

# Casa Grande church of Christ

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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

Monday Night with the Turners  
each Monday at 6 PM

Ladies' Devo 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
each month at 11 AM

Congregational Potluck 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...** Recently I read a lament that American's had completely lost the sense of dependence on God that they'd found in the days following the terrorist attacks of 9-11. We are now said to be "back to normal" as we no longer remember God.

There is, of course, another distinct possibility. The "god" that so many called on in those days was just a temporary "god" for them to use. Isn't that sad that so many serve a god that they can put away and take out on a whim?

But there's another part of those statistics that says even more about many people. Since September 11<sup>th</sup> church budgets have been cut, and more than just because of the recession! Somewhere these folks have heard a song that seems to go, "In the hour of trial, we can't afford Jesus!" The same ones that bragged of attending church and praying more a few years ago now don't trust their god (obviously they neither know or serve the *real* God!) to answer their prayers.

Like the writer of Hebrews (6:9), I am convinced of better things concerning you, brethren! While others see less need for God and less willingness to serve Him, we should be increasing our giving, our service, our love and our knowledge. And that leads us to look a bit closer at the this important subject...

## In Praise

Did you realize that Jesus not only proudly calls us His brothers and sisters but also joins us in singing praises to God? Well, He does! Read Hebrews 2:11-12 and see for yourself. The word used for Jesus singing praise with (in the midst of) us is the same used of Paul and Silas in the Philippian prison (Acts 16:25) as they were "praying and singing hymns of praise to God."

The book of Psalms is filled with songs of praise. We sing "Hallelujah praise Jehovah, let the heavens (and everything else in creation) praise His name" from Psalm 148. The words, whether Hebrew, Greek or English involve the speaking of great approval or admiration, the worship and thanksgiving of and to God.

Jesus and the apostles sang a hymn of praise (Matthew 26:30) at the last supper just before they went out to the Mount of Olives (it's exactly the same Greek word as Acts 16:25 and Hebrews 2:12). The root of this word is used by Paul in Ephesians 5:19 as he says we are to be "speaking to one another in psalms and *hymns* and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." He uses it again in Colossians 3:16 as he challenges us to "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and *hymns* and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Think about it, brethren. If Jesus joins us in praise, if He is proud to call us his brothers and sisters as we faithfully serve Him together, is this not something worthy of holding on to? With such great blessings shall we not honor Him even more? Shall we not serve Him even more? And shall we not together accomplish even more in His name?

Consider Paul's song in praise to God with the church in Ephesus: "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Consider Jude's song in praise and his brothers and sisters in Christ: "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." (Jude 24-25)

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**Welcome to our visitors today!** We hope & pray you will be blessed by your time with us & will join us again soon! **Last Weeks Visitors included:** Gordon & Pat Kronberg of Angola, IN; Bryce & Jeannette Sanburg of Grand Junction, CO; Richard & Cecilia Farstad of Arizona City, AZ; Bill & Sharon McCracken of Westminster, CO; Gary & Pat Piel of Colorado Springs, CO; Bryant & Ruby Dukes of Colorado Springs, CO.

**Our Prayer List:** Please keep the following in your prayers this week as you “pray without ceasing”

**(1 Thessalonians 5:17):** Hunter Shirley, Matthew Odom, Vance Garrett, Beulah Bailey, those who are traveling, and...

**Nora McNeil:** still having eye problems & further surgery.

**Brandon Helton:** Nora's grandson is having further tests.

**Donna Wolfe:** Nora's daughter is having tests.

**Joyce Tenney:** Lee's daughter-in-law has cancer.

**Carole Lineberry:** Julie Evans' aunt now with her son in Seattle. Will move to daughter's home in Idaho when insurance allows.

**Ross Turner:** & Rene and the family as he recuperates.

**Janie West:** Flora Doster's sister (sister-in-law to Cleo Wise & Ralph West) is improving.

**Marie Bishop:** Ross Turner's cousin with health problems.

**Lanae Pfiffner:** health problems (Ross & Rene's granddaughter).

**Brian & Elizabeth Wohlers:** trying to start their family.

**Blaine Coxon:** grandson of Lois Nowlin.

**Wallace & Gladys Myers:** continue to have health problems.

**Jane O'Brian Karolack:** has cancer.

**Jackie Hewes:** is recuperating in a nursing home.

**Miles Fortier:** Patty Pinney's nephew in Germany waiting to be shipped out.

**Bobby Huffman:** Greg's mother, ongoing health problems..

**Jeremiah Haller:** Flora Doster's grandson in Afghanistan.

**Steve Baldrige:** friend of the Hall's has cancer.

**Carolyn Christenson:** friend of Kimberlee Myers with leukemia.

**Celia Montijo:** Terry Lara's mother with throat cancer.

**Michalyn Reid:** as she continues to deal with her health.

**Galen Hult:** best friend of Ed Baum with colon cancer.

**Emmett Johnson:** friend of the Baums with stomach cancer.

**Billie Lewis:** improving but continues to need our prayers.

**Katherine:** Anna Hardin's granddaughter losing her sight.

**Bob Chambers:** Jeannie Martin's dad with heart problems.

**Carol Fisher:** sister to Cleo Wise, is improving.

**Christine Hickerson:** friend of the Hagner's with cancer

**Melanie:** Heather Ries' sister in need of prayers for strength.

**Lois Roth:** friend of the Halls with cancer.

**Lisa Roles:** wife of a friend of Billie Odom with cancer.

**Ron Endicotte:** friend of Bill Hall having surgery.

**Ken Price:** friend of the Hall's, complications after transplants. 2

**Krystal Dandrow:** friend of Brett Myers, possible skin cancer.

**Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti**

**Nathan & Brandi Bagley:** Nathan in Afghanistan & Brandi awaiting deployment.

**Tom Yencarelli:** Ed Baum's friend, crushed leg after an accident.

**Lois Hillrey:** friend of Max Compton with multiple illnesses.

**Devin Elsner:** Dawn Sullivan's 12 year old granddaughter.

**Cheryl Campbell:** undergoing radiation treatments for cancer..

**Tim Heun:** friend of the Huffman's, successful kidney transplant.

**Skip Bailey:** Ryan & Jasmine Bailey's grandfather with cancer.

**Bo Dillard:** Chastity Shirley's uncle with multiple sclerosis.

**Phyllis Grover:** Jackie Winfrey's mother having tests.

**Joey Razaq:** safety for wife & children & a his reunion with them.

**Donna Herod:** treatment for pre-cancerous cells.

**Heather Ries:** tests and treatment for stomach problems.

**Katheryn Haddad's grandson:** Ezekiel Dallas Price, faces multiple surgeries for the next year. He is now able to be home.

**Dick & Lola Holloway:** having health problems and unable to get out much now.

**Jim Prettyman:** Jean Grubbs' son-in-law: multiple health issues.

**LeGrand & Carrie Strickland family:** LeGrand (US Army) severely injured by a car bomber. Showing signs of improvement.

**Marie Doughty:** now in Medisys Assisted Living, 1301 N. Park Ave., Casa Grande. Keep both her and Bob in your prayers!

**Anna Mae Hardin:** is expecting to have shoulder surgery soon.

**Dorothy Evans:** recovering from a fall (Mike's mother).

**Freddie Hernandez:** recovering from knee surgery. Now in rehab at *La Estancia*, 15810 S, 42nd St., Phoenix, (480) 759-0358

**Goldie Gulley:** of Coolidge suffered multiple heart attacks last week.

**Billie Odom:** has the shingles.

**Bernedette Rodriguez:** (relative of Krystal Rameriz) & her newborn baby. The baby was premature (only 3 pounds) and requires major intestinal surgery.

## Upcoming Events...

**Singing!** Monthly singing is 2:30 TODAY at Eloy. Join in!

**Youth Devo:** Next Sunday @ 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Ages 0 through young adults come & bring your families!

**Men's Business Meeting** Next Sunday after evening worship.

**Ladies Devo:** March 13 at 2 pm.

**Third Sunday Potluck:** March 21. Everyone plan to join in.

**Prayer & Song Meeting:** March 31 & every 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday month of the year.

**June:** Gospel Meeting & celebration of 25 years in this location.

**This Summer:** VBS & **November:** Gospel Meeting

## In Praise

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Brethren, I hear many stories of unfaithfulness among churches today, but I am convinced of the better things concerning you! Let's keep on keeping on even when others do not because our Lord is faithful, our God is great and their love for us is complete. Let's lift our voices and our lives together in praise and in service to the Savior this week!

— Lester P. Bagley



Calling all Ladies...

## Revelation Marathon

A make-up study/crash course is planned for the ladies studying (or who would like to study) the book of Revelation:

Friday, March 5th from 9 am to 6 pm

Bring a lunch and join in the study!

**Last Chance for Directory Updates!**  
See Jerry TODAY to update info & pictures. Help us make it complete!

## Champions for Change!

For NM Christian Children's Home

Everyone help fill the can in the foyer. We have 7 filled cans. Remember to return yours by March 21<sup>st</sup>.

*They also need Dishwasher Detergent.*

*Please place in the box in the foyer.*

## Last Week: 7 Pew-Packers



Be "in the picture" every week!

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Tea will be Saturday, March 13



Ladies be sure to sign up on the sheet in the foyer and don't miss out!

*Ladies please meet after services tonight!*

## SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

— PROVERBS 3:5-6 NIV

## ✓ Checkup ✓ How are we doing?

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Morning Bible Class = 76

Sunday Morning Worship = 138

Sunday Evening Worship = 62

Wednesday Evening = 43

## Giving

2009 Weekly Budget = \$2,350.00

Contribution Last Week = \$2,402.16

Special Contribution for Haiti (total) = \$1,686.03

# Privileged to Serve

## Sunday Morning February 28

Adult Bible Class: • *Study & Grow* ..... Lester Bagley  
 Announcements: .....Allan Farrow  
 Song Leader:.....Guy Turpin  
 Prayer:.....Jim Holder  
 Serve Communion:....Paul Reid, Rick Pinney, Jerry Odom,  
 Greg Huffman, K.J. Myers  
 Sermon: • *Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary*..... Lester Bagley  
 Closing Prayer: ..... Ralph West

Count Contribution: Curt Odom & Jake Odom

## Sunday Evening February 28

Song Leader:..... Pat Curo  
 Prayer:.....Michael Evans  
 Sermon: • *Things to Do Today* ..... Lester Bagley  
 Serve Communion:..... Ed Baum  
 Closing Prayer: .....Vance Garrett

## Wednesday Evening March 3

Song Leader:.....TBA  
 Prayer:.....TBA  
 Devo:.....TBA  
 Closing Prayer: .....TBA



## Anniversaries



March 3: *Vance & Wynona Garrett*

March 5: *Everett & Jeanne Martin*

March 17: *Lewis & Chantelle Acuna*

March 18: *Brian & Catrina Aragon Campbell*

April 1: *Ross & Rene Turner*



## Birthdays



February 28: *Kristi Ann Martin*

March 1: *Allen Comstock/Allen Turpin*

March 7: *Stephanie Davis – Joshua Huffman*

March 9: *Justin Kimberlyn*

March 12: *Tom Sullivan*

March 13: *Phyllis Hall – Rene Turner*

March 13: *Cindy Turpin*

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