

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” — 1 John 4:16

Tuesday Night News: “He gave to each different gifts”

We are constantly trying to find more ways to help the community. Here are just a few changes recently:

LEGAL SERVICES: The 4th Tuesday of the month we have an attorney who has generously offered to help with some of the community legal issues.

HAIRCUTS: Irene offered to provide haircuts once a month. She loves how she is able to help with her haircuts, so she has been doing them every week!

FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES: Financial Peace classes have been going on every month and we are so proud of all of the graduates!

Praise God for how He brings different gifts to serve the ministry! If you have gifts you would like to share with the community, let us know so we can work it out!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:



MOBILE LOAVES TRUCK:
FOOD PREP AND DISTRIBUTION.

See Dan Trevino for more information.
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR COOKS.

See Geri Maxwell for more information.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Roger Wendt



LM: I Tell me how you first got involved with La Mesa?

Roger: I became a member of Christ Greenfield in May 2018. The following week I cooked for Family Promise and stayed overnight with Rob Olson. Rob explained what La Mesa was all about which piqued my interest to get involved. I started coming to La Mesa at the end of June and am still coming.

LM: What has surprised you most about being a part of La Mesa?

Roger: I am surprised at the friendliness of everyone in the La Mesa community. It is amazing to see how many of the same volunteers from CG (and a few that are not members of CG) are at La Mesa every week. I was happy to see the creation of the Resource Center which enables us to help the people who come to La Mesa even further.

LM: What might (someone) be surprised to know about you?

Roger: During the summers and into the first 2 months of school after my first 3 years in high school, I worked on a farm, living with the family. During the school months, I got up early enough to feed and milk the dairy cows, get ready for school, eat breakfast, and get on a school bus at 7:30am. Getting back from school, I did the evening chores, ate dinner, did my homework, and went to bed to get ready for the next day.

LM: What keeps you coming back every week?

Roger: I continue to come back to La Mesa as I want to do my part to help the community feed the body while other volunteers are there to feed the soul. I eagerly look forward to preparing dinner each month and serving on other days as needed.



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FROM THE KITCHEN...

- October 5:
One of Sammie Jo's Specialties
Fruit
Dessert: Panera
- October 12:
Italian Casserole, Meatballs,
Salad, Rolls, Fruit
Dessert: Panera
- October 19: Chicken Divan, Salad,
Rolls w/Butter, Fruit
Dessert: Panera
- October 26: Chili and Cornbread, Fruit
Dessert: Panera

Whatever Happened to Scotty?

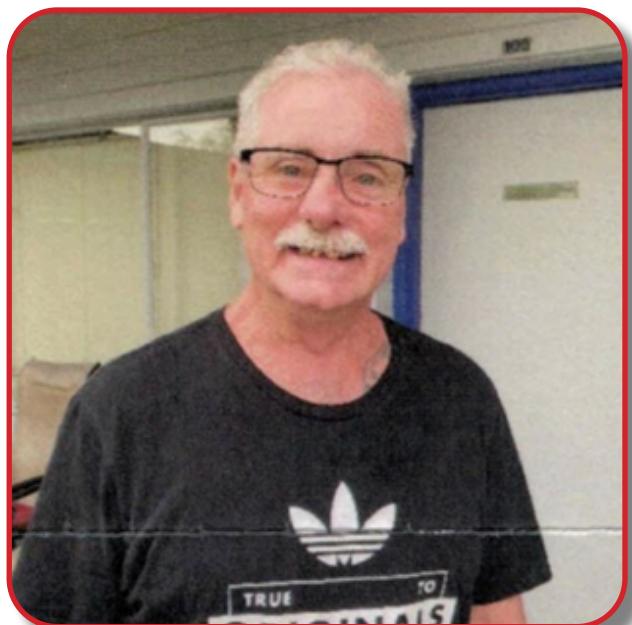
If you go to our website, <https://www.lamesaministries.org/blank-2> you can read and see where we left off on Scotty. Everyone was so proud and happy for what he finally achieved. He was free from his bondage to drugs and alcohol after graduating from the 15-month Teen Challenge faith-based recovery program. Scotty was so happy to return to society and his new life. He was blessed with a furnished apartment and ready to start over.

Then the perfect storm occurred. Within days of moving into his apartment, he was infected with the COVID-19 virus, had to be quarantined and was unable to start working. His father passed away and he was not able to attend his father's funeral. He was depressed and angry, and that is when Satan moved in. He was emotionally weak and vulnerable and that is when an old friend found out where he was living and stopped by to say hello. Hello, started the downward spiral and Scotty had returned to his life of dependency on drugs with his friend leading the way. He lost the apartment, became homeless again and ended up in jail for 3 months.

How many times have we all failed? How many times do we fall short and repeat the same sins repeatedly? How many times does Jesus say we are to forgive our brothers and sisters? In Matthew 18:22 Jesus gives us the answer. *"I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

While sitting in his jail cell, Scotty prayed for forgiveness and to find a way back to his Savior. He knew Jesus was alive and present at La Mesa so he reached out to the Resource Center for help. We opened our arms in friendship and let him know that God never gives up on us and He promises to never leave us. The Resource Center assisted Scotty in returning to Teen Challenge for their 6-month restoration program. During his restoration time he prayed for a renewed relationship with his son and daughter. The Lord has answered his prayer. Scotty has decided to stay at Teen Challenge as an intern after he graduates in November. His desire is to become a staff member where he can share what he has learned with others who are experiencing a dependency on drugs and alcohol.

Please continue to pray for Scotty and the La Mesa Resource Center as we walk with him on his journey.



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