

ELDERS

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class 10:00 AM
Bible Class for All Ages 7:00 PM

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Return Service Requested

APRIL 2020

Elder of the Month: Terry Pafford
Deacon of the Month: Steve Mills

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

MEN TO SERVE

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge		
Call to Worship		
Song Leader		
Prayer		
Scripture Reading		
Closing Prayer		
Ushers/Greeters		
A/V		
A/V		

AM	AM	PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

Announcements/Prayer	
Song Leader	
Speaker	
Closing Prayer	
Ushers/Greeters	
A/V	
A/V Trainee	

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

Sunday Nursery Workers	
Food Coordinators (April)	Carol Mayfield Mary Olree
Funeral Coordinators (April)	
Lord's Table Preparation (April)	

WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2020

Bible Class –	PM Worship –
AM Worship –	Wednesday PM –
Contribution-7953	Budget - 9437
	Average -8302

SUNDAY SERMONS – APRIL 26, 2020

Adam Orr and Mike Vestal	Prayer, Peace and the Presence of God	Philippians 4:6-7



THE WESTSIDE REMINDER

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Whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God!" - 1 Corinthians 10:31

News You Need to Know

April 26– Sermon titled "Prayer, Peace and the Presence of God" presented by both Adam Orr and Mike Vestal will be available on www.westsidechristians.org. If possible the elders would like you to partake of communion at 10 AM and listen to the sermon at 10:30 AM to promote unity.

News & Notes

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jack and Carolyn Laschkewitsch in the passing of their foster daughter, Cindy Smith. No services are planned at this time.

Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers on my wife Becky's behalf over the last 2 ½ years. I know how much you cared and prayed. (She passed away this past Sunday, April 19th.)

Larry Shroyer
(friend of Milton Lary)

REJOICE!!!

We rejoice with Bobby Bryant (surrogate brother to Carolyn Laschkewitsch) who was baptized last Saturday. You can send a card of encouragement to 505 N. Big Spring #403 Midland, TX 79701

Children Home Needs!

At this time, grocery truck pick-ups for NM Children's Home are temporarily cancelled. They are asking for online donations @ NMCCH.ORG.



The Nature Of God's Nature

He was called to condemn, but in the end could only bless! Yes, the prophet of God was called to curse the people of God, to put an end the threat they posed to their enemy, but the prophet of God could only pronounce a blessing. We read the familiar account in Numbers 22-24. The prophet is named Balaam and he is called by the king of the Moabites, Balak, to pronounce a curse on God's people. They were seen as a threat to his people and wanted the threat to be removed. Even though Balak wanted Balaam to curse Israel, each of the three times he delivered an oracle from God, he blessed the Israelites. It is during the second discourse to Balak that Balaam utters these words considering the nature of God and these are offered for your consideration. Speaking of God, Balaam says, "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor the son of a man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19)

God is not man. In the first place, God is a spirit. John 4:24 records these words of Jesus, "God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." God is not made of flesh and bones like man is. Being spirit means that God is not bound with the limitations we have of the flesh. We must never view God as if He were limited as man is – God is not like you – Psalm 50:21.

God does not lie. What a thought is brought to light by the inspired Paul in Titus 1:2 – God CANNOT lie. Have you let that sink into your ears? Listen again to the words of Hebrews 6:18 – it is IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie. Our great God cannot tell anything that is not true! Jesus described Himself as the truth (John 14:6). This stands in direct opposition to the devil who is said to be a liar and the father of it (John 8:44-45). Therefore, whatever the Bible says concerning God's will, concerning salvation, concerning the church, concerning the Day of Judgment and eternal destinations available for all men – we better take God at His word!

God does not do wrong and thus needs never to repent. God is not like a son of man that he should repent. Jesus came and perfectly declared God to the world (John 1:18). He lived a life of perfection in everyway and has proven this characteristic in God's nature. He did no violence or was any deceit in His mouth (Isaiah 53:9; 1 Peter 2:22). Jesus was never dishonest, never gossiped, never harmed anyone. This is the nature of God – how perfect He is in everyway imaginable!

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God always keeps His word. As stated previously, God cannot lie – but stated again, Balaam says that, "He has said, and will He not do?" Oh friend, how great it is to have a God who always keeps His word! The Bible can be trusted because of the multitude of times God spoke and it was done just as He said it would.

God always keeps His promises. God has spoken and will He not make it good? God will not lie, and He will always keep His word. Have you ever been stung by dishonesty? Someone made a claim and didn't carry through? It seems all have been in that situation before, but never when it comes to God. All of His prophecies come true. God will keep His word to the righteous and to the unrighteous (Matthew 25:46). Jesus will always be present because He made that promise (Matthew 28:20). God will always provide a way of escape from temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). The crown of life will be received by those who are faithful until the point of death (Revelation 2:10).

Truly, the words of the Psalmist do sum up well what is being said concerning God's nature. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable," (Psalm 145:3)

- Adam Orr

From Mike's Desk

Rod & Gaye Kyle. I recently received an email from our long-time friend and brother Rod Kyle. Rod, of course, has faithfully served as a missionary throughout New Zealand and the South Pacific for decades. At present, he is taking care of his wife Gaye, who has Huntington's Disease, and is working a great deal online due to world-wide COVID-19 restrictions. Caring for Gaye at this point, due to the progression of her Huntington's, can involve its challenges, but the love for God and each other that Rod and Gaye share are seeing them through. And there's often laughter in their home!

True to form, much of Rod's email was about concern for the church at Westside and how we are doing. Our fellowship with Rod and his mission work goes back almost 20 years now. Please keep Rod and Gaye in your prayers, along with all of our missionaries and the students at Bear Valley and it's extension schools. We are blessed to partner in the gospel with some faithful and remarkably gifted brethren.

Care Groups. I trust that all of you are being contacted on a weekly basis by someone in the congregation. If not, please forgive the oversight and please let one of our elders or Adam or me know. We have prayerfully worked to be even more intentional in keeping contact with all of our people throughout this ordeal. And I believe that we're really together, even during this time of "social distancing." We love you and God bless you!

Continue in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS:

Eddie Cooley is doing well after cataract surgery. Harky Harkness as he receives treatment for cancer. CeVene Slater, Martha McFarland, Steve Oualline, Bernice Bower, Jack & Carolyn Laschkewitsch, Alan & Skeet McClenahan, Paula & Paula Truex, Margaret Hedges and Sonja Weerstra.

Family and Friends:

Meredith Rowton (niece of Patty Rowe) is in MMH with an ulcer. Brad Hocker (husband of Becki Hocker), Dolly Andrews (sister of Margaret Hedges), Bobby Bryan (surrogate brother of Carolyn Laschkewitsch), Tim Prince (son of Jena Prince), Jeremy Rowton (Patti Rowes' nephew), Weston Moses (nephew of Mary Olree), Andrew Solomon (missionary from St. Lucia), Sarah Vasquez, (niece of the Lorenz's), and Becky Ekstrom (niece of Tanya McCann).

Those with Cancer:

Judith (Daughter of Andrew & Linetta Solomon) has been diagnosed with stage one cancer. Kyle Thompson (friend of Steve Horton), Wayne Reynolds (father in law of Amber Reynolds), April (sister of Annette Mills), Floretta Dotson (sister of Eddie Cooley), Pat Flores (sister of Ron Truex), and Jessie James (brother of Mary Ann Dickson).