

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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Andrew Solomon

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Rod Kyle

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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

JANUARY 2020

Elder of the Month: Terry Pafford
Deacon of the Month: Kris Pumphrey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

MEN TO SERVE

	AM	PM
Deacon in charge	Kyle Olree	Cody McCoy
Call to Worship	Terry Pafford	Cody McCoy
Song Leader	Waylon Mayfield	Adam Orr
Prayer	Danny Cunningham	Jim McKay
Scripture Reading	Bill Marshall	Milton Lary
Closing Prayer	Phillip Marshall	Curtis McClain
Ushers/Greeters	Tony Marrs Justin Bell	Jeff Scott Britt Bell
A/V	Bob Williams	Shadd Pumphrey
A/V	Rob Wolf	Kris Pumphrey

AM	AM	PM
Jim Lorenz	David Truitt	Alan Boyd
Jared Ivanhoe	Aaron Ragle	Tim Tannich
Steve Mills	Lynn Mayfield	Cody McCoy
Chad Kenemer	Troy Patton	

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

Announcements / Prayer	Thomas Marshall
Song Leader	Waylon Mayfield
Speaker	
Closing Prayer	Jack Laschkewitsch
Ushers / Greeters	Bob Williams Jeff Wickham
A / V	Cody McCoy
A / V Trainee	

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

Sunday Nursery Workers	Cheri Ivanhoe Jackie Bell
Food Coordinators (January)	
Funeral Coordinators (January)	Gwen Lorenz Diane Powell
Lord's Table Preparation (January)	Jeff and Stephanie Scott

WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2020

Bible Class –105	PM Worship –102
AM Worship –171	Wednesday PM –
Contribution –8688	Budget - Average -8688

SUNDAY SERMONS –JANUARY 12, 2020

Mike Vestal	“How to Measure Your Soul”	Matthew 16:24
Mike Vestal	“The Greatest Things in Life”	1 Corinthians 13:13



THE WESTSIDE REMINDER

JANUARY 9, 2020

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

News You Need to Know

January 11 – Birthday Party at the Orr home has been **CANCELED** for this Saturday. All January birthdays are welcome to come to the February party on the 15th of next month.

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

January 20 – Office Closed.

January 29 – 5th Wednesday Singing and Elder Communication.

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Return Service Requested

News & Notes

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ryder and Lexie Sawyer on the birth of their sons on Wednesday, January 8th. Luke Davis weighed 4lbs 12oz and was 17 ¾ in. long and Gage Boyd weighed 4lbs 15oz and was 16 ½ in. long. Everyone is doing well!

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharon McKay and family in the passing of her sister, Joan Miller, on Sunday January 5th. Services were held Thursday in Roswell, NM.

Ladies Ministry Booklets!

The new Ladies Ministry booklets for months January thru June are available in the foyer. If you see an open spot and are able to help in that area please let the office know!!!

LOST AND FOUND

There are several items in the lost and found in the foyer. Please check for any items you might be missing. Items not claimed by the end of the month will be rehomed.

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.

New Mexico Children's Home is scheduled to pick up donations **March 4th**. Any and all donations are appreciated but the suggested item at this time is **Lotion & Handsoap**.

Long-Suffering Love

If you want to know something about love from God's perspective, read the entirety of Scripture and it flows from every page. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul gives 15 present-tense verbs that describe for us who love is and is not to behave itself. The foundation of the word 'agape' as used throughout this chapter is sacrifice. It is doing what is right and best for others before myself. How important is this? John says, "He who does not love does not know God for God is love." If this is not put into place in our lives, we are as those who do not know God! Let's examine the first description given by the Apostle Paul: Love suffers long.

By definition, **love is long in coming to anger**. That means that love is willing to suffer as long as is required on behalf of another. We ask – "What are my options when people hurt me, because I want to react when people hurt me. The answer is, "I want you to love them without retaliating." How long do you want me to do this? LONG – over and over! You don't expect me to seek vengeance? Nope – love suffers long.

If this is unsatisfying, let's **examine the love of Jesus** – the perfect example of everything. Jesus is long-suffering. In Matthew 26:49-53, Jesus is betrayed with a kiss by Judas and then those with him lay hands on Jesus. Peter takes out his sword and cuts off the ear of the servant of the high priest, and what does Jesus say and do? Jesus reminds Peter and those with him that He could have called more than 12 legions of angels – at least 36,000 angels (3,000 in a legion), but don't miss this...what Jesus is saying to Peter is plain – "I have made a different choice." Jesus decided to suffer long! Long suffering (patient) love is shown when you have the power to retaliate, but you choose to accept the injury and choose not to seek vengeance!

Would Jesus really expect this of me? Peter makes it clear that the answer is very much in the affirmative. Jesus left us an example to follow in His steps, who did not revile in return, when He suffered, He did not threaten and we were called to follow His steps (1 Peter 2:18-25).

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Often, what we find is easy is to treat others the way they treat us – if they are nice, we are nice, but if they are rude, we can find it easy to be rude in return – isn't that right? There is no power in that! It is weakness – you just turn to mush and let others dictate how you will be. In 1 Corinthians 13 – we are to be those who are willing to suffer long – those who are only going to react in a God-honoring; Jesus-mirroring way!

- Adam Orr

From Adam's Desk

We are grateful to God for the beginning of a New Year and for all blessings He continues to provide! I hope that now following holidays and the beginning of a new year, your routine is starting to come back into form. Have you determined new areas to focus on this year? I hope that we all continue to be as determined as ever to love and serve God, and do everything we can to help the lost. I was counting faces on our picture board the other day and I counted (quickly) 144 faces that are Christians and members at Westside. What if 144 determined to reach one lost person this year? All of the sudden, we double in size. What if 144 determine to reach two lost souls? You can see how things can really take off. Brethren, these are numbers and we are not in a numbers game – we are in a fight for souls! Let's determine to do all we can to reach those who are lost.

We rejoice with Ryder and Lexie and the entrance into this world of Luke and Gage, their two precious boys! Both boys are healthy, but were both born at just under five pounds apiece. Please keep them in your prayers. More details on how we can help with meals, etc. will be provided once all are safely home from the hospital in San Angelo.

Please do keep three sweet sisters in your prayers who have suffered loss in their families. Please pray for Sharon McKay and Paula Truex in the passing of their sweet sisters. Also, Skeet McClenahan in the passing of her son-in-law, Mark. These losses affect so many loved ones and we need to provide our love to them.

We are grateful for wonderful news received by Steve Taylor last week. He was told after completing treatment that all looks clean and he will not need to return to Houston for three months! Praise God for the answering of prayer in this manner!

Continue in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Laschkewitsch, is recovering from a procedure on Monday. **Harky Harkness** as he receives treatment for cancer. **Martha McFarland**, **Steve Taylor**, **Maryann Dickson**, **Steve Oualline**, **Patty Anderson** (Cimarron Place Room 133), **Bernice Bower**, **Alan & Skeet McClenahan**, **Ron & Paula Truex**, **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), **Sarah Vasquez**, (niece of the Lorenz's), and **Becky Ekstrom** (niece of Tanya McCann).

Those with Cancer:

April (sister of Annette Mills), **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).

