

We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:13

Hope in Christ

Return of the King

The last few weeks, we have been focused on the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. Now we focus on His return. The Greek word is “parousia”. Around the first century, a parousia signified a presence or a visitation. If the emperor or a dignitary was to visit a region, that was a parousia. If there was an epiphany of a divine being in a place, that was a parousia.

Parousia is an expectation of a gracious and magnificent arrival. Building on the last sermon, Christ is King, and we are living in expectation of a royal visit.

The arrival of a great king should drive us to readiness and anticipation. It’s not “game over.” Rather it is “victory complete.” And the real adventure of genuine life begins. Let’s worship with anticipation.

Have you missed worship or want to hear a sermon again? All recordings of worship and sermons can be viewed at westark.org/stream.

**May 4, 2025
WELCOME!**



We’re so glad you’re with us!

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

Please let us know you’re here by going to WestArk.org/hello, scanning the code, or completing a card on the back of the pew and leaving it in a basket at the coffee counter.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

- Communion (at entrances to auditorium)
- Contribution baskets (at coffee counter)
- Worship hearing assist device (room in the back of the auditorium)
- Nursery/Nursing Room to auditorium
- Fun Pew Pouches (check-out for young children at the entrances to the auditorium)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Leader - Joseph Harrell

Days of Elijah

WELCOME & PRAYER

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

We Shall See the King Someday

The Lion and the Lamb

COMMUNION & OFFERING

COINS FOR CHRIST

Jesus Is Coming Soon

MESSAGE

What a Day that Will Be

Open Up the Heaven

SHEPHERD’S PRAYER

NURSERY ROTATION - Week 1

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES / **SUNDAY WORSHIP** / **WED BIBLE STUDIES**
9:30AM / 10:30AM / 6:30PM

MINISTRY STAFF

- Preaching - Chris Benjamin
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GIVING

Apr 27 Contribution - \$ 15,897.43
2025 Average - \$ 17,776

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Click [here](#) for online giving.
- Text “Westark” to (833) 371-5159
- Mail check to:
900 North Waldron Road
Fort Smith, AR 72903

Happy Birthday!
MAY

- 4 Braden Walker
- 5 Merle Thomas
- 7 Ruth Rye
- 8 Betty Allred
Marjorie Blake



WHERE’S WESTARK

- WIFI password: Godissogood!
- westark.org
- office@westark.org
- 479.452.1240
- Studies/groups:
westark.org/connections
- Way to serve: westark.org/serve
- Elder Emails:
westark.org/shepherds



CAMPUS

KIDS

HEALING

HOPE

This WEEK at WESTARK - May 4 through May 10

- **Sunday:** Bible classes (9:30AM); Worship (10:30AM)
 - **Monday:** Quilting Group (9AM); Celebrate Recovery (6PM)
 - **Tuesday:** Men's Class (9AM);
 - **Wednesday:** Bible Classes - 6:30 PM
 - **Thursday:** Pickleball (1:30PM-Gym)
 - **Saturday:** Mother's Day Brunch (10AM - Gym)
- See more info and sign up below!

Contact
dena@westark.org
 for more info and see
 calendar at
westark.org/calendar

THE WESTARK MEN INVITE YOU TO A

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Saturday, May 10, at 10:00am
WestArk Family Life Center

LADIES,
SIGN UP
HERE!



MEN,
VOLUNTEER
HERE!



Please sign up at the coffee counter or use the code.

Prayer List

- Debbie Belote had outpatient gallbladder surgery on April 30 and is home recovering. Please pray for complete healing.
- Sherria Burk has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She and Mike will meet with the oncologist soon to discuss treatment. Your prayers are appreciated for Sherria, Mike, and their medical team.
- Cyndi Glidewell appreciates continued prayers as she begins chemo and radiation at MD Anderson on May 5. She will be staying in Houston for 5-6 weeks during treatment. Please pray for complete healing.
- The Tignor family has a possibility of getting some of their things from the country they previously worked in, and had to flee quickly. They left much behind including their WestArk quilt. Let's pray that this opportunity materializes.
- Kay Garrett asks for prayers for her friend from Poteau Church of Christ, Nina Bowen, whose husband died very suddenly.

Rejoice always,
 pray continually,
 give thanks in all circumstances;
 for this is God's will for you
 in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Continued Prayers

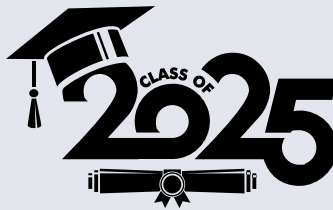
- David Beneux
- Ann Cook
- Bob Faries
- Cyndi Glidewel
- Rusty Howard
- Carlene Payne
- Jack Richardson
- Carolyn Smith
- Ellen Smith
- Merle & Mary Thomas

A Men's Step Study for Celebrate Recovery will begin on May 6. This is for anyone who wants to join. You do not have to be a part of the Monday night CR group to be a part of the study. Want more info? Contact Larry Roper at (479) 414-2677.



Senior Sunday is May 18th! We will be celebrating the following Seniors:

- Natalie Allred
- Nicholas Allred
- Vivian Beneux
- Gabriella Herrera-Robbins
- Peyton Kaminshine
- Ariana Mendoza
- Jake Nelson



Gifts for the Seniors can be dropped off in the foyer.

As part of our Care Team, we are forming a **Grief Group** for the following groups:

- The grieving
- Those who want to help the grieving

If you are interested in either or both of these, please join us **Sunday, May 18, at 2PM in The Gathering Place** off the foyer. If you are unable to attend but are still interested, please contact dena@westark.org



Join us for a fun and creative **Ladies Craft Night on May 22** from 6-8 PM. We'll be making charming spring boxes, perfect for adding a seasonal touch to your home or gifting to someone special. All materials provided, just bring your creativity!



WORSHIP

SERVE

GROW

GIVE