

FOR THE RECORD

Services ~ week of May 29

Bible Study	219
Morning Worship	455
Evening Services	150
Wednesday	186
Contribution	\$ 8,693
Online Contribution	\$ 2,754
Weekly Budget	\$18,165

Nursery Attendants:

June 5

(AM) Lindsey Spurlock & Carol Sober
(PM) Beth Sorrells & Tami Robinson

June 12

(AM) Cheri Russell & Jackie Roberts
(PM) Kay Smart & Tee Nesbitt

Preparing Communion:

June—Linda McMickle &
Karren Jackson

Greeters:

June 5

Kenny Freeman (E. entrance)
Darol & Carol Harrison (W. entrance)
Larry Duvall (North entrance)

June 12

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Darol & Carol Harrison (W. entrance)
Larry Duvall (North entrance)

MEN SERVING JUNE 5

Lord's Supper:

Table 1

Rex Chambers, Brandon Grice, Kenny
Freeman, Garrett Crosby, Tom Doan

Table 2

Larry Duvall, James Cole, Jr.; Drew
Goodwin, Don Helm, David Davenport
(PM) Volunteers

KIDS FOR CHRIST CORNER

Kids For Christ is for ages 2 through
2nd grade, in rooms #2 and #3.

June word of the month:

Joyful

June 5:

CCSC/ WSYM (2 years)
Susan Taylor (3 & 4 years)
Kelli Lamberson (K-2nd grade)

June 12:

CCSC/ WSYM (2 years)
Lorianne May (3 & 4 years)
Stephanie & Zach Taylor (K-2nd grade)

June Helpers:

Wesley Lamberson, Emmy May,
Emma Jernigan & Raven Falana

DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God Bless you)

A little bit of "culture"
LA FAMILIA

Education is a strong issue in the city, but not
so in the rural places (farms, villages). Boys need
to work in the fields helping Dad, and girls help
Mom in the house and take care of the siblings.
The school system provides teachers and buildings
most of the time, but parents must provide all
types of supplies including uniforms for the
school year.

Our phrase for the week:

La Maestra, EL Maestro!
(The Teacher/Female, The Teacher/Male!)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our brother Pedro De La Cruz is in Mexico
waiting for his green card. We have a family,
from Venezuela, visiting West Side, on Sundays,
who request prayers for their families and their
country. Food is a big concern – families are
having just one meal per day. From the Hispan-
ic Ministry: God Bless you! ~Aris Ortiz



Friday nights in the Cornerstone

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

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JUNE 5, 2016

DISCIPLESHIP IN A BUFFET CULTURE

By Tim Tripp

It would be interesting to visit Corinth during the time Paul lived and the New Testament books were written. It must have been a bustling city with a large port, lots of merchants, lots of people and lots of temples. Nearly all of the gods of Mount Olympus had a presence there and several had elaborate temples dedicated to them. The most ornate and the one of which the Corinthians were proudest was the temple of Aphrodite high up on a hill overlooking the city, a place called Acrocorinth. It must have been a breathtaking view from up there and the temple itself, we are told, was ornate and gorgeous. One of the famous features of the temple of Aphrodite were the priests and priestesses who served there. Each priest and priestess was for rent as a prostitute. They supported the temple and the cult of Aphrodite with the money they made from their services. Hiring a prostitute at the temple was considered a civic duty for the men of Corinth and encouraged by those who lived there. They, in a sense, worshiped the goddess by engaging in prostitution and supposedly enticed the goddess to show favor toward the city and her inhabitants.

One can only imagine what it would be like to try to make disciples in a place like that. "Why worship one God when there are many to choose from?" the Greeks might say. "How can you worship Jesus and God but still claim there is only one God?" the Jews would ask. "Why choose one teacher to follow when there are many good ones to choose from?" the Christians in Corinth asked. "Why follow one way, one Lord, one God, one religion when it is more exciting to pick and choose from among them?"

That last question is a good one. It is always more exciting to choose from among several options to make something that fits you just right. It is done with things like shoes, clothing, music and cars so why not do it with religion? If one can ask one God for the things he or she wants, isn't it better to ask several gods and hope one will acquiesce? Why have just one religion when you can pick and choose from among the attributes of all of them to come up with one that suits you just right? If it doesn't fit, then simply discard it and look for another one that will fit better.

If Zeus doesn't grant your wishes, then go as Apollo and go down the list until you get what you want. If a certain teaching doesn't seem to fit your lifestyle, then find another that will. Life is a buffet and you are at the center. You can pick and choose from every kiosk tasting of each delicacy until you have on your plate just the mix you want. Then you can sit and dine with your friends and be completely satisfied. The only problem is that life doesn't work that way because ultimately whether you want to admit it or not, you are not at the center of the buffet. God is and always has been.

The problem with discipling in a buffet culture is that even as you point people to the one way, they are already formulating their own way to get there. They want to love Jesus and worship God; they just don't want to stop doing the stuff they like to do. When God's way clashes with their way they do what comes natural: choose their way and call it God's way. What Paul tells them is that there is no such thing as buffet Christianity.

Discipleship is now and has always been about simply following Jesus; no exceptions and no compromise. His way is THE way.

SYMPATHY

We offer condolences to ...

... Gail Lutrell and family. Her brother, Lloyd Caviness, passed away Monday, May 30.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in using your gifts during our Sunday morning gathering? We are seeking to involve those from the congregation who want to participate in Sunday morning worship. James Clements has graciously volunteered to assist us by developing a pool of those interested in leading prayer and/or directing our communion thought time. If you feel this is an area where you are gifted to serve, please contact our church office (Kereigh or Josh) or contact James directly.

OLD FASHIONED POUNDING

Jerry and Vickie Yates' daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Patrick Salyards, have moved back to Pottsville. Much of their money has gone toward utility deposits and they have very little food or furniture.

An old fashioned pounding has been suggested. A box is in the foyer for a pound of flour, a pound of sugar, etc... Please contact Wes Tarte if you have any furniture to give away. Sunday afternoon, June 12, a group will take the food and furniture to the Salyards' home.

THANK YOU!

Dear West Side Church,

Thank you to everyone for helping with James and Haylie's wedding, the wedding shower for Haylie and showing her so much love. We truly appreciate everything. We're thankful that Haylie has an extended Christian family.

In Christ's Love, the Kirkendall family



PRAYER LIST

Updated June 2

Jennifer Wortham - thyroid surgery Tuesday, June 21, at UAMS.

Bill Lewis - stomach lining biopsy Thursday, June 30.

Lisa Taylor (Darwin Price's granddaughter) had abdominal surgery Wednesday, June 1.

Mason Jones (Rocky & Cindy Jones' grandson) at UAMS NICU.

Expectant Mothers: Britney Austin, 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. Assisted Living #115), Randall Adaire (Legacy Lodge), Elizabeth Wyatt (Legacy Heights #43).

Cancer patients: Gladys Norwood, Helen Stephens, Mary Grice, Mary King, Carla Ford, Jeri Shay, Jerry Thompson, Doug Hart, Dianna Jennen, Julie Session, Don Martin, Tami Lemley, Sherilyn Russell, Mary Crosby, Ray Fullerton, Amy Baker, Delba Parrish, Kenny Coates, Terrie Collins, Kirk Benson, Debbie Gann, Lavada Gordon, Ali Winters, Ruby Kite, Lorri Petty, Bob Baker, Jim Valentine, Debra Leaming, F. E. Cook, Hobart Sumers, Hazel Anderson, Steven Watson, Steven Watson, Johnetta Hunter, Dianne Skipper

Additional: Kendall Tabor, Kay Larsen, Bob Clark, Betty Armstrong, Kelly Owens, Jeremiah Martinez

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

Missions: David Rentfro - AIM in CA
WBS Students

SUMMER QUARTER

... begins today. All adult classes will meet in the auditorium this morning.

Sunday morning Bible class schedules are available in the Information Center.

GENERATIONS

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Family Center
Please join us each week in the Family Center for an inter-generational worship experience.

Tonight: "What is Faith?"

WSYM NEWS

Turnt Up Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

June 7: Movie, Cornerstone
June 14: Jungle Pong, Cornerstone

Impact - June 20-25.

Cost is \$110.00 + 3 meals
Teen Week @ Camp Caudle, July 10-16

SUMMER SERIES

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., auditorium
June 8: Jimmy Adcox, "Table Manners"

June 15: Chuck Monan,
"Understanding the Times"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Camp Caudle Fund Raiser Dinner

Hosted by the Tripp Small Group
Saturday, June 25, Family Center

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

West Side's Vacation Bible School is July 25-29, 2016. This year's theme is The Promise VBS Voyage of the Alpha and the Omega.

We will need lots of cookies and Kool-aid. No peanut butter or peanuts, please. Supplies can be left under the tables, in the foyer.