

Putting a face on 2023



As you consider your pledge for 2023, I thought it helpful to put a face to your tithes & offerings. The ten precious faces you see range in ages from 3-10. Several are raised by their parents and others raised, in part, by grandparents. Either way, as you can see, the Spiritual welfare of every child is in loving and capable hands!

I know in God's economy, every month is "Stewardship Month" as Scripture exhorts, "*Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse...*" (Malachi 3:10). We set October apart to prayerfully consider next year's *budget* and next year's *leap of faith*. Sometimes the *leap* is modest. Other times, the *leap*... really takes *faith*!

Early signs indicate 2023 will take a solid *leap of faith*. Please consider taking that *leap of faith* and support Westside's mission as part of your regular giving. Your generosity these 25 years has gone a long, long way and deeply appreciated.

To the Glory of God and in the Love of Christ's Name, Pastor Harry

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Against all Hope...

HOPE

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became..." (Romans 4:18-22).

Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping and believing God's promise. At 100 years old, Abraham faced the fact that his body was as good as dead and his wife's womb was as good as dead, too (v.19). But Abraham's faith didn't waver. Rather than growing weaker in the faith, he grew stronger, "*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief*" (v.20a KJV). How did Abraham cling to God's promise when all seemed hopeless? Paul goes on to explain, Abraham "*was strong in the faith, giving glory to God.*" This is something the church desperately needs to realize in worship and our personal walk with Him.

I think a better interpretation than, "was strong in the faith" is "was *made* strong." How? He gave glory to God. Abraham did not stagger in unbelief, because he gave glory to God. To give glory to God does not mean primarily anything Abraham said or did. That follows. But above all, Abraham glorified God by just realizing who and what God is. This is an encouragement for anyone struggling with hope. When is the last time you have pondered the glorious attributes of God? Think on just four attributes of God that will strengthen your faith:

1. God is **eternal** and creator of all. "*Tell them 'I Am sent you'*" (Exodus 3:14). Sing with me, "*Immortal, invisible, God only wise...*"
2. God is **omnipresent**. He's everywhere. "*If I ascend up into heaven, he is there. If I make my bed in hell, he is there. Where shall I go to flee from his Spirit? From his presence?*" (Psalm 139).
3. God is **omnipotent**. There is no limit to His power. Is there anything too hard for the Lord (Genesis 18:14)? Nope. Is there anything the Lord cannot do? Nope. "*With God all things are possible*" (Matthew 19:26).
4. God is **righteous**. His justice, His truth, His holiness never change. He is absolutely everlasting and consistent (Psalm 100:5).

The secret of faith is to get to know God and apply all that you know in your own life and experience. "*He staggered not, but gave glory to God.*" It is our ignorance of God that creates our main trouble. So don't think too much about how little your faith is. But get to know God, realize the truth about him, and as you do you will glorify Him and your faith, too, will be made strong. May God enable us to do all this by His grace!

Vaya con Dios, Pastor Harry



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

***Please pray for:**

Jobe (daughter-in-law's mother/Kathleen B), recovering from serious stroke; **Dennis H** (brother/Judy T), hospitalized w/ serious complications from hernia surgery; **Nell F** (aunt/Judy T) possible blood clots in her leg; **the people of Ukraine**, many of whom will endure the upcoming winter w/ no electricity, water, or heat.*

*Samaritan's Purse has been providing food, water, blankets, plastic and heavy tarps to cover windows and roofs. SP aid workers along w/ local church member-helpers must wear helmets and bullet proof vests as they go about their ministry. Some of the SP **Christmas Child boxes** will be going to Ukraine. Pray that each child will be touched by the love of Jesus and His gospel.

***Continue to Pray for:**

Carolyn L, now recovering at home from a serious car accident

***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:**

Robin B & family in the death of Robin's father, Andrew "Jack" (wife Carolynn) on October 16, 2022.

2022 Session (Elders)
Sherry M, Steve N, Kristen P,
Maria S, Ken Y, & Dell W
2022 Diaconate (Deacons)
Ann M, Toni M, & Judy T

Westside Calendar of Events - 2022

October

- 23 - **Commitment Sunday** (return pledge cards)
- 25 - Session Meeting
- 30 - Reformation Sunday

November

- 06 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS (clocks back)**
Communion Sunday
Loaves & Fishes coin box distribution
Veterans Recognition
- 08 - Deacons' Meeting/11 AM
- 12 - Women's Saturday Fellowship Brunch
- 13 - RETURN Operation Christmas Child boxes
- 15 - Session/7 PM
- 20 - Deacons' Benevolence Offering
- 24 - **Happy Thanksgiving**
- 27 - 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, 505.220.2968

Fridays

- *Friday Women's Breakfast & Bible Study**
9-11 AM
Hosted by Ida M, 505.814.4154

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Bulletin Board...

***Happy November Birthdays to:**

- Kathleen B - Nov. 7
- Karen G - Nov. 7
- Troy P - Nov. 14
- Tom M - Nov. 15
- Aden N - Nov. 27
- Sara B - Nov. 28
- Pastor Harry - Nov. 28
- Melanie C - Nov. 30



Westside Happenings

***Stewardship Commitment Sunday!**... THIS Sunday, October 23rd. Bring your 2023 financial pledge cards for dedication during worship (extra cards will be available on the usher table).

***Hey Kids! You're invited!!!**...to Heights CP Church's **Trunk or Treat**, Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, 8600 Academy NE., ABQ. Games and snacks galore!



***2022 Loaves & Fishes Offering...**

Westside will again participate in our Denomination's annual **LOAVES & FISHES** Offering in partnership with the Missions Ministry Team of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Coin boxes will be handed out on Sunday, 11/6 and need to be returned on the 27th. This year's offering will go to **The Harvest Project in Brazil** where a CP mission church was planted by Japanese Cumberland Presbyterians near the rural town of Mata de São João. A portion of our offering will be retained to help with local hunger needs.

***Ladies!!! Save the Date**...November 12th, 10 AM to Noon for our **Saturday Women's Fellowship Brunch** hosted by Cheryl B. Sign up (at church or online, nancye-320@aol.com).

Operation Christmas Child...boxes need to be returned by **Sunday, November 13th**. For more information call or text Toni M, 505.459.2117. (See prayer request to the left, first column.)



Westside in Pics

THANKS to our Hospitality Team and TERRIFIC Westside cooks for a DELICIOUS Fall Ministry Kickoff Breakfast



Fall Worship Schedule

Set up - 8:15 AM
Worship Team Practice - 9:00 AM
Sunday School - 9:45 AM
Worship - 10:30 AM



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