

Week of
For the Record... December 30, 2018

Bible Study: 149	Weekly Giving: \$ 18,437
Sunday Worship: 347	Weekly Budget: \$17,914
Sunday Evening: NA	YTD Giving: \$889,834
Wednesday: 120	YTD Budget: \$931,528

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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. 6th: Class at 9, Worship at 10! // Bible Bowl in the FC at 3 pm. // Share groups at various times and locations.

Jan. 7th: MNFTM will meet in the FC at 5:45 for a meal, followed by service projects.

Jan. 8th: Women's Step Study at 8:30 am in the Rock. // Hispanic Ministry Women's Study at 9 am in the FC Classroom.

Jan. 9th: Bible classes at 6:30.

Jan. 10th: Celebrate Recovery 6 pm in the FC. Meal, followed by worship and breakout sessions.

Jan. 12th: West Side skate party at the Russellville Skating Rink from 2 -4 pm.

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WEST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday,
 January 6, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:
 - Lisa Reed
 - Tami Robinson

KFC:

2 year olds:
 - Donna Frick

3 & 4 year olds:
 - Judy Holman

K - 2nd grade:
 - Tiffany Clem

Puppets:
 - L2L Kids

Greeters:

North:
 - Larry Duvall

East:
 - Thom & Tami Robinson

West:
 - Kenny Freeman

Communion:

Table 1:
 - Matt Strasser, Bobby Wortham, James Strother, Kendall Tabor, Brent Ruple

Table 2:
 - Alan Spurlock, Keith Thomas, Randall Williams, Jerry Yates, Phil Sims

State of the Church

by Tim Tripp

In a few weeks, the President will address a joint session of Congress and the Supreme Court in an annual speech called the State of the Union Address. This nationally televised speech is our annual reminder of just how divided and acrimonious Washington DC is these days, and it doesn't seem to be getting any better.

I've always wondered what a 'State of the Church' speech would look like. I am not sure it would be good use of the sermon time, but a short article in the bulletin might just work. What is the 'state of the church'? As in most organizations, there are things at West Side that are going very well and some things that can be targeted for improvement.

First, the good news. In 2018, our Sunday Morning Attendance averaged 433, which is about the same as 2017 (430), but higher than 2016 (422). We also had 21 baptisms, which is slightly up from 2017 (20). Even better, to this point we have had 37 people either go through or are in process in our disciple making training and have several more planned for the upcoming year. Several of those having had the disciple making training are taking others through the process which is what we are striving to become: disciples who make disciples.

There are two primary challenges we continue to target for improvement. The first is financial. Due to the generosity of several of our members, large, end of the year donations were made to decrease our deficit dramatically from over \$100,000 down to about \$50,000. We owe a sincere debt of gratitude for those who stepped up to help out when we needed it most. The challenge continues to be in our giving for the future. If we continue to give at about the same rate we did last year, we force our leadership to make deep cuts in our commitments to things like missions, camps, children's homes, community development (benevolence) and possibly other areas as well. As we start off this year it is important that each one of us consider what we give and whether we can stretch a little more. Even an additional \$10 per week per family would help out tremendously over time. Please, prayerfully consider how you can help.

The other area of challenge is in the depth of commitment of our regular attenders. We have a number of extraordinary ministries, involvement opportunities and outreach efforts into our church and our community. Those efforts are sustained and supported by the same 40 or 50 people here at West Side. We need to have more people who make a commitment to teach our children's classes, get involved with Monday Night for the Master, lead and host share groups, visit hospitals and nursing homes, get involved in Celebrate Recovery, Youth Ministry, CHRISTeens, disciple making and many others that I don't have space to mention. The opportunities are there, we need more people to get involved.

I'd say the state of the church is very good by the grace of God, but we can never be complacent. We must all measure what we can do to make West Side better. As we do, only then will be become the church God has called us to be.

DIOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)

by Aris Ortiz

Welcome to 2019! Why 2019? (According to some discoveries, will be 2023!) All around the world, few days ago, in every nation, they was celebrating the beginning of a "new year" (we too by the way!) but why 2019? Well, the whole world was saying (without understanding by a lot of people) or affirming that 2019 years ago, was the birth of the Son of God!! And is still counting already 6 days more! So, it is amazing how after 365 days, the whole world will do it again, and again, and again... but most of the world will not take in consideration the reason of counting another year will be so important after death. I'm so glad that we do understand the meaning why we are in 2019 now. Because 2019 years ago, our Savior was born here in earth (the one He created) The Verb was made "flesh" (like us) and He was bringing the gift of salvation and hope for eternal life in Heaven to all those who believe that that happened 2019 years ago! I do believe that The Son of God came from The Father for us, because of our sins and for those to be forgiven by the blood He shed at the cross when he die for me! Let us not forget my West Side Family why we are in 2019 and let's live "every" day of this year, thanking Him and showing that we are so thankful for that sacrifice!. Blessings to you!

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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

LIFE

Life as a teenager is overwhelming with emotions and ever-changing bodies. There seems to be an ongoing battle of friendships along with self-identity. Throw in dating relationships, peer pressure, mood swings and all of this can have a feeling of a continual unbalance. If we can help our students through these rites of passages, not avoid them, our students will come out stronger than any of us can imagine. We design our Youth ministry programming to feed biblical truths that one day will solidify into a foundation that remains solid through life's experiences. When you get a chance talk about where and when you have seen God work in these life situations.

upNext:

January 6 - Families Share Group 5:30 PM in Cornerstone - Chili
January 13 - Families Share Group 5:30 PM in Cornerstone - Nacho's
January 18 - 20: Winterfest - Arlington, TX
January 27 - Families Share Group 5:30 PM in Cornerstone - Soup's

Hello West Side Family!

As many of you know, our big Gulf Coast Getaway trip is quickly approaching! If you would be interested in providing a sponsorship for this event, please let us know. As always your generosity helps change lives, and our hope is that no student who wants to participate will have to stay behind.

For more information on becoming a sponsor, see Jake or Krysta.

Gulf Coast Getaway - a Christian conference for college students - is coming up Jan. 18-21. For more info on how to register, visit ccscatu.org/gcg. You don't want to miss this!

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:

Prime Timers

Prime Timers will not meet in January. We will meet again the first Tuesday in February, on the 5th.

MNFTM

MNFTM will meet again for our first meeting of the year tomorrow, January 7th!

West Side Skate Party

West Side Skate Party for people of ALL ages at the Russellville skating rink on Saturday, January 12, from 2 - 4 pm. Let's join together and have a fun skate party!

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Jenna Goodwin next Sunday, January 13, from 2 - 4 pm in the Rock. She and her fiance, Dalton Pearson, are registered at Target and Millyn's. Please join us as we celebrate their upcoming marriage!

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Alex and Lauren Pipkin on their birth of their baby boy, Jace Lee Pipkin. He was born Friday, December 28. If you would like to help with the meal train for them, please see the Friends and Family page on Facebook and sign up!

Baptisms

We had two baptisms at West Side this past week.
-Congratulations to Sofia Juarez on her baptism on December 30 by Aris Ortiz.
-Congratulations to Elizabeth "Ellie" Fugate on her baptism on January 1st by her grandfather, Frank Foster.

What a great way to end 2018 and begin the year 2019 here at West Side. Please be praying for both of these ladies as they begin their new walk with Christ.

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: Is in St. Mary's for congestive heart failure. He is still battling, but doing some better. The doctors are still not sure what is causing the problems he is having at this time. Please keep Paul and Wanda in your prayers during this time of illness.

Barry Francis: Laura Francis' father-in-law, has been discharged from the hospital and is doing well post lung surgery.

Mary Grice: Continued prayers for effective treatment.

Marcia Hunter: She is still in need of prayers for a speedy and successful recovery from her back surgery a few weeks ago.

Bill Lewis: He is home from the hospital and they are waiting on a surgery date for him.

Candy Reed: She is doing well post back surgery. She is in the recovery stages. Please be praying for a quick and easy recovery for her.

Ron Reid: He has been moved to physical therapy/rehab. He is hoping to go home soon in the near future.

Dawson Stafford: Shirley, his wife, has moved Dawson to Stone Creek Assisted Living Memory Care in Oklahoma. She will be staying with her son who lives close by to be with him. Please continue to pray for Dawson and his mental state, as well as Shirley, as they adjust to his living arrangements.

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.

Expectant Mothers

Sarah Beth Amack

Lauren Pipkin

Missions

James and Abigail Rucker

WBS Students

Paul & Noemi Crites

Ongoing Concerns Battling Cancer

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

Cindy Beck

Mary Grice

Mark Helms

Truman Hill

Harding Jackson

Gladys Norwood

Darwin Price

Helen Stephens