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ATTENDANCE

09/20/20: 133

CONTRIBUTION:

09/20/20: \$5,779

BUDGET: \$7,500

**Welcome Visitors!**

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.

Honor the Emperor

1 Peter 2:17 says, "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." When 1 Peter was likely written, Nero was the emperor of Rome. Nero remains infamous for his persecution of Christians. How hard would it be to honor such a person? Yet, as hard as that would be, we find we have problems enough honoring the President of the United States. I'm not talking about our current President. I'm talking about any President – every President. After November 3rd we will discover who our President will be for the next four years. November 8th is the following Sunday. What if Kevin planned to deliver a sermon that Sunday entitled "Honor the Emperor"? Would you be okay with that, not knowing who will win the election? Would you be okay with that if your candidate of choice doesn't win? The instruction to honor the emperor will remain unchanged regardless of who wins in November. If the early church was asked and expected to honor a tyrannical monarch, then surely we can honor a duly elected representative of the people.

By Cooper Atkeson

"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people." Titus 3:1-2

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

There will be a special contribution for Eastern European Missions on November 8, 2020.

Chase Turner, our mission partner with the Spanish Internet work, has translated his book, *Trials*, for distribution in Latin America. The cost of printing and distributing these books, aimed at Christian life solutions for younger adults, is \$10. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please use one of the yellow envelopes at the greeter's table for your gift.

Ben Ferris is going to complete in a decathlon, a track meet with 10 events. Please keep Benjamin in your prayer. This is in addition to taking a full load in school. Consider writing him a letter of encouragement his address is below.
Harding University, Ben Ferris, 12072 Searcy Arkansas 72149

Marilyn Oberg's brother, **William Day**, passed away unexpectedly on Monday. Funeral services are scheduled in Collinsville, OK on Saturday, October 3rd. Please remember Marilyn and her family in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The following note was received from **Reba Durbin**: I just want to thank my RSCOC family for the prayers, cards, phone calls and expressions of love and concern for my baby sister **Treva Vogl**. Renal Cell Carcinoma has been confirmed. She started chemo a couple of weeks ago. She had a serious reaction to the medication so her oncologists in OKC and MD Anderson put their heads together to come up with a new medication. She started this last Tuesday. We are praying she can tolerate this and it will kill off the cancer cells. My nephew **Terry Beasley** does not have leukemia. He is, however, very anemic and slowly improving. Please continue to pray for Treva and Terry. God has a plan and He is in control.
- **Nathan Willett** injured his back and had to visit PRMC today. Please pray that he will have relief from pain heal from this injury quickly.
- **Charlene Greggerson** told David Moore that the doctors have discovered another ruptured disk in her back, so she may be facing additional surgery in the near future. Please lift up Charlene in prayer as well, that she can receive relief from pain, and that the medical folks can be successful with her treatment going forward.
- **LaJean Moore Hendrick** sent the following note: I am undergoing treatment for a wound on my leg which has turned into MRSA. I would like to have your prays for a quick recovery. Thank you so much.
- **Katy Wharton** had surgery on September 21st. **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.

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 October, please contact Susan Kasperek at 918-470-5879.

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

Pantry Items: instant oatmeal and complete pancake mix.

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Kaysi Garrett**, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **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, recovering from surgery; **Chrissy Garcia**, recovering from surgery; **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; **Ron Swanner**, in hospice care; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, who is being treated for severe anemia; **Treva Vogl**, Reba's sister, diagnosed with cancer; **Erin Welch, Stephanie Ahrens'** friend, diagnosed with cancer; **Doyle Brown**, recovering from several health issues; **Cheryl Shields**, friend of Cheryl Brown, **Rona Barrazo'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**, in hospice care; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **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