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ATTENDANCE

12/13/20: 101
12/16/20: 40

CONTRIBUTION:

12/06/20: \$5,152

BUDGET: \$7,500

**Welcome Visitors!**

We would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” for worshipping with us today. We consider you an **honored** guest and hope that you can remain after services briefly so that we can have an opportunity to meet you.

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!



This morning we will be worshipping in a variety of ways. As we worship I invite you to sing out with abandon - your participation is valuable to those around you and pleasing to God. As we worship I invite you to bear out your heart to God - He wants you to turn to Him with all your concerns. As we worship I invite you to let the word of God pierce your heart and change your life. As we worship I encourage you to put Jesus at the center of it all - at the center of your worship and at the center of your life. Our time together this morning is special. If this is your first time with us, feel free to fully participate. If you attend regularly, don't let this special opportunity pass you by!

Peace is one of the themes of the Christmas season. It was upon the birth of Christ that the angels appeared to nearby shepherds saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Lk 2:14, ESV). One of the Christmas songs you may hear this year draws from this theme; the first line and major message of the song is as follows: “Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.” The song is a call for peace on Earth but acknowledges that the first step in that direction is for personal change. Paul wrote, “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all” (Rom 12:16-18). “Let There Be Peace On Earth” reminds me of what Paul wrote about living peaceably which reminds me of how Jesus was the greatest example of Paul’s instruction of associating “with the lowly” through His incarnation. Now, as we are the Body of Christ, let peace on Earth *continue* with us. -By Cooper Atkeson

The Riverside post-COVID-19 revised budget is available in the office . Please ask one of the shepherds if you have any questions or concerns.

The shepherds plan to present the proposed 2021 Riverside budget to the congregation on Sunday, January 17.

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Adoption this year. It was a great success. Through your kindness and generosity we were able to provide gifts for 32 children. We know that the holidays will be a lot more joyful for these families. A BIG thank you also goes out to those special shoppers who helped make this year's adoption so successful!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Genita Donaldson** fell, and may have a cracked kneecap. Please pray for healing and pain relief.
- **Jim Mays** has been placed on hospice care. He fell last Sunday and cracked/broke ribs and is in pain.
- **Krista Bosse** has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Please pray for healing.
- **Jody Wilson's** sister in law Wanda Ryals lives in Waco, and was recently diagnosed with COVID-19.
- **Kenna and Cody Bush** have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Please pray for Kenna, Cody and Kai.
- **Taylor Ahrens** has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Please pray for Taylor and her family.
- **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.
- **Chuck Stork** had successful ear surgery on 12/17, which is hoped that will eliminate his serious vertigo. Please pray for Chuck and for Betty as she cares for him.
- **Doyle Brown** is home. There has been no diagnosis as to what is causing his problems. Tests are still being done.
- **Sheila Oniu** is quarantined at home due to possible COVID-19 exposure. Please pray for her comfort and good health.
- **Dennis and Rhonda Amsputz**, nephew and niece of Katie Fitch have been diagnosed with COVID-19. He is an elder in Harlingen, and he is in the middle of chemo treatment for cancer. Please pray for them.

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: Tuna Helper or Hamburger Helper

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Holly Macy; Jim Mays** in hospice care, **Doyle Brown; Charline Greggerson; 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.