

**ELDERS**

Lynn Mayfield Terry Pafford

**DEACONS**

Justin Bell Milton Lary Thomas Marshall  
Waylon Mayfield Cody McCoy Steve Mills Kyle Olree  
Troy Patton Kris Pumphrey Jordan Taylor

**PREACHERS**

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**MISSIONS**

Denzil Roberts Nevis  
Andrew Solomon St. Lucia  
Rod Kyle Palmerston North, New Zealand  
Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver

**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

**JULY 2019**

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019  
MEN TO SERVE**

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Justin Bell	Thomas Marshall
Call to Worship	Terry Pafford	Thomas Marshall
Song Leader	Jeff Wickham	Aaron Ragle
Prayer	Kris Pumphrey	Tim Tannich
Scripture Reading	Phillip Marshall	Kyle Olree
Closing Prayer	Bob Williams	Terry Pafford
Ushers/Greeters	Milton Lary Rob Wolf	Miguel Bustillos Tony Marrs
A/V	Bill Marshall	Shadd Pumphrey
A/V	Ryder Sawyer	Kris Pumphrey

**LORD'S SUPPER**

AM	AM	PM
Alan Boyd	Jeff Scott	Cody McCoy
Devin Register	David Truitt	Jim McKay
Rodney Southerland	Roger Bower	Thomas Marshall
Brian Cunningham	Steve Horton	

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019**

Announcements/Prayer	Jordan Taylor
Song Leader	Steve Mills
Speaker	Terry Pafford
Closing Prayer	Danny Cunningham
Ushers/Greeters	Justin Bell George Wipff
A/V	Troy Patton
A/V Trainee	

**OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE**

Sunday Nursery Workers	Stacy Register Glenda Dolan
Food Coordinators (July)	Gwen Lorenz Diane Powell
Funeral Coordinators (July)	Trisha Pumphrey Sharon McKay
Lord's Table Preparation (July)	Jeff & Stephanie Scott

**WEEK OF JULY 14, 2019**

Bible Class – 132	PM Worship – 109
AM Worship – 167	Wednesday PM – 117
Contribution – 7392	Budget - 9150
	Average - 9049

**SUNDAY SERMONS – JULY 21, 2019**

Adam Orr	"Imitate the Church"	1Thessalonians 2:13
Mike Vestal	"Majesty and Dignity" (2)	Psalms 8:4-6



**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*

**July 24 – Ladies Day Volunteer Meeting.**

**July 31 - 5th Wednesday Singing and Elder Communication.**

**August 3 - Men's Breakfast** at 8 AM. Please see Thomas Marshall if you can help cook.

**August 25 - Westside Bible Bowl** for all kids ages 4-18 (Beginner thru High School classes) beginning at 3:30 PM.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** is the date for Westside's Gospel Meeting with John Baker from Katy, TX!

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## News & Notes

### Thank You!

Words fail me to express the depth of our gratitude to our brothers & sisters in Christ her at Westside church of Christ. We are indeed most thankful for cards & food but most especially for your prayers in our behalf.

Jack & Carolyn Laschkewitsch

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We pray that the Lord is continuing to bless your work in His Kingdom in Midland. Thank you for your prayers for the work in Tomobe, Japan and in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We will leave for Buenos Aires on Monday from Tokyo.

May God Bless-  
The Valdez Family

(A longer note is on the bulletin board in the foyer)

### Ladies Day Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, July 24th

Please join us following evening services in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help prepare for our Ladies Day!



### Ladies Day

Texas & Clements St. church of Christ in Odessa would like to invite all ladies to their Annual Ladies Day Program August 10th. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the East hallway.

## God Bless Our Elders

A recent conversation got me thinking about how many elders I have worked with and under as a gospel preacher. After some memory jogging, the number I came up with was 67. A number of these men have gone to be with the Lord; still others are slowing down due to advancing years and health issues, but a fair number still are highly active and faithful in service to our Lord. As the faces of these men run through my mind, let me share several reflections about the wisdom of God and the organization of the local church (cf. Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).

**Elders really are God's men.** The Lord wants men as leaders who are men of maturity, ability and heart. Those qualities are inherent in the very terms used in Scripture of elders. I can gratefully see how each of the 67 men I've served under was / is a godly man - a man of deep love for God, the Lord's church, the Bible and for souls.

**Elders have an incredible responsibility both to God and the church they serve.** Talk about a sense of stewardship and a sacred trust! Souls are placed under their care. I wondered how many prayers those 67 men have prayed for the church, how many visits they'd made to the sick, shut in and grieving, how many meetings they had attended, how many tears they had shed and how many times they had struggled regarding a decision about what was best for the church. Surely the totals would be staggering! Thankfully, God in His grace always gives strength for the task (2 Timothy 2:1). The care of God's people is a serious, sobering task, but the blessings of helping people draw closer to heaven are worth it.

**Each man in spiritual leadership brings a unique personality and perspective to helping oversee the church.** While those 67 men I've served under share a number of godly qualities, in other ways there is remarkable diversity. Some were better public speakers than were others. Some were extroverts while others were much more reserved. Some were "naturals" at teaching, and some really had to work at it. Some were thoughtful and contemplative while others were sharp and quick witted. A few were visionaries and a number were excellent in visiting. The point is - each man brought a unique set of gifts, abilities and life experiences to the task. One ought to appreciate the marvelous wisdom of God in desiring each congregation to have a plurality of elders (Acts 14:23; 20:17; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

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**Elders don't have to be perfect to be faithful.** Elders (like preachers) live in a fish bowl - it seems everybody is watching them. And there is truth in this. But elders are most of all aware that God is watching (1 John 3:20). And it's God they ultimately seek to please. They seek to be faithful to Him. They want to be loyal, trustworthy and dependable. I'm sure that each of the 67 elders I've worked with as a preacher, as godly as they all were, sinned. I suspect all of them have some regrets about decisions they made and how they've handled some matters. But it is wrong of members to think that being "blameless" or "above reproach" means that elders are to be sinless or without any regrets! Be slow to criticize them, and quick to pray for them! The brokenness and humility that come from a leader's personal struggles often equips them to have the heart and wisdom to better relate to and help others.

Godly elders are to be greatly loved in the Lord and are owed a genuine debt of gratitude by right thinking Christians. The God-honoring guidance they give churches and the positive example they set needs to be more appreciated by brethren now. Such leadership definitely is seen by God and will be richly rewarded in glory!

Mike Vestal

## From Adam's Desk

We have many who travel out of Midland during the summer months, but this week, do keep our brother, Curtis McClain, in your prayers. Brother Curtis will be leaving, Lord willing, this Thursday to visit family in Arkansas and might take a side trip north, through Missouri. We are grateful that he is able to continue to make this drive, so do keep him in your prayers. Others continue to be away from us or will shortly be making trips - please pray for their safety!

It is not too early to be thinking about the start of a new quarter in our Bible Classes. The fall quarter will begin at the beginning of September and with so much going on at the end of summer, it will certainly be here before we know it. The sign-up chart for teachers is hanging at the entrance into the auditorium. Please take a look at the text to be covered and find a place to help teach our young people. We have such great and dedicated teachers and each of you provide wonderful encouragement. Thank you for your willingness to do this work for the present and future of the Lord's Kingdom!

## Continue in Prayer

### OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Laschkewitsch, Ron & Paula Truex, Barbara McClung, Skeet McClenahan, Ellen Pafford, CeVene Slater, Sonja Weerstra, Eldon Reams, Elva Bustillos, Frankie Wickham and Marie Kinsey.

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

#### Family and Friends:

Austin Sudd (acquaintance of Andrew Pafford) dealing with liver problems. Billie Foster (Chad Kennemer's grandmother), Athena (Skeet McClenahan's daughter), Don and Sheri Blackwell (Don is a gospel preacher and director of GBN), Sarah Vasquez, (niece of the Lorenz's), Andrew Solomon (missionary from St. Lucia), Becky Shroyer (friend of Milton Lary), Ray Cooley (brother of Eddie Cooley) and Becky Ekstrom (niece of Tanya McCann).

#### Those with Cancer:

Joan Miller (sister of Sharon McKay), her cancer has spread to several areas of her body. Elizabeth McCarty (Elaine McCarty's daughter in law), Donna Groves (sister of Jim Lorenz), InaBeth McCoy (cousin of Brandi Marshall), Floretta Dotson (sister of Eddie Cooley), Beverly Stroope (friend of Margaret Hedges), Pat Flores (sister of Ron Truex), Susan Strong (niece of Martha McFarland), and Jessie James (brother of Mary Ann Dickson).

### Wednesday Night Devotionals

July 24 - Terry Pafford  
July 31 - 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Singing & Communication