

Duties	Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening
Opening Prayer	Bob	Matthew
Song Leader	Paul	Harold
Lord's Table	Oxley	Jason
Lord's Table	Gary N, Jim Wo	
Speaker	Jason	Oxley
Announcements	Jason	Jason
Closing Prayer	Cameron	Bob

Family Notes



- August's preaching theme: **Navigating Change with Faith.**
- **Vanda Howlett** continues to need prayers for her health problems. She and Monty remain in the area as doctors look for the cause of her inability to eat.
- Continued prayers are requested for Leslie's brother **Craig** and his health concerns.

Continue to keep in prayer:

- **Kie Hong** (Myanmar Preacher)
- **David Burks** (Stacia's father)
- **Vicki** (health problems)
- **Cathy** (Bob's sister, cancer)
- **Gary** (severe pain)
- **Lewis Bishop** (cancer)
- **JoAnn** (lungs)
- **Jason Hendricks** (physical, spiritual)
- **Jake & Levi** (military)

- **Dender Sotelo** (kidney failure)
- **Ed Flory** (health issues)

Prayers & Announcements

Mailing Address:

“I was sick and you visited me . . .”

10 Signs of a Healthy, Growing Church

It is easy to get in a rut, isn't it? We keep doing what we have always done because it feels so natural to us, but we do not stop and evaluate whether we are reaching the intended goal. I often think of the 90 years the walls of Jerusalem remained in ruins until the days of Nehemiah. The second generation out of captivity grew up knowing only the leftover rubble of the walls of the city. Crumbled walls became the new normal. Many of Jerusalem's citizens probably wished “someone” would lead the way, but no one had enough trust in God to step up and state the obvious about their condition. Generation after generation came and went until the ruins were as natural as our cluttered garages. It took an outsider like Nehemiah who had zeal for God's cause and fresh eyes to say, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem that we no longer suffer derision” (Neh. 2:17).

What about our lives and our churches? Are there spiritual ruins that have become our new normal? Do we continue to do what we have always done and then be surprised when the end result is the same? What work should we be doing so that God's “new Jerusalem” is an honor and glory to God?

Here are ten spiritual attitudes and actions healthy churches practice that reflect biblical directives to “grow up in all things into him” so that the body “builds itself up in love” (Eph. 4:16).

Churches are healthy and growing when...

The church, both collectively and individually, diligently prays that the Lord will open doors of opportunity so that God's word may spread and God's work will be blessed. Prayer in this regard is the priority of the first three requests of Jesus' model prayer – “Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Before all else, we need to acknowledge that the Lord is leading this work and causes its increase. We depend on him, not our own talents or wisdom. This principle is a key theme of Acts.

August 9, 2026

Mesa Valley Church of Christ

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Evening Worship 4:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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