

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We Have Come Into His House

Welcome

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Prayer of Worship

I Love to Tell the Story

Communion

He Keeps Me Singing

Prayer of Thanks

Seek Ye First

Hebrews 11:13-16

“What Is a Christian?”

Trust and Obey

Shepherd’s Prayer

The Bond of Love

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 12/24/23

Bible Class: 71

Worship Service: 132

Sunday Evening: No Worship Service

Contribution: \$13,686.93

Wednesday 12/27/23: 48

MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES

Ladies’ Bible Class—Ladies’ Bible Class will **not** meet again until Tuesday, January 9th.

Men’s Coffee—Thursday, January 4, at 9:30 am. Come and have a cup of coffee and a donut, and fellowship together.

Ladies’ Tea Fellowship will not meet today (the 31st), as we will have a fellowship following the evening service.

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

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

Plan for the **First Sunday Singing** after services NEXT Sunday, the 7th. Everyone is invited to enjoy singing requested songs. Bring a snack to share.

Family Game Night

for January will be Friday, the 12th at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. ALL ages are invited. These are fun nights to fellowship over a favorite game, OR you might find a new game you like. Bring your own, or not—there will be plenty to join in. As always, we like to eat when we fellowship, so bring a snack to share!

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

December 31—Romans 1-2

January 01—Genesis 1-3

January 02—Joshua 1-5

January 03—Psalm 1-2

January 04—Job 1-2

January 05—Isaiah 1-6

January 06—Matthew 1-2

Riverside

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 31, 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!

Loving What’s Right

We may all have our moments when we feel like what we offer is not enough. We may feel we are not good enough. We may feel we are not talented enough. We may feel as if all our efforts are wasted. It may help to remember the farmer. The farmer realizes he will not take home a harvest the same day he plants the seed. And so, he is not discouraged because he knows seeding takes time. It also takes work. But he works in anticipation of the harvest yet to come. The apostle Paul wrote, “*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up*” (Galations 6:9). The farmer loves the harvest, but he also loves the time of seeding as a prelude to the harvest. The cure for our despondency is loving what is right. If we love doing what is right, we will never grow weary of doing it, for we know the harvest is coming.

—Kevin

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Cody Bush

Darrell Fudge

Tommy Hayes

Clint Hyde

John Tittle

Ron Watson

PRAY FOR OTHERS

- ◆ **David Hager** is having insulin regulation issues. Please pray that these will stabilize for him.
- ◆ **Betty Dufner** is suffering from shingles. Let's lift her up in prayer for a quick recovery.
- ◆ **Carla Tittle** is having issues related to her recent recurring stent replacements. Please pray for Carla and John as they deal with chronic pain and difficult healthcare procedures.

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 31st: We will have AM worship service (no 5th Sunday potluck lunch). At 5:00 pm Sunday evening (New Year's Eve), we will have a short devo and then the Alexanders and Watsons will provide an "elegant meal" for those attending the service. Please RSVP to the Riverside office or the hosts so we can have a headcount of those attending. Afterwards, we hope to play games and fellowship with each other.

Sermon Scripture

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:13-16 (ESV)

AND KEEP PRAYING

Betty Dufner's brother Wayne, who was injured in Vietnam and is bedridden, is now under hospice care, and his wife Barbara is currently hospitalized after suffering a stroke. Betty's brother Charles is scheduled for a fourth back surgery next month. Please lift up Betty and her family in prayer, that God will be merciful to them in their health struggles.

Bob Williams, our former shepherd here at Riverside, passed away on Thursday. Services will be held today, December 31st at 2:00 pm at the Bandina Church of Christ, 248 Hill Rd. in Bandera. Bob was the pulpit minister there for the past several years. Please continue to remember Carolyn and the family during their time of mourning.



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Thank You!

Kathy Coleman would like to thank everyone who helped make the Christmas goodies (pies, cakes, candy, cookies and jellies) for the Starkey teachers and staff. You were able to make their holidays a little brighter!