

*“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: “Birth of a Ministry”

The most important core value at La Mesa is that it is centered around Jesus. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus more so than just talking about it. December is when we celebrate his birth and the start of his time on Earth. Jesus is always birthing new ministries and we are no exception!

We have been talking about launching another location for La Mesa in Tempe, affectionately known as **Tempe Table**. We are excited to move another step closer to that becoming a reality! **Beautiful Savior**, one of our sister congregations, has agreed to host Tempe Table on Thursday nights. Praise Jesus!

We will be working with them to get through the details but we are thrilled that Jesus has opened that door. Stay tuned for more information about that as we work out the details.

If you are interested in serving on Thursday nights, please see Geoff Nedry for more information!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT David Schulteis

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

**David:** Pastor Jake suggested I come to La Mesa shortly after I joined Christ Greenfield. The first few years I was in Arizona my work schedule did not allow me to come. Just over three years ago, my schedule changed so my Tuesday's were available. Pastor Jake asked again about this time three years ago. My first La Mesa night was January 1, 2019. I have been back most Tuesdays since.

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

**David:** How everyone has a unique story. So often we hear blanket statements about the “Homeless.” No one else likes being grouped into a lump. No different here at La Mesa. Talking to the people you meet here, you hear all sorts of stories. While there are common themes, each person is unique. What brings them to La Mesa is unique. Getting a chance to talk to the many people here is a chance to share stories in both directions. You build friendships, find out how to help. You quickly remember that each person is God's child, made in His image, special and valuable, each in their own way.

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

**David:** I have lived in six US states and one German Federal state.

**LM:** What keeps you coming back every week?

**David:** Read throughout the Bible and you see that God repeatedly instructs His people to look out and care for the poor. From the Old Testament calls to care for the widow, orphan and sojourner in Israel's midst to Jesus telling his followers that whatever you do for the least of these you do to Him. What happens at La Mesa is the Lord's work in action. We see miracles here. We see people made whole. We meet people we would never otherwise meet and have a chance to talk with them and get to know them. How can you resist?





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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We are so thankful for everyone who serves and financially supports La Mesa Ministries. If we don't say thank you enough, please accept our apologies because... "We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing." (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

### Jesus tells us in Luke 14:12-14:

*"When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

La Mesa Ministries has been offering a banquet every Tuesday for over 7 years for the poor and broken in our community. We also offer resources to those in need of employment, housing, and addiction recovery. We have not done this alone as we all play a role in this amazing ministry.

We are growing and reaching more individuals every year and it is all because of everyone's willingness to serve and support this ministry.

### Peter tells us in 1 Peter 4:10 that:

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

Tuesday November 30th was "Giving Tuesday" across the country. We want to thank everyone who supported La Mesa Ministries on this special day. If you missed "Giving Tuesday" and still wish to support La Mesa, why not consider a year end gift that qualifies for a dollar-for-dollar Arizona tax credit. Your gift can be used as an Arizona Tax Credit for up to \$400 for an individual and \$800 for a married couple. Any amount would be so appreciated.

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<https://www.lamesaministries.org> and give your support before the year ends.

Your support helps to provide joy for those who are worshipping Jesus and being baptized. Your support helped **George** stay sober and in shelter for over 5 months, **Gregg** gets his own apartment after being homeless for years and **Jerry** avoided an eviction due to his hoarding disorder.

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