

Making disciples for Jesus who are eager to serve others

Our key text will be 1 Samuel 27-29. David is hiding out with the Philistines. Saul has lost his way as a leader and is attempting to summon spirits to figure out what he should be doing. There are ugly elements to this text, such as fear, betrayal, and lying. David and Saul should be on the same side. They each serve as the anointed leader of God's people.

This ought to serve as a cautionary tale for us. We often think that we are justified in our quarreling and mistrust. We hide bitterness and fear behind terms like "concerned" or "purity." There is no virtue or victory when the people of God fight with one another. The outcome is loss, loss, and more loss. Let's determine to be people of God and people of peace all to His glory!

The office will be closed Monday, September 1, for Labor Day.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP** 

10:30AM

Our weekly Monday Message has been phased out. You can see the most updated prayer requests and submit requests at westark.org/prayer or contact office@westark.org.

**WED BIBLE STUDIES** 

6:30PM

#### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES / 9:30AM

Preaching - Chris Benjamin chris@westark.org

Children & Family - Hope Evans hope@westark.org

- Youth & Family Joseph Harrell joseph@westark.org
- Congregational Life Anissa Hodo anissa@westark.org
- Care & Connections Dena Jenkins dena@westark.org
- Campus Cade Richards cade@westark.org

# Happy Birthday!

- 1 Kay Garrett Bentley Garrett Linda McRay **Brenda Wewers**
- 2 Bob Donahue Chuck Hooks
- 4 Hagen Pointer
- 5 Brent Douglas Adrienne Kaminshine
- 6 Patty Null

#### **GIVING**

Aug 24 Contribution - \$ 16,775 2025 Average - \$ 17,313 **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

#### 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





### **August 31, 2025 WELCOME!**

We're so glad you're with us! **MEMBERS AND GUESTS:** 



- Communion (at entrances to auditorium)
- Contribution baskets (at coffee counter)
- Worship hearing assist device (room in the back of the auditorium)
- Nursery/Nursing Room

auditorium)

Fun Pew Pouches (check-out for young children at the entrances to the

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Leader - Danny Baker

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Anywhere With Jesus

**WELCOME & PRAYER** 

Be Still My Soul

**PRAYER** 

Be With Me, Lord

Jesus, Hold My Hold

He Will Hold Me Fast

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Refiner's Fire

COMMUNION

**OFFERING** 

**COINS FOR CHRIST** 

Whom Shall I Fear

**MESSAGE** 

Cornerstone Stronger

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

App Store Google Play NURSERY ROTATION - Week 5

CAMPUS HEALING KIDS

HOPE

### This WEEK at WESTARK - August 31 through Sept 6

Sunday: Bible classes (9:30AM); Worship (10:30AM); Monday: Office Closed; Pickleball (10AM-Gym);

Celebrate Recovery (6PM) Tuesday: Men's Class (9:30AM) Wednesday: Bible Studies (6:30PM) Thursday: Pickleball (1:30PM-Gym);

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

Cancer Support Group (2PM); Ladies' Book Club (6PM)

### **Cancer Support Group**

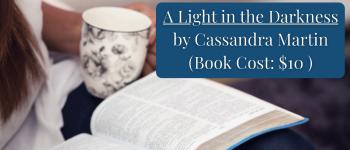
A safe space for patients and those who love them to support and encourage one another. You don't have to walk this path alone.

Thursday, September 4, at 2pm WestArk Church of Christ The Gathering Place (off the fover) **Facilitator:** Carl Williams (479) 252-4622



WoW (Widows or Widowers and other singles) will have a potluck on September 6 at noon in the Annex. Sedalia Douglas is bringing pulled pork, Please bring something that will go with it. Text or call Shannon Horton 479-461-9207 if you have any questions.





WINGS BIBLE STUDY

Ministry Fair

Tuesdays at 9:30am | Begins September 9, 2025 Need more info? See Trish Carson or Jeannie Cole

Check out the videos below about our upcoming

**Ministry Fair** on September 14!

All Ministry Minute Videos can be viewed at westark.org/ministryminute or with the code!

September 14!

<u>Ministry Fair</u>

Just One



#### Have you found your small group yet?

Want to join a group but aren't sure which one is right for you? Complete an interest form, and we'll be happy to help!

Info about Small Groups: westark.org/smallgroups

Group Info cards on the Coffee Counter!

Available groups: westark.org/findagroup

# Let's Pray

- Ann Selig's second cataract surgery went well, and she is home recoverina.
- Donna Carson is home recovering from her second cataract surgery.
- Joe Mason has been diagnosed with West Nile Virus and is receiving home health care.
- Doug Wilkins' ablation procedure went well.
- Sherria Burk's most recent cancer check-up showed no changes, and she will continue oral chemo at home.
- Jeff & Karen Pointer ask for prayers for Kirby and Robin Smith. Kirby is the Kibler Police Chief, and Robin works with Jeff. Kirby is in kidney failure and is going through testing to see if he is eligible for the transplant list.
- Becky Rider's stepdad, Jim Kelly, is stable and recovering at home after a stay in the hospital for kidney failure.
- Louise Howard's cousin, Lee Reed, was in an accident with a bucking horse and was airlifted to a hospital in Missouri.
- Rachel Sample's great aunt is in a rehab facility following complications from back surgery.

## Confinued Prayers

David Beneux Ann Cook

**Bob Faries** 

- <u>Carlene</u> Payne

- Jack Richardson
- Cyndi Glidewell Carolyn Smith
  - - Luke Walker

Merle &

Mary Thomas

### FOSTER/ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 THE GATHERING PLACE

BRING THE FAMILY, SUPPER PROVIDED.

GET MORE INFO AND RSVP TO ANISSA@WESTARK.ORG

WORSHIP

SERVE

GROW

GIVE