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ATTENDANCE**10/25/20: 123****WEDNESDAY: 44****CONTRIBUTION:****10/25/20: \$4,771****BUDGET: \$7,500****Welcome Visitors!**

We would like to extend a sincere "thank you" for attending our worship service today. We consider you an **honored** guest and hope that you can remain after services for a moment so that we can get to know you better.

The Riverside congregation is composed of Christians meeting together with a focus on praising and glorifying God and edifying each other. We use only the Bible as our source of authority and the pattern for how we are organized and how we worship. We would love to answer any questions that you may have about our church family.

**His Name Means Savior**

Let's take a look at the mocking that Christ endured while agonizing on the cross on Golgotha's hill. The gospel of Matthew records for us that the crowds, chief priests, scribes, elders, and even the two robbers crucified with him all hurled abuses at Him.

Matthew 27:40, "you who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself..."

Matthew 42, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself..."

Matthew 27:43, "He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now If He delights in Him..."

Just how emotionally draining it must have been for Jesus, whose name means Savior, to hear such insults. The whole purpose of Jesus being born into this world was to save us from our sins. We read this in *Matthew 1:21*, "*She will bear a Son; and you shall call his name Jesus, for He, will save His people from their sins.*" Jesus' obedience to God and God's love for the world (*John 3:16*) compelled Him to be ridiculed, scourged, nailed to the cross, and to die all alone for you and I. Jesus wasn't here to save Himself, He was here to save you and I. Jesus could have saved Himself but chose not to. Right before he is hauled off as a criminal we read in *Matthew 26:51*, as He rebukes Peter for cutting off Malchus' ear and says, "*Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?*" Yes, the truth is that Jesus could have rescued Himself at any point during the process of being led away to die a criminal's death; but He didn't, rather He died to save you and me. Is there more about the saving grace of God that you would like to know? Can we assist you in a study about God's plan of salvation? Perhaps you are ready to obey the gospel and wash away your sins, by being baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Don't leave here today without asking for a study on the truth-that Jesus came to save you. Are you ready to be saved?

-By Raoul Ferris

There will be a special contribution for Eastern European Missions on November 8, 2020.

Let's welcome **Leon and Sherry Ewing**, who placed their membership last week. Their address is 202 Meadow Brook Dr., Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

Each year we are blessed with the opportunity to "adopt" children from Starkey Elementary and Ingram Elementary and purchase Christmas gifts for them. We ask that you spend around \$40-\$45 per child (you may team up with others to adopt a child). The ornaments (with child's information) will be in the foyer on Sunday, **November 15th**. The gifts will need to be wrapped and returned by Sunday, **December 13th**.

Due to the difficulties with COVID-19, we are offering to provide a personal shopper for you if you would like to adopt a child but are uncomfortable going out and shopping. If you are interested in this service, please let us know when you "adopt" a child. Also, if you are not able to attend services yet, and are interested in "adopting" a child, please let **Shelly Alexander** or **Mickie Couch** know and arrangements will be made.

If you have any questions about this outreach opportunity, please see Shelly or Mickie.

Psallo is a co-ed student group where we can spend time together in song to develop our ability to sing with understanding, encourage each other, and look to encourage others in the future. Beginning today at 3:00 pm, we will meet for a series of Sunday afternoons at the Kasperek home (707 Rimrock Rd.). This group is led by Cooper Atkeson and Susan Kasperek. Please see them for questions, or if you would like to help as an adult.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Herrington family with Ruth's passing. There will be a graveside service on November 7th at 2:00 pm at the Garden of Memories cemetery.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Jesse Hyde** is in the hospital in San Antonio, He has been diagnosed with Castleman's Disease. A treatment plan will begin soon. Please pray for healing.
- **Katy Wharton continues** to recover from surgery. **James Wharton** continues to do well with his new knee and has completed physical therapy. **Erin Wharton** is healing from her surgery. She has begun chemo which will last at least until January.
- Please remember **Carla Tittle** in your prayers. She had a recent hospitalization with kidney issues. Please remember **John** also as he sees to her care.
- Chuck Stork has been transferred to Riverhills Rehab for a week or two of treatment for vertigo issues.

Let's pray for our members who are in nursing/assisted living facilities. They have been unable to have visitors for the most part since March, and it is very difficult for both the residents and the family members. Our members who reside in a facility are: **Doris Burton, Ann Marshall, Alice McGuire,**

Nancy Moore, and Kathy O'Hara. Also, please pray for the healthcare workers in these facilities. In these stressful times, prayers are needed for both residents and staff.

Let's remember all of the health care workers and their families at Riverside: **Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Kaysi Garrett, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter, Debra Zink,** and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic. Also, remember **Chad Lovelady**, who is a police officer in Fredericksburg.

Food Ministry If you know of a need for food (meal) for the month of October, please contact Susan Kasperek at 918-470-5879.

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders

Pantry Items: green peas or green beans.

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Jarrell Baker**, as he recovers from a fall; **LaJean Moore**, dealing with MRSA in a wound on her leg; **Charlene Greggerson**, recovering from back surgery; **Kaysi Garrett**, recovering from knee replacement surgery; **Cheri Pattillio-Leslie Rayburn's** sister, recovering from surgery; **Chrissy Garcia**, recovering from surgery; **Barbara Dodd**, recovering from a broken knee cap; **Jody Wilson**, as she recovers from a broken vertebrae, **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery; **Ron Swanner**, in hospice care; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, who is being treated for severe anemia; **Treva Vogl**, Reba's sister, diagnosed with cancer; **Erin Welch, Stephanie Ahrens'** friend, diagnosed with cancer; **Cheryl Shields**, friend of Cheryl Brown, **Rona Barrazo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her daughter **Pia Dapdap**, age 11, who is doing much better. **Leora Meadows**, in hospice care; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch undergoing treatment for cancer; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **The Vance's** daughter **Shari**, and their son and daughter-in-law **David and Sarah** who are health care workers; **Dennis Lange's** daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks'** sister **Cindy**, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.