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ATTENDANCE**10/18/20: 116****Wednesday: 69****CONTRIBUTION:
09/20/20: \$6,075****BUDGET: \$7,500****Welcome Visitors!**

We would like to extend a sincere “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 the 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.

**Identity in Christ**

Our identity is in Jesus Christ. Paul speaks of equipping the saints for ministry unto the unity of faith to the measure of Christ “so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ” (Eph 4:11-15, ESV). Our identity is in Jesus Christ. As the body of Christ, Jesus is our ultimate focus. The Evil One will use whatever he can to distract us. Paul was concerned for the Corinthians when he wrote, “But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ” (2 Cor 11:3). The Evil One may not use stereotypical vices such as drugs and money to distract from us from our true identity. He may use self-righteous political activism, selfish approaches to justice, an obsession with health, or an overvalued career to distract us. Certainly, our culture screams at us to conform to another identity – telling us who we are, what we are, and how we ought to feel and act about this or that. Certainly, the screaming is very loud and even overwhelming. Without encouragement and without equipping we will start listening to the world and begin identifying with them. Paul would plead, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom 12:2). That renewal comes in part, and perhaps primarily, through our gathering together on a regular basis. Let us remind each other of our identity when we gather. We are the body of Christ.

By Cooper Atkeson

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

OSTI Christmas Adoption

Each year we are blessed with the opportunity to “adopt” children from Starkey Elementary and Ingram Elementary and purchase Christmas gifts for them. We ask that you spend around \$40-\$45 per child (you may team up with others to adopt a child). The ornaments (with child’s information) will be in the foyer on Sunday, **November 15th**. The gifts will need to be wrapped and returned by Sunday, **December 13th**.

Due to the difficulties with COVID-19, we are offering to provide a personal shopper for you if you would like to adopt a child but are uncomfortable going out and shopping. If you are interested in this service, please let us know when you “adopt” a child. Also, if you are not able to attend services yet, and are interested in “adopting” a child, please let Shelly Alexander or Mickie Couch know and arrangements will be made.

If you have any questions about this outreach opportunity, please see Shelly Alexander or Mickie Couch.

New Student Activity: Psallo

Psallo is a co-ed student group where we can spend time together in song to develop our ability to sing with understanding, encourage each other, and look to encourage others in the future. Beginning Nov 1 at 3 PM, we will meet for a series of Sunday afternoons at the Kasperek home (707 Rimrock Rd). This group is led by Cooper Atkeson and Susan Kasperek. Please see them for questions or if you would like to help as an adult.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Chuck Stork** is in PRMC, room 353, having tests for serious vertigo and other issues. Please no visits at this time.
- Jesse Hyde** is in the hospital in San Antonio, where his family is awaiting biopsy results. Please pray for them.
- Katy Wharton continues to** recover from surgery. **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.
- Please remember **Carla Tittle** in your prayers. She had a recent hospitalization with kidney issues. Please remember **John** also as he sees to her care.
- Charlene Greggerson** had back surgery on 10/19. Please pray for her to have a quick recovery.
- Please pray for two of **David and Raquel Moore’s** grandchildren, **Jasmine and Jordan**, who developed COVID-19 infections.
- Betty Duffner’s** brother **Wayne** was exposed to COVID, and is in quarantine. Please pray that he does not develop the virus.

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, and Kathy O’Hara**. 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: syrup or baking mix.

Members’ Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Jarrell Baker**, as he recovers from a fall; **LaJean Moore**, dealing with MRSA in a wound on her leg; **Charlene Greggerson**, suffering with a ruptured disc; **Kaysi Garrett**, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **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; **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; **Cheryl Shields**, friend of Cheryl Brown, **Rona Barrazo’s** friend **Lalaine**, and her daughter **Pia Dapdap**, age 11, who is doing much better. **Leora Meadows**, in hospice care; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch undergoing treatment for cancer; **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 home.