ORDER OF WORSHIP

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Welcome

I Need Thee Every Hour

Prayer of Worship

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Communion

Hallelujah! What a Savior-v.5

Prayer of Thanks

The Glory-Land Way The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Jude 1:17-21

"Responding in Faith"

We Have an Anchor

Shepherd's Prayer

There's a Fountain Free

Members can access the member directory and other features on our website and mobile app. Register at rscoc.org or contact June Meredith for assistance.

THE NUMBERS

Sunday 12/10/23

Bible Class: 73 Worship Service: 133 Sunday Evening: 40 Contribution: \$6,966.00

Wednesday 12/13/23: 43

MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES

Ladies' Bible Class—Ladies' Bible Class will <u>not</u> meet from Dec. 19 through January 2nd. They are taking a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The first class for January will meet Tuesday, January 9th.

Men's Coffee—Thursday, December 21, at 9:30 am. Come and have a cup of coffee and a donut, and fellowship together.

Ladies' Tea Fellowship will meet this Sunday afternoon, December 17 at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you know of a **need for meals** during the month of December, please contact **Kathy Coleman** at (830) 370-1972.

PANTRY NEEDS—Pancake Mix; Cereal; Baking Mix (Bisquick).

Don't forget: If you know of anyone in need of pantry goods, please give Bruce Williams or June a heads-up!

No **Family Game Night** in December.

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

December 17–3 John December 18–Deuteronomy 29-31 December 19–Esther 1-5 December 20–Psalm 146-148 December 21–Song of Solomon 5-6 December 22–Revelation 12-17 December 23–Acts 25-26



CHURCH OF CHRIST

625 Harper Rd. Kerrville, TX 78028 (830) 257-5445 Sunday Bible Study: 9 AM Sunday Worship: 10 AM Sunday Evening Worship 5 PM Wednesday Bible Study: 7 PM

December 17, 2023

Welcome, Guests!

Welcome to Riverside! Thank you for joining us as our special guest as we worship God together today. Please remain briefly after the service if you are able, so that we can welcome you personally. We gather to praise and worship God through Jesus Christ and to encourage one another. At Riverside, the Bible is our sole standard for worship and the Christian life. We would be happy to answer any questions that you may have about the Riverside church family. Please visit us again whenever you have the opportunity!

Aiming At Love

Paul wrote, *"The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith"* (1 Timothy 1:5). Note the sources of this love: a pure heart, a good conscience, and real faith. Because love counters so much of what we run into in this life. We may find it easy to talk about other's guilt because it helps to mask our own, and we wind up playing the hypocrite. But love doesn't allow that to happen. Love forces us to look at the log in our own eye. Or we may be fearful of reaching out to others because of the cost to ourselves. Someone around us may need a word of encouragement but we are so preoccupied with our own needs. Love is willing to take the risk. May God help us to be a people aiming at love.

Minister

Pulpit *Kevin Kasparek* (918) 470-5873

Elders

Dale Alexander (361) 537-3219

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Deacons

Jarrell Baker Orlando Barraza Doyle Brown Cody Bush Darrell Fudge Tommy Hayes Clint Hyde John Tittle Ron Watson

-Kevin

PRAY FOR OTHERS

• Please put **Bob Bolton** on your prayer list. He has fallen a few times recently, and while he hasn't broken anything, there is still stiffness and soreness afterward.

•Martha McDuffie suffered a fall and is experiencing bleeding in her eye and pain in her ear. Please pray that she will be able to heal with time.

• Bill Whitt has upcoming cataract surgery, so keep him in your prayers.

•Keep Ellen Lucas in your prayers, as she struggles to recover from Covid. She was having problems with her blood pressure, and was taken to the emergency room.

Let's remember all of the health care workers and public servants and their families at Riverside: Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Karen Wootton, Karla Carter, Debra Zink, Natalie Kingston, Stephanie Ahrens, Chad Lovelady and Zac, Tyler and Mark Copeland (sons of Jim and Melissa Copeland).

Please pray for our members who are in independent living/nursing/assisted living facilities: Doris Burton, Ann Marshall, Kathy O'Hara, Dennis Odle, Don Taylor, and Barbara Dodd.

Also remember to pray for our members who are fully or partially homebound due to extended illness or disability, and their caregivers as well: Melva Allen, Jo Bennett, Roxana Cobb, Velma Cuellar, Charline Greggerson, Bill Herriman, Connie Lara, Peggye Pullias, Ginny Rudloff, Twila Odle, Janis Banner, Carlla Tittle, and Cecil Taylor.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP AND CLASS SCHEDULES

Sunday, December 24th: We will have a combined adult class, followed by our normal AM worship service. There will be no Evening service.

Sunday, December 31st: We will have normal classes, followed by our normal AM worship service (no 5th Sunday potluck lunch). At 5:00pm, there will be a devotional service and fellowship following.

Sermon Scripture

¹⁷But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." ¹⁹It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Jude 1:17-21 (ESV)

AND KEEP PRAYING

Paula Schrimsher requests prayers for her brother, John Tucker. He has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Dennis Lange's wife, Jacque, had surgery for multiple breaks in her ankle. She is now at River Hills for rehab. Pray that she has a quick recovery.

Susan Kasparek's sister Diane is at home after suffering from pulmonary embolisms in both lungs. Keep her, her mother and Susan in your prayers.

Jim Evans, a former Riverside member and elder, suffered a serious stroke several months ago and remains bedridden. Please pray for Jim to regain strength and functionality, and pray for Erma and her daughters and granddaughters who are providing his care.

Bob Williams, former Riverside member and elder, is in University Hospital acute care unit. He is recovering slowly from an esophageal tear and has had some stetbacks. Please pray for Bob and for Carloyn and his family during his prolonged recovery.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Remember! If you are bringing *Christmas Desserts* for Starkey Elementary

School teachers and staff, they will need to be at the church by this evening. At both services, Kathy Coleman will be here to receive them. They will be delivered to Starkey on Monday the 18th. Delivery help is also needed, so let Kathy know if you can help.



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The daily devotional booklets, Power for Today, are available on the tables in the front and back entrances. These are for the January, February, and March quarter.