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— The reward for
humility and the
fear of the LORD is
riches and honor
and life —

Proverbs 22:4

**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!



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 bare 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!

-By Cooper Atkeson

In the earliest days of Christianity an ‘apostle’ was first and foremost a man who claimed to be an eyewitness of the Resurrection. Only a few days after the Crucifixion when two candidates were nominated for the vacancy created by the treachery of Judas, their qualification was that they had known Jesus personally both before and after His death and could offer first-hand evidence of the Resurrection in addressing the outer world (Acts 1:22). A few days later St Peter, preaching the first Christian sermon, makes the same claim—‘God raised Jesus, of which we all (we Christians) are witnesses’ (Acts 2:32). In the first Letter to the Corinthians, St Paul bases his claim to apostleship on the same ground—‘Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen the Lord Jesus?’ (1:9).

As this qualification suggests, to preach Christianity meant primarily to preach the Resurrection. . . The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts. The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the ‘gospel’ or good news which the Christians brought: what we call the ‘gospels’, the narratives of Our Lord’s life and death, were composed later for the benefit of those who had already accepted the gospel. They were in no sense the basis of Christianity: they were written for those already converted. The miracle of the Resurrection, and the theology of that miracle, comes first: the biography comes later as a comment on it. . . The first fact in the history of Christendom is a number of people who say they have seen the Resurrection. If they had died without making anyone else believe this ‘gospel’ no gospels would ever have been written. — C.S. Lewis

The OSTI Christmas gift ministry provided gifts for 41 children this year! Thanks to all who helped.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Jim Mays** has been placed on hospice care. He fell last Sunday and cracked/broke ribs and is in pain. Please lift up Jim, Dorinda, and their family in this very difficult time.
- **Krista Bosse, Taylor Ahrens, and Elizabeth Griffin** have all 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.
- **Jesse Hyde** is recovering from a bone marrow test. 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.
- **Dennis Lange** recovering from eye surgery and still seeking relief from serious facial pain. Please pray that the doctors can find the source of his pain and provide relief.

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****

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Genita Donaldson**, recovering from a fall; **Holly Macy; Jim Mays** in hospice care, **Doyle Brown; Charline Greggerson; Barbara Dodd**, having 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.