

FOR THE RECORD

Week of January 7th, 2018

Bible Study.....	223
Sunday Worship.....	421
Sunday Evening.....	97
Wednesday.....	213
Weekly Giving.....	\$16,448
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,914
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$16,448
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$17,914

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 14

Susan Bratton & Donna Frick

January 21

Janelle Miller & Wanda Reed

January Communion Prep

The Holman's

GREETERS

January 14

Thom & Tami RobinsonWest
Larry DuvallEast
Richard LovelandNorth

January 21

Thom & Tami Robinson.....East
Larry DuvallNorth
Richard LovelandWest

COMMUNION

January 14

Table 1: Phil Sims, Josh Harrell, Bobby Smart, Chandler Russell, Jackson Sorrells

Table 2: Clay Reed, Paul Senn, Mike Spurlock, Charlie Richards, Bert Page

RAISING * ARROWS

Children's Ministry Grades K-5: Meets ^{Peak 1273-5}
Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM

Teachers beginning **January 17** are...

Creator's Canvas

Sarah Abbott

Museum

Darol Harrison

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Holy Word Studios

Bob & Kay Smart

Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 – 2nd grade, in room #2, and is announced for dismissal during the sermon.

January

Word / Scripture of the Month
Kindness / 1 Thessalonians 5:15
"...be kind to one another..."

January 14

2 Year Olds: Michele Todd
3 & 4 Year Olds: Judy Holman
K - 2nd Grade: Jessica Davis
Puppets: Josh Greer, Katie Clem, Emmy May

January 21

2 Year Olds: Michele Todd
3 & 4 Year Olds: Britney Austin
K - 2nd Grade: Rebekah Grace
Puppets: Brent & April Ruple

January Helpers

Emmy May, Angela Gomez, Ally Foster, Sara Beth Francis

THE WORD

January 14th, 2018

Tim Tripp

YELLOW. What comes to mind when you read that word? It makes me think of sunshine and daisies. I also think of the color that my mom picked for the siding on the house in which I grew up. Being a boy, I was not particularly crazy about living in a yellow house.

Words are interesting things. Take a Y, E, O, and W and it makes you think of the last time you hit your thumb with a hammer (at least that is what I thought of). But throw a couple of L's in the middle and you get the third color of a rainbow or possibly what Billy the Kid called members of his gang who skipped out just as the posse was closing in. Words are meaningful by association. They are more than just random letters thrown together or sounds we utter. They represent a concept, an image, an action, a thought or an event. When you speak words, you set the minds of those around you working for the interpretation of what those words mean. They quickly go through a complex multilayered analysis that includes, context, conditions, what they know about you, what they know about the topic you discuss and their understanding of how the words you use are defined. Psychologically they experience their own memories and emotional experiences associated with the subject matter. Physically their bodies respond by tensing, flexing, relaxing or in some way responding to the words you speak. All of that and more takes place in just fractions of seconds as the words are formed on your lips. Words are powerful.

The power of our words is dwarfed however, in comparison to that of God's words. For instance, when God spoke the words "Let there be light," the power of His words was unleashed. (Those words were first written in Hebrew but in what language did God speak them? What did that sound like? Research that and get back to me, would you?) We don't know what exactly happened when he spoke those words. Perhaps a huge mass of star fuel was ignited to provide light before God blew it up and scattered the stars and heavenly bodies into their assigned positions when he created the sun, moon and stars (day 4 of creation). In the story of creation (Genesis 1), God's words were the force that acted in space or upon the earth to accomplish his creative will. He spoke and it happened.

I believe it was the image of that kind of immense power that John wanted his readers to see as he used the word "logos" (the Greek for 'word') as a metaphor for Jesus. In the beginning was "ho logos," "the word," the interface of God's power and our world. Jesus was the power that turned on the lights and separated the water from the land and flung the stars, caused trees to appear and animals to exist and begin to move and breath. Jesus formed man from the dust of the ground and took the rib from the man and made it into a woman. "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3). John said that it was that word, which took on flesh and lived among us.

The next time you speak think of the power of your words and remember that the word of God is far more powerful indeed. Jesus is "the Word."

STARTING POINT

Welcome to West Side! Are you interested in learning more about us? Be sure to visit the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium after each Sunday service.

LADS TO LEADERS

There will be a L2L meeting today, immediately after services, in Room 3 across from the Chapel with Kyle to talk to the parents of kids participating in LTL program this year. The Lads to Leaders Conference is March 29 - April 1, 2018.

MNFTM

MNFTM will not meet Monday, January 15. MNFTM is in need of **fruit cups** and **Little Debbies** for the homeless.

STITCH AND TIE GROUP

Stitch and Tie group needs cotton or cotton blend fabrics for pierced tops on fleece throws to be given to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments. If you have questions see Margaret Grant or Ethel Jackson.

RECEPTION POTLUCK

Today, immediately after services, we invite you to a potluck reception in honor of Zac and Christina George in the Family Center. They were married December 31st in a small ceremony.

PRAYER LIST

-Joe Pitney - Heart cath on Wednesday, January 17.
-Connie Koerner - Gallbladder surgery on January 23.
-We would like to extend our condolences to Carol Lee and family in the passing of her mother, Cora Flanagan, on Thursday, January 11. Please be praying for the family during this difficult time.

Check out the new prayer wall in the foyer on the ramp! If you have a prayer request, write it down and hang it up!

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower in honor of Jeni Bandanza and David Rentfro and their upcoming marriage on January 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Rock. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Millyn's. They would also appreciate Disney gift cards for their honeymoon. Please join us as we celebrate their marriage.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The children's ministry is working to make a children's wing. These changes have started taking place. All children's classes will be on the west end of the building! This is allowing us to provide a more secure area for our children. If you have any questions, see Lee Henson or call 479-747-0421.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The winter/spring Ladies Bible Study will be starting January 25. They will meet on Thursdays at 9:30. The study will be on Paul using the workbook titled "Paul: By The Grace of God" by Cassandra Martin. If you are interested in joining, please see Mattie Martin so she can order your book.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, We want to thank you all for all of the support you have given our family these last few weeks, through prayer, messages, meals, cards, and also for joining us at our sweet Connor's service, as we celebrated his precious life. Although an incredibly sad and difficult time for our family, we have been strengthened by the kindness you have shown us. We truly appreciate you all.

Much love from the Wooten Family.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

BELIEVE!

Be the Good in the world. Believe there is good in the world. GOD is good therefore all good comes from GOD. The world needs to believe the good in you because you have GOD and GOD wants you to show the good he makes in you. ..."and GOD saw it was good" So, you are good because GOD has made you good.

..."Believe in GOD, believe also in me"... "I'm the good shepherd"... and we need to be the good sheeps who follows the good shepherd.

GOD IS GOOD!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

CAMP CAUDLE PIE AUCTION

Everyone is invited to the February 4th Camp Caudle Pie Auction and Fundraiser after morning worship! Lunch is \$5/ person or \$15/family. Any donation will be appreciated! Come enjoy lunch and buy a pie for your Super Bowl party! All proceeds go to Camp Caudle!

CHRISTEENS

CHRISTEens 2018 is coming up and we need you! Please consider helping by praying, hosting our visiting groups, volunteering to help with food, working the CT merchandise table, ushering, assembling and building, and working hospitality. There is a job for everyone!

A Look Ahead...

January 14: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 doz. donuts - Judy Holman; 3 doz. donuts - Charli Horton; 3 doz. muffins - Tami Robinson // Zac & Christina George Potluck Reception immediately after services in the FC Kitchen/ Class area. // Bandanza & Rentfro wedding shower from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Rock. // Bible Bowl at 3:00 in the FC. // Share Groups at various times and locations.

January 15: MNFTM is cancelled today! // CR Ladies Step Study at 8:00.

January 16: Stella Manor Birthday Party at Stella Manor Nursing Home. It starts at 2:00. Please be there by 1:50 to help. Betty Chambers is bringing the angel food cake.

January 17: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00.

January 19: Celebrate Recovery

January 21: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Friendship Cafe: 3 doz. donuts - Kristin Cawyer; 3 doz. donuts - Deanna Cole; 3 doz. muffins - Beth Sorrells // Bible Bowl at 3:00 in the FC. // Share Groups at various times and locations.

January 22: MNFTM will meet at 5:45! // CR Ladies Step Study at 8:00.

January 24: Bible class at 6:30. // CCSC Midweek at 7:00.

January 26: Celebrate Recovery.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email:

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