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ATTENDANCE**11/01/20: 117****WEDNESDAY: 60****CONTRIBUTION:****11/01/20: \$ 6,957****BUDGET: \$7,500**

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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.

**Faith in Trials**

When we are in the middle of any trial we will encourage each other to keep having faith in God – to trust God no matter what. Sometimes what we mean by that is to keep hoping that God will cause things to happen the way we think they should happen. We can certainly trust God to be a good God and to keep his promises. We can trust his word when it says, “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Rom 8:28, ESV). But what counts as “good”? We like to think that we have an accurate understanding of what “good” would be for any given situation – our relative recovers from their illness, we get a raise, the pregnancy is healthy, the preferred candidate is elected. God may, in his infinite knowledge, understand differently. God may have discipline, a testing, or a sacrifice in mind for your growth and his glory. When the faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were faced with death in a fiery furnace for their refusal to worship other gods, they answered Nebuchadnezzar, “...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 3:17-18). They had faith that God was in control and knew that he could save them, but they also held that faith regardless of the real possibility that God would let them die. They did not have faith in their rescue; they had faith in God. Likewise, when we are faced with trials, we do not put our faith in the hope that we will receive our desired outcome. We put our faith in God knowing that he is constant regardless of the outcome.

By Cooper Atkeson

There will be a special contribution for Eastern European Missions today.

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 or Mickie.

Winter Youth Retreat

The Winter Youth Retreat for grades 6-12 is scheduled for January 1-3 at Camp Hensel. See Cooper for registration forms.

Youth Service Project

At 9:00 am on Saturday, November 14, grades 6-12 will leave from Riverside to assist with landscaping at the Parenting R Center in Kerrville. Lunch is provided. It would be helpful to bring gloves and a 5 gallon bucket.

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. **Continuing today at 3:00 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:

Judy Lovelady requests prayers for her neighbor **Willie Bunting**, who is suffering from double pneumonia.

Jesse Hyde is in the hospital in San Antonio. His chest tube has been removed, and he may be able to come home soon. Please continue to pray for the Hyde family.

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, 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 months of November and December, please contact Kathy Coleman at 830-370-1972.

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: spaghetti or canned spaghetti sauce

Members’ Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Carla Tittle**, suffering from kidney issues; Jarrell **Baker**, as he recovers from a fall; **Carla Tittle**, recovering from kidney issues; **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 Barrozo’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.