

WEST ARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Making disciples for Jesus who are eager to serve others

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

Candlelight & Cocoa SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 6PM

Candlelight and Cocoa is a **family event** for not only our earthly families to enjoy but an opportunity for our spiritual family here at West Ark to grow closer together during this Christmas season. Our time together will include **moments to interact with your family** and reflect on the spirit of Christmas and the gift of Christ as our light, hope, joy and peace, **reading scripture and poetry, traditional Christmas carols** and a **time with our children featuring the story of the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. Afterward, we will enjoy a time of **fellowship in the foyer with hot cocoa** with all of the trimmings as well as a photo area for those holiday pictures with your family. We encourage everyone to attend and invite friends and family. **The candlelight service will begin at 6 pm in the auditorium with the fellowship following at 6:45 pm**. Please make plans to attend & **invite your family & friends!**

POINSETTIAS FOR THE AUDITORIUM

Would you like to place an 8" poinsettia in the auditorium in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, or just to be a part of this effort?

TO PURCHASE: December 8 (last day to order!) See Rachele Pratt in foyer or contact her at 479-719-4607.

COST: \$15.00 each.

ON DISPLAY: December 15 and 22

We will arrange for the delivery to the building. You can take your poinsettia home after the worship service on the 22nd.

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

MINISTRY STAFF

- Preaching - Chris Benjamin chris@westark.org
- Care & Connections - Dena Jenkins dena@westark.org
- Youth & Family - Joseph Harrell joseph@westark.org
- Campus - Cade Richards cade@westark.org

GIVING

Dec 1 Contribution - \$13,811.24
2024 Average - \$17,972.00

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



December 8, 2024

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)
- Nursery/Nursing Room
- Contribution baskets (at coffee counter)
- 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

Blessed Be Your Name

WELCOME & PRAYER

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

At the Name of Jesus

Behold Our God

COMMUNION MEDITATION & PRAYER

COINS FOR CHRIST

Trust and Obey

SERMON

Yes, Lord, Yes

Let Him Have His Way with Thee

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 10 Jason Keith | 13 Andy Stotts |
| 12 Bill Beall | 14 James Roughley |
| Jennifer Burks | Luke Ziegler |
| Earl Flood | |
| Stephen Tomlin | |



NURSERY ROTATION - Week 2

CAMPUS

KIDS

HEALING

HOPE

This WEEK at WESTARK - Dec 8 though Dec 14

- **Sunday:** Bible classes; Bible Book Club (5PM - Room 100); Candlelight and Cocoa (6PM - Main Building)
- **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

MISSIONS CONTRIBUTION UPDATE:

As of 12/5/24, the contribution and pledges total \$236,985. (97.15% of goal!)

GOAL: \$243,688 Please see ways to give below:

- Cash or check in the basket on the coffee counter
- Pledge cards can be placed in the basket on coffee counter (Memo: "2025 Missions")
- Online at westark.org/missions
- Pledge at westark.org/missions



(Please select "2025 Missions" fund)

Ladies Night

Finger foods and Ornament exchange on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00pm at the home of Coleen Shirley.

◆ Please text or call Coleen Shirley at 479-806-4168 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Let her know if you want to carpool/caravan from the church parking lot.

6021 Uniontown Hwy, Van Buren

Night to Shine
 TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION
 FEBRUARY 7, 2025
fsnighittoshine.org

Small Groups Are Forming NOW!

Get more info with any of the following:

- westark.org/smallgroups to get more information and complete a general interest form or use the code
- westark.org/findagroup has information about each small group and a link to get connected with the leader(s) of a group.
- Printed cards with each group's information will be available at the coffee counter.



WOW (Widows and Widowers) Christmas luncheon and gift exchange

Saturday, December 7th at 12PM
 Home of Donna Brown at 8321 Rosewood Drive,
 Fort Smith, AR 72903
 Please text /call Donna Brown 479-225-2004
 if you need a ride or have any questions.

Prayer List

- Ralph Smith is at Mercy hospital with heart issues and will be getting a pacemaker in the next few days. Your prayers are appreciated for a successful procedure and complete healing.
- Carlene Payne's cancer has returned. She will begin radiation treatments next week which will conclude December 23. Your continued prayers are appreciated.
- Karen Benjamin's dad, Jack Richardson, is battling shingles. Please pray for relief and for healing.
- Nelda Fowler asks for prayers for her son, Gene Williams, who is having heart issues and has fluid on his lungs.
- Janet Jackson's grandson, Cody Richardson, has a brain tumor and is scheduled for surgery in Little Rock on Dec 12. She asks for prayers for Cody, his team and family.
- Charles & Nicole Wilson ask for prayers for Lisa who had a double mastectomy on 12/2. Please pray that all the cancer was removed.
- Kerry and Dena Jenkins ask for prayers for their neighbor, Ron Cowling, and his daughters, Laura and Sarah, in the loss of their wife and mom, Rose, on November 26.
- Our love and sympathy to:
 - Doug Wilkins in the loss of his aunt, Dorothy Primm Benham, who was 99 years old. Your prayers for all the family are appreciated. You can view the obituary [here](#)
 - Valerie Johnson and family in the loss of her mother, Helen. We will share arrangement information when it becomes available.

Continued Prayers

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

WORSHIP

SERVE

GROW

GIVE