Bev Hedrick.

**Anna Price:** via Kimberlee Myers.

**Sue Wolfe:** recovering from a mild stroke recently and waiting on an infection to clear before having stents put in.

**Also Our New Christians, those travelling and especially those with spiritual struggles.**

## Coming in October...

Several of our men both younger & older have asked about a men's training class for leading prayers, doing talks & devotionals, and song-leading.

Plan now to be a part so that you can better serve and be involved in our worship together.

## Upcoming Events...

**Monthly Singing:** July 30 at 2:30 in Coolidge.

**Men's Business Meeting:** August 6 after evening worship.

**Potluck:** Our potlucks are discontinued for the summer and resume October 15

**5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting:** August 30.

## 100th-Year Birthday Party & Homecoming Nov. 3-5

A Facebook group page has been set up:  
<http://bit.ly/CasaGrandeHomecoming>

Join the group to keep up. Also, an "event" has been set up. Be sure to indicate if you are attending.

Linda Hon, daughter of Adrian & Lela Hon, has posted pictures of her parents taken in 1988 and 1990.

**Tentative schedule (though we do not have leaders for them yet):**

**Friday evening: Open House in fellowship hall & registration**

**Saturday morning: Breakfast in fellowship hall**

**Saturday morning: Go to Mountain View Cemetery for a brief memorial service led by a former preacher, then put flowers on graves of former members.**

**Saturday afternoon: Worship service at the old building on Dry Lake.**

**Sunday morning: Class & Sermon by former preachers (who we have not found yet)**

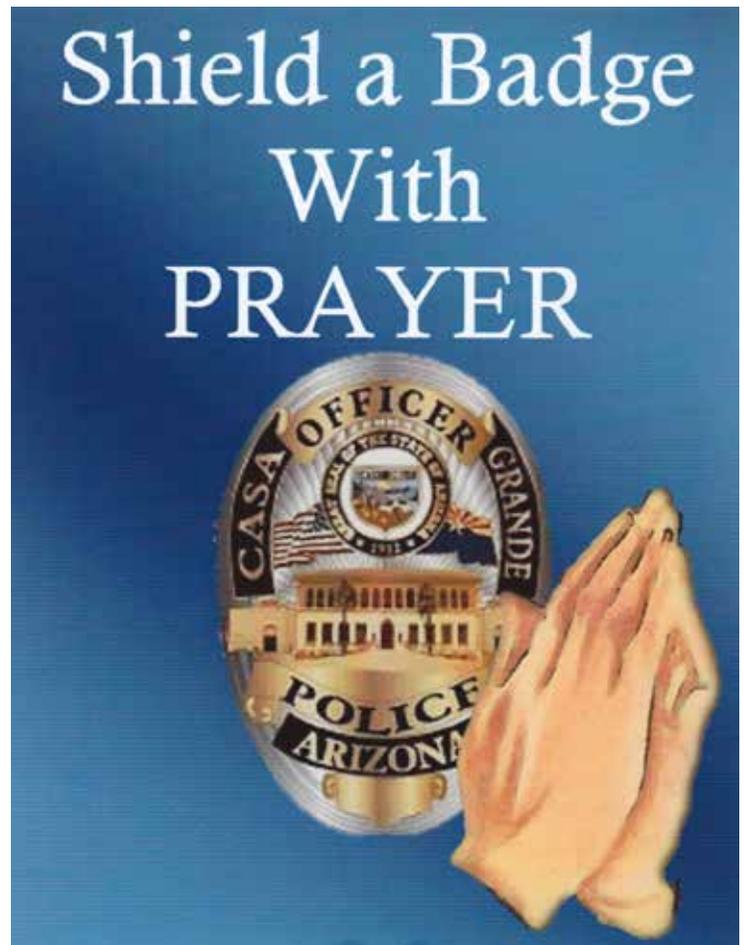
**Sunday noon: After "the amen", recognize members who have been with us the longest and visiting former members or their descendants**

**Sunday noon until ?: Dinner in the fellowship hall with time for "I remember when..."**

There will be an announcement about our homecoming in the Christian Chronicle.

If anyone has suggestions or information about former members, talk to Jerry Odom.

Other things will be announced as planning progresses.



### Our young people would like to help...

If you have yard work, housecleaning or other projects & could use a helping hand please see George Mora to arrange for our youth to help!

### Last Week: 8+ Pew-Packers



**Be "in the picture" every week!**

### ✓ Checkup ✓ How are we doing?

#### Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class = 63

Sunday Morning Worship = 98

Sunday Evening Worship = 65

Wednesday Evening = 54

#### Giving

2017 Weekly Budget = \$3,180.00

Contribution Last Week = \$2,613.00

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**TO:**

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday Morning July 16

Adult Bible Class: • *Acts of the Apostles* ..... Lester Bagley  
Announcements: ..... Jerry Odom  
Song Leader:..... Curt Odom  
Prayer:..... Jim Holder  
Serve Communion:.... Paul Ries, Bill Hall, Chuck Hedrick,  
Frank Campbell, George Mora  
Sermon: • *Philippi: Church that Got it Right* ... Lester Bagley  
Closing Prayer: ..... Tom Haney

*Count Contribution: Curt Odom & Max Compton*

### Sunday Evening July 16

Song Leader:..... Curt Odom  
Prayer:..... David Davis  
Sermon: • *Proverbs - Part 4* ..... Lester Bagley  
Serve Communion:..... Chuck Hedrick  
Closing Prayer: ..... Jerry Odom

### Wednesday Evening July 19

Song Leader:..... Mike Evans  
Prayer:..... Jim Holder  
Devo:..... Michael Hill  
Closing Prayer: ..... Bill Hall

## Anniversaries



July 21: *Barry & Marla Henderson*

July 24: *Charles & Gay Jack*

July 28: *Kim & Mary Ann Myers*

July 30: *Dennis & Cheryl Mince*

August 11: *Ray Ochoa & K.C. Deaton-Ochoa*

August 23: *Eugene & Cheryl Pinkston*

## Birthdays



July 22: *David Davis - Charlie Stephenson*

July 24: *George Young - Leah Mora*

July 25: *Isabella Untersee*

July 29: *Kempton Mora*

August 1: *Maurine Hubbard*

August 2: *Heavyen Acuna - Rebecca Untersee*

August 3: *Riley Harrison - Barry Henderson*

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