

*"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

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER!

Often people wonder what the heart of La Mesa is. It starts with Jesus. Everything at La Mesa centers on relationships. It is one of the things that makes La Mesa different from



other places that serve food. You see it all around in all the little things we do. Everyone gets a nametag because we want to be able to call everyone by name. We hand the meals

to each person, as it adds a more personal touch. We lead with love in our interactions. We all eat together. There is no area for those who serve or those who are served. We are all one big family, sharing a meal and worship together. There are so many other ways you see relationships at the core of our mission.

Our goal whenever someone steps on campus is that they feel the love of Jesus in everything we do. Jesus hung out with all different kinds of people, sharing a meal with many of them. At La Mesa, we follow the ways of Jesus, that people will know we are His disciples by our love. Come join us on Tuesday and Thursday nights and experience La Mesa firsthand.





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A Free Lunch

Lunch was good even though we were on the Carnivore Diet. The price was especially good because we won a gift card to cover the cost for the three of us to eat at The Backyard Taco. My wife and I were blessed to have lunch with a very special local guest. We began our conversation with all the normal pleasantries and quickly spoke about the past and how our paths originally came to meet one another. He had a hard time remembering the event but really enjoyed seeing the personalized photo of himself serving at La Mesa.

We fast forwarded to what we are now doing to show how we have grown since our early beginnings. Serving meals to the homeless and working poor and never missing a Tuesday in 10 years and even adding another day on Thursdays during



COVID. We now have a Resource Center, and a Mobile Loaves Food Truck and we serve meals on Thursdays in Tempe. We impressed him with how many people we actually serve each week in Mesa and that 20% of the attendees are new each week. The major surprise to our guest was "God's Project- Eden Village. He was not aware of what we were doing but he sounded very impressed with what we had designed and who was partnering with us. He was very impressed when we told him the location of the project and that the City of Mesa planning department and Board of Adjustments approved the project. He was also happy to hear the City Planning Director hoped this would be the first of many Eden Village's in Mesa. Our special lunch guest was so genuine and sincere and easy to speak with.

from the KITCHEN...

MESA DINNER MENU:

- + Dec 12: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice and Beans, Chips and Salsa
- + Dec 17: Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad, Roll and Butter
- + Dec 24: Christmas Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Pies w/ Whipped Cream
- + Dec 31: Beef Taco Casserole, Rice and Beans, Chips and Salsa

TEMPE DINNER MENU:

- + Dec 12: Tacos, Rice and Beans
- + Dec 19: Christmas Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Rolls and Butter
- + Dec 26: Breakfast Casserole



Even though we had been to functions in the past with our guest, we never had such a great opportunity to speak with him personally one on one. We were so blessed to have the opportunity to have lunch with the Mayor of Mesa, John Giles. We

had a great time getting to know him and his personal plans for the future. After 10 years of serving Mesa as Mayor he is moving on to seek other endeavors where he can be involved with the community. He committed to passing on our information to the new Mayor and to the city directors for further partnership communications. What an amazing way to spend the lunch hour!

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