# **LEADERSHIP:**

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#### **Deacons:**

Orlando Barraza
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ATTENDANCE 712/2020: 78

CONTRIBUTION: 7/12/2020: \$6,220



What is a Christian? Beyond any technical definition, what is your understanding about who a Christian is supposed to be? In the original Greek, Christian basically meant "of Christ." I like to look to the Gospels for a picture. In the Gospels, the word Christian is not used. Those "of Christ" – his followers – were referred to as disciples. This gives us a better picture. A Christian is a disciple of Christ. Of course, this begs the question, "What is a disciple?" The short answer is that a disciple is a student, but the long answer is richer than that.

Do you remember your favorite teacher? You were their disciple. You were enamored and obsessed with that teacher. You hung on their every word. You wanted to know the things they knew and act they way they acted. You didn't just listen to the lessons, you listened to the person. You were about the person. That is what a disciple of Jesus – a Christian – is supposed to be. A Christian is not defined as a worshipper of God, a churchgoer, a moral person, a Bible reader, or one who subscribes to a certain set of teachings. A Christian may be described as any of those at various times and in various ways, but a Christian is defined by the person of Jesus. As Christians we are to be all about Jesus – enamored with him, hanging on his every word, and desiring to be like him.

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone, when he is fully trained, will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:40, ESV

By Cooper Atkeson

"But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God." John 3:21

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

#### Welcome!

**Jarrell and Rose Baker** have placed their membership with the church at Riverside. Their address is P.O. Box 1014, Ingram, TX 78025. Their phone numbers are (Jarrell) 361-584-2652, and (Rose) 210-391-3017. Their email addresses are baker.jarrell@sbcglobal.net, and rosembaker@sbcglobal.net.

**Doyle Brown** is still working on getting better. He asks for prayers for strength and healing.

**Jody Wilson** is recovering at home from injuries she suffered in a fall Tuesday. She will wear a neck brace for 6-8 weeks, and she has limitations in her movement. Please pray for Jody, that her healing will be complete, and for her family as they care for her.

Please pray for the **Whartons: Katy** had testing Thursday, and James is having right knee replacement on Monday. Of course, remember their granddaughter **Erin** as she battles osteosarcoma.

**Richardson Family** needs prayers: Twila and Bobby's daughter and granddaughter, **Bobbi and Jayme** have coronavirus. Pray that others in family do not get it. Also, **Twila** has had a few bicycle mishaps in the last week.

**Mickie Couch's** sister and brother-in-law have been diagnosed with the coronavirus. Please pray for healing.

**Janet Leslie's** niece, **Linda Rehak**, has the coronavirus. She is at home, in bed, with visiting nurses. She is a lung cancer survivor and in her 60s. Her address is 2206 Co Rd 303, Edna, Texas 77957. Please add her to your prayer list.

Let's remember all of the health care workers we have in our congregation, Rona Barrozo, Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Kaysi Garrett, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter, and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

### **Food Ministry**

If you know of a need for food (meal) for the month of July, please contact Susan Kasparek at 918-470-5879.

# **Health Updates:**

Please pray for **Jody Wilson**, as she recovers from a broken vertebrae, **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery; **Scott Stork** (son of Chuck and a missionary in China), who is having radiation treatments; **Doyle Brown**, recovering from double pneumonia; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Sarah Lucas**, (family member of Jeanie Haby) who has some serious health concerns; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, who was diagnosed with cancer; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-diagnosed with cancer; **Rona Barrazo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia**, who has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma; John **Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **Dennis Lange's** daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks'** sister Cindy, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.

Please pray for Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick, as they continue their treatments.

Continue to pray for all Riverside family and friends facing health concerns.