

“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:

FINDING PARTNERS

One of the many wonderful things that Jesus does at La Mesa is bless us with awesome partnerships. There are a variety of different organizations that donate goods and services to La Mesa. It is such a blessing! One of those is our friends at Thrivent Financial. If you are a Thrivent member, you can submit a project through their Thrivent Action Teams. It costs nothing and you can do it twice a year. We have seen people do projects for La Mesa many times. The most recent one was the Popsicle Project last month. We were able to get gourmet popsicles on a sweltering hot evening. It was great!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:40, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” There are many creative ways to help. The only limit is your imagination! We appreciate all of the donations and partnerships that allow us to do fun and different things like this!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Vicar Thomas



LM: How did you learn about La Mesa?

VT: I heard about La Mesa through my job at Christ Greenfield in Gilbert. As a Vicar (pastoral intern) La Mesa was a community I was charged with getting to know, serving at, loving, and being loved by.

LM: What is the biggest personal benefit you receive as a volunteer with La Mesa?

VT: I have learned how to listen and to love more deeply at La Mesa. Two things I thought I understood rather well before coming here. But the Spirit of God that rests in this community is a powerful and grace-filled teacher. I understand in a deeper way now what it means to be humble, to be generous and to follow Jesus because of these friends.

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

VT: I had to have reconstructive surgery on both my Achilles tendons (at different times) in high school. Despite that, I was able to spend my first year of college playing collegiate football across the country from my home state (Oregon) in North Carolina. That was a year I will never forget!

LM: Do you have a memory at La Mesa that stands out that you'd like to share?

VT: There is nothing quite like ushering people into the Kingdom of God through baptism! I had the privilege and honor to be there for two people as Jesus welcomed them into his eternal kingdom. Jesus loves you and baptism is an incredible gift He gives the church to use to bring people back into God's everlasting presence – ask one of the leaders about it – he wants you with him, forever!



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La Mesa Resource Center

FROM TRUCK TO CHANGE

Many of you may already know about our new outreach at La Mesa called Mobile Loaves. Mobile Loaves is a food truck that travels out sharing the love of Jesus to the homeless in the community while providing sandwiches, drinks, hard boiled eggs, baked goods, chips and fresh fruit.

We have been taking the Mobile Loaves truck into the Tempe community to let our homeless brothers and sisters know about Tuesday night LaMesa and the Resource Center.

The La Mesa /Mobile Loaves food truck went into Tempe on Thursday where God directed us to meet Justin sitting at a bus stop. The team on the truck went up to him and asked if he was hungry or thirsty which started the conversation. After only a few minutes of compassion and listening, Justin asked for help with his addiction — alcohol. The team directed Justin to come to the Resource Center Friday morning to find the help he needed. Justin made it Friday morning and it was obvious he was struggling with symptoms of withdrawal. Justin was sincere and was willing to do anything to change. The La Mesa Resource Center had him admitted into the CBI detox facility in order to enroll him into the Teen Challenge 13-month drug and alcohol rehab center. Sunday afternoon at 3pm Justin willingly and anxiously entered Teen Challenge where God will begin to break the chains of his addiction and change his life forever. **From a food truck to change, God is so good.**

God is using La Mesa to help change lives. To be a part of this amazing ministry, go to our website at: lamesaministries.org.



"Personal ministry is not about always knowing what to say. It is not about fixing everything in sight that is broken. Personal ministry is about connecting people with Christ so that they are able to think as he would have them think, desire what he says is best, and do what he calls them to do even if their circumstances never get "fixed." It involves exposing hurt, lost, and confused people to God's glory, so that they give up their pursuit of their own glory and live for his."

— Paul David Tripp a

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FROM THE KITCHEN...

- + July 6:
Cheeseburgers, Pasta Salad, Corn, Fruit
Dessert: Ice Cream Sundaes
- + July 13:
Sloppy Joe Sliders and Sides, Fruit
Dessert: Panera
- + July 20:
Baked Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Mixed
Veggies, Garlic Bread, Fruit,
Dessert: Panera
- + July 27:
Ground Beef Soft Tacos,
Rice and Beans, Fruit
Dessert: Panera

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from 9am to 2pm. Tuesday 10am to 5pm.