

For the Record...

Bible Study:	231	Weekly Giving: \$	
Sunday Worship:		Weekly Budget:	15,160
Sunday Evening:	394	YTD Giving: \$	14,816
Wednesday:	116	YTD Budget: \$	31,818
	245		29,632

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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 19, 2020

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- April Ruple
- Grace Ruple

KFC:

2 year olds:

Sadie B. & Jada P.

3 & 4 year olds:

Andrea Henson

K - 2nd grade:

Lenore Tripp

Puppets:

Brent & Jack Ruple

Greeters:

North:

James & Judy Clements

East:

Richard Loveland

West:

Larry Duvall

Communion:

Table 1:

- Aaron Horton, Gary Jernigan, Bill Grant, Larry Harrell, Calvin Jones

Table 2:

- Larry Holman, Kenny Freeman, Cecil Johnson, Mark Helms, Richard French

What is Truth?

by Tim Tripp

We live in an age of political spin, 'creative storytelling,' and fake news. It used to be that we could watch the news and see evidence that the reporters and newscasters were making some effort toward objectivity and balance. Now the news is what you want it to be. If you like a more conservative spin on events of the day, listen to one channel. If you like a more liberal take, there's a channel for that. However, in this rush for customized news coverage, the things that get left out are accuracy, reality and truth. Truth is whatever version of facts you wish to hear except that is also the definition of untruth. It kind of makes your head spin!

Think about this, if a child were to come to you and tell you that one of her friends told her that the sun rises every morning in the east and sets every evening in the west, you might say that friend is a reliable and truth telling friend. "But," she says, "their teacher told them that was untrue." You might be annoyed with the teacher for challenging something so obvious but then your daughters says that the teacher told them the sun actually is stationary and the earth spins in such a way that our first view of the sun is in the east and our last view of the sun is in the west. "So," she asks, "Who is right?" You might find that difficult to answer. Both perspectives are true in a way. The sun rising and setting is true in an observable, aesthetic, artistic perspective while the earth's rotating view is an accurate scientific viewpoint. When you live in a world with information overload it makes things that look simple, very complicated.

Jesus didn't leave us with a complicated view of truth. In his day there was similar confusion around the concept of truth. When Jesus told Pilate that he came to "testify to the truth." Pilate responded with, "What is truth?" Perhaps as many versions of 'truth' existed then as do now and people were confused. As it often is today, truth then was defined by the people who scream the loudest, have the most money, offer the sexiest deal or point the biggest weapon.

John is the gospel writer who speaks the most about truth in his biographical sketch of Jesus. He quotes Jesus as talking about truth a lot. Jesus' truth wasn't complicated. John quoted Jesus as saying, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through me." (John 14:6). Jesus embodied truth. In Christ the truth was taken out of the mouth of the prophet and off the written page and given life. As in the 'word' and the 'light,' 'truth' took on flesh and walked among us. God came to live with men and gave his life, accepting beating, torture and death on the cross to save men from their sins. Everyone who believes has access to salvation through the truth that God loved them so much he gave his life to atone for their sins so that they might do the work of the Kingdom here and share eternity with him in heaven.

That is truth. We blew it. He saved us. We live according to his will and his purpose as best we can, and eternal life is ours. The vision for the church is based in that truth. It is simple and it is beautiful. We have a choice as to whether to believe it or not.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Hebrews 9:27 "Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment" I'm going to be 55 years old, and my time on this earth is getting shorter. I don't know how long God will allow me to stay but my minutes, hours and days are counting without stopping! 34 years ago, "I died once" and, before we depart from this earth, God wants every single person to do that: To die to sin. After that, all that he requires is for us to be faithful to him until death (physically, when the spirit will leave the body) so we will enter into that resting place until The Son of God will come again. Meantime, as a Minister, is my job to let you know my friend, to be prepared all the time (minutes, hours days) to be ready, because the hour or the day of our last moment in this earth, we don't know when that will be. Let us enjoy the time, rejoice in the Lord always; smile more, share time, memories and bless each other with the blessings that you receive. Make treasures in heaven and add more deeds for that day when we will face judgment, and all that will be counted in our favor! Blessings to all of you my West Side Family!



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

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 Auction

Our annual Pie Auction Fundraiser for Camp Caudle will be Sunday Feb. 2nd immediately following morning worship. Chili will be provided. 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.

IF: Gathering - Feb 7 & 8

Ladies please mark your calendars to join us at the CCSC on Friday night Feb. 7th and Saturday Feb. 8th for IF: Gathering. This will be a live streaming event with inspirational speakers as well as a time of worship and fellowship. Friday 6-9pm and Saturday 9-5pm, Lunch will be provided Saturday. Please register online if you plan to attend. <https://local.ifgathering.com/russellville/>

For more information see Krysta Allen or Cierra Gregory.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Amy Vanderheiden in the recent death of her mother, Karen Nagengast of Clarksville. Please keep Amy and her nieces, Jayden and Payton in your prayers for peace and comfort during this time of grief and transition.

We also extend our sympathy to the Tabor family in the death of Kendall's sister Regena Foster of Kentucky. Please pray for comfort and peace for the Tabors.

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM

6:30 PM Clase en Español

Share Groups/ various times and locations

Family Illness and Recovery

Nick Cater, 29 yr old husband of Trish and David Bailey's niece, is recovering from surgery for esophageal cancer. Please pray for his recovery to go well and that his surgery will have accomplished all that is needed.

Frank Foster is doing well following retina repair surgery. Please keep him in your prayers during his recovery period.

Bill Freeman, brother-in-law of Kendall Tabor, has been placed on dialysis due to kidney failure. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of adjustment.

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 has begun a new chemo regimen. Please continue to keep her in your prayers for effective treatment and complete healing.

Storm Holmes, 26 year old wife of Glenn and Brenda Holmes' nephew, has been placed in Hospice care. Please pray for her family during this difficult time.

Richard Humphreys is currently at Conway Regional Medical Center awaiting treatment plans concerning his pending leg surgery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

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

Mike Loibner is recovering at home following a return visit to UAMS last week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a full 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...

1/20: MNFTM at 5:45 in the Family Center

1/21: Stella Manor Birthdays | Judy Holman

1/23: Celebrate Recovery meal at 6pm in the Family Center followed by worship & break out sessions @ 6:45

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.

***Note: 2019 yearly giving statements were mailed out Friday**