



FAITH FORECAST

Hey church family. Dr. Benjamin here with a few thoughts about the near future and next year. The change of seasons is upon us, and I am ready to bid farewell to the heatwave. Got news this week that the new AC will be installed this month. More on that soon. Thanks for your faithful giving. Look on page two to see how close we've moved to the goal. We have 87.5% of the funds. Well done!

Surely there are mixed feelings about the school year restarting. **Campus Ministry** is still in my heart, so I am excited for every kickoff to a new school year. As I write this, Cade and Rachel Richards are on campus with our **LFC** student leaders even before the school year starts. Let's keep them encouraged and be ready to serve.

Next Sunday will be the 22nd year for the **Back to School Blessing**. Hope Evans is making plans for this. It is a sacred trust and I hope you will commit to praying for schools, students, teachers in our region. Make it real and pledge to pray for a particular person this year.

This September will be the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Some of us remember how first responders were highly respected then. Society's praise has not remained consistent since 2001, but the church behaves differently. We will always pray for and encourage first responders. We plan to serve a meal for first responders on Sept. 24. Anissa Hodo is organizing this. See page two for more info.

I recently encouraged you to save the date for **Acapella Songfest** in September. Well, **unsave it** and **update it** for **January 23-24, 2027** instead. That's the new date for Songfest. What a great way to start 2027!

As long as we are talking about next year, here's a few things to pencil in:

- *Night to Shine XI* will be **Friday, February 12, 2027**.
- The second ever *West-Ark Church Family Retreat* will be **March, 12-14, 2027**.
- The second *Guatemala Mission Trip* is scheduled for **March 22-26, 2027**.
- *Leadership Training for Christ (LTC)* is returning. You will be hearing more about that from Joseph Harrell. The regional gathering will be **March 26-27, 2027** at Oklahoma Christian University.

I've said it before and I will say it again, God is working among us to bring glory to his name and to show the world the wisdom of his ways.

order of worship

We're Marching to Zion

On Zions Glorious Summit

WELCOME & PRAYER

Love Come Down

Only by Grace

*Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)*

LORD'S SUPPER OFFERING

Thank You Lord

COIN'S FOR CHRIST [Kids Come Sit on Stage]

Come Jesus Come

SERMON: EPH. 1

Trust and Obey

*Blest Be the Tie that
Binds*

SENDING OUT & SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

SUMMER SERIES CONTINUES

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

AUG 5 at 6:00 PM

AUG 12 at 6:00 PM

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Meets every
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KID'S PRAISE RETURNS ON AUGUST 16

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
email hope@westark.org

NURSERY ROTATION
WEEK 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 9 **Back to School Blessing** - Bring a friend to worship as we pray for students and educators in the region.

AUG 14-16 **Jump Start** - The greatest youth rally in Neosho, MO. Register at linktree.com/westarkyouth or with the QR code below. See Joseph Harrell for more info.

AUG 17-22 **Lions For Christ Welcome Week** - Classes begin at UAFS on 8/17. Do you know an incoming student? Please help with our campus outreach! See Cade Richards for more info. Email: cade@westark.org

AUG 30 **Ministry Open House** - 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM in the foyer and auditorium. Talk to our ministry leaders and get involved in service opportunities.

SEPT 18-20 **Lions for Christ Retreat** - More information coming soon. See Cade Richards to assist. Email: cade@westark.org

SEPT 24 **First Responder BBQ** - 11-2 at WestArk we will serve a meal to first responders in our community. See Anissa Hodo to help set-up or serve. Email: anissa@westark.org

OCT 16-18 **The WAY Retreat** - More information coming soon on this retreat for youth group. See Joseph Harrell for info. Email: joseph@westark.org

birthdays this week

AUGUST 2
Gabby Robbins

AUGUST 3
Navy Sandifer
Laura Smith

AUGUST 4
Jim Arnold
Alyssa Benjamin
Laurie Hooks

AUGUST 5
Luis Mendez

AUGUST 6
Reid Maddox

AUGUST 8
Joel Middleton

Giving Goals 2026

Weekly Budget for Contribution: **\$20,636**

Contribution for July 26:

\$15,374

Special AC Fund

Goal: \$330,000

Current Total: \$288,992

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prayers

Cindy Looney's knee replacement has been postponed to August 18.

Carolyn Edmundson will have surgery later this month.

Rebecca Holloway received good news from her heart cath procedure. She will not need stents.

Ken Frederick is being treated for excess build up of iron in his liver.

Bill Walker is recovering at home and grateful for your prayers and support.

Anissa Hodo's parents, **Wendell & Rochelle Wardell**, need prayers for their health. Wendell was in the hospital. Rochelle is being treated for a wound that is slow to heal.

Wes Roper recently had tests and appears to be recovering well. He will have more tests to determine future treatments.

John Glidewell is scheduled to meet with a surgery team on August 3, to plan his treatment procedures for hip replacement.

Sherria Burk is scheduled for an MRI on Aug. 12.

continuing prayers

- Bob Donahue
- John Glidewell
- Rusty Howard
- Brice Martin
- Carlene Payne
- Carolyn Smith
- Ellen Smith
- Graham Vinson
- Bill Walker