

Week of
For the Record... January 20, 2018
 Bible Study: 284 Weekly Giving: \$ 14,922
 Sunday Worship: 410 Weekly Budget: \$
 Sunday Evening: 164 YTD Giving: \$ 44,776
 Wednesday: 245 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

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| 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. 27th: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Bible Bowl in the FC at 3 pm. // Share groups at various times and locations.
 Jan. 28st: MNFTM will meet in the FC at 5:45 for a meal, followed by service projects.
 Jan. 29th: Women's Step Study at 8:30 am in the Rock. // Hispanic Ministry Women's Study at 9 am in the FC Class.
 Jan. 30th: Bible classes at 6:30. // Midweek at CCSC at 7 pm. // CCSC Students: Basketball at 8 pm.
 Jan. 31st: Ladies Bible Study in the main building at 9:30. // Celebrate Recovery at 6 pm in the FC. Meal, followed by worship and breakout sessions.



WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
 January 27, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Charlotte French
- Calleigh Whitford

KFC:

2 year olds:

- Donna Frick

3 & 4 year olds:

- Jessica Davis

K - 2nd grade:

- Andrea Henson

Puppets:

- Danny and Kristin Davis

Greeters:

North:

- Joel and Ginger Tippit

East:

- Clay and Candy Reed

West:

- Richard Loveland

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

The Elephant in the Room for Abortion

by Tim Tripp

The abortion debate is picking up again. The state of New York announced that they now approve of performing abortions right up to the time the baby is born. It seems to them the question is no longer whether the unborn is considered life but merely a function of whether he or she is wanted. An honest consideration of the issue of life vs. choice reveals that it was never about the issue of when life begins. It has always been a matter of moral relativity, sexual license and economics.

There is little question about the morality of abortion. It would never stand a test of morality if the standard of morality was rooted in God or even just in something beyond the self. Moral relativity leaves the judgement about what is moral and what is immoral to the individual not to a community or corporate standard. The individual raises or lowers the bar based on personal knowledge, personal experience and the laws of the land. Moral relativity is a swamp that gives birth to greatly diverging perspectives on issues of cultural importance and dumps them in the lap of politicians and legislators who clamor for public support and try to ride the waves of popularity to remain in and advance to desired offices.

The issue of abortion is and has always been a companion to a cultural acceptance of and obsession for sexual liberty. As the Victorian shackles around sexual activity have relaxed, the pendulum has swung far to the other side of the cultural perspective. Whereas sex was at one time viewed as shameful and dirty even in a validated context, it is now viewed as permissible and even encouraged in nearly any context imaginable and anywhere it continues to be taboo, there is political momentum to release it to freedom from those confines as well.

In our culture, sex is viewed as entertainment. Sexual activity between consenting adults (even that current cultural standard is slipping) is thought to be "good, clean fun." As long as sexual activity is regarded as entertainment and relegated to the shallow end of the relational experience, there can be no real expectation for a change in the view of abortion. As long as children are regarded as a part of the acceptable risk and expense of our entertainment, the same moral swamp out of which comes sexual liberty will justify abortion and continue to push the limits outward.

The real elephant in the room in the abortion discussion is economics. When sex is entertainment and moral standards are set to the lowest common denominator, the consequences of our choices will continue to mount. A culture where marriage is rare and children are the responsibility of the mom and her family, has broken out of the impoverished inner city community and the rural poor community and is becoming more and more a mainstream reality. The burden of neglected, unwanted and poorly resourced children is falling more and more to the state. The birth rate of which this cultural shift is capable is staggering. The economic burden to the state is increasing steadily and states like New York are coming to the awareness that they simply can't keep up.

The answer to this mess is of course to embrace the creator's intent for sex and marriage and to continue to lovingly promote a godly sexual ethic, passing it down to our children. The abortion mess has no easy answers. We should be prepared for the fix to require dedication over generations.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

What is a Blessing?

The fact that you are reading this bulletin is a great blessing! To be able to see, is one of the greatest blessings that we have from God. Just imagine not being able to see God's wonders in this earth and beyond? In life, we constantly fall in the trap of Satan by putting our eyes on what he wants to lead us and focus, and his mission is to blind us from God's spiritual gifts by distracting us with the worries about yesterday, today and tomorrows. And we missed those "simple" but beautiful blessings that God puts in front of us. And when time has passed, we do recognize those "little" things (were) and are wonderful blessings. Yes, we do have to plan, to prepare, work and to be busy doing for our life and our families. And that's when Satan will blind us and make us live to work and not to work to live.

Air, light, water, food, health, family, friends, laughing together, going together and make memories... those are simple blessings... that's what "blessings" means a lot, as we grew older. Let us count our blessings my West Side Family! God Bless You with more of those blessings!!



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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

Super Bowl

Church gatherings are as much about community as they are about learning the Bible. We gear our youth programming to build a community which creates a realistic environment for our students to live out their faith. On Super Bowl Sunday we will host a Super Bowl party for anyone who would like to join the fun. The game will be on in one room and the rest of the space is for playing. Come along and bring your favorite game day snack and enjoy this time of fellowship. Just game time and community. Sunday, February 3, 5:00 PM till you want to go home!

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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
February 3 Super Bowl Party for all in the Cornerstone 5:00 pm - Game Day Snacks

Hello West Side Family!

Midweek is back! 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, are encouraged 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 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.

WINGS Conference

The WINGS (Women In God's Service) Conference at Harding 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.

The family of Bill Hancock has set up a fund in his memory to help with the ongoing education of the young adults who have lived at Southern Christian Children's Home.

The Hancock Education Fund, managed by Wayne Bartley at SCCH, gives aid for students continuing their education beyond high school.

Mail your donation checks to Southern Christian Home
P.O. Box 649
100 West Harding St.
Morrilton, Ar 72110

Be sure to specify 'Hancock Education Fund'

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

Mildred Bailey: Has been moved back to Russellville Nursing and Rehab with Hospice Care. Please be praying for David and Trish Bailey and Terry and Sharon Bailey during this difficult time.

Paul Bailey: Has been moved to the heart hospital in LR to address the lack of circulation in his feet. Please continue praying for Paul and Wanda.

Carla Ford: Is recovering from leg surgery. Continue praying for improved health.

Bill Lewis: Is scheduled for upcoming surgery at Baptist health on Feb. 12th. Prayers are appreciated.

Patti Page: Is recovering at home after having 2 heart stents placed on Thursday. Please be praying for a complete and speedy recovery.

Joe Pitney: Shoulder surgery has been postponed due to some underlying health concerns. Please keep Joe in your prayers as he works with his physicians to find answers.

Ron Reid: Is now at home. Please continue to pray for his recovery, also pray for strength for Mary as she cares for him during this time.

We extend our deepest condolences to Emily Freeman on the recent loss of her mother Mary Keener. Please keep Logan and Emily in your prayers for comfort and peace during this time of great loss.

MNFTM is in urgent need of 6 oz cans of tuna packed in water, individual apple sauce, and Ritz crackers (short stacks)

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.

Mary Grice: Continued prayers for effective treatment.

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

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

Patsy Parnell: Is recovering at home following recent hospitalization.

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

Fred Taylor - Johnson co. health and rehab.

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