

FOR THE RECORD

Week of November 20, 2017

Bible Study.....	245
Sunday Worship.....	429
Share Groups	N/A
Wednesday.....	N/A
Weekly Giving	\$14,966.06
Weekly Budget.....	\$18,165.00
Year to Date Giving	\$767,601.29
Year to Date Budget.....	\$853,755.00

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

November 27

Stephanie Duvall & Carol Harrison

COMMUNION PREP

November

Larry & Judy Holman

GREETERS

November 27

Thom & Tami Robinson.....	East
Herb Taylor	West
Joe & Hazel Russell	North

LORD'S SUPPER

November 27

Table 1: James Cole, Craig Davis, Kenny Freeman, Michael Grant, Tom Doan

Table 2: Lynn Donnell, Drew Goodwin, Patrick Crosby, Corey Harrison, Terry Highfill



Kids for Christ

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

November's

Word/Scripture of the Month

Obedient / Deuteronomy 11:1

November 27

Deanna Cole (2 yrs)

Jess Davis (3 & 4 yrs)

Alan & Michelle Todd (K-2)

Brian Tindell (Puppets)

December 4

Rena Baker (2 yrs)

Miranda Harris (Craft Center)

Emma Jernigan & Sara Beth Francis
(Puppets)

November Helpers

Jada Parker, Courtney Nesbitt,
& Sara Beth Francis

Raising Arrows

Raising Arrows is the children's education ministry for grades K-5. Teachers beginning **November 27** are...

Noah's Arcade

Dale & Christina Brooks

Museum

Lenore Tripp

Creator's Canvas

Brent & April Ruple

Holy Word Studios

Lee & Andrea Henson

THANKFUL FOR NOTHING

November 27, 2017

By Tim Tripp

I know we have just come through the Thanksgiving holiday and spent some time thinking of all we have for which to be thankful. Have you ever been thankful for what you don't have? I'm not talking about things like diseases and debt and cheating spouses; I mean material things. Things people generally associate with wealth and plenty. I never really thought of being thankful for nothing until I visited places where poverty was a stark reality. When working with people in places like Haiti, I witnessed a special kind of joy in Christians there who have learned through poverty to fully rely on God. I remember a man there telling me that often he has no idea how he will feed his family the next day but then he prays and the food always is somehow found. I remember being both horrified at the man's situation yet envious of his complete trust in God.

In the story where Jesus fed the 5,000 people (Mark 6:30-44) his disciples came to him while he was teaching and told him that they should send people into the villages to find food. Jesus told them "You feed them." The disciples complained about how much money it would take to buy food for all of them. Jesus asked them to look for food and they found 5 loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus gave thanks and began to break the bread and fish into pieces. They served the entire crowd until they each were full and then picked up 12 basketfuls of leftovers. According to Matthew the people wanted to make him king after the miracle. What Jesus wanted was to teach his disciples an invaluable lesson. 'Never make the mistake of thinking that you are the one who supplies for your own needs and for those of others. God does that.'

We live in the most affluent society on earth and yet our number one concern, our most common worry, is money. It seems the more we have the more pressure we feel. The cultural pressure is to move forward continually. We can't imagine targeting a lesser standard of living and going after it. We struggle to grasp the concept of relying on God rather than ourselves. We want assurances. We want insurance. We want peace of mind. God says, "just trust me." How do we do that you ask?

While sitting in the temple courts Jesus points to an old woman as she approaches the jars sitting outside the temple into which the Jews placed their tithes. She reaches in her pouch and takes out two small copper coins and tosses them in. The creator of the universe admires from afar and in essence he said, "there is how."

YOUTH MINISTRY westsideyouthministry.org

WSYM Midweek (Wednesdays): 5:30PM
Pizza & Hang Time; 6:30PM Bible Study
Retreat: December 9-11; \$40; Grades 6-12
Gulf Coast Getaway: January 13-16, \$100,
HS Juniors & Seniors

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

There is a ladies Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30AM in the Chapel. The topic is "Human & Holy" by Michelle J. Goff.

LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders registration forms are due December 3. Please see Chad Mitchell or Kyle Lamberson for information.

CHAPEL SHARE GROUP

There will not be a Chapel Share Group meeting on Sunday, November 27.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Donations for our annual Christmas food boxes are being accepted by Joe Russell & Frank Foster, beginning Sunday, Nov. 27. The boxes will be delivered the week before Christmas.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a Bridal Shower for Anna Bowles on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00PM - 3:30PM in the Rock. She and her fiancé, Keith Rugers, are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM meets in the Family Center on Mondays at 5:45PM for dinner and 6:30PM for service projects.

HELP NETWORK

Help Network is having a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, December 4 from 9AM-2PM at Stoby's. The cost is \$5 per person. See the flyer in the foyer or contact the office for more information.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CR meets on Friday nights in the Cornerstone. Dinner is at 5:45PM. Worship is at 6:30PM. Free childcare. If you have questions please email CR@westsidear.org.

HOUSEWARMING PARTY

There will be a housewarming party for Krysta Allen on Sunday, December 11, right after services in the Family Center. Come join us for a soup potluck and help Krysta fill her new home. Contact April Ruple for questions.

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS

There will be screenings available in the Family Center on Tuesday, November 29. Contact the office for information. There are also informational flyers available in the foyer.

MINISTRY COORDINATOR

We are currently seeking a full-time person to serve our church and support our ministry team in the church office. We have redefined this role and given it the new title of Ministry Coordinator. If you are interested in this position, please contact Josh (josh@westsidear.org), Tim (tim@westsidear.org) or one of our shepherds to receive a copy of the job description and set up a brief initial conversation about your interest in the position. Interested candidates must contact us by November 28 to be considered.

Holiday Schedule

December 25

3:00PM Christmas Service.
No other meeting times.

December 28

All classes cancelled.

January 1

Morning classes cancelled.
Worship service at 10:00AM.

DIOS LE BENDIGA *(God Bless You)*

By Aris Ortiz

One of the most beautiful blessings from God to us, is The Family. In the family we have, we do, we share, we enjoy, we have happiness, we have adventures, we have achievements, we have challenges, we have goals, we have beautiful moments with each other... and when we have sadness or sickness or disappointments or hurt or pain or sorrow or loneliness.... We have each other! And on this past week, God has shown to us how blessed we are by giving us a Family.

But is after we understand this blessings that we realize about the beauty, the wonderful, the richness, the powerful of The Family of the Faith!!! So, I can say now: What a wonderful blessing to have the Westside Church Family! May God ALWAYS bless our West Side Family.

HARVEST SUNDAY

On Sunday, December 11, we invite you to participate in a special contribution to help make up our budget deficit. We are blessed with a generous church family here at West Side. As we move towards the end of 2016, we encourage the entire congregation to prayerfully consider what your family can do to do help us meet the financial goals we presented at the first of the year. We are praying for a great harvest in the coming weeks as we lean into our mission to Love, Share, & Disciple. Thank you for all you do to support this church and the many ministries in our care.

— *West Side Shepherds*

PRAYER LIST

Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson (Atkins #312), Mary Barton (Atkins #107), Mirl Helms (Stella Manor #221), Imogene Taylor (Brookdale #211), Wayne Nordin (Brookdale #219), Glennette Price (Stella Manor #305), Margaret Bell (Rsvl. Nursing Ctr #312), 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, Tami Lemley, 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

Military

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

Additional

Aris Ortiz, Jr., Burnis Shay, Patsy Parnell, Nora Smith, Mildred Brown, Jean Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Ella Allison

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.