Westside LIFE BULLETIN

November 8, 2026

Hodel's Christmas Dinner -- Join us for Westside's Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 11, from 5:30 to 9pm at Hodel's! A sign-up table will be available in the Activity Center Foyer. The cost is $30 per person.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11.

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 21, at 8am, in #520.

NEW **Join us for a new Wednesday evening class titled *"Modern Parables: Discovering the Fruits of the Spirit."*** The class will take place in #516 from 6:30-7:30pm, led by ***Alvin Tanicala***. This class features a simple, four-step ***"Screen to Scripture"*** method: Connect, Watch, Reflect, and Act. We will pair short films with scripture to facilitate discussion and growth in understanding. No prior biblical expertise is required—just come, watch, discuss, and grow with us!

NEW **A new adult Bible Class** led by ***Ken Wheeler*** will meet Sunday mornings at 10:45am in #515. The class is called ***" How to Study the Bible: How Do We Get From There to Here?"***

Join us every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30pm for a Bible study: ladies' class in #520 (***The Chosen****, taught by* ***Kim Nickell****).* We also have classes for children, youth, Prayer Quilt Class *(#308),* and an adult class in #516.

Ladies' Bible Class meets on Thursday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in #520. We begin with fellowship and prayer. Please join us every Thursday as we dive into a study by ***Ann Voskamp*** entitled *"**One Thousand Gifts**"*.

You can watch our Sunday service live on Facebook, on the Westside Church of Christ app and on WestsideLife.org/Live.

The Westside Church app is a GREAT way to stay connected with the church family. You can view upcoming events, and livestream our services from around the world! To get the app, search Westside Bakersfield in the App Store or visit WestsideLife.org.

There will be a memorial service for ***Tammy D'Arcy*****,** at Westside on Saturday, November 7, at 11am.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family of **Wanda Carroll** who passed away recently. *Wanda* was a former member at Westside. A memorial service for *Wanda* will be held at the ***California Avenue Church of Christ*** *(1020 E. California, 93307)* at 11am on Saturday, November 11. Viewing is 10:30-11am.

Gail Strother - recovering from wrist surgery

Continued Prayer Concerns: *Leanne Brock, Kevin Caid, Jan Carls, Kendra Dager, Kay Dawes, Loretta Fleetwood, Jenkins Family, Olive Jones, Dawanna Kimble, Mike Malone, Desiree Martinez, Betty McCarthy, Mike Minton, Abel Orozco, Russ Taylor, Vawter Family, Charlotte West, Harvey Williams, Helen Williams, Karen Williams, John & Sharon Wilson*

More Community opportunities on the back page.

Church Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9-5pm,
closed for lunch from 12-1pm

Please submit information for the weekly bulletin by noon on Wednesday's. Submissions received after this time will be included in the following week's bulletin. You may email your blurb to westside@westsidelife.org.

	Worship	Classes	Contribution	
10/11	186	122	$10,489	29
10/18	206	136	$ 9,362	16
10/25	216	137	$ 4,836	22
11/1	204	126	$25,298	42

Dear Westside Family, I'm very encouraged by the number of boxes picked up already! More will be available if you haven't picked up one or two yet. Reminder that you can order a box online if you choose. To those who've handed me money, thank you for your giving hearts. I will shop for you! That is my wheelhouse!

Training -- Sunday, November 8! There will be training *(or refresher training)* on how to pack a box and how to pack boxes into the cartons during drop-off week. We need volunteers for a 2-hour shift per day during drop-off week, Nov. 15-Nov. 23. Training will be held in the WAC *(#520)* immediately following the worship service. You can sign up for several days or only one, depending on what you have available. The training will just be a few minutes. If you have any packing questions, I'll be happy to answer them. If you haven't served during drop-off day, please come and learn what that entails and enjoy some fellowship.

We will need people with trucks to help get all the boxes to Valley Baptist by noon or so on Monday, November 23. Please let me know if you can help.

A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available this Sunday *(11/8)* near the display table. Please consider coming to a drop-off day & visit with other family members while greeting the donors. The shifts are only 2 hours & they go by very quickly. We need folks to pray over the boxes at the end of our days & there will be light refreshments available.

Packing Party -- Sunday, Nov. 15! One other opportunity available is to come to a packing party in the WAC *(#520)* immediately following the worship service. Bring your box and a WOW gift & come right after services to fill up your boxes completely. We don't want half empty boxes!

Always remember that we are the hands and feet of Jesus, the greatest gift giver of all.

Just a reminder: there are a few new items that **should not be included** in the boxes. Please ***do not*** include tools, Pokémon items, or Harry Potter items, as the children we serve may not understand magic or fantasy characters. As in previous years, please refrain from sending any liquids, edible items, or war-related items. This includes no toy soldiers, camo print items, or plastic weapons. When in doubt, leave it out! You can find a search engine for authorized items on the Samaritan's Purse / OCC website if you need clarification.

The age groups that often receive the fewest boxes are children ages 2-4 and 10-14, especially boys. Consider including items like hacky sacks, T-shirts, marbles, and cars.

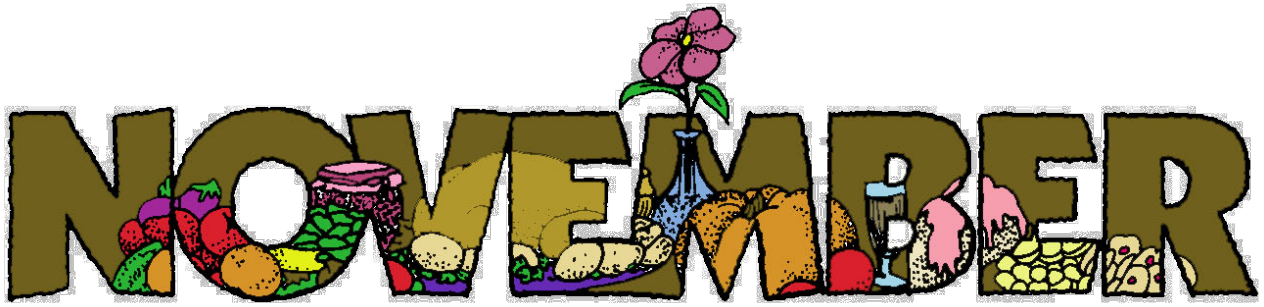
Thank you in advance for your participation, and your prayers for this outreach are always appreciated. ***"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).*** If you have any questions, please feel free to see or call me.

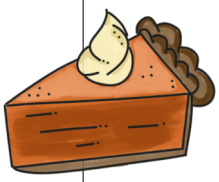
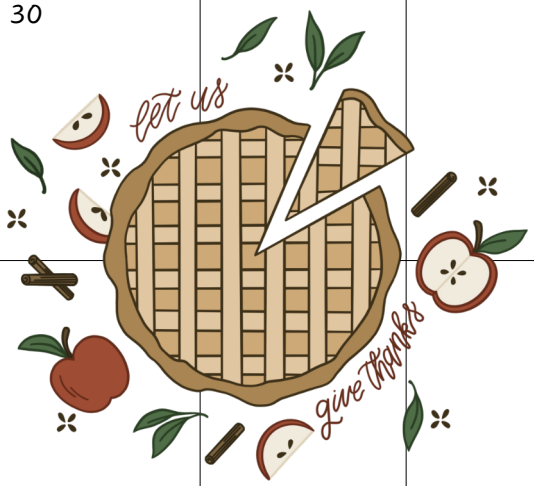
Blessings,

Dena Del Rio *(661-487-9336)*

Community Opportunities -- Several of our members are participating in these upcoming community events with ARM. If you would like to support them directly, please see the details below.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 • **Worship Service,** 9:30am, WC • **Classes**,10:45-11:45am	2	3 	4 • **Classes, 6:30-7:30pm** Youth *(#604)* Children *(HUB)* Ladies *(#520)* Prayer Quilt *(#308)*	5 • **Ladies' Bible Class**, 9:45-11am, #520	6 ***Office closed***	7 • **ARM Homeless Cooking** 6:30-9:30am, Kit • **Tammy D'Arcy** memorial service, 11am, Westside • **Wanda Carroll** memorial service, 11am, California Avenue C of C
8 • **Worship Service,** 9:30am, WC • **Classes**,10:45-11:45am • **OCC Training, after Worship Service, #520**	9	10	11 ***Office closed*** • **Classes, 6:30-7:30pm** Youth *(#604)* Children *(HUB)* Ladies *(#520)* Prayer Quilt *(#308)* *Adult, (#516)* *Praise Team, (#603)*	12 • **Ladies' Bible Class**, 9:45-11am, #520 • **Young Adult Men, "Pass the Rock"**, 7pm, AC	13 ***Office closed*** 	14 • **ARM Homeless Cooking** 6:30-9:30am, Kit
15 • **Worship Service,** 9:30am, WC • **Classes**,10:45-11:45am • **OCC Packing Party , after Worship Service, #520**	16 • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 4-6pm	17 • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 4-6pm	18 • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 4-6pm • **Classes, 6:30-7:30pm** Youth *(#604)* Children *(HUB)* Ladies *(#520)* Prayer Quilt *(#308)* Adult *(#516)* Praise Team *(#603)*	19 • **Ladies' Bible Class**, 9:45-11am, #520 • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 12-2pm • **Young Adult Men, "Pass the Rock,"** 7pm,	20 ***Office closed*** • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 4-6pm	21 • **ARM Homeless Cooking** 6:30-9:30am, Kit • **Men's Breakfast**, 8am, in #520 • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 10-12noon
22 • **Worship Service,** 9:30am, WC • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 4-6pm	23 • **OCC Drop-off,** AC, 10-12noon	24	25 • **Office closed at noon** • **NO Classes**	26 ***Office closed*** • **NO Ladies' Bible Class**, • **NO Young Adult Men, "Pass the Rock"** 	27 ***Office closed***	28 • **ARM Homeless Cooking** 6:30-9:30am, Kit
29 • **Worship Service,** 9:30am, WC • **Classes**,10:45-11:45am	30 					

- **AC** - Activity Center
- **HUB** - Kids' Praise Bldg
- **Nur** - Nursery
- **Kit** - Kitchen
- **WAC** - Women's Activity Center
- **WC** - Worship Center
- **AC Upstairs Classes** - #601, #604 *(college, youth)*
- **AC Downstairs Classes** - #507-521 *(cradle roll classes, adult Shepherding groups*
- **WOW** - Women of Westside