

FOR THE RECORD

Week of January 1, 2017

Bible Study	N/A
Sunday Worship	346
Share Groups	N/A
Wednesday	215
Weekly Giving	\$19,143.46

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

January 8

Janie Sims, Beth Sorrells

JANUARY COMMUNION PREP

Charlie Richards

GREETERS

January 8

Rex & Betty Chambers.....	North
Rick & Linda Butler	West
Judy Lamb.....	East

LORD'S SUPPER

January 8

Table 1: Alex Pipkin, Jackson Sorrels, Ronnie Russell, Kendall Tabor, Charlie Richards

Table 2: Thom Robinson, Mike Spurlock, Phil Sims, Allan Reaves, Darwin Price

Kids for Christ

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

JANUARY

Word of the Month

Patient

JANUARY 1 & 8

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

Puppets: Jackson & Addison Crane

JANUARY 15 & 22

2 Year Olds: Jamie Bates

Puppets: Brent Ruple

JANUARY HELPERS

Emma Jernigan & Wesley Lamberson

Raising Arrows

Raising Arrows is the children's education ministry for grades K-5. Teachers beginning **January 4** are....

NOAH'S ARCADE

Dale & Christina Brooks

MUSEUM

Kim & Shannon Walters

CREATOR'S CANVAS

Terry & Jill Bonds

HOLY WORD STUDIOS

Alex & Lauren Pipkin

THEME VERSE

Exodus 9:16

HONOR THE SON

January 8, 2017

Tim Tripp

I read a parable in Matthew chapter 22:1-14 recently and a character in the story really made me think. The parable is about a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. He invites the dignitaries and movers and shakers to the wedding but when they are called to the feast, they refuse. Some even mistreat or kill his messengers. The king sends his army to wipe out the ungrateful murderers and sends his messengers back into the streets to invite the street people, the ordinary people to come to the banquet. Many come, both good people and bad. The king comes to the banquet to greet the guests and notices a man there who is not wearing wedding clothes. He confronts the man and then has him thrown out of the banquet and into darkness.

So who is this ingrate who would come to the wedding banquet of a prince wearing street clothes? We don't know who he is but we know why he is there. He is there for the free food and drink. He heard there was a party at the palace and knew there would be good food and wine there. The problem was that was not why the king invited him to come. The king invited him because he wanted people there to honor his son on his wedding day. Jesus said that the 'Kingdom of Heaven' is like this.

The lesson is clear. If you come to the king's banquet for free food, you are not there to honor the son. Many followed Jesus during his ministry because they received healing or they ate when he provided food miraculously. He called them out on it too. He reminded them that there are costs to following him. Those following, those coming to the "King's banquet" will one day have to pick up their cross and follow him. Its unlikely that those who are there for the free food will be willing to do that. Those who come to honor the son will.

We are still all invited to the 'banquet' today. We know we don't want to be the man who was discovered at the feast in street clothes. We don't want to be exposed as Christian wedding crasher. I'll put it bluntly. Heaven, grace, forgiveness, mercy, God's love, Christ's sacrifice and eternal life are all on the table of the banquet. But if that is what you are coming for; if all you want is to avoid hell, or indulge in selfish, worldly desires because you know God's grace will cover you, you may be wearing street clothes. The banquet is prepared and all are invited but only those who are there to honor the son will please the king.

"For many are invited but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

YOUTH MINISTRY westsideyouthministry.org

Gulf Coast Getaway:

GCG is on January 13-16 and is for HS Juniors & Seniors.

DEEDS FOR NEEDS

If you have a home task or problem you can't find help with or accomplish on your own, feel free to call or text Lynn Donnell at 479-970-4447 or call our office.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

MNFTM will start back up January 9.

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.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

We are excited to share that our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! If you have not received an invite via email yet, please contact the office

CONGRATULATIONS

To Gary & Debbie Pitts on the birth of a new grandson, Bentley Michael. He was born to Vanessa & Chris Slapnick.

IF: GATHERING

If: Gathering will be held on February 4th at the CCSC for all West Side women.

WEST SIDE WEBSITE

Be sure to check our website www.westsidear.org for a plethora of information about all things West Side – ministry descriptions and updates, bulletin postings, sermon videos, Bible study resources, and more! You can sign up for announcement emails on the site, and there is also a place to give online.

COMMUNION PREP

If you are willing to prepare communion for a month in 2017, please sign the list in the foyer.

STARTING POINT

Interested in learning more about West Side? Be sure to visit the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium after each Sunday service. There will be someone there to help you.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Rosaura Amezcuna who was baptized last Sunday! Also, please pray for her for some health issues.

CAMP CAUDLE PIE AUCTION

There will be a Valentine's pie auction for Camp Caudle on February 5th after morning services in the Family Center. Come enjoy a Spaghetti lunch and get a sweet treat for Valentine's Day.

If you would like to donate a pie, cake, special treat, or help prepare a meal please contact Katie Reynolds.



DIOS LE BENDIGA (*God Bless You*)

By Aris Ortiz

What a blessing to start 2017 worshipping God on the first month of the year; first week of the year; first Sunday of the year, first hours of the year!!! – BUT wait- there is more!... more blessings on this beginning of the year: Our first baptism of the year, Rosaura Amezcuna is now our new sister in Christ! We rejoice and praise the Lord for this new soul that is being save by the Blood of the Lamb!

Please pray for Rosaura in her new life. Pray that she will walk the new life until eternity. Please pray also for her health too.

To God be the Glory and Honor!

Phrase of the week: **Nueva Creatura en Cristo**(New creature in Christ)

PRAYER LIST

Madge Alverson (Atkins #312), 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, Greg Standridge, Ella Allison, Rex Roberts

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, Jeremiah Martinez, Karen Scott,

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.