

**ELDERS**

Lynn Mayfield Terry Pafford

**DEACONS**

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

**PREACHERS**

Mike Vestal – m.vestalpreach@gmail.com  
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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

**NOVEMBER 2019**

Elder of the Month: Terry Pafford  
Deacon of the Month: Kyle Olree

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

**MEN TO SERVE**

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Justin Bell	Thomas Marshall
Call to Worship	Terry Pafford	Thomas Marshall
Song Leader	Adam Orr	Thomas Marshall
Prayer	Jeff Scott	Terry Pafford
Scripture Reading	Wesley Eaton	Rob Wolf
Closing Prayer	Jim Lorenz	Jordan Taylor
Ushers/Greeters	Curtis McClain Alan Boyd	Tony Marrs Karl Ivanhoe
A/V	Steve Mills	Ryder Sawyer
A/V	Waylon Mayfield	Troy Patton

AM	AM	PM
Kris Pumphrey	Cody McCoy	Phillip Marshall
Jeff Wickham	Bill Marshall	Danny Cunningham
Brian Cunningham	Rodney Southerland	Thomas Marshall
Roger Bower	Devin Register	

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

Announcements/Prayer	Waylon Mayfield
Song Leader	Wesley Eaton
Speaker	
Closing Prayer	Jack Laschkewitsch
Ushers/Greeters	Lynn Mayfield Milton Lary
A/V	Bob Williams
A/V Trainee	

**OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE**

Sunday Nursery Workers	Claudie Wilson Cheri Ivanhoe
Food Coordinators (November)	Carol Mayfield Gwen Lorenz
Funeral Coordinators (October & November)	Sharon McKay Diane Powell
Lord's Table Preparation (November)	Eddie & Sandra Cooley

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

Bible Class –130	PM Worship – 101
AM Worship –164	Wednesday PM – 131
Contribution – 9965	Budget - 9150
	Average - 9010

**SUNDAY SERMONS –NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

Mike Vestal	"God on a Mission"	John 1:11-13
Adam Orr	"Mexico Trip Update"	Acts 11:22-23



**THE WESTSIDE REMINDER**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

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

*News You Need to Know*

**November 9 - Birthday Party** at the Orr home. If anyone in your home has a birthday in **November**, your family is invited to celebrate from 3:00-4:00PM.

**November 11 – Office Closed** for Veterans Day!

**November 16 – Teacher Appreciation Celebration** ALL 2019 Bible Class Teachers are invited to a Teacher Appreciation Celebration at the home of Adam and Julie Orr, 6105 Indigo Sky Ct. Come and go between 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

**November 27 - All classes** meet in the Auditorium for Singing.

**November 28-29 – Office Closed** for Thanksgiving!

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Know How Much We  
APPRECIATE  
**YOU**

ALL 2019  
Bible Class Teachers  
are invited to  
join us for a  
**TEACHER  
APPRECIATION  
CELEBRATION!**

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 16  
**TIME:** Come and Go between 9:00-10:00am  
**WHERE:** Home of Adam and Julie Orr  
*(6105 Indigo Sky Court – 417.343.3372)*

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## News & Notes

### Thank You!

Dear Westside Family,

From my heart and humbled before our heavenly Father, thank you for the continued outpouring of love and concern through all of the beautiful cards and words of care and encouragement, the outreach with visits and food and all the hugs and beautiful sweet souls when able to make church. I know Westside is making a difference. I thank God for each of you and I know my family loves and appreciates each of you and this beautiful family.

In Christ's sweet Love,  
Martha McFarland

### Address Update

Jennifer Marshall  
3700 Timberwolf Trail  
Midland, TX 79705

### Address Information

If you would like to send Timothy Prince (Jena's son) an encouraging note or card you can do so at:

Timothy Glenn Prince  
P.O. Box 632  
Lebanon, MO 65536

### Children's Home Needs!

New Mexico Children's Home is scheduled to pick up donations December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any and all donations are appreciated but the suggested item at this time is Popcorn and Ramen.

Arms of Hope is scheduled to pick up donations December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any and all donations are appreciated but the suggested item at this time is shampoo, conditioner & body wash.

## Suffering for His Sake

**"For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for his sake." Philippians 1:29**

The work "granted" in this passage means to give graciously as an act of kindness. Suffering may be seen as a gift of God's super-abounding grace? (Cf. 1 Pet 5:10; 2 Cor. 12:7-10.) No one goes around looking to suffer, but suffering on behalf of Jesus and His gospel is different (1 Pet. 4:15). Jesus Himself called such suffering a blessing (Matt. 5:11-12). But therein lies the rub. It is never easy to view suffering as a blessing, is it? It all depends upon one's mind-set. As we Christians develop a sense of purpose and single mindedness, and see things in view of Jesus and eternity, we can be encouraged even during times of suffering for Christ' sake. Why?

**Suffering brings the soul of the Christian nearer to Christ.** Paul spoke of knowing Christ and "the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" (Phil 3:10). When we love someone so much we are willing to suffer with him and for him, that is sacrificial love. The writer of the book of Hebrews exhorts us to "bear His reproach" (Heb. 13:13). And Paul spoke of bearing in his body the marks of Jesus (Gal. 6:17). Anything that would cause us to draw nearer to God, to commune more richly with Him, is good and is a blessing (Rom. 8:28-29).

**Suffering reminds us that others are experiencing the same type of conflicts.** The company we keep in suffering for Christ's sake is beautiful company indeed. Paul instructed Timothy to be strong in God's grace, to commit to faithful men the gospel, and to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:1-3). There is a sense of unity, togetherness and oneness in knowing that we are in the noble company of the faithful of the ages. After all, no Christian, not even Jesus Himself has ever lived apart from suffering.

**Suffering gives one a sense of Christian assurance.** Suffering for Christ is one important barometer of spirituality. 2 Timothy 3:12 says, "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." Rather than complain about suffering, we should endeavor to realize that suffering can give us a sense of assurance by helping us to shape an unshakeable faith (Rom. 5:3-4). This can help us to rejoice, even in the midst of calamity (1 Pet. 4:14-16).

**Suffering for Christ is Indispensable to growth.** Peter said, "You have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 1:6-7). It's typical to want spiritual gain without any pain. We want greatness without humble service, depth without experience, and growth without paying the price. But it doesn't work that way. While trials

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will be of "every stripe" when suffering for Christ's Sake, God's grace is seen to be more than adequate for the difficulties (1 Pet. 4:10; Rom. 5: 3-4). And such insight leads to greater spiritual growth (2 Pet. 1:5-11).

**Suffering for Christ frustrates Satan.** It should give us no small amount of pleasure to know that our attitude toward suffering can greatly grieve the devil. When God staked His integrity on Job's faithfulness, Satan thought that suffering would cause Job to turn his back on the Lord. How wrong the devil was (Job 1:6-12; 20-22). Paul's thorn in the flesh was described as "a messenger of Satan," but whatever the specific nature of that "thorn," the apostle later came to be thankful for it (2 Cor. 12:7-10). It reminded him of his weakness and of God's strength. To put it simply, it kept him humble. And Paul's attitude undoubtedly frustrated Satan.

The bottom-line question is this: "Will Jesus be magnified and glorified in my life no matter what?" Paul said "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2 Tim. 2:12). In a very real way, suffering for Christ is rewarded both here and in the hereafter. We truly can speak of the grace of suffering.

-Mike Vestal

### *From Adam's Desk*

As the calendar turns to November, we have so much to be thankful for and need to be eyes wide open to the blessings our Father gives daily! We are so blessed at Westside with women who do so much good work. Thank you to each one for the effort you put into the Ladies Day last weekend. There were many who visited from the area and I am confident this is an effort that will continue to produce greater faith to the glory of God.

Julie and I do want to invite all Bible class teachers and any who assisted in classrooms in any capacity over this year to our home on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be an informal 'come and go' event beginning at 9:00am. We will have light breakfast type food and hot drinks and we hope that you can come and let us show you our appreciation. As always, you who are in the classroom know best what works best and what might need altered. If you ever have a constructive change or an idea to make improvements, please let me know. Please feel free to write these down and bring them to me at any time.

We do look forward to a quarter change in our classrooms beginning in December. **There are still a few openings for teachers in our winter quarter.** I know this will include holidays and the beginning of a new year, so if you need, please grab a partner to sign-up and share the load. We need to fill each opening, so please take a look at where you can help to teach our young people!

Finally, I am excited to share some pictures and provide a brief update from our recent trip to work in Mexico. Lord willing, this update will be given this Sunday evening. Evan and Alan will also share a couple things from the trip from their perspective. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve in this way; I think you will see from the update that we were able to encourage our brethren and to be so encouraged by them – we look forward to worshiping with you this Lord's Day!

## Continue in Prayer

### OUR MEMBERS:

Harky Harkness, Steve Taylor and Martha McFarland as they receive treatment for cancer. Patty Anderson (Cimarron Place Room 133), Sandra Cooley, Alan & Skeet McClenahan, Ron & Paula Truex, Carolyn Laschkewitsch, Barbara McClung, Margaret Hedges, CeVene Slater, Sonja Weerstra, Elva Bustillos, and Marie Kinsey.

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

#### Family and Friends:

Ed Kelley (friend of Bill and Colleen Wood) suffered a stroke 2 weeks ago and is back in the hospital with dizzy spells. Cynthia Yosten (friend of Elaine Reynolds), is having major surgery in two weeks. Orin Sawyer (brother of Ryder Sawyer), Zack Owens (great nephew of Ron Truex), Cindy Smith (foster daughter of the Laschkewitsch's), Sarah Vasquez, (niece of the Lorenz's), Becky Shroyer (friend of Milton Lary), Ray Cooley (brother of Eddie Cooley) and Becky Ekstrom (niece of Tanya McCann).

#### Those with Cancer:

April (sister of Annette Mills), Joan Miller (sister of Sharon McKay), Elizabeth McCarty (Elaine McCarty's daughter in law), 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).