

ELDERS

Lynn Mayfield Terry Pafford

DEACONS

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

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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

DECEMBER 2019

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

MEN TO SERVE

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Waylon Mayfield	Troy Patton
Call to Worship	Lynn Mayfield	Troy Patton
Song Leader	Waylon Mayfield	Justin Bell
Prayer	Bob Williams	Ryder Sawyer
Scripture Reading	Jared Ivanhoe	Aaron Ragle
Closing Prayer	Jim Lorenz	Jim McKay
Ushers/Greeters	Phillip Marshall Alan Boyd	Bill Marshall Thomas Marshall
A/V	Rob Wolf	Justin Bell
A/V	Troy Patton	Kris Pumphrey

AM	AM	PM
Brian Cunningham	Rodney Southerland	Wesley Eaton
Curtis McClain	Terry Pafford	Andrew Pafford
David Truitt	Jeff Wickham	Troy Patton
Milton Lary	Britt Bell	

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

Announcements/Prayer	Kris Pumphrey
Song Leader	Singing Night
Speaker	
Closing Prayer	Shadd Pumphrey
Ushers/Greeters	Devin Register Cody McCoy
A/V	Steve Mills
A/V Trainee	

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

Sunday Nursery Workers	Pam Marshall Carol Mayfield
Food Coordinators (December)	Glenda Dolan Carolyn Laschkewitsch
Funeral Coordinators (December)	Glenda Dolan Carolyn Laschkewitsch
Lord's Table Preparation (December)	Jim & Gwen Lorenz

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

Bible Class –120	PM Worship –
AM Worship –157	Wednesday PM – 124
Contribution –	Budget - 9150 Average -8961

SUNDAY SERMONS –DECEMBER 22, 2019

Mike Vestal	"What the Saved Will Enjoy"	Revelation 21:3-4
Mike Vestal	"Blessings!"	Revelation 22:14



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

December 24-26 – Office Closed for the Christmas Holidays!

December 25 – All classes meet in the auditorium for singing.

December 29 – Area-Wide Singing is scheduled to be at Westside this year. We are looking forward to having a great time of praise and fellowship with many from sister congregations in Midland. It will be Sunday night, December 29, at 5:00 PM.

January 1 - All classes meet in the auditorium for singing.

January 8 – Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will resume at 10am. All Ladies are invited. Please see Darby Williams if you have any questions.



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Return Service Requested

News & Notes

Thank You!

Westside,

Thank you so much for all the kinds words, cards and all the prayers on my brother and my family's behalf. A special thank you to those that drove to San Angelo for the service. We have been blessed so much by the family here at Westside.

Jeff and Stephanie Scott

Address Update

Bevin Perry

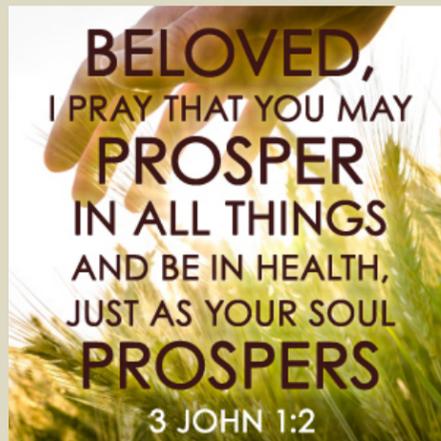
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Ladies Ministry Sign-ups!

There are still several spots that need to be filled in the area of our ladies ministries for months January-June. There is information concerning these in the foyer. Please sign up today if you can help! Thank you for your help in this great work!

Children's Home Needs!

Foster's Home for Children will be here **January 16th** to pick up the **"2019 Fall Gleaning Coin Cans."** There are several cans still out in the foyer that need to be picked up and filled!!!! Please have them turned into the office by January 15th.



The Parable of the Frustrated Parents

Mike and Cherie Vestal

Once upon a time there was a Dad and a Mom who had two children, ages 2 and 5. Those children were loved – but they were a handful! They got up early and stayed up late. They loved to jump on their beds and on the couch. They fussed a lot when they didn't get their way. And they couldn't remember to obey what they were told from one moment to the next. At night you could find Dad and Mom exhausted, and in a daze sitting on the couch. "Our kids are wearing us out!" they would say.

One day the family went to Pizza Hut for lunch. As the mother went back and forth to the food bar, fixing first one plate and then another, the father watched the kids and tried to keep them in their seats. When mom went to get their drinks she noticed that her kids had captured the attention of a man sitting at a corner table. He especially kept watching the little girl.

As the mother passed the table, the man politely asked, "How old is your daughter?"

"She's two," replied the frazzled mother. "And she sure is a handful! She really keeps me running! There's never a dull or quiet moment with her around." The man only smiled.

Finally, after the children were situated, the mother went back to get her own plate (Dad always insisted on being last). She bumped into the same man again, the one from the corner table. "When is your daughter's birthday?" he asked.

With a questioning look, the mother replied, "March 26th" (For men don't usually pay attention to such details about a stranger's children.)

"I had a little girl," the man went on. "She was born April 26th, and would be about the age of your little girl. We lost her to cancer in September. I always notice little girls this age, and wonder what it would be like ..."

By now, the mother's eyes had filled with tears. She remembered how much she had complained about the stresses of having a two-year-old. Now the trials didn't seem so bad, compared to the blessings.

When she got back to the table, she told her husband what had happened. They both looked down at their plates. Food seemed so unimportant, as they realized the seriousness of their mistake. Kissing their two lively kids, they made a silent promise to themselves and to God. "We will not let the frustrations outweigh the joy; we will count our children as blessings every day."

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They remembered what God had said, "Children are a heritage from the Lord...Happy is the man who has a quiver full of them" (Psalm 127: 3-5) and "do all things without murmuring or complaining" (Philippians 2: 14-15).

(From Mike- Cherie and I together wrote this after having experienced it over 25 years ago. Parents, never forget that your children are yours for a while, so they may be God's forever.)

From Adam's Desk

The end of the year is now upon us and, if the Lord wills, a new one will shortly arrive. God is so good to us and His blessings are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-24). How are we planning to end this year in thankfulness for all He has blessed with us with? How will we strive to show our love to Him more in the new year? Our family considers each of you a tremendous blessing in our lives and we are grateful to God to be able to work and worship with the Lord's people at Westside.

There are so many who do a great deal of work for the congregation here with little recognition. We want to extend our gratitude to our secretaries who do so much day-to-day work that is often overlooked. Stephanie and Trisha are tireless workers who love the Lord and His church and we are grateful for the hours of labor they have put in this year. Also, many thanks are extended to Jennie and the hours she puts forth to keep a clean and comfortable place where we can assemble to worship, praise, and fellowship. This building does not clean itself and she works diligently to make sure the first impression those visiting here receive is a positive one.

Our list of those to extend gratitude can go on and on – thank you to each of our ladies and the involvement you have in various ministries that do so much for the Lord here and in our community. Thank you to each one who has been involved in our Bible classes – for the care and concern you have shown to the future. Thank you to our shepherds who lead, feed, and protect us. Thank you to each deacon and the responsibilities you shoulder. Thank you to Mike who helps me personally, more than you know. We have a tremendous group of senior saints who continue to lead by example and embody faithfulness to our precious God. And aren't we thankful for our young people? They certainly pump so much life and energy into a congregation, don't they?

Oh yes, the compassions of the Lord fail not – great is His faithfulness! Let our hope always be in Him! Now, let us as His people make every effort in the coming year to speak to Him more, speak of Him more, and help others to enjoy the same hope that we enjoy as His people!

Continue in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS:

Harky Harkness and Martha McFarland as they receive treatment for cancer. Steve Taylor, Maryann Dickson, Steve Oualline. Eddie and Sandra Cooley both have the flu. Patty Anderson (Cimarron Place Room 133), Bernice Bower, Alan & Skeet McClenahan, Ron & Paula Truex, Carolyn Laschkewitsch, Barbara McClung, Margaret Hedges, CeVene Slater, Sonja Weerstra and Marie Kinsey.

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Family and Friends:

Weston Moses (nephew of Mary Olree), Andrew Solomon (missionary from St. Lucia) has been in the hospital with infection. Sarah Vasquez, (niece of the Lorenz's), 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), 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).