

# Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Join us THIS Sunday October 16th as we celebrate **25 years of ministry in Rio Rancho!!!** *Cake reception following worship* 

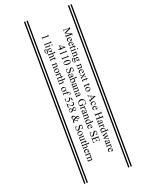
### Happy 25th Birthday Westside

10-19-97 to 10-19-22



If you would like to send a financial gift in recognition of our 25th Year Anniversary, please mail checks to Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church, PO Box 15209, Rio Rancho, NM, 87174. Thank you!

To preach and teach biblical TRUTH and to live that TRUTH in love. ~ WCPC's Mission Statement ~



oin us for worship Sundays at 10:30 AM westsidecpc.org \*\*\*Friend us on Facebook\*\*\*

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Understanding

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1 Chronicles 12:32

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# Called to Something Bigger than Ourselves

"We are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession..." (I Peter 2:9a).

We are ambassadors for Christ here but a short time, and then we will be in heaven, with Jesus, our true and eternal home. At the risk of over simplifying the complexities of the human heart, there are at least three ways a man and a woman may think about life as individuals and their lives in the church.

*Pessimists* think that as individuals they count for nothing. Thus they restrict initiative, cripple cooperation and, weaken the overall sense of well-being in the church. This leads to weakness and despair on both fronts. Sadly, they often gravitate towards other cynics and doubters (nonbelievers).

*Individualists* think they're the center of the universe. In other words, they are all important within themselves. *Ego-centrists* have a distorted sense of values which prevents harmonious cooperation with other people for ends that are greater than themselves. There is nothing greater in the eyes of an egotist than self.

Thankfully, there is a third category of men and women God has *Called*. These folk think of their life as having meaning in the purposes of God's design and His Sovereign placement in the church. The Called live the way of *responsibility*. Here there is no sense of futility nor self-importance. This is the way of the Christian Life within the Body of Christ. These folks prosper in the church and have built churches and church families for countless generations.

Folks can stand almost anything except the fear that when they have given their best and endured the worst, that it made no real difference who they were and what they did. When we submit to Christ and entrust our life under the care of His church, we take on a new depth and richness and readiness. We see God's greater end for the Body of Christ, designed to confront every eventuality with the faith that our lives in Christ count in God's grand design. As the Westside church enters her 26<sup>th</sup> season believe me, "*I'm Glad You're Here*." Be encouraged, as you look inside at some of the ways we will strive together this fall to build the Body, His Church. Is God *Calling* you to enter the church with a new depth and readiness?

Vaya con Dios, Pastor Harry



#### \*Please pray for:

**Carolyn L**, for healing of injuries and God's cont'd provision following serious car accident

#### \*Continue to Pray for:

**Mary** (sister/Ida M) that blood clots will continue to diminish in size and number and a big PRAISE that these were discovered in time to be treated!

#### \*Those serving in the military:

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

#### \*Praise & Thanksgiving:

Praise! After two heart procedures and MUCH PRAYER, my friend **Tim** is almost back to normal! His prognosis in the early stages was not encouraging, the heart issues affected his ability to walk and think clearly. Thank you for your prayers! ~Ida M

As another school year approaches, along with workplace challenges n the world, health issues (and/or plagues) and life events, here is a list of scriptures to guide us in our prayers: 1 Cor. 3:9; Luke 18:1; Heb 4:16; 1 John 5:14-15; Rom 8:26-29; Phil 4:16; Mark 11:24; James 5:16b; John 15:7-8 ~Toni M

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> 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

#### September

27 - Session Meeting

#### October

- 02 Communion Sunday
- 09 Fall Ministry Kickoff Breakfast, 9:15 AM
  - 11 Deacons' Meeting
  - 16 Westside Founders Day Celebration Sunday School Classes resume — all ages!
  - 23 Commitment Sunday (return pledge cards)
  - 25 Session Meeting
  - 30 Reformation Sunday

#### Weekly Meetings

Thursdays \*<u>Men's Breakfast & Bible Study</u> *Weck's RR, 7:00 AM Contact: Ken Y, 220-2968* Fridays \*Eriday Women's Preakfast & P

\*<u>Friday Women's Breakfast & Bible Study</u> 9-11 AM Hosted by Ida M, 814-4154

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Sunday School - 9:45 AM

# Westside Happenings

**\*Fall Potluck Breakfast**...Sunday, October 9th, 9:15-10:15 AM. This Westside tradition is not only a great opportunity to hear about FALL MINISTRIES at Westside but enjoy great food and fellowship with our WCPC brothers and sisters in Christ. PLAN NOW TO JOIN US!!!

\***Sunday School resumes**...October 16th, 9:45-10:15 AM. Back by popular demand, the adults will discuss questions that go along with Pastor Harry's Sermon Series. And for the first time, the Children's Sunday School, Youth Message in Worship and Friends Fellowship (Children's Church) will center on the same Bible story—with a great line up of teachers to help us GROW!

## \*The Barricklow Covenant Group...has

moved! to a new location with a new date and time. For details, call or text Gary B at 505.415.4446.

#### \*Friday Women's Breakfast & Bible

**<u>Study</u>**...9:00 to 11:00 AM, hosted and facilitated by Ida M. (505.814.4155). Our study: *30 Life Principles Bible Study* by Charles F. Stanley. It's not too late to join!

#### \*October is Stewardship Month!!!...

Westside members will soon be receiving a Stewardship Letter that will include a Pledge Card to be brought to church on Sunday, October 23rd — Commitment Sunday — for dedication during Worship. A pledge made to the **General Fund** will provide monies to pay for our operating expenses and every pledge to the **Building Fund** will move us one step closer to a permanent facility on our 10-acre church property at Northern & Ontario in Rio Rancho. Please be in prayer this month seeking God's guidance about your financial commitment for 2023.

# Music News

\*<u>Music Ministry Meeting</u>...Wednesday, October 19th, 10:30 AM at the Chapman home. We will be looking toward the next season including Advent! ALL are welcome...bring a heart that loves to worship and let's make a joyful sound unto to the Lord! If you have questions, please contact Kristen, 505.907.2117.



\*Operation Christmas Child 2022... Westside CPC is again participating in OCC this year! Shoeboxes, to be filled with donated items, will be available at church all month and **need to be returned by Sunday**, **11/13**. A list of suggested items (and items to avoid) is provided. Samaritan's Purse ships millions of Christmas boxes to the needy in the U.S. and around the world. Every child who receives a box will also hear the gospel. For more information call or text Toni M at 505.459.2117.

Note: This year Samaritan's Purse is asking that the check (\$10, made payable to SP) to offset shipping costs be mailed rather than included in the box. Toni would be happy to collect your check and mail it with others in one envelope.

