

## FOR THE RECORD

Week of February 12th, 2017

Bible Study .....	257
Sunday Worship .....	444
Share Groups .....	167
Wednesday .....	260
Weekly Giving.....	\$17,428
Weekly Budget .....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving .....	\$120,244
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$121,142

## NURSERY ATTENDANTS

### February 19

Kristen Cawyer & Christina Betterton

### February 26

Lenore Tripp & Sue Ann Jernigan

## FEBRUARY COMMUNION PREP

Beverly Mason

## GREETERS

### February 19

James Cole .....	North
Bill & Margaret Grant.....	West
Carla Ford .....	East

### February 26

James Cole .....	East
Bill & Margaret Grant.....	North
Carla Ford .....	West

## COMMUNION

### February 19

**Table 1:** Jim Betterton, Joel Tippit, Steve Bates, Rick Butler, Jerry Yates

**Table 2:** Darran Austin, Jimmy Brandon, RD Walker, Jim Bentley, Gerry Bequette

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## Kids for Christ

Kids for Christ is for ages 2 — 2nd grade, in rooms #17-20 during the sermon time.

### FEBRUARY

Word / Scripture of the Month  
Quiet / James 1:19

*Everyone should be quick to listen and slow to speak.*

### FEBRUARY 19

2 Year Olds: Kayli & Alyssa Johnson  
3-4 Year Olds: Janelle Miller  
K-2nd Grade: Tami Robinson  
Puppets: Brent Ruple

### FEBRUARY 26

KFC cancelled due to CHRISTeens.

### FEBRUARY HELPERS

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt,  
& Sara Beth Francis

## Raising Arrows

Raising Arrows is the children's education ministry for grades K-5. Teachers beginning February 19, 2017 are...

### NOAH'S ARCADE

Dale & Christina Brooks

### MUSEUM

Brent & April Ruple

### CREATOR'S CANVAS

Cancelled

### HOLY WORD STUDIOS

Josh & Tiffany Clem

## A KINGDOM WITH A PURPOSE

February 19, 2017

by Tim Tripp

Neil's sermon last Sunday was excellent. He always does a great job, but for all of us who preach, there are just some days when we connect with our topic and our audience just right. I think it was that way for Neil last week. What stuck with me about what he said was the reminder he gave us all that we are not citizens of a nation, but of a Kingdom. In that Kingdom we give up our rights and our will to God, the ruler of the kingdom. We dedicate ourselves to His will and to his purposes. We don't always see the whys and wherefores of His plan, but we can rest assured that plan is about reconciliation of man created in the image of God with his or her creator and His son, Jesus Christ. That is now and has been from the beginning his central theme.

In Daniel, a theme emerges from the dreams that are given to both Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel. Those dreams, all of which are confounding and troubling to the dreamers, have a similar interpretation. They all foretell of the coming of three more empires after the Babylonian empire. All of them militarily gobble up significant portions of the world landscape and all of them fall to the next empire. The empires are represented in dreams differently with Babylon (head of gold and lion), Medo-Persia (chest of silver, bear, ram), Greece (belly and hips of bronze, leopard, and goat), and finally Rome (legs of iron w/ feet a mix of iron and clay and the terrible beast) playing a role in two of them; the dream of the ram and the goat focusing on only the Medo-Persian and the Greek empires. The Greek and Roman empires are noted for their cruelty to God's people, but both fall and eventually God's kingdom is established forever. What a comfort his words must have given to those in captivity.

The message to Daniel's readers is that God has a plan and they are a part of that plan. They are given only obscured references to the time in which these things will happen but promised that in the end, God's people reign victorious. It is the same basic message as the one John leaves behind years later in the book of Revelation. His words, too, were a comfort to those undergoing persecution and martyrdom. God has a plan. Stay patient. Stay on mission. God will see you through.

Compared to Daniel and John's readers we have had it easy. However, as the culture continues to turn toward secularism and hedonism, and as our walk of faith becomes more challenging and even dangerous in some ways, we can still heed the words of scripture.

God has a plan. We are a part of that plan. Stay patient. Stay on mission. Remember that this earth is not our home. Even if trouble finds us on earth some days, God will reward our faith one day.

## 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY [westsideyouthministry.org](http://westsideyouthministry.org)

*WSYM Midweek:* On Wednesdays at 5:30 we meet for pizza (\$3) and hang time followed by Bible study at 6:30.

*Young Christians Weekend:* Silver Dollar City. March 31-April 2. More info soon!

*CHRISTeens 2017:* Work nights will be the 21-23 at the Center for the Arts!

## BIBLE CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the CHRISTeens Sunday morning session at the Center for the Arts on February 26, all adult and children's Bible classes at West Side will be dismissed.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are invited to a study based on Crazy Love, by Francis Chan. This is a 10 week, workbook and video based study on Thursdays at 9:45 AM. Please contact Mattie Martin for more info or to request a workbook.

## LADS TO LEADERS

Bible Bowl practice is on Sundays at 3:00 in the Family Center.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

If anyone is interested in a summer mission trip to Guatemala in July, please see Laura Francis. You can contact her at 479-886-4742 or 479-577-5326.

## CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our sympathies to Ken and Molly Turner in the passing of Ken's mother, Margaret Bell, on Friday, February 10th. Margaret was a long time member of WestSide. Please keep the Turner family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

## CONDOLENCES CONT'D

We would like to extend our condolences to Roy and Becky Reaves in the passing of Becky's brother, James 'Jim Bo' Bartlett. He passed away Saturday, February 11th. Please continue to keep Becky and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

## RUSS BUS FUNDRAISER

Supporters of the Russ Bus can eat out and help the homeless this week. Russ Bus fundraisers are scheduled for five different restaurants from Sunday evening through Thursday. A portion of the restaurant proceeds will be donated to the Russ Bus during these time:

**Feb. 19:** Dixie Cafe fundraiser; 4-9 p.m. meal at Dixie Café (must present flyer to server, available in foyer)

**Feb. 20:** Chili's fundraiser; 6-9 p.m. dinner at Chili's (must present flyer to server, available in foyer)

**Feb. 21:** Chick-fil-A fundraiser; 5-8 p.m. dinner at Chick-fil-A

**Feb. 22:** Quizno's fundraiser; 4-7 p.m. dinner at Quizno's

**Feb. 23:** Steak 'n Shake fundraiser; 5-7 p.m. dinner at Steak 'n Shake

## SHARE GROUP INFORMATION

On Sunday, March 5th, we will have a training and time of vision sharing for next year's Share Group leaders. This meeting is open to both current share group leaders and anyone interested in leading a share group in the future. We will meet in the Family Center Classroom at 2:00pm. Please contact Josh Clem ([josh@westsidear.org](mailto:josh@westsidear.org)) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

## CHRISTEENS

I can't believe CHRISTeens is only a few days away! Something that continues to impress me is how this congregation values young people and has - for over 30 years now - provided a sycamore tree each year for thousands of teenagers! You have all helped lift teens above the crowd of distractions, and worked to provide a space for meaningful worship, times of impactful teaching, and a great opportunity for raucous fun. I was one of those teens, and I am forever grateful for the heart and service of West Side!

I want to personally invite you to join us for CHRISTeens 2017 at the Center for the Arts February 24-26. The schedule can be found at [christeens.org/schedule](http://christeens.org/schedule). All sessions are open to West Side members. I only ask that you try to sit in the balcony and leave the floor sections open to guests. Keep the prayers up! Pray for safe travels for our guests and speakers, for an amazing weekend of spiritual renewal and challenge, and for God to touch the hearts and minds of those at CHRISTeens 2017!

-Jake

## DIOS LE BENDIGA (*God Bless You*)

by *Aris Ortiz*



From your Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ (and children) Thank you and God Bless you!

## PRAYER LIST

### **Nursing Homes**

Madge Alverson (Atkins #312), 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, Tiffany Lutrell, Carla Ford, Jeri Shay, Doug Hart, Jerry Thompson, Julie Session, Ruby Kite, Sherilyn Russell, Kelly Owens, Don Martin, Lavada Gordon, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Ali Winters, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Joyce Gage, Ruth Kelley, Steven Watson, Linda Elkins, Hazel Anderson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Suzanne Gatewood, Kim Kersh, Richie Schilling, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts, Mike Reeves

### **Military**

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

### **Additional**

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Matt Francis

### **Missions**

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

## *Bulletin Announcements*

To submit an announcement for the bulletin, please contact the office using the email:  
[info@westsidear.org](mailto:info@westsidear.org).

To reach Britney directly, email [britney@westsidear.org](mailto:britney@westsidear.org).