

Casa Grande church of Christ

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Meeting at:

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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

Ladies' Devo 2nd Saturday
each month at 11 AM

Congregational Potluck 3rd Sunday
each month after morning worship



Welcome to all!
We are glad you are here!



Enter to Worship...
Leave to Serve

From the Preacher's Pen... WELCOME to all our visitors today and thank-you for joining us. We sincerely invite you to join us in worshipping God today and to stay and join us for lunch so we have the chance to visit a bit more with you. And come back again anytime!

Many visitors have questions about who we are and what we believe and teach. Let's hopefully answer a few of those questions:

Who Are We?

The Casa Grande church of Christ is a family of caring and loving Christians. Our only guide is the word of God as revealed in the New Testament, and our only desire is to be faithful servants of Christ. We are not connected to any denominational structure or organization. Our desire is to be Christians only, simple New Testament Christians who are Biblical in doctrine, fervent in worship, aggressive in service, friendly in spirit, loving in outreach, and Christ-like in nature.

What Was That Denomination Again?

In Bible times there were no denominations. Believers were Christians only. They were all members together of the one body, or church of Christ.

Divisions, or denominations, came later. They occurred when names, creeds and doctrines were added by men contrary to God's plan (John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Matthew 15:13).

Churches of Christ throughout the world are pleading for the true unity that can only be achieved by returning to God's word (1 Corinthians 4:6). This involves discarding the teachings and rituals added by men through the centuries and returning to the original teachings and practices of the church found in the New Testament.

Many today label the Bible as a book of admirable morality accompanied by myths falsely called miracles. Some attempt to further discredit the Book of books by claiming that it is an outdated writing of little value today. Even the attempt at unity through ecumenism is based on attempting to satisfy men while ignoring biblical teaching.

The Bible is inspired of God. It can produce unity when those who believe in God and Jesus are willing to accept it as the only rule of faith.

The Bible is timely. It deals with every problem of modern life as accurately and comprehensively as it dealt with the problems of the past.

God's way for today, as in the past, can only be found in God's word. That word will unite all believers as simple New Testament Christians.

What's Our Purpose?

We believe that it is the purpose of Jesus' church to help mold His image in the hearts of everyone so that we can share Him and His offer of hope and happiness in a world full of struggles. The church of Christ is built on a hope centered in faith in Jesus Christ and His power to change lives. Therefore, we want to make Christ and His word the centre of our lives and pray that His Spirit will continue to remake us into His image.

What are Our Worship Services Like?

Worship at the Casa Grande church of Christ is patterned after the simple worship of New Testament Christians. You will find enthusiastic congregational singing, prayers that flow from the hearts of the members, a weekly celebration of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection

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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: Joe & Lou Wrinkle of Pueblo, CO.

Our Prayer List: Keep the following in prayer this week as you "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17): Bob Doughty, Nora McNeil, Matthew Odom, Lois Nowlin, Heather Ries, Mike Shirley, Hunter Shirley, Ross & Rene Turner, Ralph & Ruth West, Everett Martin, Anna Mae Hardin, Wanda Lewallen, Ed & Alma Baum, Guy Turpin, Billie Lewis, those traveling, and...

Previously Announced Family & Friends: Robin & Marc Estabrook (Julie Evan's sister & nephew), Bob Chambers (Everett Martin's father-in-law), Joyce Garrett, Sally Fullington, Taylor & Dee Bennett & their son, cancer, Sophia Manuel (Lynn Shirley's granddaughter, heart transplant), Inez Olvera (problems with pregnancy), Jimmy Davis (Louise Terpstra's brother-in-law, cancer), John Pew (friend of Mike Evans, cancer), David Balck III (cancer, via Cleo Wise), Clint Haney (Cleo's great nephew, tests), John Pew (friend of Mike Evans, cancer), Cari Clark (Marla Henderson's daughter), Chuck Baldrige (friend of Halls), Patsy Zimmerman (friend of Odoms, cancer), Lawrence Martinez (employee of John Hoover, accident), Sea-Ja & twins (Jessica Myers' friend), Donald & Elizabeth Dandrow (Jessica Myers' father & sister), Marla Henderson's nephew (diabetes), Elsie Brian (Everett Martin's sister, cancer), David Reffner (Flora Doster's grandson with MS), Dee Laukonis (ill friend of Max Compton).

Special Requests:
WBS & WEI Bible study students: many with lives in danger and the congregations in the Middle East and around the world.

Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James

Connor Clark: Barry & Marla's 5 year old grandson.

Brandi Schroeder: Flora Doster's granddaughter with MS.

Dallas Purcella's mother; Paulina's father (Arnold); Julie's father; Laurel's father; Wally & Gladys Myers (Kim's parents), Marla Herderson's son and father.

 **OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Nate Panka (Cleo Wise's grandson); Jeremiah Haller (Afghanistan) & Tim Axline (Flora Doster's grandsons); Codi Walker (Mary Walker's grandson); Javier Najera; Fernando Najera (Javier Najera's brother); Frank Torres (Javier's cousin); K.J. Myers; Eric Shirley (Mike's son, Afghanistan); Trevor Farrow (Allen's son); Allen Bunn (Louise Terpstra's grandson-in-law, Afghanistan); Scott Hoover (John's son, home from Afghanistan); Nathan Bagley (Afghanistan).

Members:
Paul & Michalyn Reed family: as Paul is away at his new job.
Pam Garrett: (Wynona's daughter) following a stroke.
Bernice Hamman: now at 1745 N. Palm Park Blvd, Casa Grande.

The Najera family: in their new home & Javier's mother awaiting a kidney transplant.

Brian Campbell, Jr.: possible heart problems.

Danielle Aragon-Campbell: having further tests.

George Young: recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Tom Fink: recovering from knee surgery.

Anne Holder: is still having a lot of pain.

Teresa Acosta: moved to a care facility in Phoenix.

New:

Richard Haddad: now recovering at home from surgery.

Mohammadi and his family: one of our converts in Afghanistan (2 years ago), the family are now fleeing for their lives.

K.C. Deaton & family: at the passing of her dad, Carl Dillard.

Brooklyn Myers: has a serious respiratory virus.

Archie Stutenroth: cataract surgery last Wednesday.

Cody Browning family: John Hoover's brother-in-law died last week.

Tom Sullivan: having cancer surgery.

Jerry Gobbell: Joyace's brother in hospital in Arkansas.

Ron Essinger: friend of the Halls in hospital in Ohio.

Give thanks for those now well & those who are improving!

John Hoover extends his thanks for the many prayers for his brother-in-law, Cody Browning (and family) and for his son, Scott who just returned safely from Afghanistan.

Time to Update Our Prayer List!

If you have someone listed in our *Previously Announced Family & Friends* prayer list and would like them to REMAIN on the list, please fill out one of the *Prayer Request* cards in the foyer and give it to Lester.

FOOD PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED... EVERYTHING!

Upcoming Events...

Potluck: TODAY! — Group A set-up, serve & clean-up

Monthly Singing: January 27 at 2:30 in Coolidge.

5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: January 30.

Men's Business Meeting: February 3 after evening worship.

Ladies Devo: February 9 at 11 am

What are Our Worship Services Like?

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in communion services, Bible-centered preaching, and opportunities for Christians to give. It is not a formal worship led by clergy and witnessed by an audience, but a joyful celebration by all in a family atmosphere.

Tell Me More

We believe that the Bible is God's word for us today, and that His letter from Him to us is the foundation for our lives and the pattern for the church. Therefore, education in the Scriptures — especially the New Testament — is the core of happy, successful, Godly lives. To answer this need, we have a complete program of Biblical education for all ages, and we encourage every Christian to be a dedicated student of the Bible.

The church here is dedicated to doing everything possible to encourage strong, Christ-centered families, and we want to help our families to reach their potential for happy and abundant living. We have regular classes, sermons and special studies designed to strengthen families and build up skills in Christian communication, child rearing, and family living. There are regular activities and meaningful service opportunities for young and old alike.

Again, we are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and we invite you to join us in worshipping God and studying His word anytime. Together, we can better encourage and help one another on God's great spiritual journey!

— Lester P. Bagley



**FAMILY
MOVIE NIGHT**

This Saturday, January 26
in the Fellowship Hall
Movie starts at 7pm

Bring munchies, drinks & a comfortable chair (if wanted) and enjoy a fun time for young and old!

SCRIPTURE-A-DAY CLUB: If you are not already a member of the Scripture-a-Day Club, you can easily sign up. Send an email to: Scripture-a-Day-subscribe@yahoo.com or say you want to be a member on your visitor card.

Are we reaching anyone with our website?

Last week, our website was viewed in China, England, Korea, Poland, Philippines (many), Alberta, Malaysia, Brumel, India (many), Hong Kong, Samoa, and the US (MI, OH, CA, TX, WA).

Look for YOUR opportunity to reach out to someone this week!

Bring your Bibles this Wednesday night as we continue our study of Bible Translations.

Last Week: 2+ Pew-Packers



Be "in the picture" every week!

✓ Checkup ✓
How are we doing?

Attendance Last Week:

- Sunday Morning Bible Class = 48*
- Sunday Morning Worship = 110*
- Sunday Evening Worship = 41*
- Wednesday Evening = 42*

Giving

- 2013 Weekly Budget = \$2,720*
- Contribution Last Week = \$4,103.00*

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning January 20

Adult Bible Class: • *Study & Grow* Pat Curo
 Announcements: Bill Hall
 Song Leader:..... Curt Odom
 Prayer:..... Roger Brush
 Serve Communion:.... Eric Aragon, Bill Thompson, Greg
 Huffman, Everett Martin, Max Compton
 Sermon: • *Are You Ready?* Lester Bagley
 Closing Prayer: Mike Evans

Count Contribution: Max Compton & Jerry Odom

Sunday Evening January 20

Song Leader:..... Jim Holder
 Prayer:..... Roger Brush
 Sermon: • *Do We Have a Prayer?* Lester Bagley
 Serve Communion:..... Mike Evans
 Closing Prayer: Everett Martin

Wednesday Evening January 23

Song Leader:..... Guy Turpin
 Prayer:..... Mike Evans
 Devo: Lester Bagley
 Closing Prayer: Allen Comstock



Anniversaries



January 21: *Steven & Krystal Ramirez*
 January 25: *Allen & Brenda Farrow*
 January 29: *Frank & Cheryl Aragon-Campbell*
 February 19: *Curtis & Jackie Odom*
 February 23: *Sam & Sherri Fields*
 February 23: *Bill & Phyllis Hall*



Birthdays



January 20: *Bill Thompson*
 January 25: *Jeanne Martin*
 January 27: *Mike Evans*
 January 30: *Jackie Odom*
 February 4: *Ed Baum*
 February 5: *Marla Henderson*
 February 5: *Greg Huffman*

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