

**SHEPHERDS**

Barry McDowell  
Jimmy Neatherlin  
J. R. Stroble  
**Our Door is Open**  
Anyone wanting to meet with our Elders is encouraged to contact any of the elders to set up a time.

**DEACONS**

Travis Crandall  
Johny Harris  
Larry Mitchell  
Mike Owens  
Virgil Smith  
Glenn Wells

**Ministry Team:**

*Jill Crandall  
Bruce Daughtry  
Tammy Frintz  
Brian McGonagill  
Glen Moore  
Eleanor Nelson  
Mark Schinnerer  
Charlie Weatherford*

**Sunday Services**

Sunday Bible Class  
9:00 am

Morning Worship  
10:00 am

Evening Worship  
5:00 pm

**Wednesday**

**Fellowship**

Ladies Bible Class  
10:00 am

Wednesday Night  
Meal  
6:00 pm

Bible Class  
7:00 pm

Welcome to  
Sunset Church of Christ



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**Budget Update**

For 2017, our average weekly contribution was \$10,163, which exceeded our Stretch Budget of \$10,031 by \$132 per week. We had some unexpected expenses that exceeded our budget, including some expenses at Camp and Building Maintenance here at home. Even with these extra items, the contribution exceeded expenses by about \$8,000. With our special contribution in December, the extra savings from 2017, and our budget for 2018, we expect to be able to take care of all the maintenance, security, and technology upgrades mentioned at the end of the year, while leaving some additional funds available for unexpected maintenance needs. The 2018 starting budget calls for a weekly average contribution of \$10,399. The Elders challenged us to create a stretch budget that is 10% higher than the starting budget so we can start working toward some of our Building Bridges goals. Meeting the new stretch budget of \$11,166 per week would allow for increases in Benevolence, Camp, Missions, Youth, Fellowship, and other areas that will help us build bridges in Carlsbad and beyond. I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as a member of the Finance Committee, and I assure you that we take very seriously the responsibility placed upon us. Thank you for the confidence that you have placed in us by exceeding the giving goals that have been set out for Sunset and always coming through with more when additional needs come before us. May the promise of God in Malachi 3:10-12 be realized in each of your lives. Please continue to keep the Finance Committee in your prayers for wisdom and guidance as we work to fulfill our duties for Sunset.

**Aaron Irving**

*Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:*



**Wah-Leah Ballard** had surgery in Lubbock last week and is home recovering.

**Eva Cruz** is having health problems.

**Ross Hyden** is home recovering from his recent heart surgery.

**Lorriane White** is having health problems.

**Dee Witherspoon** is undergoing cancer treatments.

Remember the following as they continue to heal: Vallaree Cherry, Curtis Cox, Becky Cunningham, J.C. Cunningham, Bruce Daughtry, Audrey Fisher, Jan Groom, Jeannie Houchin, Ross Hyden, Veda Jennings, Peggy Moore, Terry Stade, and Eileen Tidwell.

Home Bound: Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Pauline Crisman, Audrey Fisher, Vivienne Garner, Enid Gates, Kay Oakley, and Richard Titus.

Prayer Connection Cards: Haylee Austin, The Allisons, Linda Greene, Stucky Family, and Maureen Thompson.

*Thank You Notes*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Terry and I would like to take this time and opportunity to thank you all for the cards you sent to Terry when he had his surgery and for the card you sent me when I had the flu.  
~Terry & Marilyn Stade



Dear Sunset Family,  
Thank you all so much for remembering our family during our recent loss. Many of you played a very important part in Danny's life. Thank you so much for the cards and prayers. We take great comfort in knowing that you still consider us family as we do you. Lord willing, we hope to see you in the near future. Can't wait to visit our church family in Carlsbad.  
In His Name, Jim & Brenda Wittman

*Welcome To The Family*

Taighen Whitzel was baptized last Sunday, February 4th. Make sure to welcome her to God's family. We are so proud of you Taighen!



*Upcoming Events*



**The YOUTH VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER is on Friday, February 16th at 6:00 pm in Multi-Purpose Room!** \$18.00 will buy you FREE babysitting and a yummy brisket dinner cooked by Amanda Harrington and Joy Massey! Come eat, enjoy the awesome relaxing atmosphere, check out our fantastic silent auction and help our youth! We're auctioning off a massage, a photo shoot by Tara Fierro, items from Brandeye and Marsha's Vintage and Vogue, items from Shade Tree and Del Sol Boutique, chocolate covered strawberries, a canvas by Mark Stambaugh (check him out on Facebook!), and more!! You can buy your tickets from any youth member or by calling the office!

**Registration for 2018 MVCC Summer Camp is open.**



**Women's Higher Ground: March 8-11, 2018**

If you would like to participate in any of these climbs, please go online to apply or contact: Georgina Stroble in Carlsbad ([575-361-3462](tel:575-361-3462)), Donna Canada in Artesia ([575-748-1060](tel:575-748-1060)), or Don Canada in Artesia ([575-513-2632](tel:575-513-2632)). The website for Higher Ground is:

<http://litttle.wix.com/higher-ground>  
[highergroundministry.us](http://highergroundministry.us)

All ladies are invited to a **Baby Shower for Chris and Brandi Connell on Sunday, February 25th** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** from **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**. They are expecting a girl and are registered at Amazon.com.



PEEKABOO hope to see you at the **baby shower for Rolando and Taylor Gonzalez on Sunday, March 4th** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** from **2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**. They are expecting a girl and are registered at Wal-Mart and Delmonico's Boutique.



## Jill's Corner



### Baby Dedication

Sunset would like to invite all parents with babies ages two years and under to participate in our first baby dedication on March 11! Since we have never done this before, I want to explain to you what you can expect.

#### What is a baby dedication?

When you decide to dedicate your child, you are acknowledging the awesome responsibility God has given you in raising your child. A baby dedication is a time in our services during which Christian parents make a commitment before the Lord to raise their child according to God's word. The church also makes a commitment to support the family's efforts to raise the child up in God's ways.

#### Why should I dedicate my child?

The Bible provides an example for us in that Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. As followers of Christ, we can also make the public declaration that our baby truly belongs to God. It is invaluable to be able to tell your children as they are growing up that they belong to a church family, and that many people in that family have prayed for them all of their lives.

#### Where in scripture can we see anything about baby dedication?

In 1 Samuel 1:27-28 we read that Hannah dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord.

Jesus was dedicated to the Lord as a baby (Luke 2:22) and baptized as an adult (Matthew 3:13-17).

In Mark 10:11-13, we read:

"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And He took the children in His arms, put His hand on them and blessed them."

**Based on these scriptures, we have planned this special time to pray for the babies and parents. If you would like to participate, please contact Tammy at the office no later than February 28.**

## Brian's Corner

### Jesus Turns Your 'Hopeless End' into 'Endless Hope'

"This happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us . . . and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us" (2 Corinthians 1:9b-10 NIV).

Paul knew that God works in our lives according to our expectation. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 1:9b-10, "This happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us . . . and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us" (NIV).

The purpose of the dead end is to teach you to trust in God. Why does God let things get so bad and so out of control? So he can force you to learn to trust in him instead of trusting in your own ingenuity and cleverness.

What's the promise when you trust God? He has delivered you, he will deliver you, and he will continue to deliver you. God uses three different kinds of deliverance:

1. God uses circumstantial deliverance. Sometimes God miraculously alters the circumstance, and the Red Sea splits. That will happen many times in your life, but it's not going to happen all the time.
2. God uses personal deliverance. Instead of changing the circumstance, God changes you from the inside. You get a new dream, a new vision, a new attitude, and a new perspective.
3. God's ultimate deliverance is Heaven. God has not promised to remove all of your pain in this world or solve every one of your problems. Because we are on earth, there is pain and sorrow and suffering. The ultimate deliverance will be one day in Heaven where there will be no pain, no sorrow, no suffering, and no heartache.

There is only one way to get to Heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6 NIV). When you're at a dead end, Jesus can take that hopeless end and turn it into an endless hope.

Are you at a dead end? I invite you to take that problem, that situation, and your own life and give them to Jesus Christ. Jesus always looks out for your best interests.

No matter what phase of faith you are in right now, what are you expecting God to do in your life?

How does trusting your life to Jesus Christ change the way you face a difficulty or dead end in your journey of faith?



The meal is at 6:00 pm and Bible class starts at 7:00 pm. Volunteers for Wednesday night meals are needed. Sign up on the calendar in the kitchen or call the office at 887-1278.



## Contribution & Attendance For Sunday, February 11, 2018

<b>Checks</b> \$8,264.00	<b>Average</b> \$11,041.03	<b>Wednesday February 7th</b>
<b>Bills</b> \$420.00	<b>Weekly Budget</b> \$11,166.00	<b>Ladies Bible Class</b> 17
<b>Change</b> \$1.00	<b>Weekly + or (-)</b> \$(124.97)	<b>Evening</b> 120
<b>Online Giving</b> \$370.00	<b>Kid's Cash</b> \$193.00	<b>Sunday Morning</b>
<b>Total</b> \$9,055.00		<b>Bible Class</b> 149
		<b>Morning Worship</b> 218
		<b>Evening Worship</b>

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*PERIODICAL RATE*

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## Men to Serve for Sunday, February 18, 2018

<b>Speaker:</b> Charlie Weatherford	<b>Men To Serve</b>	<b>Greeter &amp; Nursery</b>	<b>Communion Talk</b>
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Mark Schinnerer	<b>Communion:</b> Bernie Sanchez	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>Welcome:</b> J.R. Stroble	Carter Saler	<b>Greeters:</b> Blue Team	February 25th-Cody Layton
<b>Scripture:</b> Glynn Shelton	Eugene Santo	<b>Welcome Desk:</b> Peggy Moore	March 4th-Terry Lunsford
<b>Communion Service</b>	Lynn Shelton	<b>Nursery Attendant:</b> Martha Huereque	March 11th-Barry McDowell
	Andrew Sims		March 18th-Brian McGonagill
	Jason Sims		March 25th-Larry Mitchell
	Michael Sims		<b>Thank you for serving! If unable to serve during worship, please call: Kelly Henry at 706-3304.</b>
	Mike Sims		