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ATTENDANCE**11/29/20: 100****CONTRIBUTION:****11/29/20: \$6,445.36****BUDGET: \$7,500**

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Welcome 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.

We at the Riverside congregation are 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 guide 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!

**What comes first?**

What comes first? We have heard the sayings “family first” or “safety first.” We have also heard, in the context of pursuing marriage, encouragement to put education first or to get financially settled first. But what really comes first? At any given time, we are faced with several concerns we must prioritize. Family, safety, education, financial stability are all significant concerns. Not all, however, can be first. Only one thing can be first – that is the nature of first things. The Christian knows that Jesus comes first. The *danger* for the Christian is to put the other concerns first *in the name of Jesus*. For example, a Christian man understands that he has a God-given duty to care and provide for his family. Does this mean that any amount of time, energy, and resources invested in a career or, to that end, education, is sanctioned by God? No, but it is only a small step to transition from a godly mindset of fiscal responsibility to a pattern of rationalizing fiscal success as God-first prioritization. This subtle rationalization can take place in many other ways as well. It is easy to do whatever we want and say we are putting Jesus first because it involves family or safety or education. Let us always be honest as we evaluate our priorities – making adjustments to put Jesus first in real ways.

By Cooper Atkeson

The Riverside post-COVID-19 revised budget will be available in the office on 12/13/2020. Please ask one of the shepherds if you have any questions or concerns.

Psallo has been canceled for the rest of the year. It may be relaunched in the spring.

Winter Retreat at Camp Hensel has been canceled for this year.

L2L registration forms are currently due December 11th.

Barbara Dodd is doing better, and hopes to begin her physical therapy soon. She wants everyone to know that she loves and misses her church family.

OSTI CHRISTMAS ADOPTION: If you signed up to adopt a child for our OSTI Christmas Adoption, be sure to bring your wrapped gifts to the church building no later than Sunday, December 13th. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Kenna Bush** has been diagnosed with COVID19. Please pray for Kenna, Cody and Kai.
- **Keleen Hayes** is recovering from COVID-19 and feeling better. Tommy still has no symptoms. Please pray for complete healing for Keleen and continued health for Tommy.
- **Jesse Hyde** is recovering from surgery. 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.
- **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.

Let's remember to pray for those who have been baptized recently. These times are difficult for all of us, but particularly for those who are beginning their walk on the narrow path. Please encourage each other!

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: Fruit cocktail or applesauce.

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Holly Macy; Jim Mays, Doyle Brown**-In the VA hospital in San Antonio; **Charline Greggerson**, recovering from surgery for a ruptured disc; **Barbara Dodd**, will undergo physical therapy; **Jody Wilson**, as she recovers from a broken vertebrae; **Ron Swanner**, in hospice care; **Garland McConal**, for several health issues; **Treva Vogl, Reba Durbin'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; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch undergoing treatment for cancer; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer.