

## For the Record...

Bible Study:	206	Weekly Giving: \$	17,225
Sunday Worship:	441	Weekly Budget:	16,237
Sunday Evening:	104	YTD Giving: \$	732,342
Wednesday:	184	YTD Budget: \$	811,850

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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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## A Forever King

by Tim Tripp

With the shenanigans that seem to endlessly go on in Washington DC, it is sometimes difficult to see our government in a positive light. Our system of government is far from perfect but sometimes we need to remind ourselves that it is still better than many others. Up until the 18th and 19th centuries, most people in the world were governed by a monarch. Kings and queens ruled over people and dictated much of what their life entailed. Kings dictated what people did, where they lived, their comings and goings, their laws and even what they believed.

There were good kings and emperors who did wonderful things for the people under their rule but most of us can't name many (if any) of them. The real stinkers however, are familiar to most of us. Their nicknames tell the story. Ivan the terrible, Bloody Mary are examples of monarchs whose legacy is one of murder and mayhem. We might also think of Roman emperors like Nero and Caligula who were notorious for their awful treatment of people using murder and abuse as sources of entertainment. Millions in history suffered under the hand of a cruel and selfish monarch. Yet there are a few examples in history of a Camelot like kingdom where people flourished, and kingdoms grew in peace. When a genuinely good, benevolent, patient and caring person steps in as a monarch, living under their reign is a joy and loyalty is easy.

In 2 Samuel 7:16, God promised David, who was King of Israel (around 1000 BC), that his kingdom would last forever. A forever king for a forever Kingdom. Three thousand years later, we know that promise did not come about as expected. Rather it was fulfilled when Jesus, born from the lineage of David (Luke 3:31-32, Matthew 1:5-6) was made forever king of both heaven and earth (Philippians 2:9-11). Jesus became the king who would rule over "spiritual Israel" on David's throne. His rule will know no end. It is eternal. Jesus is that benevolent, loving and caring ruler whose reign is sustainable, who died for his subjects but was raised to life as a forever King. He has been set by God over His Kingdom of love and peace that will last for eternity.

What sets this Kingdom apart from others is that it is a spiritual kingdom. It has no palace, no royal palace, no boundaries and no place on earth. It exists in the hearts of Jesus' followers. One is called into the kingdom and enters freely by gratefully accepting the grace and mercy purchased through the blood of the king. Once faith is put in King Jesus life in the kingdom is about following him, doing what he did (baptism, compassion for the less fortunate, bringing God's supernatural presence to the world, etc...) and seeking to please him in everything. Matthew records the king's final words on earth as commanding his followers to do 4 things: they are to go into the world, tell others about the king, baptize them and teach them to do the will of the king. Since his kingdom is not of this world, those who serve the king here and are transformed into his image, will be called to live with him in his spiritual kingdom. Those in that kingdom live forever.

Will you serve this forever king? Will you live in obedience to him, calling others into the kingdom and teaching them to do the same? Those who do live a life of joy and peace here on earth and then a life of enduring happiness in eternity with their Forever King.

**DJOS LE BENDIGA! (God Bless You!)**  
...Continuing about married life...

by Aris Ortiz

First, I want to thank everyone who came to our wedding anniversary celebration. Thank you to Jim Bob and Betty Humphrey for that beautiful time you made it possible for us to have. Thank you to Jenifer Hurt for the beautiful decorations. Thank you to Lenore Tripp for that delicious cake! And thank you to Paula Tarte for delicious punch you made! All of you made that moment so special and sweet for me and my wife!

Celebrating 25 years of marriage in today's world, is becoming an "achievement" but really is to keep those vows alive, being faithful to those promises from day "one" and a constant work in-progress for both persons. Marriage is not a human plan or an institution, it's a Divine institution: "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." And it's because God IS in the marriage that makes it possible to survive, to continue to make it "until death do us part" Satan doesn't want that to happen. From day one, he will be working to separate what God has joined together. All those negatives that the couple will confront, will come from Satan, all the positives we know, are God's blessings for the couple. Sadly, Satan will use lies and deceiving the heart of one of the two and will make entrance in to the couple's life to slowly weakening what all started pure and strong.... And I will continue next time...

Many blessings to all my West Side Family!! Enjoy this holidays and may God bring blessings to all!

Sunday,  
Dec. 22, 2019

This week's helpers:

Nursery:

- Stephanie Williams  
- Michele Todd

KFC: Will NOT meet today.

2 year olds:

3 & 4 year olds:

K - 2nd grade:

Puppets:

Greeters:

North:

Keith & Velda Frazier

East:

Judy Lamb

West:

Jim Betterton

Communion:

Table 1:

-Zach Dailey, Donnie Baker, Lonnie Abbott, Rick Butler, David Davenport

Table 2:

-Larry Duvall, Dale Brooks, Rocky Clancy, Danny Davis, Brady Bunch

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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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

UPNEXT

>December 25 Merry Christmas - No Classes

>January 1 Happy New Year 2020 - No Class

Be on the look out for some random hangouts during this week.

>January 29 WSYM-Family Meal and Worship night

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

>February 28 - Mar 1 CHRISTeens

Hey College Students!

We hope you have a great Christmas Break and look forward to seeing you in 2020!!

**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](http://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:

**\*Kids For Christ will not meet today\***

### Monday Night For The Master

As this year draws to an end and most of us are focused on holiday fun and family let's be mindful also of the needs around us that continue during these times.

Our MNFTM meal program feeds the homeless and provides snacks for the dialysis clinic all year long in addition to providing a meal each week for our own.

Currently our pantry is depleted and we need to restock for the new year. Please consider helping us in our efforts to continue blessing others by providing the needed items listed below. Or, if you prefer making a monetary donation for the purpose of restocking the pantry, this would help ensure that our pantry items are always fresh.

A little help goes a long way!

Thank you in advance for your support, and for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

### **Ongoing needed items are:**

Fruit cups

Individual unsweetened applesauce

Cans of Tuna packed in water (not oil)

Ritz crackers (short stacks)

Little Debbie snacks- any kind

### Prime Timers

Prime Timers will meet Tuesday Jan.7th at 5:30 in the Family Center. Bring side dishes and desserts.

## Gathering Times

SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Bible Class

6:30 PM

9:00 AM Clase en Español

6:30 PM Clase en Español

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Adoración

7:00 Midweek @ CCSC

5:00 PM Share Groups/ various times and locations

## Family Illness and Recovery

David May, brother of Charles May, has metastatic esophageal cancer. Please keep David and the rest of the May family in your prayers as they support him during this time.

Mirl Helms is back at Stella Manor (room 204) recovering from surgery and a broken femur. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

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.

Jim Bob Humphrey has an infection in his leg. He will consult his surgeon at Mayo clinic to determine necessary action. Please continue to pray for healing for Jim Bob and for strength and endurance for both Jim Bob and Betty during this recovery process.

Pat Kee is doing well following hip replacement surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and rapid recovery.

Clay Reed is currently having intense chemotherapy for precautionary measures. Please keep Clay in your prayers for strength during these next several weeks of treatment.

Joe Russell is at St. Mary's Rehab following a recent heart attack and receiving a pacemaker and defibrillator. Please continue to pray for Joe in his recovery.

Ross Spurlock, brother of Mike Spurlock, has metastatic melanoma. He is scheduled for a PET scan on 12/27. Please keep Ross and his family as well as the doctors that are treating him in your prayers.

## Merry Christmas Everyone!!

## 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](mailto:rvccounseling@gmail.com).

You may also visit [www.westsidear.org/rvcc](http://www.westsidear.org/rvcc) for more information.

### Volunteer Needs / Service Opportunities for 2020

The New Year is coming quickly and we are making new schedules. If you have previously volunteered in one of the following ways, your name will remain in rotation unless you ask to be removed.

If you are currently not volunteering, or have an interest, please consider helping us provide the best West Side experience for everyone, by volunteering in one of these areas:

**Starting Point**

**Prayer Room**

**Nursery**

**Bible class teachers / helpers (Toddlers & Preschool)**

For more information about these areas of service and what each requires, please contact Jenifer Hurt  
[jenifer@westsidear.org](mailto:jenifer@westsidear.org)

## A Look Ahead...

MNFTM will not meet on Monday Dec.23rd. or Monday Dec. 30th.

There will be no classes on Wednesday Dec. 25th or Wednesday January 1st.

Celebrate Recovery will not meet Dec. 26th, but will have a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31st 7pm-midnight in the Family Center. There will be a regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 2nd.

The office will be closed Dec. 24-27th and will reopen Monday Dec. 30th.