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ATTENDANCE

09/13/20: 133

CONTRIBUTION:

09/13/20: \$4,909

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.

Why Is the Sky Blue?

Why is the sky blue? The technical answer about the atmosphere and wave-lengths tell us *how* the sky is blue, but not *why* it is that way. Another technical answer about the laws of physics which determine such phenomena still only explains *how* it is that way, not *why*. Why are the conditions such that the sky is blue? Why does it have to be blue? Couldn't it be something else? We could ask the same thing about sunrises and sunsets. Why are they so colorful? Why do they vary both over the minutes and from day to day? Couldn't they all be a dull grey? Or why do sunsets have to have any special color at all? The reason the sky is blue is because God wanted it that way. If he wanted it another way, he certainly could have and *would have* made it so. As it is, the sky *is* blue so we must assume he wanted it that way. But if we, as a persistent child, continue the same line of questioning, we will find that we have asked a very good question: *Why* did God make the sky blue? Consider the following:

Gen. 1:31 - *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.*

Ps 19:1 - *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

Rom. 1:20 - *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.*

God made the sky blue because it was very good to do so. God made the sky blue because it is a testament to his own glory. God made the sky blue because in it his eternal power and divine nature are seen. It makes one wonder, if he was so intentional about his design of the sky, what he has in mind for us as individuals?

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.

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

The following note was received from the Emergency Department employees at Peterson Regional Health Center: "Dear Sewing Ladies, Thank you so very much for these handmade dishcloths! Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated!" It was signed by all of the ER employees.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Erin Welch, friend of **Stephanie Ahrens**, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for her.

Katy Wharton is scheduled for surgery on September 21st, which hopefully will leave her cancer-free.

James Wharton continues to do well with his new knee and has completed physical therapy.

Erin Wharton is healing from her surgery. She has begun chemo which will last at least until January.

Barbara Dodd is back home after 5 weeks in rehab and is very appreciative of all the prayers, cards, and calls. She sends her love to all at Riverside.

This note was received from **Samantha Kemp**: "My suite mate has COVID and so my whole entire suite is quarantining right now. My friend Jared's home is in the middle of those terrible wild fires in Oregon. His whole family is safe but just prayers for his home. Love you. Think about you and Riverside all the time."

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 **Betty Stork**, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Laura and Travis Aikins-Laura** is **Chuck Stork's** granddaughter, and she has the COVID virus; **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; **Cheryl Shields**, friend of Cheryl Brown, **Rona Barrozo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia Dapdap**, who has returned home after her surgery and hospital stay and is doing much better. **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.