

Prayer Requests

Danny Davis had outpatient surgery on Monday, and everything went well. He would appreciate prayers for his healing, and for a good pathology report.

Geraldine Horton, grandmother of Aaron Horton, fell and broke her hip and had surgery on Tuesday. Everything went well, and she will head to rehab later this week. Please be praying for her strength and healing.

Dawn Kimball's brother, Jamie Allen passed away earlier this week. Please be praying for the family to be comforted during this difficult time.

Ongoing

Bob Clark, Tami Robinson, Jarra Family, Oliver Blankenship, George Reed, Mellicent Crain, Dale Lamberson, and Rocky Clancy.



COMING UP IN DECEMBER!

Our sweet kiddos here at church will be putting on a Christmas program called, "Going to Bethlehem" on December 18th during worship. The kids, little and big, are starting to practice every Sunday during class and KFC, so the teachers have requested that your kids come as much as they can, for them to put together this wonderful program for us to see.

Dinner Church

Our Dinner Church will continue this next month on December 7th and the 14th, at 5:30. Thank you to the families that have signed up for both of these dates! We would greatly appreciate donations to help cover the cost of food, \$5/person, or a max of \$20/family. Be sure to make plans to join us for a great night of fellowship!

Volunteers Needed

Aris is looking for some volunteer teachers to help with the Citizenship, English, and Spanish classes starting in January. Please reach out to him via text at 479-970-4548 for more information.

The office is collecting "hot hands" for people that come in to the office that are homeless. If you are out and about during this holiday season, please grab a set or two and drop off to us. A small gesture of kindness can be huge to those that are out in the winter elements.



"A SWEET FRIENDSHIP REFRESHES THE SOUL."
PROVERBS 27:9

No Friendship Cafe on November 27th



November schedule

11/30 Beth Sorrells/Jenifer Hurt
*Please have your cookies ready at Renew each Wednesday at 6pm.



West Side family, we have an opportunity to bless the residents at The Arbors this Christmas season. Thank you to the many that signed up last week to sponsor a resident there, but we still have some residents left on the list. Stop by this Sunday at the Friendship cafe and be a blessing to someone, helping to make their Christmas cheery and bright. A reminder that all wrapped gifts will need to be returned to the cafe by Sunday morning on Dec. 11th.



KIDS CORNER

by *Kaitlin McCormick*

This month in KFC, friends Bob the Builder and Believer Beaver are helping us learn about our Holy God.

Main Idea: God's holiness is stronger than sin. He shares His holiness with us so we can be with Him.

Bible Verse: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come!" – Rev. 4:8

Song: Holy is the Lord

Other Scriptures: 1 Thess. 5:23-24

Sunday 11/27 Worship Volunteers

Leader: Gary Jernigan, Bass: Zach Loudon, Tenor: Ronald Roberson, Alto: Emma Jernigan, Soprano: Sadie Brashear, Opening Prayer: Danny Davis, Communion Thought: James Clements, Elder/Closing: Shannon Walters, Crows Nest: Brandon Grice

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westsidear.org/connect



Last Week	Giving: \$ 14,291
Class - 93	Weekly Budget: \$13,380
Worship - 258	YTD Giving: \$ 563,343
Wednesday Night	YTD Budget: \$ 628,878
Bible Study - n/a	

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Welcome to West Side!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

by Lauren Reed

November 27, 2022

I thank God every time I remember you. And I always pray for all of you with joy. I thank God for the help you gave me while I told people the Good News. You helped from the first day you believed until now. I am sure that the good work God began in you will continue until he completes it on the day when Jesus Christ comes again. I know I am right to think like this about all of you because you are so close to my heart. This is because you have all played such an important part in God's grace to me—[...] I love all of you with the love of Christ Jesus.

I was raised as a pentecostal, with grandfather and father a mix of scholar/mechanic/elder – surrounded by technical manuals and commentaries - I was taught within all wonder and seeming chaos, in life and within faith, there is order and rest in Christ. As someone with an endless curiosity of how to do things, orthodoxy has always been a pragmatic comfort: People have been ordering their daily lives around Christ's for centuries. I can too.

Under the liturgical calendar, Nov 1st marks All Saints Day and the "beginning of the end" of Ordinary Time or Kingdomtide, the largest portion of the Church year and the time to focus on the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and how we as the church continue that work until His return. The Sunday nearest to Nov 30th marks its closing and the beginning of Advent: a new Season and church year where we acknowledge the anticipation the Jews felt as they looked for the coming of the messiah, just as we look forward to the culmination of the final kingdom. The American Thanksgiving holiday falls neatly between, giving way to Christmastide and the joy of Christ's coming.

While we don't follow the liturgical calendar in our practice, these three seasons embody the concept of "already, but not yet"; the tenuous, sometimes joyful - sometimes excruciating place the church finds itself between Jesus' ascension and return. Sunday and communion give me similar comfort in our common work and belief:

Thanksgiving for the grace we have already been extended, and rest in what is provided for us in the future.

Anticipation and time for us to reflect and clarify what is important to us as we are in the season of waiting, refinement and sanctification for the final kingdom.

Celebration of our life in Christ, the gifts God has given us already through his Spirit to do good works, and the eternal hope we have in salvation.

At this point in the year most people are a mix of dread and excitement over the holidays. I can easily become caught up in desires and expectations of earthly life and how to practically meet needs of our neighbors and family. Add traveling, who is cooking what, when & where...nieces, nephews and cousins to buy things for... chaos. May we use this season to order our steps; to remind us where we are, where all good things stem from and where our hope lies. In Christ.

This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between what is important and what is not and choose what is important; that you will be pure and blameless for the coming of Christ; that your life will be full of the many good works that are produced by Jesus Christ to bring glory and praise to God.

Philippians 1:3-11 ERV

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