

WEST ARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Making disciples for Jesus who are eager to serve others

This week we will return to the Book of Acts and our study of Paul with the themes of:

Courage ✦ Grace ✦ Trust in God

Our text this week will be Acts 27:1-26. We've come a long, long way with Paul. Since his encounter with Jesus, he has been the chosen instrument that Jesus prepared him to be. Let's learn and grow together to do the same!

LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS IN 2025 TO CONNECT AND SERVE?

✦ Find a Bible Class or group at westark.org/connections

✦ Discover new ways to serve at westark.org/serve

✦ Mark your calendars for church-wide events. You can pick up a 2025 calendar at the coffee counter or stay up to date at westark.org/calendar

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

MINISTRY STAFF

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GIVING

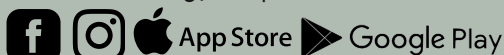
Jan 5 Contribution - \$ 15,392.93
2025 Average - \$15,393

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



Happy Birthday!
JANUARY

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12 Mitty Baker | 15 Frankie Jenkins |
| Sam Lively | Tripp Stormer |
| 13 Reynda Allen | Mary Thomas |
| 14 Debbie Atkinson | 16 Jay Arnold |
| Arista Lindgren | 18 Andrew Rye |
| Tatum Thompson | |

I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.

Acts 27:25

January 12, 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 back of auditorium)
- Nursery/Nursing Room
- Fun Pew Pouches (check-out for young children at entrance to auditorium)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Leader - Brent Evans

Praise the Lord

WELCOME & PRAYER

Battle Belongs to the Lord

Glory to God Forever

Jesus Is All the World to Me

He Will Hold Me Fast

COMMUNION MEDITATION & PRAYER

COINS FOR CHRIST

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

SERMON

Because He Lives

Guide My Feet

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

NURSERY ROTATION - Week 2

CAMPUS

KIDS

HEALING

HOPE

This WEEK at WESTARK - Jan 12 though Jan 18

- **Sunday:** Bible classes (9:30AM); Worship (10:30AM); Small groups begin
- **Monday:** Quilting Group (9AM); Celebrate Recovery (6PM)
- **Tuesday:** Men's Class (9AM); Ladies' WinGS class (9:30AM)
- **Thursday:** Food Patrol - 10AM; Pickleball - 1:30PM (Gym)
- **Saturday:** Hope Park - 11AM

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

Welcome (back!) new members

Robby and Leah Belote

We are glad you are a part of the WestArk family!



Welcome Home!

Looking for a serving opportunity?

Celebrate Recovery is starting a program for children ages 5-12, Celebration Place and needs help two hours a week: Mondays from 5:45pm-7:45pm. No prep is needed! Even if you can volunteer once a month, it would be helpful. Contact Kim Lewallen at 479-462-5910 if you have any questions or would like to help.



CRAFT NIGHT

January 23rd at 6PM
Annex

Get more info & register with the code!



LADIES!

Ladies' Getaway

Save the Date

March 7-9

More info coming soon!



Night to Shine
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

fsnighttoshine.org

GIVE \$25 IN
2025



HOPE CHEST UPDATE

In 2024, we served 2,499 families. That is an increase from 1,671 families in 2023. Thank you for your prayers, item donations and financial contributions. We could not do what we do without your support. We ask that you continue to support our ministry as we strive to serve the people of our community.



CURE 2024 OVERVIEW

You can see all the ways God enabled CURE to serve at westark.org/cure. Copies are also available at the coffee counter and at the entrances to the auditorium.

Prayer List

- Jerry Selby is in Mercy Hospital with pneumonia and has had surgery to attempt to drain fluid off his lungs. Your prayers for Jerry, Marilyn and Katy are appreciated.
- Please continue to pray for the healing of Ralph Smith as he is still suffering from pneumonia.
- Harold Davis will have a heart cath on Friday, January 10, at Mercy. Your prayers are appreciated for a good outcome.
- Earl Flood will have bladder cancer surgery on January 20. Please pray for a successful surgery and that no more cancer will return.
- Our Officer Robyn Shoptaw's knee surgery went well, and she is now back home. Please pray for her complete recovery and be ready to welcome Officer Bradley Williams who will be filling in for Robyn while she heals.
- Larry Roper is thankful for all prayers, cards, calls, texts during his recovery. Your continued prayers are appreciated for his upcoming surgery in February and for his complete healing.
- Debra Gail Hatfield has had some medical tests with concerning results. She will have more testing soon. Please pray for answers, for her medical team, for complete healing, and peace along the way.
- Chris Benjamin's father, Gerald Benjamin is now out of the hospital in Orlando and will be traveling back to NWA soon and will have follow-up care there. Please pray for complete healing.
- Carlene Payne's daughter, Stephanie, will have brain surgery on Monday, January 13, in Little Rock to remove a rare benign tumor. Please pray for a successful surgery and complete healing.
- Mary King has had some health challenges but is doing better now with oxygen therapy. Your prayers are appreciated.
- Annette Rotta asks for prayers for her mother, Iris, who fell and fractured her hip and is also battling aggressive, stage 4 cancer.
- PRAISE! Rebecca Holloway's cousin, Georgia Ruth McLoughlin, is now in rehab following her hospital stay.
- Louise Howard's cousin, Jeanie Taylor, is now home recovering from numerous injuries due to a fall. Your prayers for her complete healing are appreciated.
- Kristabeth Atkinson asks for prayers for proper diagnosis and treatment for her husband, Mikey, following his stress test and echo-cardiogram and for herself, following testing for autoimmune diseases.
- Please pray for all those affected by the fires in California and the snow and ice affecting a good portion of the country.
- Night to Shine Prayer Focus: Please pray for sufficient volunteers, unity of all the workers, and that our members will show Christ to all.

Our love and sympathy to:

- Mark Lewallen in the passing of his father, Jerry Lewallen. The memorial service will be at noon on Saturday, January 11, at the Rogers VFW Post 3031. Please pray for Mark and all the family.
- Ralph Smith in the sudden loss of his sister, Sue Jobe, in Memphis last night. We will share arrangement information when it becomes available. Your prayers for Ralph and all the family are appreciated.
- The memorial service for Helen Johnson will be January 18 at 2PM at WestArk. You can see the obituary [here](#). Your continued prayers for Valerie and all the family are appreciated.

Continued Prayers

- David Benuex
- Ann Cook
- Bob Faries
- Rusty Howard
- Debra Hatfield
- Carlene Payne
- Jack Richardson
- Carolyn Smith
- Ellen Smith
- Merle & Mary Thomas
- David Wall

WORSHIP

SERVE

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GIVE