

*“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

## 2-YEAR Anniversary of La Mesa Tempe

We celebrated the two year anniversary of La Mesa Tempe at Beautiful Savior on May 2nd. It has been an amazing adventure to witness what God is doing in Tempe! Here are a few of the details from the past two years in Tempe:

- 7,800 people have attended La Mesa Tempe
- We have served over 11,000 meals
- 2022 - averaged 41 people per night
- 2023 - averaged 83 people per night
- 2024 so far - averaged 118 people per night

The partnership between Beautiful Savior and La Mesa has been wonderful and continues to shine the light of Jesus brightly! We look forward to many more years of serving God's people in Tempe and beyond!!





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# CARING

The ice on the Mobil Loaves food truck will start melting more quickly soon. Instead of blankets and warm jackets people will begin asking for sunscreen and extra water. Before long, their dogs will be panting in the unrelenting heat, and we'll make sure to bring a bowl so we can pour them a drink of cold water. We serve them too. "Mobil Loaves and Fishes and Dogs and Cats and sometimes Birds" is too long for a sign so we just keep it simple. God knows who we care about.

As summer progresses, we will see our unsheltered neighbors appear with sunburned skin and short tempers. We will work hard to sooth them as best we can. Their clothing, especially socks and shoes, will be soiled more quickly with the sweat of longer days and they will ask for new ones. We will provide what we can with limited means and guide them to our ministry on Tuesday and Thursday nights for more. Hygiene products will have a hard time keeping up with the demands of overheated bodies, but the food on our truck is always good and the drinks are always cold. Eventually we will make it through the Arizona heat, into Fall and Winter and the need for warmth will return. Blankets and warm clothes, shed as useless extra weight in the summer, will be asked for again and the cycle will continue.

The ice on the food truck will start melting more quickly soon but even though the physical needs of our homeless family will change over the course of a year, their spiritual needs will not. Our true commodities, dignity and respect, do not know the seasons and can be given freely by all of us at any time. Kindness doesn't have to come from the back of a truck, it can come from the open arms of a warm greeting or a smile as you pass someone on the street. Love is as warm in the winter as it is cool in the summer and can be given by all hearts to any heart in need. There never needs to be a shortage of compassion and as we prepare for another brutal summer let us remember that the season of caring never ends.

## from the KITCHEN...

- + May 7 - Mesa: Beef and Vegetable Stew, Steamed Rice and Salad
- + May 9 - Tempe: Chicken and Biscuits, Salad, Cookies
- + May 14 - Mesa: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice and Beans, Chips and Salsa, Fruit, Dessert
- + May 16 - Tempe: TBD
- + May 21 - Mesa: Pasta w/Sausage and Peppers, Salad, Rolls and Butter, Fruit, Dessert
- + May 23 - Tempe: Sloppy Joes, Pasta Salad, Green Beans, Brownies
- + May 28 - Mesa: BBQ Chicken Sandwiches, Corn and Coleslaw
- + May 30 - Tempe: Chicken & Rice Casserole, Fruit, Roll with Butter, White Chocolate Raspberry Cake



## La Mesa Ministries



# Mobile Loaves

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