

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.

Welcome to
Sunset Church of Christ



Building Bridges

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DEACONS

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

NOTES FROM THE ELDERS

Ministry Team:

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

Congregational Meeting

We met as a church family last Sunday evening and we had a good turnout to discuss church family topics. Several topics were discussed, and the topical areas can be summed up as:

- The depth of Bible studies
- More church leaders
- More congregational involvement
- Youth development
- Our identity as a church of Christ
- Transparent budget and expenses
- Identifying new needs not budgeted
- Move of the church office
- Maintaining a training area
- More support for families
- New church member care
- Evangelism
- Facility information for visitors (signs)

Youth Minister

Please continue to pray with us, asking God to reveal to us the Youth Minister he has chosen for our future. We plan to establish a team to increase the search. And, we plan to move the church office to the main building and restore the current office as a house to offset high living costs in Carlsbad.

Leadership

We are beginning the process of adding to the leadership team. Based on your input, we plan to begin with the process for selecting new Deacons and then establishing the process for adding new Elders, which will include re-affirmation of the current Elders.

Vision Planning

We will continue our planning meetings with the ministry team and add new leaders to the process as they are selected. Mark Schinnerer will continue leading us through the goal planning process in his book *The Success Grower*. The vision is not fully complete but focuses on our identity as a youth-centered church family. The goals we have selected to-date that are tied to our vision are in the areas of new facilities, camp, outreach and a new Christian school. Our new vision and plans to reach it are still early in development and we will share more as we make progress. God wants us to dream big and to recognize that as we develop goals and begin to move towards a new approach to the mission Jesus left us with, the evil one increases attacks.

Change

When God wants us to move in a new direction, he makes us uncomfortable first. Then, he nudges us with passion and emotion. However, the evil one is always lurking around waiting to strike. When we get uncomfortable and start moving, we get tempted by the evil one to create strife. Selfish desires, emotional conflicts and gossip are often the main ways in which Satan attacks through people. Remember that we are a family and families have conflict. But, we are God's family and He expects us to stay focused on why we are here together and to lift each other up. Stay grounded and focused on what God wants, not what people want.

Sunday Services

Sunday Bible Class 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:00 am
Evening Worship
5:00 pm

Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Night Meal
6:00 pm
Bible Class
7:00 pm

Prayer Request & Sympathy:

Under the Weather



Ron Clem had triple bypass heart surgery last week and is now home recovering.

Richard Titus is recovering from recent surgery.

Erma Waldrop has decided to stop chemo and is home.

Remember the following as they continue to heal: Ernestine Bryan, Becky Cunningham, Bruce

Daughtry, Jan Groom, The Harrington's, Lorie Mitchell, Jack Smith, Linda Smith, and Dee Witherspoon.

Home Bound: Grace Autry, Bob and Velma Brown, Durees Carriaga, Vallaree Cherry, Audrey Fisher, Vivienne Garner, Enid Gates, Kay Oakley, Lee Richards, Richard Titus, and A.W. & LaDon Williams.

Prayer Connection Cards: Josphine, Blair Bowen, First Responders, Family of John McCain, and Our Nation.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Chuck Wheeler**. He was a former member here at Sunset. His memorial service was on Monday, August 27th. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Judah Wyatt was baptized **August 8th** while in Belize on a mission trip. We rejoice with Heaven's angels and welcome him into the Lord's body of believers!

*Anniversaries & Birthdays:

August 28th-*A.W. & LaDon Williams

August 29th-Bruce Daughtry, Gloria McMahan, Chris Neatherlin

August 30th-*Virgil & Mary Etta Smith, Miranda Stroble

August 31st-Pat Claburn, Gabby Sims

September 2nd-Austin Blair, Joel Kirkes, Eleanor Nelson, Denice Peterson, Kristopher Wyatt

September 3rd-Brixten Gonzalez, *Terry & Eleanor Nelson, Heather Whetham



Casa De La Esperanza has sent a thank you letter for all the children who donated to Kid's Cash for their gift. The letter is on the bulletin board in the foyer if you wish to read it.



Brian's Corner

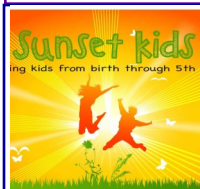
God Says Respond to Unfairness with Love

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44 NIV).

Unfairness is part of the human condition. You can't live on this earth for long without feeling like someone has treated you unfairly. Maybe it's a parent who put you through a miserable childhood. Maybe it's an employer who treats you differently than your co-workers. Maybe you feel like you were treated unfairly by the legal process. You can choose to respond to the people who hurt you by hurting them. That's the easiest choice to make, no doubt about it. But God gives us another option in his Word: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44 NIV). When people hurt you, they expect you to retaliate. They expect you to seek revenge. But God wants you to do the exact opposite. He wants you to respond in love. Respond to mistreatment with love, and you keep the other person from controlling you. Booker T. Washington once said, "I will never allow another man to control my life by allowing him to make me hate him." You can't control when another person treats you unfairly. You can control whether you get bitter in the process. You can control your response to injustice. Just because you respond to an offender lovingly doesn't mean you continue to allow injustice. On the contrary, we must lovingly seek justice. We must work for justice in the world without retaliating. The Bible commands us to "be fair-minded and just. Do what is right!" (Jeremiah 22:3 NLT) Martin Luther King Jr. was a great example of this. He fought against injustice without violence. He overcame evil through the power of love. He followed the example of Jesus, who chose to forgive his persecutors even as they were killing him. That's our calling as followers of Jesus. Unfairness and injustice may be part of the human condition, but we must not feed into it. Instead, God calls us to respond in love.

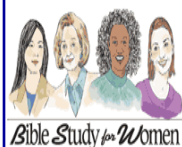
- **What personal injustice in your life are you struggling to respond to in love? Why?**
- **How do we allow others to control us when we hate them or harbor bitterness toward them?**
- **What are some creative ways that your family or small group can respond to injustices in your community with the love of Jesus?**

Announcements:



There will be a **Sunset Kids (birth to fifth grade & their families) "Back-to-School" party** at the home of Cody and Chelsea Layton (1011 Seneca Ln) on **Saturday, September 1st**, at **4:00 pm**. There will be pizza, games, and a bounce house. Please bring lawn chairs, a finger food or dessert, and RSVP to Chelsea Layton (575-302-7577) or Melody Ortiz (575-302-4344) before the party so we can order enough pizza. See you there!

The office will be closed on **Monday, September 3rd** in observance of Labor Day.

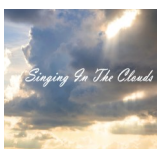


Ladies Bible Class will begin on **Wednesday, September 5th** at **10:00 am** in the **Multi-Purpose Room**. We will be studying the book of Luke. Ladies of all ages are invited and free babysitting is available. I hope you'll join us as we grow closer to God and each other.

Bible Study for Women

Singing In The Clouds-September 15th

Sunset has had a tradition for several years of gathering at the Queen Campground in September for a special time of fun, fellowship and worship together. If you enjoy camping (Camping is available for trailers \$20 a night; for tent campers it's \$10 a night) or ATving (We usually have a couple of rides during the weekend) or eating (We usually have a great meal, meat provided, and everyone brings side dishes and desserts) and worshipping (We will get together after the meal and lift our voices in praise to God who gave us life and the voice to sing praises with) and enjoy being God's people as we spend time together in the cool mountains. Set aside September 15th so you can be part of the fun! There will be more information in upcoming announcements and bulletins, and if all else fails, ask Virgil Smith!



Sunday, September 23rd is **Dollar Days** for **The Children's Home of Lubbock**. Each dollar buys one meal for one child. Our Kid's Cash will go to the Children's Home on this Sunday.

Saturday, September 29th we will be hosting an **area wide youth rally**. We will need lots of help! More details to follow.



Ladies mark your calendars for **October 12th-14th** for our annual retreat at Mountain View. Our theme this year is "My Soul Thirst For You". Our speaker will be Carrie Blair from Lubbock, Texas. More information will follow soon.

For the month of August the Kid's Cash is going to LTC.

Jill's Corner:

Shining Stars is Back to School September 4!

Back to school at Shining Stars is an exciting and exhausting time of year! New teachers, new students, new decorations, and new challenges all rolled up into a noisy ball of tears coming from little ones adjusting to being away from mom. We always pray that we just survive that first month of adjustments, and then October comes and the tears are a thing of the past, for the most part.

I would like to ask each of you to pray for our teachers, both new and returning, this year at Shining Stars. Please pray that they will find joy in ministering to these students everyday. Please pray that sickness would stay away and they will all be healthy and able to do the job that is required. I ask that you pray for them to have peace as many of them are taking their own children to a new class for the first time in addition to having a new class of their own. I also ask you to pray that God will protect us all. I don't believe in living in fear, but I know we must be careful in this evil world we live in. So, I ask that you pray for our safety.

I invite each of you to join us for our Meet the Teacher night this **Thursday, August 30 at 6:00 pm**. I know the teachers would love to hear that they are prayed for and loved by this congregation, and we would love to show you what we do here at the preschool! If you aren't able to come Thursday, even a note telling them you are praying would be wonderful! We thank you for your prayers.

I want to leave you with the names of each teacher so you will know who to pray for as well. Thank you for all of your support and love for this ministry!

Amanda Harrington and Deena Russel – one year old class

Ashley Wyatt and Telsa Stanley – younger twos class

Stephanie White and Becky Weems – older twos class

Courtney McCormick – three year old class

Caitlyn Smith – three year old class

Christina Moisa – three year old class

Marley Brockman – pre-k class

Lexi Murray – pre-k class

Kimberly Wilkinson – pre-k class

Chelsea Layton – PE

Darlene Phillips and Betsy McKinzie – nursery

Jill Crandall and Deanna Sanchez – directors

Thank you again!

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 For
Sunday, August 26, 2018*

Checks \$7,904.50	Average \$10,538.47	Wednesday, August 22	
Bills \$403.00	Weekly Budget \$11,166.00	Evening	123
Change \$0.56	Weekly + or (-) \$(627.53)	Sunday Morning	
Online Giving \$290.00	Kid's Cash \$182.50	Bible Class	139
Total \$8,598.06		Morning Worship	197
		Evening Worship	102

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Men to Serve for Sunday, September 2, 2018

Speaker: Charlie Weatherford	Men To Serve	Greeter & Nursery	Communion Talk
Worship Leader: Mark Schinnerer	Communion: Don Peterson	Schedule	Schedule
Welcome: Steve Peterson	Chris Pulice	Greeters: Red Team	September 9th -Jesus Fierro
Scripture: Glynn Shelton	Gene Riggs	Welcome Desk: Robin Irving	September 16th -Andy Harris
Communion Service Neil Dickes	Bernie Sanchez	Nursery Attendant: Martha Huereque	September 23rd -Johny Harris
	Carter Saler		September 30th -Kelly Henry
	Eugene Santo		October 7th -Aaron Irving
	Lynn Shelton		October 14th -Mark Johnson
	Andrew Sims		October 21st -Joel Kirkes