

## The Gospel and Mental Health (Part 1)

**Introduction.** It is true that the emphasis of the gospel is spiritual as opposed to secular. For this reason, we read of spiritual salvation and heaven in contrast to “how to get rich and live comfortably in this life” (cp. Matt. 5: 12, 2 Pet. 1: 5-11). While the emphasis of Jesus' gospel is on eternality, there is also stress placed on this life (Mk. 10: 28-31). Our title of “The Gospel and Mental Health” may, at first, appear to possess a hint of the social gospel (focus on this earth), but I submit that with the proper qualification, mental health is a vital and too often overlooked feature of the Jerusalem gospel.

America became especially interested in mental health in the seventies. It was during this focus that Doctor Harold Voth prepared some material on the trends in America. Doctor Voth discussed a number of conditions in our country that he believed pertained to the Presidential Commission on Mental Health. Matters such as the trend that had become very definable in the seventies of an increase of working mothers, the smoking of marijuana, and gender distortion and homosexuality. Doctor Voth reported that a believed eight million American children were in need of immediate help from psychiatric disorders (some estimates during 1976 were as high as thirty million). I do not believe any knowledgeable person would suggest that things are better today than they were in the seventies. It is conservatively estimated that at least one out of every two hospital beds in America is occupied by a person suffering from a mental illness that is often accompanied by physical symptoms. What relevance does the gospel have to mental illness, anyway?

**The gospel imparts understanding.** A percentage of what we classify as mental illness or aberration is influenced and precipitated by a lack of understanding. In view of this absence of understanding, there is mental confusion and conflict, simply viewed. John wrote to Christians:

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ, this is the true God and eternal life” (1 Jn. 5: 20).

As a result of the gospel, man can now have an understanding of “light and immortality” (2 Tim. 1: 10). We can know our origin, purpose, and eternal destiny (Gen. 1, 2; Eccl. 12: 13; Matt. 25: 46). By using the gospel, man can discern and determine truth and error and what is pleasing to his Creator (cp. Gal. 2: 14).

# Order of Worship

Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleader - Eric Cimuchowski  
Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Song # 346 - [He Lives](#)

Song PH -  
[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

Lord's Supper

Kids 4 Kids  
Children Dismissed for Bible Hour  
(3 yrs. old thru the 3rd grade)

Prayer Requests

Song # 567 - [Restore My Soul](#)

Scripture Reading -  
Hebrews 13:7-9

**Sermon by:**  
Darryl Darden

"Some Things Never  
Change"

Song of Invitation # 452 -  
[Standing on the Promises](#)

Song # 448 -  
[The Greatest Commands](#)

Closing & Contribution Prayer

## This Week's Schedule of Events

\*\*(In person & Zoom)

### TODAY

**\*\*9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship**

**\*\*10:00 a.m. - En Linea Servicio de  
Adoracion (via Facebook Live)**

### Monday, January 16, 2023

**7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)**

### Tuesday, January 17, 2023

**4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Class (Zoom)**

### Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study  
(Zoom)**

**"Life of Christ in Stereo"**

**7:00 p.m. - En Linea Clase  
Biblica (Zoom)**

**8:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study  
(Zoom)**

### *This Week's Birthday's*

**17th - Sue Darden**

**18th - Erika Hargis**

**19th - Jayla Calma**

**20th - Bobby Wilson**

**21st - Hank Pritchard**



### *Anniversaries*

**18th - Strech & Lou Suba**

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Brandon Applegate;  
Matison Brown; Andre Canady;  
Zack Cantu; Danny Eickmeyer;  
Robert Farrell; Alexis Flanagan;  
Anthony Guess; Raymond  
Holguin; Jaehyeong Park; and  
Robert Rygoza



## Family Movie Night

**Jan. 21, 2023**  
**5 - 8 p.m.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Bring your own dinner and drinks,  
as well as "movie snacks" to share.**

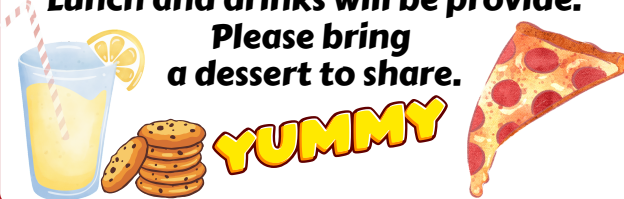
**For any questions please  
contact Kim Cimuchowski.**

## Savior's Kids Lunch

**Savior Kids Parents join us on  
Jan. 22, 2023 as we prepare for  
our 2023 calendar events  
for our Savior's Kids.**

**Lunch and drinks will be provide.**

**Please bring  
a dessert to share.**



# VBS 2023

**We are preparing for our 2023 VBS.**

**We want to make this year's VBS  
special to so many more children.**

**"Moses Leading People to God."**

**We need more puppets.**

**If you have a gift for puppet  
making or would like to donate  
please contact Eric Cimuchowski.**

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

### Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Ida Crawford;  
Shawn Weeks; and Sandy Wooten.

### Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos;  
Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson;  
Bonnie Klockenteger; Charlie & LaVonne  
Powell; Chris Lopez; Christina Wityczak;  
Don Vencill; Dorothy Condos; Dudley  
Brewster; Gennie Lorenz; Hosia Ford;  
Marie Guess; Marilyn Heil; Marvin Mason  
Sr.; Marvin Mason Jr.; Raymond Holguin;  
Shirley Fales; Tyson Crawford; and  
Yvonne McClinton.

### General

Debbie Owens; Dorothy Condos; Duane  
Owens; Eva Wityczak's grandchildren; the  
Griffith family; Jerry Owens; Judy Owens;  
La Toya Scott; Leisa & Meliny Pond; Rita  
Greene; Shirley Fales; the Turner family;  
and Vicki Brown.

### Health

Cydney Holliday; Dan & Jan Hook; Debbie  
Harris; Don & Melinda Vencill; Eddie &  
Betty Smith; Heather Dunn's mother;  
James White; Strech Suba; and all who  
are ill.

### Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for loving  
us and sending his son to save the world.

## Spring Break Missions Harding University



If you want to help

**Hannah Cimuchowski**

on her **Mission Trip** please mark  
your contributions for her  
no later than **Feb 12th.**

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Darryl Darden – Pulpit Minister

Carlos Orrala – Spanish Minister

## Ministries and Coordinators

### Audio Visual

Jake Tess

### AVPAC/Lucerne Valley

Johnny Latham

### Building Décor

Tianna Smith & Tammy  
Turner

### Calling Ministry

C. Richardson &  
E. Wityczak

### Call Out Ministry

M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski;  
T. Rose; & S. Suba

### Children's Bible Hour

Garret & Stephanie  
White

### Greif Support

Strech Suba

### Historian

Kasie Schow

### Kitchen

Pauletta Hobson

### Ladies' Ministry

Kim Cimuchowski

### Military

Pauletta Hobson & Leisa  
Pond

### Bulletin Mailouts

Marilyn Owens

### Worship Coordinator

Jeff Najera

### Savior's Kids

Jake & Danelle Tess

### Teacher's Workroom

Nina Sutton

### Youth Group

Mark & Renee Gruwell

## Last Week's Statistics

### Financial

Contribution	1/8/23	\$	3,525.32
Contribution	1/1/23	\$	3,552.27
Special Contributions		\$	696.00
Y.T.D. Contribution		\$	103,126.00
Teen Fund		\$	5,106.96
Mission Fund		\$	2,457.55
Scholarship Fund		\$	1,521.09
Kids 4 Kids		\$	151.00

### Attendance

A.M. Bible Class	N/A
A.M. Worship	
In Person	113
Via Zoom	29
Wed. P.M. Bible Class	N/A
Mid Week Bible Studies	8