

The Joy of the Lord TODAY

Our key text this week is Philippians 3:12-21. Paul says that he presses on for the prize (future focus), but right now, he (and we) are citizens of heaven. (3:20). Not in the future, but right now. We are called to live worthy of that NOW. We must live up to what we have already attained (3:16).

Contrast that with those who are enemies of the cross of Christ (3:18). Not those who are "going to hell" (future focus) but those who are antagonistic to Christ Jesus (now focused). Their minds are set on earthly things. This isn't picking on sinners. It is tearful and shameful. Some of those who are enemies of the cross of Christ are those who believe that they are the righteous, and they put their confidence in the flesh. But they are enemies of the cross because they do not perceive how it saves them from the confidence and dependence of things in this world.

The health and maturity of the church is increased when we see the kingdom in this way. It's much more than eternal fire insurance. It is joy and gladness. Paul urges the Philippians (and us!) not to miss out on the joy of being a Christian for a single day! Let's continue to learn and grow together.

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

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

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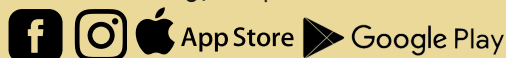
Mar 16 Contribution - \$ 16,041.86
 2025 Average - \$ 17,950.00

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Click [here](#) for online giving.
- Text "Westark" to (833) 371-5159
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- westark.org
- office@westark.org
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Happy Birthday!

MARCH

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| 23 Diane Arnold | 28 Rebecca Fowlkes |
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| Donna Roper | Hope Evans |
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| Daniel Morgan | |

March 23, 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)
- Nursery/Nursing Room
- Fun Pew Pouches (check-out for young children at entrance to auditorium)
- Worship hearing assist device (room in back of auditorium)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Leader - Brent Evans

I Will Follow

Let Him Have His Way with Thee

WELCOME & PRAYER

O to Be Like Thee

King of My Heart

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

COMMUNION & PRAYER

PRAYER FOR COLLECTION & COINS FOR CHRIST

Called Me Higher

SERMON

He Will Come and Save

I Walk With the King

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

NURSERY ROTATION - Week 4

CAMPUS

KIDS

HEALING

HOPE

This WEEK at WESTARK - Mar 23 through Mar 29

- **Sunday:** Bible classes (9:30AM); Worship (10:30AM)
- **Monday:** Quilting Group (9AM); Celebrate Recovery (6PM)
- **Tuesday:** Men's Class (9AM); Ladies' WinGS class (9:30AM)
- **Wednesday:** Bible Classes - 6:30PM
- **Thursday:** Pickleball (1:30PM-Gym)

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

Introducing our newest members:



Gary & Brittany Nolasco
Alexis
Joseph
Ryan
Kyle



Mary Moore

Welcome

Let's do LUNCH!

WoW (Widows, Widowers, and other Singles) will meet for lunch at 12PM on Saturday, April 5, in Donna Brown's home. If you can join us, RSVP to Donna at 479-225-2004. If you need a ride or directions, please let us know.



"From a Friend" is an anonymous ministry that makes sharing encouragement easy. Notes are in the pews and can be dropped off in the marked boxes in the foyer or youth room. Digital messages can be sent using the code. May God guide us in uplifting one another - all to His glory!



Are you willing and able to help with any of the tasks below?

- Basic house repairs
- Budgeting/tax help
- Cooking/baking
- House cleaning
- Moving
- Visting sick/shut-ins
- Prayer Team
- Yardwork

The WestArk Care Team is looking for individuals who can respond when needs arise. Please let us know how you are willing and able by completing the Serve Form at westark.org/serve (or use the code) or contact dena@westark.org. Thank you!



Prayer List

- Rex Mason is in Mercy Rehab, Room 222, recovering from a stroke. Please pray for his healing.
- Ron Hamilton is now home from the hospital and is continuing treatments for RSV.
- Praise!
 - Jeff and Wade Pressley each had good follow-up appointments.
 - Ellen Smith received another good report from her oncologist.
 - Please continue to pray for complete healing for Jeff, Wade and Emily.
- Carl Williams continues to recuperate at home from his surgery. Please pray that the expected long recovery will go smoothly and without complications.
- Annette Rotta's mom, Iris, had to go by ambulance due to low blood counts and needing a transfusion and is now home. Please pray as Iris continues her battle against stage 4 cancer.
- Coleen Shirley asks for prayers for
 - her daughter, Denisa, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
 - grandson Ethan who is battling the flu and COVID.
- Please pray for our teams going to Guatemala and Seattle over spring break.
- Please pray for all those affected by the tornadoes in eastern Arkansas.
- Our love and sympathy to:
 - Alphonse Jackson in the loss of his dad, Raymond Jones, who passed away March 14. The funeral will be in New Orleans on April 5. Please pray for Alphonse and his family during this difficult time.
 - Robert Childers and family in the loss of his dad, William Childers. The funeral was March 20. You can see the obituary [here](#). Please pray for Robert, Aerren, Caleigh, Delainey and all the family during this difficult time.

Continued Prayers

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

WORSHIP

SERVE

GROW

GIVE