

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

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Return Service Requested

JULY 2019

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019
MEN TO SERVE**

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Justin Bell	Thomas Marshall
Call to Worship	Terry Pafford	Thomas Marshall
Song Leader	Jordan Taylor	Ryder Sawyer
Prayer	Jim McKay	Lynn Mayfield
Scripture Reading	Wesley Eaton	Cody McCoy
Closing Prayer	Curtis McClain	Rob Wolf
Ushers/Greeters	Phillip Marshall Kris Pumphrey	Jeff Scott Milton Lary
A/V	Troy Patton	Waylon Mayfield
A/V	Bob Williams	Tony Marrs

LORD'S SUPPER

AM	AM	PM
Kyle Olree	Harky Harkness	Devin Register
Jared Ivanhoe	Bill Marshall	Karl Ivanhoe
Danny Cunningham	Jack Laschkewitsch	Thomas Marshall
Britt Bell	David Truitt	

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019

Announcements/Prayer	Jordan Taylor
Song Leader	Aaron Ragle
Speaker	Justin Bell
Closing Prayer	Jeff Wickham
Ushers/Greeters	Rodney Southerland Steve Mills
A/V	Justin Bell
A/V Trainee	

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

Sunday Nursery Workers	Angela Prieto Carol Mayfield
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 7, 2019

Bible Class – 138	PM Worship – 132
AM Worship – 141	Wednesday PM – 124
Contribution – 9481	Budget - 9150
	Average - 9111

SUNDAY SERMONS – JULY 14, 2019

Mike Vestal	"Portrait of a Shepherd-King"	Psalm 23:1-3
Mike Vestal	"Majesty and Dignity"	Psalm 8:1



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

July 24 – Ladies Day Volunteer Meeting.

July 27 – Singing and Fellowship from 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall. Don't forget to bring your favorite finger food.

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

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

News & Notes

Welcome

We are excited to have our new sister in Christ, **Elaine Reynolds**, work and worship with the church here at Westside.
3601 Andrews Highway Apt # 0611
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Phone # 432-210-6559

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!



Summer Camp

July 14th-19th

Heart of Texas Bible Camp
(8th-12th Graders)

Ladies Day

Texas & Clements St. church of Christ in Odessa would like to invite all ladies to their Annual Ladies Day Program August 10th. This year's theme is "The Great Physician" Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the East hallway.

Settling the Score

Revenge, retaliation, to avenge, to get even - these are all synonyms for settling the score with someone who did us wrong. And pay-back can be sweet, can't it? Often it's not a matter of getting even when we've been hurt or mistreated, in our anger and pain we want to get ahead. One wonders how many marriages have been devastated, how many families have been divided and how many friendships have been broken because someone felt they had a score to settle. How many churches have experienced friction and fracture due to settling the score syndrome?

Christians must recognize how common the tendency for retaliation is in most of our lives and exercise the attitudes and actions becoming those who truly belong to Christ (1 Peter 1:18-25). Talk about a challenge! Doing right when we've been done wrong can be incredibly difficult, but it still is the will of God. Scripture says, "Do not say, I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work" (Proverbs 24:29). Listen also to Proverbs 20:22 - "Do not say I will recompense evil; wait for the Lord, and He will save you."

Jesus said, "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). God's word could not be clearer. The problem is not in understanding what God's word says about retaliation and pay-back; the problem is doing it!

What's so amazing is how frequently and consistently the word of God teaches this principle. Whether we are reading Paul in Romans 12:17-21 or 1 Thessalonians 5:15, Peter in 1 Peter 3:9, James in James 5:1-11 or John in 3 John 11, the message of the word of God is plain: avoid the tendency to retaliate and to get even (or ahead). Someone has wisely said, "When you are in the right you can afford to keep your temper, and when you're in the wrong, you can't afford to lose it."

Does love try to settle the score? Would our Lord ever say the things some of us sinfully say in order to settle the score with someone? What about our actions? Do they really reflect the love of God and of neighbor that Jesus instructed in the Great Commandment and constantly displayed throughout His time on earth?

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What about our thoughts and plans? Do we invest far more time and effort contemplating ways to skillfully get even than we do in thinking about the Lord and His will? (Consider 2 Corinthians 10:4-6). Love "does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil" (1 Corinthians 13:5). Those are the very things that occur when Christians practice the not-so-fine "art" of pay-back. What about the "Golden Rule?" (Matthew 7:12). It's been said that pay-back is sweet, but really - it's nothing of the sort. It dishonors our God and presumptuously puts our desires on the pedestal!

There are likely times we all would love to give someone what's coming to them, we'd love to retaliate and to vengefully "let them have it." Jesus however teaches us to love and to live on a higher and holier plane. As David treated Saul when Saul tried to kill him (1 Samuel 24:8-22), as Stephen prayed for his tormentors (Acts 7:59-60) and as our Lord prayed for those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34), we must rise above sinful retaliation. Settling the score is no real solution!

Mike Vestal

From Adam's Desk

Doesn't it feel like we have officially reached the "Dog-Days of Summer?" We are in the middle of July and the temperatures are reminding us that we are indeed in the summer season. With longer days and more time spent inside (hopefully), these are good days to spend reflecting on God and study of His word. It is a busy time and routine might be more difficult, but let's continue to find time to be encouraged with study and time to be with His people.

We do have more young people headed to Bible camp this week in Brady. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel and are encouraged in a Godly environment that encourages spiritual growth. My family will be headed to Missouri for another week of Bible camp at the end of this month. Thank you for keeping all of these efforts in your prayers!

Two sweet sisters are recovering from surgery this week. We are grateful that both are home and doing well. Please keep Carolyn and Paula in your prayers as they now begin the process of recovery. What a wonderful family of God's people meet and worship together at Westside - thank you for the care and concern you show. Let's be preparing now, the Lord willing, to assemble and worship God together this Sunday!

Continue in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Laschkewitsch and Paula Truex are both home recovering from back surgery. Ron Truex will have an MRI Monday. 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 17 - Justin Bell
July 24 - Terry Pafford
July 31 - 5th Wednesday Singing & Communication