

# 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...** Have you noticed the lack of morals in our world? I guess most of us have probably commented on this subject at one time or another. Yes, it was a part of last Sunday morning's sermon but, just as God repeatedly does in Scripture, so we must constantly remind ourselves of the truth!

Some folks claim that it's not an appropriate topic for preachers (much less the rest of us as Christians) to talk about. God seems to disagree! Immorality and sexual sins are specifically condemned over 60 times in the New Testament alone! Just for sake of comparison, baptism is mentioned in some way about 90 times, and the sin of lying about 20 times.

Considering the world we live in, that lack of morals is not too surprising, is it? A lack of morality comes from a lack of God and godliness since the world only offers "survival of the fittest" or "get what you can before someone else gets it" as its alternative.

If you spend much time studying the Old Testament prophets you will notice that God used the topic of "sex" to illustrate sin in general and especially the sin of unfaithfulness to God (the book of Hosea is an excellent example). In a world where sexual immorality was rampant (much like it is today!), God called His people to listen and learn. Let's take the time to talk with our children. Let's see God's message and apply it to ourselves lest we be like Israel of old and lose everything because of our sinful rejection of God:

## The Myth of "Safe Sex"

The title says it all! For well over two decades doctors in the know have been saying that TV ads and school campaigns for condoms are wrong. They send the wrong message and offer the wrong advice. As one doctor (Robert Noble, an infectious-diseases specialist working with AIDS patients writing in the October 1991 issue of *Reader's Digest*) put it:

*Nobody lobbies for virginity, abstinence or a lifetime of sex with one mutually faithful, uninfected partner. That would be boring. But these are the effective prevention strategies – the only totally effective ones.*

*So I'm going to tell my daughters that having sex is dangerous and that condoms give a false sense of security. Reducing the risk is not the same as eliminating the risk.*

*There is no "safe" sex. Passing out condoms to teenagers is like issuing them water pistols to fight a major fire. Condoms just don't hack it. We should stop kidding ourselves.*

Lesson number one: Unfaithfulness is dangerous to our physical health! When we let the world define morality as pleasing yourself, doing your own thing, we ignore both physical reality and God's will for us.

Lesson number two: Unfaithfulness is dangerous to our spiritual health! God repeatedly condemns sexual sins right along with other sins as being things that will keep us from heaven!

Lesson number three: These same lessons apply to our spiritual lives! Whether we serve "other gods" as those in ancient Israel or serve the god of our self, our will, our way instead of the Lord God of Heaven, we actively do the things that separate us from Him. Read Hebrews 10:26 and be afraid, be very afraid! 2 John verse 9 and Revelation 22:18-19 and many other scriptures remind us that God has set the standards (both moral and religious) in Christ and we violate those at the risk of our souls.

As there is no "safe sex" outside of God's plan (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:3-9; Ephesians 5:22-33 and many others), so there is no safe faith, no safe church, no safe way of salvation, no safe doctrine or practice of religion of any kind outside of God's word. Many folks today argue that they will teach or practice something not found (or even condemned) in God's word because they, "just can't see why they can't do it their way." Regardless of how loud or


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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! **Visitors Last Week included:** Malva Babel of Casa Grande; Darlene Stumfoll of Casa Grande; Rose Rania of Casa Grande; Bryant & Ruby Dukes of Colorade Springs, CO; J.B. & Ruth Winger of Deming, NM.

**Our Prayer List:** Keep the following in your prayers this week as you “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17): Bob Doughty, Vance Garrett, Norm Larson, 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, those traveling, and...

**Previously Announced Family & Friends:** Sandi Rog, John Hoover’s sister Barbara Nelson, Barb Johnson, Gregory Garrett, David Parks, Vernon Turner, Pat Peters, Kamella Fine (Flora Doster’s sister), Merle Baker (Everett Martin’s aunt), Charlie Huhn (Cleo Wise’s niece), Robin Estabrook (Julie Evan’s sister), Daniel Davis (Chastity Shirley’s cousin), Bob Chambers (Everett Martin’s father-in-law), Marla Walters, Allen Black, Joyce Garrett, Wendell Myer, Sally Fullington, Sophia Manuel (Lynn Shirley’s granddaughter), Ethan (Cleo Wise’s grandson).

**Special Requests:**  
WBS & WEI Bible study students: many with lives in danger.  
Joey Razaq family: as they prepare to come to the USA.  
Judy Hagner, son Preston, daughter Angela & son James  
Connor Clark: Barry & Marla’s 5 year old grandson.  
Brian & Elizabeth Wohlers: expecting twins.  
Brandi Schroeder: Flora Doster’s granddaughter with MS.  
Danielle Aragon-Campbell: continuing to do well.  
Middle East congregations: Cairo, Egypt; Nazareth, Israel; Jerusalem, Israel; Dubai, UAE.  
Also keep in prayer: Dallas Purcella’s mother; K.C. Deaton’s father (Carl Dillard); Paulina’s father (Arnold); Julie’s father; Laurel’s father; Wally & Gladys Myers (Kim’s parents).

 **OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL INCLUDING:** Nate Panka (Cleo Wise’s grandson); Jeremiah Haller & Tim Axline (Flora Doster’s grandsons); Codi Walker (Mary Walker’s grandson); Fernando Najera (Javier Najera’s brother in Afghanistan); Frank Torres (Javier’s cousin); K.J. Myers; and Nathan Bagley.

**Members:**  
Carlos & Evelyn Sterling: as Carlos is away from home at work.  
Max Compton: as he deals with difficulties in his family.  
Barry & Marla Henderson  
Allen Farrow: recovering from hip replacement surgery.  
Brian Campbell, Jr.: eye problems.

Lorrie Hoover: (John’s wife) brain surgery & cancer treatment.  
Taylor & Dee Bennett: and their son with cancer.  
Dorothy Evans: (Mike’s mother) doing well following her radiation treatments.  
Yolanda Najera: as Javier is away at training for several weeks.

**New:**  
Jerry Odom: has been diagnosed with a form of stomach cancer. His doctors are very optimistic about a full recovery.  
Austin Soto: with cancer (nephew of Trish Hernandez).  
Marla Henderson: father (Forest Wilkerson recovering from a heart attack) & her son (Cody Baker, having seizures).  
*Several are still looking for jobs. Keep them in your prayers!*  
*Give thanks for those now well & those who are improving!*

**Our prayer list:** Prayer is a great blessing! Help keep our list up-to-date: Announced requests to Lester or the one making announcements.

For the Bulletin Prayer List: please write out the information.  
“Previously Announced...” list will be cleaned out every 3 months. If you have an update or someone to return to the list, just write out a new request & it will be renewed.  
Special, ongoing prayer requests, can be added to our “Special Requests.” Just note it on your written request!

## FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED...

- DRIED BEANS
- CANNED MEATS
- PEANUT BUTTER
- MAC & CHEESE
- EVAPORATED MILK
- JELLY
- RICE
- SUGAR
- SOUP
- CEREAL
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE

### Update your directory...

Del & Gayle Weissenbach have a new phone number: 913-683-4596

## Upcoming Events...

Monthly Singing: Next Sunday, January 29 at 2:30 in Coolidge.  
Men’s Business Meeting: February 5 after evening worship.  
Sarah Turpin – Tyler Gibson wedding: February 10, 5 pm.  
*A church family reception will be after evening services Feb. 12*  
Potluck: February 19 — Group B set-up, serve & clean-up  
Ladies Devo: February 11 at 11 am.  
2 5th Wednesday Prayer & Song Meeting: February 29.

how often they say it, saying it's "safe" doesn't make it so.

Let's determine to teach our children the only *real* "safe sex" and the only real safe way to heaven! Don't gamble your soul or the souls of your loved ones on what others say. Listen to Jesus (Matthew 17:5 and Hebrews 1:1-2) and be *really* safe!

Let's strive to be those who strive to live by every word of God (Matthew 4:4). Let's be those who ignore myths and cling to God's reality and truth!

Let's teach our children and ourselves the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth of God's word! Let's together be those who listen to and obey God beginning right now.

— Lester P. Bagley



### 100th Anniversary Congregational History & Memories

So far we've found 6 Christian families here around 1912 when Arizona became a state. Additions are being made to our history board weekly. Learn about the founders of our congregation. We are discovering a rich Christian heritage.

Jerry Odom has a one-page questionnaire for families who arrived in the 1930s and are still with us. Also, those of you who arrived or were converted in the 1940s, Jerry has a one-page questionnaire for you. Keep the old photos coming in.

*All this will be put in book form.*

### WELCOME to Casa Grande...

David & Emma Taylor  
1565 Cottonwood Crossing, #911  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

### Parents & Teens...

*Remember our upcoming special  
Sunday evening lessons!*

Please turn in the cards to Lester TODAY for our upcoming Sunday evening lessons on our young people's favorite Bible people & stories!

### Champions for Change! For NM Christian Children's Home

*Cans now in the foyer. Take one home & fill it up!  
Then return all cans to the church office when filled or  
by April 15th.*

*Dishwasher Detergent is needed for the current drive.*

*Pickup for everything will be April 17*



*Congregational wedding shower*

*honoring Sarah Turpin*

*& Tyler Gibson*

*January 28th at 5pm*

*in the fellowship hall.*

*(they are registered at Walmart & Target if you need gift ideas)*

### Last Week: 10+ Pew-Packers



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

### ✓ Checkup ✓

*How are we doing?*

*Attendance Last Week:*

*Sunday Morning Bible Class = 92*

*Sunday Morning Worship = 135*

*Sunday Evening Worship = 54*

*Wednesday Evening = 52*

### Giving

*2011 Weekly Budget = \$2,600*

*Contribution Last Week = \$2,620.14*

# Privileged to Serve

## Sunday Morning January 22

Adult Bible Class: • *Study & Grow* ..... Pat Curo  
 Announcements: ..... Jerry Odom  
 Song Leader:..... Pat Curo  
 Prayer:.....Jim Holder  
 Serve Communion:.....John Hoover, Roger Brush, Bill Hall,  
 Everett Martin, Max Compton  
 Sermon: • *Encourage... Command, not Option...* Lester Bagley  
 Closing Prayer: .....Guy Wohlers

*Count Contribution: Max Compton & Mike Shirley*

## Sunday Evening January 22

Song Leader:..... Curt Odom  
 Prayer:.....Guy Turpin  
 Sermon: • *Laughter, God's Medicine* ..... Lester Bagley  
 Serve Communion:..... Mike Evans  
 Closing Prayer: .....David Davis

## Wednesday Evening January 25

Song Leader:.....Mike Evans  
 Prayer:..... Bill Hall  
 Devo: ..... Curt Odom  
 Closing Prayer: .....Roger Brush



## Anniversaries



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*  
 March 3: *Vance & Wynona Garrett*  
 March 5: *Everrett & Jeanne Martin*



## Birthdays



January 25: *Jeanne Martin*  
 January 27: *Mike Evans*  
 January 30: *Jackie Odom*  
 February 4: *Ed Baum*  
 February 5: *Marla Henderson - Greg Huffman*  
 February 6: *Richard Reid*  
 February 7: *Bret Oakes*

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