

WEST ARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.



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.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES
9:30AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30AM

WED BIBLE STUDIES
6:30PM

- 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

MINISTRY

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



App Store



Google Play

Happy Birthday!
SEPTEMBER

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

Do all that you can to
live in
PEACE
with everyone.
Romans 12:18

August 31, 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
- Fun Pew Pouches (check-out for young children at the entrances to the auditorium)

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

NURSERY ROTATION - Week 5

CAMPUS

KIDS

HEALING

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);

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

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

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 foyer)

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.



A Light in the Darkness
by Cassandra Martin
(Book Cost: \$10)

WESTARK LADIES
**WINGS
BIBLE
STUDY**

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

Ministry MINUTE

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!

Ministry Fair
Just One

**Ministry Fair
September 14!**



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 recovering.
- 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.

Continued Prayers

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| • David Beneux | • Rusty Howard | • Ellen Smith |
| • Ann Cook | • Carlene Payne | • Merle & |
| • Bob Faries | • Jack Richardson | Mary Thomas |
| • Cyndi Glidewell | • Carolyn Smith | • Luke Walker |

FOSTER/ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
5-7PM**

THE GATHERING PLACE

BRING THE FAMILY, SUPPER PROVIDED.

GET MORE INFO AND RSVP TO ANISSA@WESTARK.ORG

WORSHIP

SERVE

GROW

GIVE