SERVANTS

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ATTENDANCE

11/22/20: 119 11/25/20: 39

CONTRIBUTION:

11/22/20: \$5,374

BUDGET: \$7,500



Nelcome Visitors

We would like to extend a sincere "thank you" for worshipping with us 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 for the purpose of 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. You are always welcome here!

Enjoying the Harvest

Those who have grown up in the city find it difficult to relate to the farmer. A typical workday in the city begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. And the typical work week is Monday through Friday. Weekends are 'days off'. However, the farmer might begin their day as soon as there is enough daylight and working until the daylight is gone is not unusual, and 'days off' are hard to find. All that work is in anticipation of the harvest.

The harvest is the root of the Thanksgiving holiday. A day was set aside to give thanks for the bounty enjoyed. All that hard work is recognized as barns, silos, stables, cupboards, and tables are filled.

It is one thing to give thanks for the hard work people do. It is another to give thanks for all that the Lord has done. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" Is 51:3.

Waste places, wildernesses, and deserts are the soils of a life without our Lord. The pressures which accompany a secularized life dry up the hearts of those who find themselves enslaved to its demands and they are left cracked and broken. But God resolves to comfort His people and shower them with seasons of refreshing. And through His work parched, empty lives are renewed and fulfilled and bring the promise of a great harvest. May you all be filled with thanksgiving for all that the Lord has done for you.

By Kevin Kasparek

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. Psallo will meet Sunday, December 6th at the Kasparek home (707 Rimrock Rd.) at 3:00 pm. This group is led by Cooper Atkeson and Susan Kasparek. Please see them for questions or if you would like to help as an adult.

L2L AND WINTER RETREAT

The Winter Youth Retreat for grades 6-12 is scheduled for January 1-3 at Camp Hensel. See Cooper for registration forms, which are due December 11th. L2L registration forms are currently due December 11th, but that date may change.

THANK YOU

The following note was received from Diane Green: Mom and dad loved the church and considered each of you as their "family." Thank you for all of the love, caring, concern and encouragement you have given to mom and Dad! We love you too! Diane and Bob Green

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Keleen Hayes** has been diagnosed with COVID19. She and Tommy are in quarantine. Please pray for healing.
- **Jesse Hyde** is scheduled for surgery tomorrow, November 30th. Please pray for Jesse to have rapid healing, and relief from pain; and for the whole Hyde family as they continue on this difficult path.
- Chrissy Garcia is recovering from surgery. Please pray for her quick healing and relief from pain.
- Kara McElhaney is experiencing cardiac and pregnancy issues. Please pray for her, the baby, and Kris.

Let's pray for our members who are in nursing/assisted living facilities: **Doris Burton, Ann Marshall, Alice McGuire, Nancy Moore, and Kathy O'Hara**. They have been able to have limited visitors since March. Also, please pray for the healthcare workers in these facilities.

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 (meals) for the months of November and December, please contact Kenda Delaney at 830-377-4928.

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: rice or instant mashed potatoes.

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for Jim Mays, Doyle Brown, 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; 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, DonTaylor, as he deals with several health issues; Garland McConal as he deals with multiple health issues; 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; 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.

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