

Dear Westside Friends & Family

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to *express gratitude* to all our 2021 contributors! Because of YOUR faithful giving — the **regular gifts** of tithes & offerings and **special gifts** to the Building and Benevolence Funds — we have been able to CONTINUE the vital work and ministry of Westside in our community (Worship, Sunday School, Small Groups, Pastoral Care, Fish Camp, Benevolence outreach, etc.), EXPAND our online outreach (Zoom Bible studies, Cumberland Chapel), and MOVE EVER-CLOSER to building on our 10-acre property in Rio Rancho (*Build the Church* fundraisers)!

We're excited to share that our 2022 Budget is forward-looking, an expression of faith that God is at work CALLING US TO GROW! And with Advent just around the corner, it is a great time to INVITE FRIENDS!

It's also a great time, as the year comes to a close, to INVITE YOU, our partners in ministry, to consider a YEAR-END GIFT to the work and ministry of Westside CP Church because FULFILLING OUR MISSION (read below) has never been more urgent. Thank you!!!

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Understanding The TIMES

1 Chronicles 12:32

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Test Me in This...

Lives are turned upside down - inside out. Overnight, once solid families, nations, even churches are in tatters. Strong relationships seem but a vapor. The division isn't just local, it's global! Well-meaning souls strive for unity but in practice create a darker version of humanity... uniformity. The world may only grouse around in the confusion, how may believers rise above the hatred as instruments of healing? Here are 3 simply encouraging truths.

Christ is the Culprit

Doctors know the correct diagnosis is paramount for administering good medicine. You may be surprised our topsy-turvy world is not the devil's fault. Oh, the devil's thrilled to see us stumble. But Satan and his gleeful minions are not the root cause of our distress. Nor is the "opposing party" the root of our misery (I pray you're not deceived). Yes, evil is afoot but the central reason for our division is foretold in Scripture. Christ is behind this business of "shaking," *"Once more I will shake not only the earth..."* (See Haggai 2 and Hebrews 12:26). When believers realize Christ is actually behind the shaking, we can take good medicine.

Christ is the Cure

Healing begins in your heart. To be an instrument of healing in our families, churches and even our nation, we must address the division within our own soul (Matthew 6:24). How? Above all, take Jesus at His Word (John 14:15-21). If your faith is real let Christ test you in the midst of His great shaking.

- Forgive the Unforgiveable. The negative consequences of not forgiving has been documented in studies that show it can lead to emotional pain, anger, hate, resentment, bitterness and ultimately create health issues. But even these distressing symptoms pale in comparison to the dire warning Jesus gives (Matthew 6:15). Genuine forgiveness is not just difficult, but impossible apart from the healing touch of Christ. Forgive.
- Love the Unlovable. The negative consequences of withholding love are disastrous. John 15:2 states that this love is not based on inclinations, *"Love each other as I have loved you."* 1 Peter 4:8 reveals love's power, *"love covers a multitude of sins."* 1 John 4:8 states His love is visible, *"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."*
- Risk your Reputation. 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 shatters all misconceptions or objections we may have to Christianity. The high of cost of Christ's company in the church is dear. The world will not, cannot understand His church and His people. Will you?

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***Please pray for:**

Jessica C (daughter/Toni M), suffering w/ migraine headaches, pray for healing and that she can get in to see the doctor soon

Dave G (friend/Don L), grieving the loss of wife's death from Covid, he and his son are recovering but he is still having problems

Christian Aid Missionaries kidnapped in Haiti

***Continue to Pray for:**

Those recovering from surgery/hospitalization: **Dotty A**, in rehab w/ broken ankle and now fractured shoulder; **Wayne** (cousin/Judy T), released from the hospital, pray for his salvation

Those with cancer: **Cathy B** (daughter-in-law/Cheryl B), for physical and spiritual healing; **Christy C** (nephew's wife/Don L.), for healing, the Lord's peace and comfort

***Those serving in the military:**

Nicolas B (IS2 (IW)/Navy, Hawaii); **Josh L** (E-5/Air Force, NM); **Mark V** (Major/Army)

***Our loving condolences to :**

Dell W & family grieving the loss of Dell's son-in-law (daughter Sandra's husband), Don H., on October 26, 2021.



2021 Session (Elders)

Gary B, Ida M, Steve N, Maria S,
Ken Y & Dell W

2021 Diaconate (Deacons)

Ann M, Toni M & Judy T

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

November

- 07 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS**
Communion Sunday
Loaves & Fishes coin box distribution
- 09 - Deacons' Meeting
- 14 - RETURN Operation Christmas Child boxes
Veterans Recognition
- 16 - Session/7 PM
- 21 - Thanksgiving Benevolence Offering
- 25 - **Thanksgiving Day**
- 28 - The FIRST Sunday of Advent
RETURN Loaves & Fishes coin boxes

Weekly Meetings

Thursdays

***Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

Week's RR, 7:00 AM

Contact: Ken Y, 220-2968

***Barricklow Covenant Group**

7-8:30 PM

Contact: Gary B, 415-4446

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Bulletin Board...

***Congratulations:**

-Pastor Harry & Sally have a new baby granddaughter, Alice Mae, born September 30th!

***Happy November Birthdays to:**

- Kathleen Barricklow - Nov. 7
- Karen Ginther - Nov. 7
- Troy Pickens - Nov. 14
- Tom Mitchell - Nov. 15
- Aden Nakitare - Nov. 27
- Sara Bryan - Nov. 28
- Pastor Harry - Nov. 28
- Melanie Corn - Nov. 30



Westside Happenings

***2021 Loaves & Fishes...**



coin boxes will be handed out this Sunday, November 7th during the children's message and need to be returned Sunday, November 28th. Seventy-five percent of this year's offering will go to the Haiti Hot Lunch Program (for children) and twenty-five percent will be retained to meet local community hunger needs. Our annual Loaves & Fishes Hunger Offering is sponsored by our Denomination's Missions Ministry Team and is a great way for children to participate in sharing with those in need. For more info, look for the *Loaves & Fishes* display board at church.

Operation Christmas Child...boxes need to be returned by Sunday, 11/14. For more information call or text Toni M, 505.459.2117.



***Our Deacons' 2021 Thanksgiving**

Benevolence Offering... will be taken November 21st (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) during worship, and used to provide emergency assistance and encouragement to individuals in and outside the church in the coming year.

***Ladies!!! Save the Date...**

Saturday, December 11th, Women's Christmas Brunch, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, hosted by Cheryl B. Sign up (at church or online, nancye320@aol.com) by 11/28.

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Test Me in This.

It is true, there are those who delight in wickedness, cheer division. But if our faith is to benefit from this great test, we must recognize the source behind the shaking is Jesus, himself. Let no detractors, detract. Let no diversions, divert. Christ at His Word opens, "*the flood-gates of Heaven.*" Malachi three (3) is more than trusting God with our resources, it's God's clarion call is to give Him your all & all, "... so that what cannot be shaken may remain" (Hebrews 12:27).

~Vaya con Dios! Pastor Harry



WCPC Advent

Calendar

& Activities

in our next issue



in the meantime...
make plans to attend
our

SPECIAL 9:45 AM Sunday School
or **Wednesday 6 PM Zoom Classes**
as we discuss

"The Christmas We Didn't Expect,
A Daily Advent Devotional"
by Dave Mathis