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Praising God with Music

David told the Levites to appoint "singers to sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals". Heman was the first one they appointed (I Chronicles 15:16f) and he had two assistants ~ Asaph and Merari (I Chronicles. 6:39, 44). David put them in charge of the music in the house of the Lord and they performed their duties according to the regulations (verses 31f).

So what David appointed was a choir and orchestra. And these musicians had a full time job! They were to minister before the Lord "according to each day's requirements" of sacrifices as written in the Law of Moses. Heman and the others were responsible for sounding the trumpets and cymbals and playing the other instruments ~ lyres, harps and cymbals (15:19-21) ~ for sacred song (16:37-42). In addition to playing the prescribed lyres, harps and cymbals, trumpets were to be sounded to announce sacrifices, etc. (16:4-6).

By the time David was old, there were "four thousand...to praise the Lord with the musical instruments" (I Chronicles 23:5. And what instruments were they still playing? Cymbals, lyres and harps "for the ministry at the house of God" (I Chronicles. 25:1 & 6).

Years later after David died and his son Solomon had completed the grand Temple in Jerusalem (II Chronicles. 5:1), "all the Levites who were musicians...stood on the east side of the altar dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres, accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. The trumpeters and singers joined in unison as with one voice to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and the other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord" (verses 12-13).

Can you imagine such an orchestra and choir? The tinkling of the harps and lyres, with cymbals keeping the tempo, and trumpets calling attention to it all? And all those singers! Was God pleased? Indeed he was, for in the form of a cloud "the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God" (verse 14).

Three centuries later when Hezekiah was king, the same instruments were being played ~ cymbals, harps and lyres (II Chronicles. 29:25f). Why? Because they were prescribed by David, Gad the seer and Nathan the prophet as commanded by God through his prophets. (Acts 2:29-30 says David was a prophet too.)

Interestingly, although God specified every detail of the instruments that had to be played in the Old Testament, nothing like that was specified in the New Testament. Did God forget? Perhaps God took us to a higher plain in the New Testament era. We do know that in I Corinthians 14:15, we are told to both pray and sing with mind and spirit.

And in Ephesians 5:19 we are told to "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." The term "make music" in the original Greek language of the New Testament is to play on strings. Since we are to make music in our hearts, then it looks like we are to play on the instrument of our heart. How beautiful!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY. We hope and pray you'll be blessed by your time with us and come again.

O*UR Prayer List:* Keep the following in prayer this week as you “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17): Nora McNeil, Matthew Odom, Heather Ries, Hunter Shirley, Rene Turner, Ruth West, Everrett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, the Najera family, Bill Hall, Reta Wallace, Jim Holder, Kristi Martin, Wally Myers, Cindy Turpin, Millie Cunningham and...

Our Missionaries: Jack Farber and Aaron Knotts and families; Cesario Espinosa, Jr. (Philippines).

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), Jeremiah Haller (Flora Doster's grandson), Annette (Cindy Turpin's sister), Cole Myers (grandson of friend of Myers), Sheila Simpson, Lillian Wilhite & Mirlene Smith (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), 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); Ismael Lopez; Robinson Goldman (Cindy Turpin's son-in-law); Nathan Bagley.

New: Jason: son of Carl Catozzi in need of prayers; Michael Lighthouse: son-in-law of Flora Doster, health 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; Jacob Shirley: struggles; Ray Stephenson family: youngest son's cancer has spread; John Mark: in Afghanistan in danger for his faith; Jimmy Davis: friend of Mike Evans with melanoma; Adele Fink: recovering from colon cancer; George Ponter: Brian Campbell's cousin with multiple struggles; Amy Vestal: lupus and intestinal problems; Anna Price: via Kimberlee Myers; Chuck Hedrick family: with multiple health problems; Kathy Gonzalez: grandmother of Heavyen & Tatum with cancer; LaVerne Jackson's mother; Sandra Watson, Sue Shepperd & Elzie Shirley: Lynn's family with illnesses; Ray Stephenson; Delbert White's Granddaughter Jessica; Tom Hoover: (John's brother); Jerry Odom; Barbara Harrison. Steve McDonald: Jean Grubbs granddaughter's husband, tests. Donald Helton: on dialysis until he has a kidney transplant; Kirrin Kerby: (Jean Grubbs grandson). Bob Harrod: with cancer Carolyn Fisher: multiple health issues. Dena Lara: Myers' niece with complications of Valley Fever. Larry West: is home. Owen Doster: home and recovering from heart surgery. Ken Price: friend of the Halls with kidney disease. Cheryl Mince: knee replacement surgery July 9. Jeanne Martin family: Jeanne's 8-year-old grandniece diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes

Our Condolences

Nora Lou McNeil

Who went home to her Lord on July 6.

Nora Lou's family was one of the earliest members of our congregation, arriving in 1934.

Thank You

The Nora Lou McNeil family want the ladies of the congregation to know how much they appreciate the luncheon they provided them and their loved ones after the funeral.

PRAY FOR A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL TRIP FOR LES & LOU BAGLEY TO AND FROM NEW ZEALAND MOST OF JULY.

CHECKUP

How Are We Doing?

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class =

Sunday Morning Worship=122

Sunday Evening Worship=55

Wednesday Evening=45

RECENT HEALTH ISSUES

CHERYL MINCE had knee-replacement surgery and is now home.

LILY REID broke her arm but is remaining as active as she can be.

AMY GRUBBS had complicated back surgery.

SCOTT UNTERSEE is home after two months in the hospital, but is having to go through physical therapy now.

SUMMER CAMP

Jorge Mora and Kim Myers are looking for sponsors for some of our young people to attend camp this summer. For details, see Jorge or Kim.

Upcoming Events...

Monthly Singing: July 29 at 2:30 in Coolidge.

5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: August 29.

Potluck: October 21 — Group #2 [Toni Pierce's group] set-up,

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Sunday Morning July 15

Adult Bible Class: •.....Greg Huffman
Announcements:Bill Hall
Song Leader:Tom Haney
Prayer:Curt Odom
Serve Communion:Brian Campbell, John Hoover
Allen Farrow, Frank Campbell, Jorge Mora
Sermon:Kim Meyers
Closing Prayer:Tom Haney

Count Contribution: Jerry Odom & Max Compton

Sunday Evening July 15

Song Leader:Jorge Mora
Prayer:Charles Hedrick
Sermon:.....Curtis Odom
Serve Communion:John Hoover
Closing Prayer:Bill Hall

Wednesday Evening July 18

Song Leader:Curt Odom
Prayer:Jim Holder
Devo:Curt Odom
Closing Prayer:Jerry Odom



Anniversaries



July 28: *Kim & Mary Ann Myers*
July 30: *Tommy & Pat Cates*
July 30: *Dennis & Cheryl Mince*
August 11: *Ray & Charlene Ochoa*



July

Birthdays



KC

July 22: **Dave Davis**
July 22: **Charlie Stephenson**
July 24: **Leah Mora, George Young**
July 25: **Isabella Untersee**
July 29: **Kempton Mora**
July 31: **Carolyn Carriaga**