

FOR THE RECORD

Week of April 30th, 2017

Bible Study.....	218
Sunday Worship.....	420
Share Groups.....	118
Wednesday.....	228
Weekly Giving.....	\$15,316
Weekly Budget.....	\$17,306
Year-to-Date Giving.....	\$311,114
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$311,508

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 7

Judy Holman & Susan Lewis

May 14

Joy Brandon & Laura Francis

MAY COMMUNION PREP

The Jernigan Family

GREETERS

May 7

Beth Donnell.....West
Donnie & Rena Baker.....East
Jim Betterton.....North

May 14

George & Wanda Reed.....North
Clay & Candy Reed.....West
Larry & Judy Holman.....East

COMMUNION

May 7 & 14

Table 1: Thom Robinson, Bert Page, Phil Sims, Matt Strasser, Allan Reaves

Table 2: Jackson Sorrells, Paul Senn, Alex Pipkin, Mike Oliver, George Reed

Kids for Christ

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

May

Word / Scripture of the Month

Truthful / Proverbs 12:17

An honest witness tells the truth, but a dishonest witness tells lies.

May 7

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

3-4 Year Olds: Beth Sorrells

K-2nd Grade: Paula Tarte

Puppets: Jackson & Addison Crane

May 14

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

3-4 Year Olds: Rebekah Cole

K-2nd Grade: Miranda Harris

Puppets: Jackson & Addison Crane

May Helpers

Wesley Lamberson, Shanti Asbury, Lashanti Gryner, Jada Parker, Chiane Nesbit

RAISING *ARROWS

Children's Ministry Grades K-5.
Teachers beginning **May 10th 2017** are...

Noah's Arcade

Tammy Robinson

Museum

Beth Sorrells

Creator's Canvas

Jessica Davis

Holy Word Studios

Lee & Andrea Henson

Can you be a teacher or class helper for one Sunday? Please contact...

Brent & April Ruple (501)920-2026

Lee & Andrea Henson (479)747-0421

Dale & Christina Brooks (479)692-9510

THAT WHICH REALLY MATTERS

May 7, 2017

by Tim Tripp

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.

The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.

The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.

All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.

All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:1-9)

If you haven't read Ecclesiastes lately you might assume those words were penned by someone who has lost all faith in humanity or has gone through some lengthy trial or tragedy. Solomon was no stranger to tragedy but later in the book he tells of the reason for his melancholy musings. In chapter two he discusses a quest he undertook to find what is good on earth and what brings man pleasure and satisfaction. He tried wine and women. He tried laughter and folly. He tried great building projects and accumulated astonishing wealth. Yet through it all he found that none of it had lasting power. All of it, while providing momentary pleasure, left him eventually feeling empty and unsatisfied; meaningless.

In the last chapter of the book he discloses what he calls *"the conclusion of the matter"* (12:13). He says that the only thing that brings true satisfaction, true happiness and contentment is this: *"Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man."* (12:13). God created us for His pleasure and for relationship with Him. He made us all to be temporary residents of the earth and forever residents of heaven.

Solomon begins chapter 12 by saying *"Remember the Creator in the days of your youth before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them'"* (v. 1). Today as we recognize the young people among us who have or will graduate from High School this year, we remind them that there will be many distractions from the world as they move forward. The dark forces of evil are lurking with the expressed purpose to lure you away with the promise of pleasure and fulfillment but in reality that way leads to dissatisfaction, discouragement and disillusionment. The way to true happiness and fulfillment as witnessed by the master of wisdom is to fear God and keep his commands. As we send them forth today we do so with the encouragement of scripture to remember to whom you belong, remember what you have been taught both at church and at home. The teachings will serve you well, keep you from regrets and eventually help you to find your place in eternity.

Congratulations and may God's abundant blessings be with you!

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

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

SENIOR SUNDAY

Today is Senior Sunday in honor of our nine high school graduates. The service will include a time of blessing and recognition. Afterward, you're invited to bring a dish to share at a potluck fellowship in the Family Center where our graduates' families will display tables showcasing their child. Please join as we celebrate our seniors!

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Tomorrow is our last MNFTM this season. We will have a special grilled hamburger cookout with homemade ice cream! Please join us as we celebrate God's work through this ministry!

May 8th, at 6:20pm, there will be a meeting in the Family Center for those who have volunteered to provide sack lunches this summer. We will answer questions and show where lunch items are stored.

If you are interested in volunteering one day during the summer to prepare sack lunches for the homeless, there are a few slots left! please sign up in the foyer. We will provide a \$20 gift card to pay for the bread, meat and extras for sandwiches for 10-12 meals. Please contact Merlin Mann with questions.

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY

Stella Manor Nursing Home's birthday celebration for this month has been moved to Tuesday, May 23rd. Tami Robinson has signed up to provide the Angel Food cake.

HARRISON/APPLE WEDDING

Please join us for the wedding of Melissa Apple and Corey Harrison on Sunday, May 14 at 2:00. The wedding and reception will be in the large pavilion at Mt. Nebo State Park. Parking is very limited, so carpooling is requested. Corey is the son of Darol and Carol Harrison. We would love to know if you are planning to attend. You can RSVP by calling or texting Carol at 479-857-0108 or by email at dharrison@suddenlink.net.

COLE/GRACE WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. James and Deanna Cole & Mr. and Mrs. Danny and Lori Grace request the honor of your presence to celebrate the marriage of their children, Rebekah Danielle Cole and Ethan Daniel Grace on Saturday, May 20th, at 3pm. The wedding will be held here at West Side with a reception to follow.

REYNOLDS SENDOFF BLESSING

Directly following morning services on Sunday, May 28th, we will host a potluck lunch honoring the Reynold's family. Letters, cards, and monetary blessings are appreciated but not expected.

RAISING ARROWS

We need your help! If you can be a teacher or a helper one day this summer, let us know via the contact information in the Raising Arrows section of the bulletin.

CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to the family of James "Jim" Bentley. He passed away on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 at 84 years old. Please continue to pray for the family in their time of loss.

MEN'S STEP STUDY

A men's Step Study will be starting May 8th. Step Studies are an in depth study of the Twelve Steps, 8 recovery principles and their scriptures as the Biblical model for living your life. It is a long-term commitment to the members of the group, and we follow strict guidelines to maintain anonymity. Step Study meetings are also gender-specific, and we will have more information in the future about a women's group. For more information, contact James Clements, Calvin Jones, or email CR@westsidear.org.

DIOS LE BENDIGA (GOD BLESS YOU)

BY ARIS ORTIZ

"There is time for everything, and season for every activity under heaven:

Time to be born... time to plant... time to heal... time to build... time to laugh...time to dance... time to gather... time to embrace... time to search...time to keep... time to mend... time to be silent... time to love... time for peace.." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

God is giving us life, and with life, He has given us "time" to do all those things that we need to do to please Him. Our time is here, and is now to fulfill our purpose according God's plan. Time also is moving without stopping, not waiting for you or me... time is bringing you and me to that moment: Death. And when death we reach, no more "time" to do for better or for worse. It's done!

So, what are we doing with "our time"...

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, 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, 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, Eura Mae Loyd, Maddie Allen

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, Loren Hurst

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker-Haiti, WBS Students

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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