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ATTENDANCE

09/06/20: 143

CONTRIBUTION:

09/06/20: \$9,557.99

09/6/20 SPECIAL

CONTRIBUTION:
\$3,415

BUDGET: \$7,500

**Welcome!**

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for attending our worship service today. We consider you an **honored** guest and hope that you can remain after services for a moment so that we can get to know you better.

The Riverside congregation is composed of Christians meeting together with a focus on praising and glorifying God and edifying each other. We use only the Bible as our source of authority and pattern for how we are organized and how we worship. We would love to answer any questions that you may have about our church family.

God's Three Purposes

Bad things happen, and whether God allows them to happen or causes them to happen it doesn't matter – the buck stops with God. Why does God allow me to suffer? Why does God allow any suffering at all? It is a fair question. It is a big question.

This is not an answer to that question. This is an affirmation of what we already know about God and why we can trust him. It is about faith in God regardless of the answer to any question. God has three purposes:

Bringing all people to Himself. 2 Pet 3:9 - *The Lord ... is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

Making them like Jesus. Rom 8:29 - *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son....*

Bringing glory to Himself in all things. Jn 12:28 - *"Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."*

This does not answer the question. This does not provide an explanation to any one event in your life or anyone else's. It is a picture of who God is. He is a God worth trusting. Trust Him despite the question. Trust Him despite your pain.

"...And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

(Dan 3:15-18, ESV)

By Cooper Atkeson

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

Thanks to all for the great turnout to celebrate the end of **Jordan Barraza's** chemo! Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.

The following note was received from Hunt School: "Dear Handmade 4 Ewe Ministry, Thanks so much for the beautiful dish cloths you made for our staff! It was so kind of you to think of us. The teachers loved the beautiful cloths and were very touched by your sweet gift. Sincerely, Luci Harmon

The latest issue of Power for Today is available in the foyer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Katy Wharton is working with her doctors to make the best decision on how to proceed with treatment.

James Wharton continues to do well with his new knee.

Erin Wharton has been unable to begin her chemotherapy, because her incision from her surgery is not healing very well.

Chuck Stork asked for prayers for his granddaughter **Laura Aikins** and her husband **Travis**, who have the coronavirus. They work with the Heritage congregation in Edmond, OK.

Betty Stork was scheduled for shoulder surgery on Friday, 9/11. Please pray for a good outcome and a speedy recovery.

Let's pray for our members who are in nursing/assisted living facilities. They have been unable to have visitors for the most part since March, and it is very difficult for both the residents and the family members. Our members who reside in a facility are: **Doris Burton, Ruth Herrington, Ann Marshall, Alice McGuire, Nancy Moore, Kathy O'Hara, and Helen Wardroup**. Also, please pray for the healthcare workers in these facilities. In these stressful times, prayers are needed for both residents and staff.

Let's remember all of the health care workers and their families at Riverside: **Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Kaysi Garrett, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter, Debra Zink**, and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic. Also, remember **Chad Lovelady**, who is a police officer in Fredericksburg.

Food Ministry If you know of a need for food (meal) for the month of September, please contact Susan Lott at 713-899-6101.

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Cheri Pattillio-Leslie Rayburn's** sister, diagnosed with cancer; **Chrissy Garcia**, recovering from surgery; **Linda Rehak, Janet Leslie's** niece, recovering from the coronavirus; ; **Barbara Dodd**, recovering from a broken knee cap; **Jody Wilson**, as she recovers from a broken vertebrae, **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, diagnosed with cancer; **Doyle Brown**, recovering from several health issues; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-diagnosed with cancer; **Cheryl Shields**, friend of Cheryl Brown, **Rona Barraza's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia**, who has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma; **Leora Meadows**, on hospice care; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **The Vance's** daughter **Shari**, and their son and daughter-in-law **David and Sarah** who are health care workers; **Dennis Lange's** daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks' sister Cindy**, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.

Please pray for **Holly Macy, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick**, as they continue their treatments.