

Week of
For the Record... January 13, 2018
 Bible Study: 253 Weekly Giving: \$ 13,690
 Sunday Worship: 449 Weekly Budget: \$
 Sunday Evening: 192 YTD Giving: \$29,854
 Wednesday: 228 YTD Budget: \$

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For our visitors:

If you have any questions, if you want to get involved in our church, or if you just want to meet some of our leaders, please stop by the Starting Point room in the back of the auditorium at the end of service. We'd love to meet you and answer your questions!

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Sermon notes from today:

Our Deacons

Dale Brooks	Mark Bryant	Craig Davis
Danny Davis	Lee Henson	Les Howard
Jim Bob Humphrey	Richard Humphreys	Ben Janelle
Richard Loveland	Chad Mitchell	Keith Moore
Chance Nesbitt	Brent Ruple	Ronnie Russell
Phil Sims	Keith Thomas	

A Look Ahead...

Jan. 20th: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Bible Bowl in the FC at 3 pm. // Share groups at various times and locations.
 Jan. 21st: MNFTM will meet in the FC at 5:45 for a meal, followed by service projects.
 Jan. 22nd: Women's Step Study at 8:30 am in the Rock. // Hispanic Ministry Women's Study at 9 am in the FC Class.
 Jan. 23rd: Bible classes at 6:30. // Midweek at CCSC at 7 pm. // CCSC Students: Basketball at 8 pm.
 Jan. 24th: Ladies Bible Study will begin today in the main building at 9:30. // Celebrate Recovery at 6 pm in the FC. Meal, followed by worship and breakout sessions.
 Jan. 25th: Hispanic Ministry Women's Study at 5 in the FC Class.



WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
 January 20, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Brenda Holmes
- Shirley May

KFC:

2 year olds:

- Donna Frick

3 & 4 year olds:

- Jen Wortham

K - 2nd grade:

- Jon Francis

Puppets:

- Brent & April Ruple

Greeters:

North:

- Kenny Freeman

East:

- Larry Duvall

West:

- Thom & Tami Robinson

Communion:

Table 1:

- Steve Bates, Lloyd Cawyer, R.D. Walker, Mike Spurlock, Jim Betterton

Table 2:

- Donnie Baker, Dale Brooks, Ashley Young, Darran Austin, Rick Butler

A Sunrise Is A Beautiful Thing

by Tim Tripp

There are a number of important but messy political issues swirling around in our community of late. The issues are difficult with sides drawn up and acrimony expressed. For many the right path is unclear, the facts are muddy, and most commentary on information regarding the issues has a spin to it. Christians in the community see a moral angle to some of these issues. They see opportunities for dubious gain and fear wading into an ethical swamp where the deep holes are hidden and can swallow people whole. Where spiritual darkness exists, people of light will have their impact.

In the Bible, in the Old Testament book of Exodus, chapter three there is a story about Moses and his encounter with a bush that appeared to be on fire yet the fire did not consume the plant. I find that interesting, don't you? The fire that represented the spirit of God put off light but did no damage. We see a similar thing happen when the Holy Spirit first came to Jesus' followers in Acts chapter 2. What appeared to be fire settled on each individual but did not burn them. I think it is consistent with other encounters with the Spirit of God that it has great impact, it sheds light, it convicts, it offends but it is almost always gentle.

Jesus was God in the flesh in his time on earth. He was the essence of gentleness and grace. With the rare exceptions of driving the corrupt money exchangers out of the temple (in which he harmed no one) and the occasional confrontation with the Pharisees, Jesus is depicted as kind, loving and gentle. Even in the turbulent political environment of his time, Jesus rarely commented directly on political issues and seldom entered the fray on religious controversy and even when he did he either shut down an argument or walked away before it escalated.

In our world, when light confronts darkness it is usually a gradual take over. It is soft and gentle like the sun coming over a hill to slowly change a dark, foggy valley over to a bright landscape with color and movement. It is gentle, it is welcoming, it damages nothing except that which will not bear its effect. Those will always retreat.

I have no issue with Christians engaging in political commentary, offering godly feedback and opinion where appropriate. However, I find it off putting and even damaging to the Christian witness when the loudest, angriest and most aggressive voices speaking to an issue are those of believers. Our influence should be seen like the light of an oncoming dawn. It should be gentle, up building and encouraging even to those who oppose. It should find positives in persons while indicating negatives and evil, in actions or in plans. In 2 Corinthians 10:3, Paul says, "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does."

When Christians speak the words of God our voice will be heard as a brilliant fire but our impact will be gentle, not consuming the bush. In these challenging times, be gentle, be light. A sunrise is a beautiful thing.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

A Hispanic preacher teaching a class in a conference, mention the following: "if my life according to the Bible, will be 70 years,(Psalms 90:10) and I'm 57, well, I just have 13 more years of life!!!" That statement really hit me. Wow, I'm going to be 54, so, if God's plan for me will be 70... I have 16 more years to live!!!!... that means when I was 35, that was half of my life! But, what about if I will go this year? Or maybe next year? Last week I was talking about "resolutions" for this year, but what about if this year can be our last? All this years, I have been growing up in the Faith, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and little by little, the fear of death has been fading away more and more in me. I'm not afraid of death anymore. The reason? Every day I'm working and doing my best not to stop the "good fight" in me. Every day I'm doing my best to do the work of the Lord. Every day I look on how to produce fruit for the Lord. It is not because I'm a "preacher" that will secure my salvation, but because I know that Satan is around me, looking, waiting on how he can make me fall; how he can convince me that "everything" is fine! Or, to make me "feel" that I know all and make me arrogant, indifferent; that I'm superior to everybody. Every day, the Lord teaches me to be humble, to be a servant and that I'm only another member of Christ Body that He has placed me there because He had mercy and love for me. And that is what I need to preach always: That God loves You and me so much that He gave His only Son as sacrifice to paid for our sins; about that He is merciful and patient because He don't want our soul to perish in eternal condemnation and if He will give us 70 or more year of life, He wants us to used those years to serve Him! How many years do we have left? Whatever time God is giving us, let us serve Him every day my West Side Family! Blessings to you my brothers, sisters and friends!



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

RAISING ARROWS
Current Raising Arrows Rotation:

All kids ages K - 5th grade will meet in the KFC as a combined class for Sunday morning classes today, the 30th.

We are creating teaching teams for each classroom in the Raising Arrows ministry. We are looking for 3 additional teachers per room to include with our team leaders. If you are interested, please see the team leader listed below for the classroom of your interest:

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

Why So Serious

Sometimes it seems we take ourselves too seriously, when in reality if we were to lighten up a bit we might have a much less stressful life. Please do not mistake what is being said. The good news is serious business, but we can miss the point of the word good. 2 Peter chapter three mentions that God's divine glory has given us everything we need for life by his own glory and goodness. Let us celebrate this goodness by putting a smile on our face and shining the goodness we have in Christ Jesus.

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January 20: WSYM Game night 5:00 pm, bring your favorite frozen pizza for dinner.

January 23: WSYM Devotional and Christeens Photo shoot night
January 27: WSYM Families Share Group 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Soups
January 30: WSYM Singing with Zac George 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Hello West Side Family!

We are at GCG this weekend! Please be praying for an uplifting weekend for the college students and a safe return home.

Midweek is back next week, January 23! Please join us for a time of worship and study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm at the CCSC building.

Wednesday night basketball to follow Midweek!

Super Bowl Party on February 3 at 5:00.

Noon meal will be February 6!

Want to receive text updates?
Text @ccscatu to 81010

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes:

Room 2: Church on Mission, Tripp Rotation
Room 3: Old Testament Characters, Reed Rotation
FC Classroom: Nehemiah, Janelle Rotation
Rock: Galatians, Clements Rotation

Wednesday Night Adult Class(es):

Room 2: Gospel of John (Part two)
Room 3: Digging Deeper
Room 34: Hispanic

There will no longer be any Wednesday night ADULT Bible classes in the Family Center. Any ladies that have been part of the Ladies classes, we encourage you to join one of the two classes in the main building until further notice.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

CHRISTeens

-Christeens is coming up the weekend of February 22-24 and we all know it can be a busy time for everyone involved with the planning. We would like to get a head start on housing sign-ups. Starting today, the 13th, we will have housing sign-up sheets in the foyer. Please see Deanna if you have any questions.

-We will have the gym closed off for use from February 9 - February 18 to help with CHRISTeens preparations. The Family Center will also be used during the weekend of CHRISTeens as well for housing.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study will begin meeting this Thursday, January 24, at 9:30 in the main building classrooms. The study will be based on a Women Opening the Word Series book by Cassandra Smith titled *That You May Believe (Gospel of John)*. If you have any questions, please see Mattie Martin.

WINGS Conference

The WINGS (Women In God's Service) Conference at Harding is coming up in February. It is the same weekend as CHRISTeens this year. However, if anyone is interested in joining them, it will be held February 22-23. You can find more information and complete your registration at www.harding.edu/wings.

"Beloved" Women's Retreat

The "Beloved" Women's retreat at Camp Caudle will be held March 8-9. You can sign up at campcaudle.org/retreats. See April Ruple for details.

Camp Caudle

The Camp Caudle Pie Auction is coming up February 3. If you can help cook Chili or make a pie, please see Lee Henson or call Camp Caudle.

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements for the year 2018 will be mailed out from the office by the end of next week. Everyone who gives, either by check, card, or ACH, will receive a statement in the mail. Please see Britney if you have any questions.

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

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Classes
6:30 PM Clase en Español
7:00 Midweek at CCSC

Family Illness and Recovery

Paul Bailey: He has been moved to rehab at Russellville Nursing Home after 30 days in the hospital. Please continue praying for Paul and Wanda.

Carla Ford: She is recovering from leg surgery at Arkansas Heart Hospital. Continue praying for improved health.

Mary Grice: Continued prayers for effective treatment.

Bill Lewis: He has an appointment on January 21 to meet with his doctors to determine if he will need the surgery. Please be praying that his situation stays stable and no surgery will be needed at this time.

Patsy Parnell: She is home from the hospital now and is recovering.

Ron Reid: He is in Rehab on the first floor at St. Mary's. He still cannot swallow and is on a feeding tube. He also cannot get himself in and out of bed on his own. They are continuing to put him through speech and physical therapy. He has had a few strokes in the past few weeks as well. Visitors are appreciated after 4:30 pm. Please also pray for Mary during this time as she is hoping they get some answers.

Mildred Bailey: She has been moved to Hospice House. Please be praying for David and Trish Bailey and Terry and Sharon Bailey. Please continue to keep the Bailey families in your prayers during this hard time.

Condolences: We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Wes Tarte in the passing of his mother, Shirley Tarte. Please be praying for Wes and Paula during this time. They are in San Antonio for the services.

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.westsidear.org/rvcc for more information.

Southern Christian Children's Home items especially needed:

Cream of Chicken and Mushroom, Pecans, Advil and Tylenol, Chicken Broth

Prayer List

Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the church office.

Lloyd Freeman: Kenny Freeman's dad, broken pelvis and dementia.

Harding Jackson: Nancy Freeman's dad, aggressive Esophageal cancer.

Connie & Ted Koerner: Both are recovering from surgery. Please pray for their overall health.

Fred Taylor: Tracy Taylor's father, has been moved to Johnson County Health and Rehab.

Kathy Peel: Shirley May's sister, lives in TX. She has numerous problems, but she is having her left leg amputated below the knee due to complications from her diabetes. She is also on dialysis.

Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Ongoing Concerns

Ridge Austin - Overall health

Bill Davis- Health

Lloyd Freeman - broken pelvis

Betty Humphrey - Back pain

Patti Page - Achilles tendon

Patsy Parnell - Health

Charlie Richards - Back pain

Homebound/ Nursing Homes

Madge Alverson - Atkins 311
Mirl Helms - Stella Manor 221
Kirby Larsen - Brookdale 209
Wayne Nordin - Brookdale 219
Glennette Price - Stella Manor 305

Military

Ethan Grace - Navy

James Cole, Jr - Navy

Micah Hunter - Navy

Charles Pitney - Air Force

Joseph Roberds - Air Force

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Beth Amack

Christina George

Battling Cancer

Cindy Beck

Mary Grice

Mark Helms

Truman Hill

Harding Jackson

Gladys Norwood

Darwin Price

Helen Stephens