

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of August 28

Bible Study	224
Morning Worship	430
Evening Services	100
Wednesday	220
Contribution	\$ 10,382
Online Contribution	\$ 2,961
Weekly Budget	\$18,165

Nursery Attendants:

September 11

(AM) Nancy Freeman & Carrie Lohse
(PM) Share Groups

September 18

(AM) Linda Oliver & Pat Kee
(PM) Share Groups

Preparing Communion:

September—Ginger Tippit
& Molly Turner

Greeters:

September 11

Rex & Betty Chambers (East entrance)
Larry & Linda Harrell (West entrance)
Mark Bryant (North entrance)

September 18

Larry Duvall (East entrance)
Gordon & Barbara Dunn (W. entrance)
Robert Clark (North entrance)

MEN SERVING SEPTEMBER 11

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Paul Senn, Kendall Tabor, Allan Reaves,
Darrell Speed, Chandler Russell

Table 2

Thom Robinson, Keith Thomas, Bob
Smart, Brian Tindell, George Reed
(PM) Share Groups

KIDS FOR CHRIST CORNER

Kids For Christ is for ages 2 through
2nd grade, in rooms #17-20.

September word of the month: Loyalty

September 11:

Joy Brandon (2 years)
Tiffanie Walker (3 & 4 years)
April Ruple (K-2nd grade)
Brian Tindell (Puppets)

September 18:

Joy Brandon (2 years)
Charli Horton (3 & 4 years)
Judy Holman (K-2nd grade)
Brent Ruple (Puppets)

September Helpers:

Lorelai Harris, Chiane Nesbitt
& Reagan Mitchell

DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God Bless you)

My West Side family: Today is a new day for
all of the Ortiz family, but we are in good hands.
First, in God's hands; second, in the hands of the
West Side church. Thank you to my elders for
giving us not only your kind words, but for giving
us your shoulders to lean on: THANK YOU.

Thank you to everyone that has and is praying
for us. We have felt every prayer answered in
the life of my son, Aristides, in the life of my wife
and mother, Carina, and in the lives of my sons
Jonnathan and Albertt. Thank you to everyone
who has visited us at the hospital. It means so
much to my son and us.

And, please, keep praying! We are requesting
(well, let me put it this way: we are demanding :-)
prayers. We love you so much West Side family!
Our phrase for the week:

**Estuve enfermo y me visitaste
(I was sick and you visited me)**

Please keep praying for the Hispanic Ministry.

~Aris



Friday nights in the Cornerstone

Dinner @ 5:45pm
Worship @ 6:30pm
Childcare provided

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

The Kingdom of God

By Tim Tripp

"The time has come," he said. "The **kingdom of God** has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15)

But seek first his **kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the **kingdom of God** ahead of you. (Matthew 21:31)

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the **kingdom of God** like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15)

Have you ever wondered to what Jesus referred as he spoke of the Kingdom of God? Talk of a kingdom makes me think of medieval times with castles and knights and round tables. The story of "Camelot" is about a mythical kingdom where a benevolent king reigned over an adoring populace. They served him and fulfilled their roles in his kingdom while he protected them and brought them opportunity, prosperity and lives filled with purpose and meaning. Bravery, honor and courage were valued and the criminal element was practically non-existent. Everybody was mostly happy all the time. Is that how we are to think of the "Kingdom of God?"

While there might be some parallels, the Kingdom of God also has some sharp contrasts from any earthly kingdom. It is by nature a spiritual kingdom, one with spiritual realities and spiritual objectives. In it God is the undisputed ruler and Christ is at His right hand. There will be unquestioned loyalty to God in the kingdom and sure removal of anyone who denies Jesus as Lord. To be sure everyone in the kingdom is to be about kingdom business. The Kingdom of God has one purpose and that is to glorify God. It also has one objective and that is to reconcile man to God. Everyone in the kingdom is to be about that business. Subjects are to tell the story of the king who gave His life so that we could live and dwell in His presence both now and forever.

The Kingdom of God is why it is so important that we embark upon the effort to make disciples and for each of us to commit to doing it. As we do it we glorify God, we build His kingdom and we, through the blood of Jesus, see men reconciled to their creator.

I guess in that way we are a little like "Camelot". Not so much knights and round tables but more like godly men and women around a coffee table sharing the good news about Jesus with those who need to hear of a God who loves them and wants them to live in His kingdom as well.

K-5 RAISING ARROWS MINISTRY

Upcoming teachers beginning Wednesday, September 14th:

Noah's Arcade - Kristin Cawyer
Museum - Christina Brooks
Creator's Canvas - Tiffany Clem
Holy Word Studios - Cierra Gregory

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Monday Night for the Master will restart with a bang Monday evening in the Family Center with homemade pizza and special visitor Fred Teague, president of the Russ Bus. The meal – Lenore Tripp's recipe for pizza – will begin at 5:45 p.m. Fred Teague will speak about exciting developments concerning transitional housing for the homeless. He'll speak for 25-30 minutes beginning about 6:05 p.m. Then various projects will begin after that; we generally wrap up by 7:30 p.m.

This is an easy way to fellowship and serve others in a fun atmosphere. If you're new to West Side or haven't stopped by in a while, please join us!

A special thank you goes to everyone who prepared meals for the homeless through the summer. West Side continues to work with Russ Bus by providing meals to the homeless every Monday all year long – something we've done for the past three years. If you'd like to participate or ride along, come by about 4:15-4:30 p.m. any Monday in the Family Center.

A sampling of MNFTM activities:

- create care packages for kids placed in foster homes (blankets, toothbrushes, homemade stuffed toys, etc.)
- create fleece blankets/hats for cancer patients
- create goodie bags for chemotherapy patients
- create goodie bags for those in hospital waiting rooms
- knit/crochet hats for newborns
- Bible correspondence with people around the world who are seeking to learn more about Jesus
- sign cards for West Side members
- visit homes of those in need of a meal and/or prayer
- provide food to dialysis patients in need
- recycle magazines to hospital
- tack quilts for cut-ups
- deliver meals to homeless in Russellville
- and let us know of your ideas – not yet on this list!

What you can save/bring:

- old magazines (to recycle in hospital)
- packages of peanut butter & crackers, chips, peanuts, candy, etc.
- small puzzle books, such as crossword, word search, Sudoku (for hospital patients; books no larger than 6x9 inches please)
- deserts/Little Debbie cakes for homeless meals

(Place any of these in the MNFTM box in the foyer.)

PRAYER LIST

Updated September 8

Aris Ortiz, Jr. - UAMS #F405.

Kirby Larsen - surgery September 14.

Shirley Stafford - shoulder surgery September 19.

Patsy Parnell - knee surgery September 23.

Expectant Mothers: Stephanie Taylor

Nursing Homes: 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), Randall Adaire (Legacy Heights), 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, Kenny Coates, Kelly Owens, Lavada Gordon, Don Martin, Tami Lemley, Mary Crosby, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kirk Benson, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Debbie Gann, Hobart Summers, Debra Leaming, Lorri Petty, Ruth Kelley, Ali Winters, Steven Watson, Hazel Anderson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper, Linda Elkins, Suzanne Gatewood, Joyce Gage

Additional: Carina Ortiz, Laura Francis, Nora Smith, Jean Smith, Jeremiah Martinez, Curry Ruth Compton

Military: Dale Nelson, Justin Dollins, Steven Renfrow, Justin Dollins, Nicholas Randel, James Cole, Jr., Micah Hunter, Steven Cawyer, Charles Pitney, Clint Wilson

Missions: WBS Students

GIFT CARD WEDDING SHOWER

West Side is having a gift card wedding shower for Micah Thomas and fiancée Kami Volden. Gift card ideas are Wal-Mart, Amazon, TJ Maxx, Kohls, Bed Bath and Beyond and Lowe's. A basket is on the table in the hallway for cards.

SHARE GROUPS

Share Groups begin this afternoon. If you want to be in a group this year, and have not yet signed up to be in one, please sign the list in the foyer or contact Josh Clem (josh@westsidear.org).

STITCH & TIE GROUP

Tuesday, September 13, 1:30 p.m., Rock
Volunteers are needed to cut squares, sew squares, sew flannel and/ or tack or tie double knots in each square. Learn more at a meeting or visit with Margaret Grant.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

"Human & Holy" by Michelle J. Goff

WSYM

Area Wide Youth Worship

Sunday, September 18,
WestArk Church of Christ, Ft. Smith

More info at

www.westsideyouthministry.org

STELLA MANOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.

Anna Mann - angel food cake

GREETERS NEEDED

Please sign the list in the foyer or contact James Clements or Zac George if you want to be a greeter.

ITEMS NEEDED

We are collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for a relief truck at Dover Church of Christ.