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"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

# Ministry News

## WORSHIP!

There are so many wonderful things about La Mesa. One that we don't often talk about is worship. Last month, between Mesa and Tempe, we had almost 300 people stay for worship, Praise God! For many who worship with us each week, it is the only time during the week that they get to hear God's Word. It is a welcome environment where the love of Jesus can be felt each night. It has all the components important in a service – songs, Confession & Absolution, baptism opportunities, a message, and celebrating the

Lord's Supper together in an intimate circle outside. It is such a joy to see so many different people praising God together and feeling welcome in this place! We hope you will stay for worship!



our goal is to increase the number of La Mesa locations to five within the next five years!





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### from the KITCHEN...

- → July 6 Tempe: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad
- + July 11 Mesa: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice & Beans, Chips & Salsa
- + July 13 Tempe: Chicken, Biscuits, Salad
- ♣ July 18 Mesa: Sammy Joe Specialty
- + July 20 Tempe: BBQ Chicken, Macaroni Salad, Watermelon
- → July 25 Mesa: Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Salad, Rolls and Butter
- → July 27 Tempe: TBD
- → August 1 Mesa: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Shredded Lettuce & Tomato Chips & Salsa

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Tuesdays Wednesday, and Thursday by appointment from 9am to 2pm. Tuesdays 10am to 6pm.

### No Help for Taco

Five months ago, our friend Taco suffered a stroke. He is confined to a wheelchair, the left side of his body is not functional and he remains homeless. Taco has had no fewer than five 911 trips to the hospital since his stroke. He has been in and out of physical therapy treatment three different times. His AHCCCS benefits have run out and services can no longer be provided.

La Mesa has tried working with **Community Bridges Inc.** (CBI), the largest non-profit service provider in Arizona; **Circle the City**, a nonprofit medical service for the homeless; the **Human Service Campus** (HSC); the **City of Mesa**, and the **211 Crisis Team**. We were able to contact his father and his sister but, due to past issues and poor choices, they have washed their hands of providing any help for Taco.

Being out of options, La Mesa contacted the Mesa Police Department because Taco had a warrant for his arrest. Our plan was to have the PD take him into custody and transfer him to the City of Mesa's homeless shelter. Because Taco was in a wheelchair the police would not arrest him.

Even though at this point there seems to be no help for Taco, La Mesa continues to try and find solutions. For now he will be sleeping at Evergreen Park. Please pray for his safety and for a shelter solution soon.



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