

For the Record...

Bible Study:	224	Weekly Giving: \$	16,657
Sunday Worship:	430	Weekly Budget:	14,816
Sunday Evening:	90	YTD Giving: \$	16,657
Wednesday:	189	YTD Budget: \$	14,816

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For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved with our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point kiosk in the lobby. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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Sunday,
January 12, 2020

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Lauren Reed
- Beth Donnell

KFC:

2 year olds:

- Sadie B. & Jada P.

3 & 4 year olds:

- Christina Brooks

K - 2nd grade:

- Jon Francis

Puppets:

- Addison & Avery Hixson

Greeters:

North:

- Mark Bryant

East:

- Thom & Tami Robinson

West:

- Kenny Freeman

Communion:

Table 1:

- Ben Janelle, Keith Frazier, Lee Henson, Michael Grant, Les Howard

Table 2:

- Brandon Grice, Scott Johnson, Don Helm, Tracy Goodwin, Glenn Holmes

"For God So Loved the World..."

by Tim Tripp

If you love a paradigm more than you love people, you'll stop acting lovingly toward anyone who breaks the mold of your way of thinking. The problem with that way of thinking is that is not how God loves us. He loves us regardless of how closely we align with his way of thinking. With his love he tries to move us toward his way of thinking.

One of the most memorized passages of scripture is John 3:16. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

It states that God has such an enormous unconditional love for people that he was willing to take on flesh and give his life as an atoning sacrifice so that the way could be cleared for us to overcome our paradigm struggles and be a part of his kingdom on earth. God clearly was more in love with people than with a paradigm.

A friend and West Side member, Alex Bauserman wrote a blog post about genuine love that he has given me permission to use. I think it accurately describes the kind of love we need to have for one another. Give it a read and Thanks to Alex for allowing me to use his excellent written work.

Genuine Love, by Alex Bauserman

"Let love be genuine..." - Romans 12:9

The aspect of Christianity I personally find most compelling is the potential for honest relationship. Although we live in an increasingly guarded world, we are a people desperate for intimacy. Over the past ten years I've spent considerable time evaluating what it means to love - more specifically, what it means to love one another genuinely. My initial experience with Christian community was extremely optimistic and validating, and I strongly believe the love shown by those individuals was paramount in molding who I am today.

However, with great power comes great responsibility. Words have been a beacon of hope in my life when I was surrounded by darkness, and yet those same words have at times left me suffocating. The phrase, "I love you" is powerful because there is freedom in being fully known and loved. I, however, am guilty of compromising that expression by being negligent towards those for whom I have proclaimed to care.

How often have I declared love for someone, yet my actions were silent? As a member of the Church, the body of Christ, how often do I forsake opportunities of the heart to show God's love through empathy and compassion?

The truth behind those questions elicits a pain I feel deeply within myself.

Love is not always easy, but I have to believe there is hope in tomorrow if we genuinely love today. Our ability to reach into dark, broken places is predicated upon our willingness to take a step in faith. Let's show one another that love is more than words.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

I just can imagine when Jesus was young, a teenager, or even in his twenties. How could it have been? All those years that we don't read in the New Testament concerning his life, his friends and all about his home, brothers and sisters, I do wonder about that. And I picture him in my mind as a well behaved child, an obedient teenager and a productive young man. Understanding that he was The Verb! And that all knowledge was in him, on how everything works and is made. Wow, he was perfect in all! I can see him not taking ANY advantage of anyone when others were vulnerable, or weak, or ignorant about specific situations. He wouldn't have acted with intentions of doing wrong to anyone, but contrary to that. I imagine him giving up those things that for others had great value or importance, or those positions that others wanted to have, because he knew that all that was "stuff", "material things" or "vanities". I can see him as someone able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious (description of "patient") because he knew that all of that was temporary and that He was eternal, coming from eternity and very soon, going back to where he came from: Heaven. I can see a powerful lesson even in those words that ARE NOT in the Scriptures, of Jesus' life that is not written but we can see it in our hearts! Let us consider my West Side Family, about the life of that Divine person who became "human" that gave it all up for us, for you and me, that we will have everything that God in eternity is promising! DIOS LE BENDIGA West Side Family!

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Children's Ministry Grades K - 5 Meets Sunday at 9 AM and Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Teaching Team Leaders:

Holy Word Studios: Lee and Andrea Henson
Noah's Arcade: Dale and Christina Brooks
Museum: Brent and April Ruple
Creator's Canvas: Hensons



Happy New Year!

UPNEXT

>January 26 WSYM - Information Session,
Potluck Lunch in the Family Center

>January 29 WSYM-Family Meal and Worship night

>February 28 - Mar 1 CHRIS^Teens

Hey College Students!

Gulf Coast Getaway, a christian conference for college students is coming up **Jan. 17th -20th.**

Cost is \$160

For more info on how to register visit
ccscatu.org/gcg

Want to receive text updates?

Text@ccscatu to 81010

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Tripp Rotation | Spiritual Formation
Room3: Clem Rotation | Sermon on the Mount
FC Classroom: Janelle Rotation | Minor Prophets
Rock: Clements Rotation | The Mission of Jesus

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 3: A Life of Covenant

FC Classroom: A Joyful Journey Ladies Class

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Wedding Shower

Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of Dillon Collins and Cierra Gregory Sunday January 26th from 1:30 - 3pm in the Rock. Dillon worked as our youth intern this summer and Cierra is an apprentice at the CCSC. They are registered at Millyn's, Walmart, and Amazon.

CHRIS^Teens 2020 - Feb 28 - Mar 1

Thank you in advance for helping make possible one of the greatest and uplifting youth events in the region! For 35 years CHRIS^Teens has influenced youth, and families as well as countless youth leaders and chaperones who come back year after year because of the impact it has on the groups they bring. West Side makes that possible!! What a blessing!! How wonderful to be part of a group of believers who are willing to invest in the church of tomorrow by giving of time and resources and most of all..... Floor Space! This year's theme is PERSPECTIVE. If you have previously thought "my house isn't big enough", or "it will be so inconvenient", or "I don't like teenagers" why not change *your* Perspective this year? You will be blessed because of it!!

Housing sign ups are in the lobby today!! Please make an effort to sign up early and get on board with this year's CHRIS^Teens conference. It's all about Perspective!!

Camp Caudle Pie (& more) Auction

Our annual Pie Auction Fundraiser for Camp Caudle will be Sunday Feb. 2nd immediately following morning worship. This year we will combine with the Hispanic group for a potluck lunch followed by the auction. You won't want to miss this! Please see Lee Henson or visit www.campcaudle.org to sign up to bring a pie or dessert for auction.

Gathering Times

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class

9:00 AM Clase en Español

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adoración

5:00 PM

Share Groups/ various times and locations

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

Family Illness and Recovery

Frank Foster will undergo retina surgery on Wednesday. Please keep in your prayers for his upcoming surgery and recovery.

Joe Fureigh, father of Pete Fureigh (Kay) and grandfather to Amanda Williams is in hospice care at the VA hospital in LR. Please keep the Fureigh and Williams families in your prayers during this difficult time.

Mary Grice received word last week that her cancer has progressed in spite of treatment. She will begin a new chemo regimen this Wednesday. Continued prayers on her behalf are greatly appreciated.

Truman Hill continues to battle ongoing health concerns, and is unable to leave the house at this time. Please keep Truman and Jan in your prayers as they face daily trials with illness.

Richard Humphreys is home and still faces challenges in his recovery, but is slowly improving. Continued prayers are appreciated.

Jim Bob Humphrey continues to recover at home from his operation. Please keep him in your prayers for complete healing.

Dee Lin Jones, father of Rocky and Calvin Jones and Tami Robinson is recovering at home following heart surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Pat Kee continues to recover at home from hip replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she works to regain her strength.

Mike Loibner is recovering following kidney transplant surgery. Please keep Mike in your prayers for his body to accept the transplant with no complications, and for a complete and rapid recovery.

David May, brother of Charles May, is having complications due to esophageal cancer. Please continue to keep David and his family in your prayers.

Clay Reed is currently undergoing chemo treatments. Continued prayers for strength and endurance are appreciated.

RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

West Side Church of Christ has partnered with Paul Senn of River Valley Christian Counseling to provide high quality, affordable, Christian counseling to the River Valley. Hourly fees are based on the client's income and services will be provided regardless of the income/insurance situation of the client.

If you would like more information, please contact Paul Senn at

479-219-3019 or rvccounseling@gmail.com.

You may also visit www.westsidearg.org/rvcc for more information.

Military

Ethan Grace

James Cole, Jr

Micah Hunter

Charles Pitney

Joseph Roberds

Carson Curtis

Missions

James & Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Expectant Mothers

Brittany Loudon

Brooke Strasser

Homebound / Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311

Wanda Bailey - home

Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 204

Truman Hill - home

Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219

Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

A Look Ahead...

1/13: MNFTM at 5:45 in the Family Center

1/16: Celebrate Recovery meal at 6pm in the Family Center followed by worship & break out sessions @ 6:45

1/21: Stella Manor Birthdays | Judy Holman

1/26:

- Wedding Shower for Cierra Gregory and Dillon Collins 1:30 -3pm in the Rock

- WSYM Parent Meeting and Potluck in the Family Center following morning service.