

Prayer Requests

Mellicent Crain is home recovering after her surgery. Please pray for her complete healing.

George Reed is home, but could use continued prayers.

Dale Lamberson is scheduled for triple bypass surgery on November 7th. Please be praying for a successful surgery and healing for him.

Wayne Baker, Margaret and Vicki's brother, passed away this last weekend and services were earlier this week. Please remember his wife in your prayers, along with the rest of the family.

Rick Dickinson, brother of Jerri Tabor passed away suddenly Wednesday night. Please pray for his wife, their sons, and the rest of the family during this difficult time.

Ongoing

Bob Clark, Tami Robinson, Jarra Family, Oliver Blankenship.

Potential new deacons

Alex Pipkin, Zach Taylor, Marcus McCormick, Pat Crosby, Aaron Horton, Matt Strasser, Mike Preuit, and Joel Portillo(Hispanic). Please be in prayer for these men, as they are being considered for Deacons over our congregation. The Elders welcome any feedback that you may have.

Update

Cathryn Cates has been moved to Atkins Nursing Center and is doing ok. The address there is 605 N.W. 7th St., Atkins, AR 72823, and the resident line there is 479-641-7929. If you have a minute, reach out to her, as she asks about her friends here at West Side, and would love to hear from you.

Congratulations to Zac and Christina George in the birth of their sweet baby girl, Joelle. Mom and baby are doing good. Blessings to this new family of 5!

Clarence and Jessie Fuller would like to place membership with us here at West Side. Their address is 601 East L. St., Russellville, AR 72801. Please reach out and help welcome them to our family. We are so glad that you are here!

There will be a Diaper/Baby Wipes basket shower to help welcome Hannah Ruth James. Let's see if we can fill the basket up on the table in the hallway with a lot of love from their West Side family.



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

Sunday October 23rd

Judy Holman 2 doz donuts
Sheri Crosby 2 doz donuts
Barista: Jenifer Hurt

Sunday October 30th

Kathryn Michelle 2 doz donuts
Cindy Jones 2 doz donuts
Baristas: Zac and Kathryn Michelle



October schedule

10/26 Kim Walters

*Please have your cookies ready at
Renew each Wednesday at 6pm.



KIDS CORNER

by Kaitlin McCormick

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

Main Idea: God's awesome power – God is in control of all things!

He is all-powerful (omnipotent), and His strength is unlimited!

Bible Verse: "the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God" –Deut. 10:17

Song: My God is so big

Other Scriptures: Matt. 19:26, Job 42:1-2, Jer. 32:27

Sunday 10/23 Worship Volunteers

Leader: Preston Abbott, Bass: Zach Taylor, Tenor: Ron Roberson, Alto: Angela Gossett, Soprano: Nancy Preuit, Opening Prayer: Jamie Sorrells, Communion Thought: Mark Hixson, Elder/Closing: Mike Cooper, Crows Nest: Nick Brown



November 2nd - Dinner Church - More details coming up this week! Please make plans to take part in this special time with your church family.

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Last Week

Class - 107

Worship - 282

Wednesday Night

Bible Study - 80

Giving: \$ 10,573

Weekly Budget:

\$13,380

YTD Giving:\$ 506,171

YTD Budget:\$ 561,976

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Welcome to West Side!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Kindergarten Teachers

by Tim Tripp

October 23, 2022

I had a terrible dream recently. Somehow in the dream I had apparently left my ministry position and had gone back to school, graduated and taken a position in the schools as a kindergarten teacher. That officially qualifies as a nightmare for me. I remember in the dream being in my classroom on the first day of school and having parents bringing the kids in and introducing them to me. Then the terror hit of having a room full of 5-year-olds and no plan. I started to lay down some ground rules and one little rascal spoke up and said, "That's ridiculous."

I taught the class a new word in response to that – RESPECT. They had no idea how to write, but they did have a spelling word. I woke up being very thankful for the job I have and having renewed respect for all teachers.

The last verse in the book of Judges laments a condition in Israel that has a "first day of kindergarten" feel, but it seems to be much of mankind's dream of utopia. It says, "*In those days, Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.*" (Judges 21:25 NLT). Wouldn't that be something? Just do whatever seems right to you. You want to sell vegetables in the marketplace? Do it. Use overweight standards to increase your profits at the scales? Why not? Move a neighbor's boundary to give you more land to grow crops? That works. Just do whatever seems right in your eyes. It is not hard to see how that world descends into chaos quickly.

When the founders of our country wrote in the declaration of independence that the citizens were "endowed by their creator to have the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," they weren't talking about an "everyone for themselves mentality." It was just the opposite actually. They were opposed to the idea of a king or ruler forcing everyone to live as the king deemed acceptable. They believed that the people living in a nation could elect representatives for lawmakers who made the rules that people would live by. The goal was a society that was ruled by law (as opposed to a king) not a lawless society. Still people today seem to want to live like those kindergarten kids I dreamed about. Doing just what they want, without rules that keep them from doing whatever seems right in their own eyes.

The Bible spells out a better plan. It is not rule by king or rule by law; it is rule by God. God makes the rules for those he created and loves. His rules make for a society where everyone loves God and loves their neighbor. The Bible mandates a community of people who are willing to sacrifice for the good of others rather than who demand their own way. The Biblical community lifts up the underprivileged and the disabled and cares for them. The Biblical community tolerates difference and resolves conflict through wise, godly judges.

Our country at its inception was much closer to this kind of a community. I fear we are little like it now. The only way to revive the Biblical community is one person at a time. Each committing to living out Biblical community standards even when they are not required to; even when it is not popular to. One person at a time, we can begin to see community as God designed it. It all starts with you and me.

Oh, and God bless Kindergarten teachers!

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