

**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**

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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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**AUGUST 2019**

Elder of the Month: Lynn Mayfield  
Deacon of the Month: Troy Patton

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019  
MEN TO SERVE**

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Cody McCoy	Kris Pumphrey
Call to Worship	Lynn Mayfield	Kris Pumphrey
Song Leader	Steve Horton	Justin Bell
Prayer	Brian Cunningham	Shadd Pumphrey
Scripture Reading	Karl Ivanhoe	Jack Laschkewitsch
Closing Prayer	Tim Tannich	Harky Harkness
Ushers/Greeters	Eddie Cooley Waylon Mayfield	Jim McKay Jeff Wickham
A/V	Bill Marshall	Steve Mills
A/V	Rob Wolf	Bob Williams

**LORD'S SUPPER**

AM	AM	PM
Terry Pafford	Rodney Southerland	Britt Bell
Roger Bower	Milton Lary	Alan Boyd
Chad Kennemer Wesley Eaton	Devin Register Jared Ivanhoe	Kris Pumphrey

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019**

Announcements/Prayer	Kyle Olree
Song Leader	Aaron Ragle
Speaker	Britt Bell
Closing Prayer	Danny Cunningham
Ushers/Greeters	Thomas Marshall George Wipff
A/V	Cody McCoy
A/V Trainee	

**OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE**

Sunday Nursery Workers	Debra Cunningham Stephanie Scott
Food Coordinators (August)	Vanda Powers Brandi Marshall
Funeral Coordinators (August & September)	Jena Prince Lyda Smith
Lord's Table Preparation (August)	Tim & JoAnn Tannich

**WEEK OF JULY 28, 2019**

Bible Class – 130	PM Worship – 101
AM Worship – 164	Wednesday PM – 99
Contribution – 8308	Budget - 9150
	Average -9077

**SUNDAY SERMONS – AUGUST 4, 2019**

Mike Vestal	"The Gospel According to Goliath"	1 Samuel 17:41-43
Adam Orr	"The Blind See"	John 21: 24-25



**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*

**August 3 - Men's Breakfast** has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

**August 10 - Birthday Party** at the Orr home. If anyone in your home has a birthday in **August**, your family is invited to come celebrate from 3:00-4:00 pm.

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

**August 31 - Singing and Fellowship** from 6:30-8 PM in the fellowship hall. Don't forget to bring your favorite finger food.

**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!

## News & Notes

### Address Update

Ryder and Lexie Sawyer  
1216 Prairie Lane  
Midland, TX 79705

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Curtis McClain  
in the loss of his sister, Vallie Fosse.

Services were held Tuesday in  
Russellville, Arkansas.

### Ladies Ministries

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

### Children's Home Needs!

New Mexico Children's Home is scheduled  
to pick up donations **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Any  
and all donations are appreciated but the  
suggested item at this time is  
cereal and juice.



## A STRATEGY FOR VICTORY

Mike Vestal

A person who does not recognize the Devil, understand his schemes, and prepare for battle is already a casualty in the war going on for our souls (2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Pet. 5:8-9). How do we rise above our doubt, our discouragement, our indifference, our sin to walk worthy of our heavenly calling? (Phil. 3:14). God's word gives us a powerful strategy for victory over Satan and his forces.

**(1) Recognize Victory Is Possible.** Certainly the Devil is a powerful foe, but victory can be obtained through Jesus. Christ came to bring to naught the power of the Devil (1 John 3:8). Through our Lord's death, Satan's choke-hold on us has been broken, and the Devil's been given a knock-out punch (Heb.2:14-15). How we need to realize that salvation is only through Jesus! (Acts 4:12).

**(2) Realize The Power Of Jesus In Your Life.** Our faith in Christ is the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4). By our loving response to the grace of God in Jesus, there is the strength to keep on keeping on (Phil. 4:13). By putting on the whole armor of God, and by properly using the word of God, we have tremendous resources at our disposal for overcoming Satan (Eph. 6:10-18).

**(3) Don't Give The Devil A Foothold.** If the Devil has a place in our lives, it's because we let him in. Whether it's through ignorance, neglect, selfishness, lust or the heat of the moment, we still are very much involved in letting him in. And while no one is perfect, more diligent measures must be taken to allow no room for his entry into our lives (Ephesians 4:27). We must keep looking for open doors of service to God, and do our best to keep from giving Satan open doors to get into us.

**(4) Remember Satan Can Be Resisted.** Two extremes about the Devil are equally dangerous. One false view attributes to him more power than he has. It's the one that insists "the Devil made me do it" (and I just couldn't resist). Satan is not all powerful or all knowing. The other false extreme fails to take the Devil and his efforts seriously. He is a powerful spirit being who desires to see all of humanity lost. We cannot fully fathom his hatred for God and for God's creation (John 8:44; Rev. 12:9-11). As powerful as Satan is, he can be resisted through humble, submissive faith in God, anchored in the truth of His word (James 4:7; 1Pet. 5:9).

**(5) Bring Every Thought Captive To Jesus.** There are no short cuts or easy ways to go about this! We need to so train ourselves to have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5) that our thinking, feeling and actions are controlled by the Lord (2 Cor. 10:4-6). There is no more powerful weapon against the Devil's devices than determining to be just like Jesus.

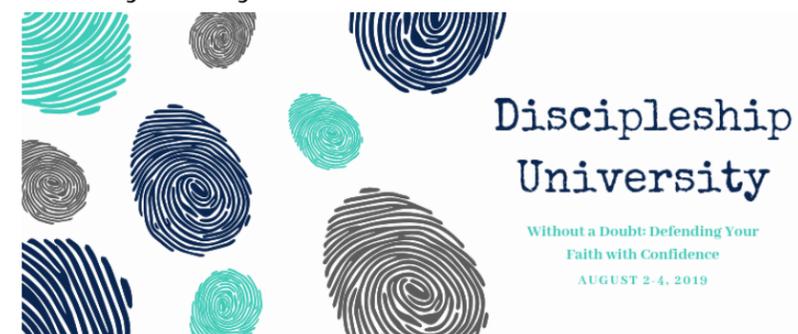
The message of the Bible is one of victory. Whoever and whatever the foe, victory is sure when we trust and obey Jesus. If we fail to win life's daily battles and if we ultimately lose the battle for our souls, it won't be because we didn't have the equipment and intelligence reports necessary to defeat the enemy. God has given us all that is needed for victory through Jesus Christ. Though Him, we can be "more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37). Thank God for the victory He makes possible!

## From Mike's Desk

**Special Collection.** It has been announced that we will have an opportunity to help with the medical expenses of faithful long-time missionary **Andrew Solomon**. It has been mentioned that about \$25,000 has been incurred in medical expenses. Throughout the month of August, you can make a check payable to the church here **for Solomon medical expenses**. This is both an expression of love to a dear brother as well as a very good work. We are grateful to our shepherds and to the missions committee for keeping us informed and are confident that Westside will respond positively (as always) to this special need.

**Rod Kyle** will be with us on October 27. On that Sunday, he will teach a combined adult class in the auditorium. He will update us on the work in New Zealand and the South Pacific that evening. Rod, of course, has been with us many times and it's always such a blessing! Please continue to keep Rod and Gaye in your prayers as she deals with Huntington's Disease. As a congregation, we have supported no missionary longer to my knowledge than Rod Kyle. To spend 5 minutes with him is to know why. He loves the Lord and has a passion for souls! He has been a tireless worker (and that's an understatement!) in that part of the world for decades.

**Personal.** This month promises to be especially busy and I truly covet your prayers. This Sunday after teaching and preaching here I will leave for Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver. It will be an extremely full and wonderful week. It's great that we at Westside continue to have a relationship with Bear Valley that allows us to be involved in training the next generation of preachers and teachers. There is no way to properly convey the importance of this good work. In a sense, you may well be helping to train the Andrew Solomons and Rod Kyles of the future! Close on the heels of Bear Valley is PTP - an event in the Smoky Mountains of east Tennessee. Describing PTP is well nigh impossible - let's just say it's about a week-long occasion where thousands will be present to praise God and to get their spiritual batteries recharged to be better, more effective servants of God wherever they may live. Several families from Westside will be attending. Again, your prayers would be most appreciated. I love and thank God for you all. May God richly bless you!



## Continue in Prayer

### OUR MEMBERS:

**Martha McFarland** has been diagnosed with cancer and will have several tests in coming days/weeks. **Ryder Sawyer** is recovering from surgery. **Steve Taylor** will be undergoing tests. **Ron Truex** will have spinal surgery Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. **Alan & Skeet McClenahan, Paula Truex, Carolyn Laschkewitsch, Barbara McClung, Margaret Hedges, CeVene Slater, Sonja Weerstra, Elva Bustillos, Frankie Wickham and Marie Kinsey.**

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

#### Family and Friends:

**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), **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

August 7 – Britt Bell  
August 14 – Jeff Wickham  
August 21 – Justin Bell  
August 28 – Jordan Taylor