

FOR THE RECORD

Week of October 15th, 2017

Bible Study.....	237
Sunday Worship.....	429
Sunday Evening.....	199
Wednesday.....	257
Weekly Giving.....	\$13,763
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$674,599
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$726,852

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

October 22

Susan Bratton & Donna Frick

October 29

Wanda Reed & Judy Holman

October Communion Prep

Linda McMickle

GREETERS

October 22

Donnie & Rena BakerWest
Jim BettertonEast
Beth DonnellNorth

October 29

Donnie & Rena BakerEast
Jim Betterton.....North
Beth Donnell.....West

COMMUNION

October 22 & 29

Table 1: Bobby Wortham, Ashley Young, Robyn Richardson, Kendall Tabor, Don Beck

Table 2: Keith Thomas, Dale Brooks, Josh Harrell, RD Walker, Joel Tippit

RAISING * ARROWS

Psalm 127:3-5

Children's Ministry Grades K-5. Meets Sunday at 9AM, and Wed. at 6:30PM
Teachers beginning **October 25** are...

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Museum

Marcus & Kaitlin McCormick

Creator's Canvas

Terry & Jill Bonds

Holy Word Studios

Pipkins & Graces

Kids for Christ

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

October

Word / Scripture of the Month

Peace / Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...

October 22

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin
3-4 Year Olds: Britney Austin
K-2nd Grade: Tee Nesbitt
Puppets: Danny & Kristen Davis

October 29

2 Year Olds: Elizabeth Martin
3-4 Year Olds: Judy Holman
K-2nd Grade: Lorianne May
Puppets: Storytime with Mrs. Vandy

October Helpers

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

RUTH'S CHOICE

October 22, 2017

Tim Tripp

One of the trends that I find interesting when describing a modern generation is the descriptor "low brand loyalty." In my understanding, it means that members of this generation are less likely to be loyal to a product, manufacturer, employer or team. The idea is that in the information age, people are less dependent on the resources or benefits or qualities of one entity (brand, organization, business, church 'tribe') over another. They can easily compare features and assets of two similar entities and choose the one that works best for them. For instance, a young woman might choose to purchase a cheaper store brand laundry detergent over a national brand, not just based on price, but from reading a consumer blog that compared the two and found their performance to be identical.

What I find interesting about the trend is that it makes 'what is good for me' or the "me" factor the standard for all of life's choices. While that may be an acceptable standard when choosing a dish washing liquid or toothpaste, it could very well be a poor standard for choosing a church, a moral code, a career, or a faith. As Christians, our purposes are better served by the standard of what is pleasing to God or the "God factor" for those big life choices.

The Old Testament character Ruth is a great example of someone who clearly appealed to a higher standard when making her big life choices. After the death of her father-in-law and her own husband, Ruth had an important choice to make. She could stay in her home country and remarry in hopes of having children and a future, or she could move with her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi, to a foreign country to likely live in abject poverty with little hope for a future, but where she could take care of her mother-in-law until Naomi's death. As you know, Ruth decided to take the path of greater personal risk, to deny herself her right to a future, and to take care of someone she felt it her obligation to care for.

Ruth's choice contained very little of a "me" factor and a whole lot of concern for what was good for others. God blessed her choice and gave her a future, one that allowed her to care for her family, remarry, have children, and because she is a direct ancestor of Jesus, we are still talking about her today.

We are called to be loyal to something beyond ourselves. Character is defined at least in part by our willingness to put others before ourselves making choices that may not provide for our own betterment, but will likely be to theirs.

The writer of Hebrews says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess for he who promised is faithful" (10:23, NIV). People are at times tempted to let go of things to which God wants us to "hold unswervingly." A faith that doesn't always answer the questions of life, a church that seems to be filled with hypocrites or a spouse who no longer meets our needs sometimes fit into that category. Our loyalty to our God, our family, our faith and our church may not always feel to our advantage, but ultimately will bless the lives of others and lead to God's rich blessings.

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.

CHOICES PREGNANCY CENTER

Choices Pregnancy is in need of diapers of all sizes. Please bring diapers or monetary donations to Wendy Loveland.

FRIENDSHIP CAFE

To help make the friendship cafe as successful as we can, we ask that you please escort your children to get a treat. They will need adult supervision while coming to the Cafe. Also, please be courteous that there are several that would like to enjoy a donut or muffin and only take one or two. We appreciate your help to make this enjoyable for everyone!

BIBLE BOWL

Bible Bowl begins November 5th in the Family Center. Meetings will be from 3:00 - 4:30. Those interested in participating, please see Kyle Lamberson or Chad Mitchell.

WOMEN'S STEP STUDY

A weekly ladies step study, part of the Celebrate Recovery ministry, started October 16th in the Rock. Current meeting time is 8 - 10 PM. All ladies are invited to walk through this journey with us for God's healing of our hurts, habits, and hang-ups. For more information or to sign up, call Judy Clements (479-880-1714) or call/text Amy Jones (479-747-4966).

CAMP CAUDLE TRACTOR

Camp Caudle is in need of a new tractor. A generous person has agreed to match up to \$10,000 with what funds can be raised by October 31st. If you would like to help by donating to Camp Caudle for the tractor, please bring a check to the church office made out to Camp Caudle with "Tractor" in the memo line. Your help with this is very appreciated!

A Look Ahead...

October 22: Friendship Cafe: Shery Crosby - 3 doz. Muffins; Wanda Reed - 3 doz.

Donuts; Ginger Tippit - 3 doz. Donuts

October 23: MNFTM; CR - Ladies Step Study

October 25: CCSC Cookies - Judy Lamb, Tami Robinson, Patti Page, Jodi Bryant

October 26: Women's Bible Study

October 27: Celebrate Recovery

October 29: Friendship Cafe: Kristen Cawyer - 3 doz. Donuts; Sue Ann Jernigan - 3

doz. Muffins; Mattie Martin - 3 doz. Donuts

October 30: MNFTM; CR - Ladies Step Study

November 1: CCSC Cookies - Judy Holman, Paulette Cooper, Betty Chambers, Margaret Grant

November 2: Women's Bible Study

November 3: Celebrate Recovery

November 5: Friendship Cafe: Beth Donnell - 3 doz. Donuts; Nancy Sierra - 3 doz. Muffins; Caroline Bonn - 3 doz. Donuts. Bible Bowl begins today in the Family Center from 3:00 - 4:30.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

God's creation present perfection in all what He has done and does. You and I was made in perfection; our body is a perfect machine that inside, everything works in perfection capable to heal and fix itself according to God's design "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..." Gen. 1:26

Was sin what changed that perfection to be imperfect and to decay from the original purpose. And not only the body but to the spirit was affected (the main objective of Satan) and is now God's main concern for man to go back and reach that stage of perfection again (Mt. 5.48; Eph. 4.13; 2 Tim. 3.17)

Thanks to our Lord and Redeemer who came and give Himself to make that possible, and is because of Him, you and I are family, members of the same perfect body that is working together to go back where it came from: Heaven. Eccles. 12.7 "Let's get right church and let's go Home..."

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #311), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Elizabeth Wyatt (Legacy Heights #43).

Cancer Patients

Gladys Norwood, Helen Stephens, Mary Grice, Mary King, Carla Ford, Doug Hart, Jerry Thompson, Julie Session, Ruby Kite, Sherilyn Russell, Kelly Owens, Don Martin, Lavada Gordon, Ray Fullerton, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Joyce Gage, Ruth Kelley, Steven Watson, Linda Elkins, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Eura Mae Loyd, Maddie Allen, Stephanie Carper, Don Bailey, Jerry Bailey, Connie Shay, Mark Helms, Truman Hill

Military

Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Joseph Roberds

Additional

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Matt Francis, Loren Hurst, Ridge Austin, Tiffany Lutrell, Nathan Hodges

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email: office@westsidear.org.

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