

*"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

2024 La Mesa Year in Review

2024 was a very exciting year for La Mesa. We celebrated our 10 year anniversary in September. We also launched Eden Village, finalizing the land purchase for that project.



Though the numbers are great, it is the relationships that matter most. We have built some amazing partnerships with various group and people. It is fantastic to see diverse groups and faiths all loving God's people. He is truly doing amazing things through his ministry La Mesa. Thank you all for being a part of this incredible journey. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in 2025!

Here are a few of the highlights:

- Over 12,000 people were served meals (12,343).
- Attendance in Tempe was up 46% from 2023.
- 5 baptisms between Mesa and Tempe!
- 323 people attended the Christmas Services between Mesa and Tempe!





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from the KITCHEN...

MESA DINNER MENU:

- + Jan 7: Sloppy Joes, Coleslaw & Corn
- + Jan 14: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans and Coleslaw
- + Jan 21: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread
- + Jan 28: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, with Spanish Rice

TEMPE DINNER MENU:

- + Jan 2: Sloppy Joes
- + Jan 9: Chicken Biscuits, and Salad
- + Jan 16: Pizza, Pasta Salad
- + Jan 23: Chili, Fritos, Green Beans
- + Jan 30: Pulled Pork Sandwiches With Mac N Cheese

Scouts and Mobile Loaves

Six Arrow of Light Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 282 in Gilbert set out to fulfill their Duty to God and Citizenship achievements and were profoundly impacted by their interaction with La Mesa Ministries and Mobile Loaves.

The scouts, who meet on the campus of Christ Greenfield, see Brian and the Mobile Loaves food truck every week. As part of their scouting requirements, the boys needed to engage with someone from a faith-based organization in their community that supports people in crisis, regardless of their faith. They chose to learn about the organization that supports the Mobile Loaves food truck.

In October, Laurie McClellan, a representative from La Mesa Ministries, spent an hour with Alex, Beckett, Jameson, Gibson, Xander, and Kendrick. She shared insights about the homeless population in the East Valley, including their needs, how to communicate with and treat them, and the best ways to support them. Laurie explained how the Mobile Loaves truck delivers food and supplies to the homeless once a week. The eager scouts listened attentively, engaged in conversation, and asked questions.

"I didn't realize how important shoes were to the homeless," one scout remarked after learning how much they rely on walking to access meals, showers, or other necessities. Another scout admitted feeling hesitant to donate to people asking for food or money on street corners but felt encouraged to learn that supporting La Mesa and Mobile Loaves was a safe way to make a positive impact on the community.

Following their meeting, the scouts organized a collection drive for new and gently used shoes, blankets, and hydration drinks or water, believing these items would be especially beneficial as the cooler months approached. One scout designed a flyer, and all the scouts distributed it to friends, family, online networks, and local businesses.



"The excitement on the boys' faces as they brought in their donations was heartwarming," said one parent. "They learned how to motivate others to support a great cause right in their own community."

I am so proud of how these boys took the initiative in such a short time to bless others," said Den Leader Mrs. Lentz. "These six scouts continue to learn and exemplify what traditional scouting teaches: to be kind, generous, resourceful individuals who lead in their families and community. They strive daily to live out the Scout Oath and Law."

For more details on how to get involved, visit lamesaministries.org. For more information on Cub Scouts and/or Boy Scouts please reach out to GilbertPack282@gmail.com

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