

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

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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

APRIL 2019

Elder of the Month: Lynn Mayfield
Deacon of the Month: Milton Lary

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

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Waylon Mayfield	Steve Mills
Call to Worship	Lynn Mayfield	Steve Mills
Song Leader	Steve Horton	Adam Orr
Prayer	Milton Lary	Britt Bell
Scripture Reading	Cody McCoy	Curtis McClain
Closing Prayer	Danny Cunningham	Kyle Olree
Ushers/Greeters	Jared Ivanhoe Devin Register	Thomas Marshall Ryder Sawyer
A/V	Shadd Pumphrey	Troy Patton
A/V Trainee	Phillip Marshall	Bill Marshall

LORD'S SUPPER

AM	AM	PM
Tony Marrs	Steve Oualline	Harky Harkness
Rodney Southerland	Roger Bower	Andrew Pafford
George Wipff	Wesley Eaton	Steve Mills
Jim McKay	Rob Wolf	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

Announcements/Prayer	Justin Bell
Song Leader	Terry Pafford
Speaker	Mike Vestal
Closing Prayer	Karl Ivanhoe
Ushers/Greeters	Jordan Taylor Jeff Wickham
A/V	Bob Williams
A/V Trainee	

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

Sunday Nursery Workers	Claudie Wilson Trish Pumphrey
Food Coordinators (April)	Sandra Cooley Cherie Vestal
Funeral Coordinators (April/May)	Sandra Cooley Darby Williams
Lord's Table Preparation (April)	Eddie & Sandra Cooley

WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019

Bible Class – 124	PM Worship – 127
AM Worship – 172	Wednesday PM – 129
Contribution – 8339	Budget - 9150
	Average - 9107

SUNDAY SERMONS – APRIL 21, 2019

Mike Vestal	"If You Want to See the Church Grow" (1)	Acts 20:24
Mike Vestal	"If You Want to See the Church Grow" (2)	Acts 20:32



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 25-27 – The Spring **"Guys Fishing Trip"** will be April 25th – 27th. Please see Waylon Mayfield for further details and information.

April 28 – **Youth Devotional** at the Vestals following the evening service.

May 4 - **Birthday Party at the Orr home**. If anyone in your home has a birthday in May your family is invited to come celebrate from 3:00-4:00 pm.

May 5 - **Family Game Night** and **Sandwich Supper** after PM Service.

May 11 - **Men's Breakfast** at 8 AM. Please see Thomas Marshall if you can help cook.

May 18 – **Singing and Fellowship** from 5:30-7:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Remember to bring your favorite finger foods.

Mark Your Calendar!

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

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Return Service Requested

News & Notes

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dale Wolf and family in the passing of Wanda. Services are pending at this time.

Farewell

Etta Wright will be moving to Abilene on April 27th to be closer to her daughter. Make sure you get a chance to hug her neck and let her know she will be missed!

FILL THE BASKET

A new baby is on the way. Please share in the joy as Britt, Laura & Grady Bell welcome a baby girl, Nora. A basket has been placed in the foyer to shower this family with love!

Ladies Ministries

A NEW Ladies Ministry Booklet is being published. Information on the different ministries is available in the foyer. Please sign up for any areas in which you would be willing to serve.

Please join us for a night of food, fellowship and the Word of God.

Ackerly church of Christ

Ladies Night

Monday, May 6th

Registration at 6 PM

Meal begins at 6:30 PM

Heart-Felt Religion

Religion that is not heart-felt is no religion at all! Please be reminded of these simple truths from God.

The Necessity of Heart-Felt Religion

Do the words of the inspired, Solomon, come to mind? He would write, "...for as he thinks in his heart, so it he," Proverbs 23:7. Jesus would make it clear that all that we do will be driven from the inside, from the heart, of a man (Mark 7:21-23). It is important that each of us take stock of our heart and where our desires are placed. The heart will drive our thoughts and it will drive our actions.

Jesus was once asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Was Jesus really going to give an answer? Would He really provide a ranking of the commands of God? In other words, was Jesus going to indicate that some commands might be more important to follow than others? Notice the answer that Jesus provides in Mark 12:29-30, "*The first of all commandments is, 'Hear, of Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.*" In responding to the question, Jesus reminds us all of the important place of the heart in religion – it is a requirement that we first love God with all of our heart. The heart is the seat of feeling, emotion, and affection. We are commanded to have an emotional attachment to God – to love Him with our entire heart!

In Matthew 15:7-8, Jesus offered righteous critique of the Jewish leaders of His day, "*Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you saying: These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.*" Religion that is not heart-felt, that is not driven from with-in, is no religion at all.

Worship of God must be driven by the heart of each individual worshipper. In the same context, Jesus would shame the worship of the religious 'elite.' Those whose hearts were far from God were said to be those who also were offering vain worship as they were teaching for doctrine the commandments (traditions) of man (Matthew 15:9). True worshippers must worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). Jesus makes it clear that worship must be according to truth. Only that which God authorizes is going to be accepted by God and we must, therefore, only follow the pattern of worship given in the New Testament.

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However, the heart is as much involved in true worship as the prescribed actions of worship. All who strive to worship God acceptably will seek to be properly motivated from with-in and offer outward praise driven first by heart-felt praise!

The Caution of Heart-Felt Religion

The heart cannot be our only guide as we seek to please God. When our hearts are right and we seek only to please and praise Him, we will live acceptably in His sight. We must be quick to point out that in the end, we will be judged not by our feelings alone, but by our actions of faithfulness (John 12:48). Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9). He would say, "If you love Me, keep My commandments," (John 14:15). True heart-felt religion will prompt and motivate true obedience.

The Bible warns against feelings being the only safe-guide in religion. Let's be honest, when most people think of religion that is heart-felt, they think first about feelings. As Saul of Tarsus walked the road to Damascus, he felt that he was right with God and sincerely was about his Father's business. He would make it clear that he had lived in all good conscience (Acts 23:1). Was this a safe-guide? He was persecuting Jesus in persecuting His people! He was not right with God and we see then that his feelings were not a safe-guide.

In all we do, we must strive for sincerity, to be genuine and not fake. In Romans 10:1, Paul is not questioning the sincerity of the Jews – he simply points out that they were sincerely in error. They 'felt' they were right, but they were wrong. "*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God,*" (Romans 10:1-3). If you were to ask one the Jews to which Paul was referring if they were sincere and truly felt they were pleasing God, how do you think they would have responded?

"YES!" However, their heart-felt religion was misguided. Caution must be used when only being led by our feelings and emotion.

Let us strive to love God whole-heartedly and may our praise be always with our whole-heart (Psalm 9:1; 111:1). We must never shy away from the fact that He demands and deserves all that we have from with-in. However, may we seek to always do His will and obey Him fully with heart-driven service. What a great God we serve!

Adam Orr

Continue in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS:

Dale Wolf, Ellen Pafford will be seeing a specialist. Paula Truex, Margaret Hedges, The Eaton family, Juanita Martinez, CeVene Slater, Bevin Perry, Barbara McClung, Jack & Carolyn Laschkewitsch, Sonja Weerstra, Eldon Reams, Elva Bustillos, Frankie Wickham, Marie Kinsey and Steve & Annette Mills.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Family and Friends:

Donna Groves (sister of Jim Lorenz), will be having tests for a pancreatic tumor. Bruce McKee (father of Kirk McKee), Sarah Vasquez, (niece of the Lorenz's), Tripp Haas (grandson of Steve & Annette Mills), Andrew Solomon (missionary from St. Lucia), Rachel Baker (daughter of Alice Armstrong), Karen Rowe (sister of Patty Rowe), Cindy Smith (foster daughter of the Laschkewitsch), Jim Larowe (brother in law of Glenda Southerland), Becky Shroyer (friend of Milton Lary), Ray Cooley (brother of Eddie Cooley), Becky Ekstrom (niece of Tanya McCann), Emory Coker (brother in law of Curtis McClain) and Jackie Ray (sister of Glenda Southerland).

Those with Cancer:

Floretta Dotson (sister of Eddie Cooley), Beverly Stroope (friend of Margaret Hedges), Pat Flores (sister of Ron Truex), Ronda Dolan (daughter in law of Glenda Dolan), Susan Strong (niece of Martha McFarland), and Jessie James (brother of Mary Ann Dickson).

Wednesday Night Devotionals

4/24 – Mike Vestal

5/1 – Robert Wolf

5/8 – Jeff Wickham